

# Rotary District 6360



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## Rotary District Conference in South Haven

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### Conference Activities

## Your opportunity to discover the **MAGIC OF SOUTH HAVEN**

**Come for the Conference and stay for the FUN!**

**This year we feature many activities to add to the enjoyment  
of the District Conference agenda.**

Friday night will be a night to remember with the incredible  
"Blue Water Kings Band"  
performing at our Beach Party on the Boardwalk  
overlooking the harbor in South Haven.

**Join us on the dance floor with this premiere high-energy band.**

**Click on the video frame below to see a preview of the band.**

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## Things to do in South Haven

We are excited to see you at the District Conference in South Haven. During your conference free time, check out these "Things to Do in South Haven"

Here are the top five favorites:

5. North Beach - a popular beach for sunsets located just off the pier/lighthouse.



4. Cogdal Vineyards- an artfully crafted and inviting tasting room located a half mile from the shores of Lake Michigan.



3. South Haven Lighthouse - located at the entrance to the Black River on Lake Michigan. The station was lit in 1872, and is still operational.



2. Kal Haven Trail - located at 10th Street, at the Kalamazoo Trail Head. The trail has been recognized as a Pure Michigan Trail and designated as a heritage trail.



1. Michigan Marine Museum - one of the Great Lakes premiere destinations to experience freshwater maritime heritage.



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## Learn about Keynote Speaker Chris Etienne

### District 6360 Rotarians Welcome Keynote Speaker Chris Etienne



*Appearing Friday, May 2nd, 12:30-1:15PM*

#### **Rotary International Director 2024-2026**

**A member of Rotary Club of Petoskey, Michigan, USA, Chris served as the moderator for the 2023 Regional Leader Global Learning Institutes and is currently serving on the board of WASH (Water, Sanitation and Hygiene) Rotary Action Group.**

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## Learn about Keynote Speaker Peter Annin

### District 6360 Rotarians Welcome Keynote Speaker Peter Annin



*Appearing Friday, May 2nd, 1:30-2:30PM*

Peter Annin is a veteran conflict and environmental journalist who has spent more than a decade reporting on a wide variety of issues for Newsweek, from coverage of domestic terrorism and other conflicts, to the environment, including droughts, hurricanes, and wind power.

His first book, *The Great Lakes Water Wars*, has been called the definitive work on the Great Lakes water diversion controversy. It received the Great Lakes Book Award for nonfiction. He has since updated his book, and this revised edition was recognized with a Great Lakes Leadership Award in Communication Excellence from the Great Lakes Protection Fund.

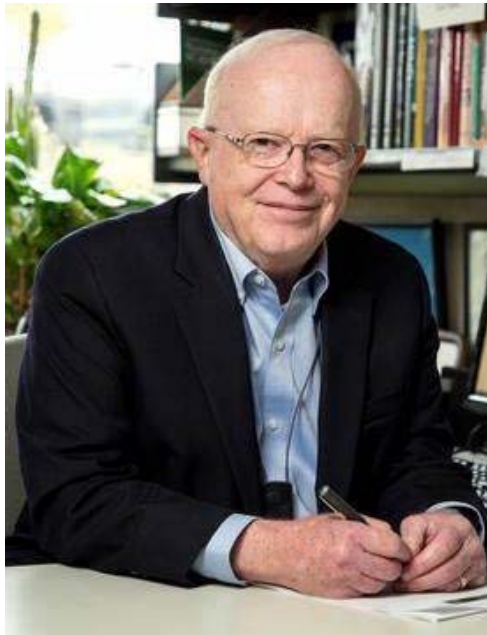
He currently serves as director of the Mary Griggs Burke Center for Freshwater Innovation at Northland College in Ashland, Wisconsin. He has a Bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Wisconsin and a Master's in international affairs from Columbia University in New York.

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## **Learn about Keynote Speaker David Myers**

### **District 6360 Rotarians Welcome Keynote Speaker David Myers**



*Appearing Saturday, May 3rd, 11:30AM - 1:00PM*

Social psychologist David Myers is a communicator of psychological science to college students and the public.

He has spent his entire teaching career at Hope College in Holland, Michigan. His award-winning research and writing have appeared in over three dozen scientific periodicals and numerous publications for the general public. He has also authored five general audience books, including *The Pursuit of Happiness* and *Intuition: Its Powers and Perils*.

His topic, "The Psychology of Misinformation and its Remedies", documents 10 examples of misinformation people believe, and offers reasons for this behavior, together with solutions for improvement.



David has chaired Holland's Human Relations Commission, helped found an assistance center for families in poverty, and spoken to hundreds of college and community groups. Drawing on his experience, he has also written articles and a book (A Quiet World) about hearing loss.

He is a Seattle native and an all-weather bicyclist. David and his wife Carol are parents of three adult children, sons Peter (married to Danielle) and Andrew (married to Melinda), a daughter, Laura, and one grandchild, Allie. David and Carol also manage a family [foundation](#), which receives David's royalties from his books.

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## Learn about Featured Speaker Joe Dittmar

### District 6360 Rotarians Welcome Featured Speaker Joe Dittmar

*Appearing Saturday, May 3rd, 5:30-8:00PM*



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## ◆ Featured Speaker ◆

**Saturday, May 3 – 5:30 pm – 8:00 pm | Rotary Heroes Dinner**

**Joe Dittmar | Lewes Delaware, USA | Always Remember**

Joe will share his harrowing story of bravery and survival as he escaped from the 105<sup>th</sup> floor of the World Trade Center South Tower on 9/11.



## District Conference Highlights

### The MAGIC OF SOUTH HAVEN happens at the District Conference on May 2-3

The District Conference 2025 offers free time, project displays, House of Friendship, inspirational speakers, live entertainment, Rotary Heroes, basket raffles, a Purple Pinkie Station and more!

Dress for the conference is business casual—although you're welcome to dress up for the dinners if you'd like! Friday evening is "Beach Night" under a canopy on the outdoor boardwalk; bring a wrap or jacket.

### Schedule and Speakers



Check out the lodging choices in South Haven, find more event information and [register HERE](#)



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## Fennville 2nd Annual Rotary Mardi Gras Fundraiser

### 2nd Annual Rotary Mardi Gras Fundraiser

In its first year, "Fennville Youth Support through Rotary" provided more than \$10,000 to Fennville Public Schools over two school years. It funded Skilled Trades and Agricultural Rotary Scholarships (S.T.A.R.S), and Horses Empowering Youth, (HEY) a collection of workshops and services for students that combines mental health sessions, group workshops and leadership skills. This program also received our first-ever Rotary district grant. [Read More](#)

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## Charlotte Rotary Club 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament

Please join the Charlotte Rotary Club in spreading the word about an upcoming 3 on 3 basketball tournament we will be hosting on April 26, 2025, at Charlotte High School. *See flyer below.* This tournament is for boys and girls from 3rd grade all the way up to adults. The cost is \$100 for a team of 4 and includes a t-shirt for up to 4 players. It's a double-elimination tournament, so you will get a minimum of 2 games. I think it would be a great idea if each club sponsored a team! I've attached a link to register, or you can scan the QR code on the flyer. Register by April 12th to guarantee a t-shirt. We hope to have your support, and thank you for everything you do for Rotary! [Read More](#)

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## Grant Management Seminars open for registration

This reminder is for all club presidents, presidents-elect and Rotary Foundation chairs to alert you about the upcoming Grant Management Seminars for District 6360.

***If your Club plans to apply for a 2025-2026 District 6360 local community or global grant, two members of your club must each participate in one of these training sessions.***

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## Support Rotary Direct and earn a bonus!

A special campaign to support Rotary Direct is underway in our district.

*Rotary Direct* is The Rotary Foundation's online recurring giving program.

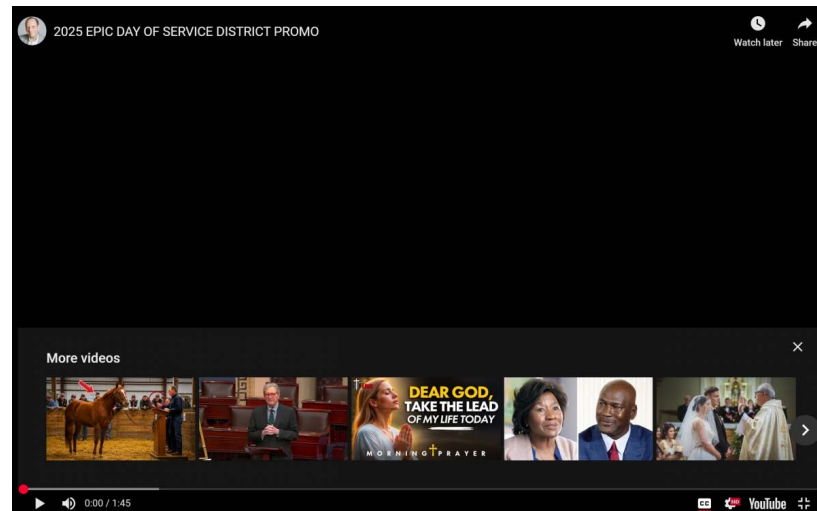
Sign up for **Rotary Direct** by **April 30** and District 6360 will match your cumulative annual gift with recognition points.

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## Epic Day of Service

[Click on the frame below to view the video.](#)



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## RYLA Registration is Open

[Visit the RYLA webpage](#)



## Rotary Foundation Giving for all Clubs

ROTARY FOUNDATION GIVING FOR ALL CLUBS  
Submitted by PDG Teresa Brandell

TRF Annual Find Giving To Date								
Club Name	1-July Members	Annual Fund Per Capita	Average TRF Giving	Existing Active Rotarians	TRF Giving Rotarians	% TRF Giving	EREY Rotarians	% EREY Rotarians
<b>District Totals</b>				<b>1760</b>	<b>486</b>	<b>28%</b>	<b>390</b>	<b>22%</b>
Albion	29	\$0.00	\$3.47	27	1	4%	0	0%
Allegan	14	\$7.14	\$7.14	12	1	8%	1	8%
Battle Creek	55	<b>\$115.06</b>	<b>\$138.35</b>	50	15	30%	12	24%
Benton Harbor-Sunrise	37	\$45.41	\$74.03	36	14	39%	7	19%
Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	26	\$68.69	\$78.31	25	8	32%	7	28%
Cereal City Sunrise	33	<b>\$107.66</b>	<b>\$125.54</b>	31	7	23%	7	23%
Charlotte Evening	21	\$0.00	\$0.00	20	4	20%	3	15%
Charlotte	75	\$46.31	<b>\$104.02</b>	53	36	68%	22	42%
Climax	22	<b>\$132.68</b>	<b>\$137.23</b>	21	2	10%	2	10%
Coldwater Township Sunrise	59	<b>\$325.38</b>	<b>\$377.70</b>	55	16	29%	15	27%
Constantine	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	6	0	0%	0	0%
Delta-Waverly	60	\$33.83	\$61.22	54	14	26%	13	24%
Delton Area	54	\$37.81	\$49.67	49	15	31%	9	18%
Dowagiac	27	\$0.00	\$0.00	26	0	0%	0	0%
East Lansing	35	\$22.14	\$25.00	33	3	9%	2	6%
Eaton Rapids	32	\$38.75	\$64.22	31	17	55%	17	55%
Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	8	\$0.00	\$0.00	7	0	0%	0	0%
Grand Ledge	41	\$0.00	\$0.00	41	0	0%	0	0%
Greater Niles	20	\$0.00	\$0.00	20	0	0%	0	0%
Gull Lake Area	38	<b>\$160.39</b>	<b>\$212.20</b>	35	15	43%	14	40%
Harbor Country	53	\$56.33	\$62.75	52	12	23%	12	23%
Haslett-Okemos	36	<b>\$239.14</b>	<b>\$303.81</b>	31	14	45%	14	45%
Hastings	71	\$59.94	\$87.66	67	34	51%	24	36%
Hillsdale	39	\$61.35	\$63.91	37	3	8%	3	8%



Ionia	18	\$0.00	\$0.00	15	0	0%	0	0%
Jackson-Breakfast	19	\$32.89	\$46.51	19	9	47%	7	37%
Jackson	36	\$93.06	<b>\$258.07</b>	32	10	31%	5	16%
Jonesville	21	\$0.00	\$0.00	20	0	0%	0	0%
Kalamazoo	96	<b>\$109.53</b>	<b>\$344.95</b>	88	33	38%	20	23%
Lakeshore	36	<b>\$129.86</b>	<b>\$155.25</b>	32	10	31%	5	16%
Lansing	157	\$44.43	\$55.99	142	20	14%	11	8%
Litchfield	10	\$0.00	\$0.00	7	0	0%	0	0%
Marshall	47	\$45.74	\$71.28	45	21	47%	19	42%
Mason	28	<b>\$185.71</b>	<b>\$225.00</b>	26	3	12%	1	4%
Middleville	26	\$9.68	\$28.91	23	1	4%	1	4%
Oshtemo	21	\$4.76	\$4.76	19	1	5%	1	5%
Otsego	17	\$5.29	\$5.29	14	0	0%	0	0%
Paw Paw Area	11	<b>\$180.61</b>	<b>\$212.25</b>	10	7	70%	7	70%
Paw Paw Lake	12	\$0.00	\$0.00	10	0	0%	0	0%
Plainwell	14	\$71.43	\$71.43	10	1	10%	1	10%
Portage	57	<b>\$282.28</b>	<b>\$285.79</b>	56	26	46%	24	43%
Saugatuck-Douglas	39	\$0.00	<b>\$205.13</b>	35	1	3%	0	0%
South Haven	62	\$90.65	<b>\$1,110.50</b>	57	57	<b>100%</b>	57	<b>100%</b>
South Lansing-Holt	18	\$20.83	\$20.83	16	2	13%	2	13%
St. Johns	30	<b>\$140.00</b>	<b>\$161.87</b>	27	13	48%	13	48%
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	89	<b>\$133.62</b>	<b>\$161.60</b>	83	15	18%	12	14%
Sturgis	18	<b>\$309.52</b>	<b>\$337.30</b>	15	3	20%	3	20%
Three Rivers	54	\$31.55	\$33.40	50	5	10%	5	10%
Union City	21	\$52.38	<b>\$123.81</b>	20	2	10%	2	10%
Vicksburg	36	\$56.57	<b>\$101.99</b>	33	8	24%	3	9%
Williamston	39	\$33.08	\$38.21	37	7	19%	7	19%

TRF Giving Rotarians: The number of existing active Rotarians who have contributed US\$25 or more to any fund of TRF.

EREY Rotarians: The number of existing active Rotarians who have contributed US\$25 or more to the Annual Fund.

## Membership Growth March

Submitted by Mike Gallagher

## District 6360 Club Growth 2024/2025

+ 72

Club Type	Club Name	Members July 1, 2024	Members April 13, 2025	Net Change
Rotary Club	Greater Niles	0	20	20
Rotary Club	Albion	29	44	15
Rotary Club	Charlotte	54	69	15
Rotary Club	Harbor Country (Southwest Berrien County)	53	60	7
Rotary Club	Marshall	47	54	7
Rotary Club	Portage	57	64	7
Rotary Club	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	89	96	7
Rotary Club	Mason	28	34	6
Rotary Club	Middleville	26	31	5
Rotary Club	Charlotte Evening	21	25	4
Rotary Club	Climax	22	25	3
Rotary Club	Hastings	71	74	3
Rotary Club	Jackson-Breakfast	19	22	3
Rotary Club	Benton Harbor-Sunrise	37	39	2
Rotary Club	Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	26	28	2
Rotary Club	Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	33	35	2
Rotary Club	Dowagiac	27	29	2
Rotary Club	East Lansing	35	37	2
Rotary Club	Coldwater Township Sunrise	59	60	1
Rotary Club	Constantine	7	8	1
Rotary Club	Gull Lake Area	38	39	1
Rotary Club	Saugatuck-Douglas	39	40	1
Rotary Club	Williamston	39	40	1
Rotary Club	Allegan	14	14	0
Rotary Club	Delton Area	54	54	0
Rotary Club	Eaton Rapids	32	32	0
Rotary Club	Grand Ledge	41	41	0
Rotary Club	Jonesville	21	21	0
Rotary Club	Kalamazoo and Satellite	105	105	0
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Area	11	11	0
Rotary Club	St. Johns	30	30	0
Rotary Club	Union City	21	21	0
Rotary Club	Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	8	7	(1)
Rotary Club	Hillsdale	39	38	(1)
Rotary Club	Litchfield	10	9	(1)
Rotary Club	Three Rivers	54	53	(1)
Rotary Club	Battle Creek	55	53	(2)
Rotary Club	Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	60	58	(2)
Rotary Club	Haslett-Okemos	36	34	(2)
Rotary Club	Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville-Bridgman)	36	34	(2)
Rotary Club	Oshkemo	21	19	(2)
Rotary Club	Otsego	17	15	(2)
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Lake (Coloma Hartford Watervliet)	12	10	(2)
Rotary Club	South Lansing-Holt	18	16	(2)
Rotary Club	Sturgis	18	16	(2)
Rotary Club	Vicksburg + Vicksburg Impact	36	34	(2)
Rotary Club	Ionia	18	15	(3)
Rotary Club	Jackson	36	33	(3)
Rotary Club	Plainwell	14	11	(3)
Rotary Club	South Haven	62	59	(3)
Rotary Club	Lansing	157	148	(9)
<b>TOTAL ROTARY CLUB MEMBERS</b>		<b>1892</b>	<b>1964</b>	<b>72</b>

**OUR GOAL IS +100 WE CAN DO IT!**

## Facebook Suspension - Part 1 & 2 of shared articles

**PART 1:** Shared from Facebook - *the article is not an official Rotary post, however it anecdotally addresses:*

1. Scammers' warnings of suspension are NOT official messages from Meta
2. How to reinstate a page that was suspended

**PART 2:** Topics addressed by Rotary:

3. An official message from the Manager of Social Media & Audience Development

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## Submissions welcome to District Newsletter

District newsletters are published the first of each month (focusing on District news and events) and the 15th of each month (focusing on club news and events).

If you have an item you'd like to submit for the newsletter, please send it at least three days prior to the publication date. Submissions can be sent to:

[RotaryDistrict6360@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryDistrict6360@gmail.com)

We welcome graphics! Please make sure that graphics are in the PNG, or GIF format.

## Events

April 29th, 7:00-8:30 PM  
[TRF Grant Management Seminar](#)

May 12th, 5:30-6:30 PM  
[2025-2026 Club President Essentials](#)

May 2nd, 8:00  
[District Conference 2025](#)

May 13th, 6:30-7:15 PM  
[Club Presidents' Meeting](#)

May 2nd, 9:00-4:00 PM  
[Interact Conference for Students - 2025](#)