

GRAND LEDGE ROTARY CLUB REPORT

2013/14



Serving our Community for 73 years

**Wednesday at noon
Opera House
Grand Ledge, MI**

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GRAND LEDGE ROTARY CLUB
CHARTERED ON FEBRUARY 29, 1940

OFFICERS 2013/2014

President – Chad Lake: chadlake@mindspring.com or 517-622-8552 (wk)
President Elect – Ben Cwayna
President Nominee – Devin Lavengood (Membership Chair)
Secretary – Tammy Beson
Treasurer – Todd Baum

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2013/2014
(Year added to Board)

Terrance Augustine (08) – Immediate Past Pres.
Chuck Pantera (11): Rotary Foundation Chair
John Lemke (12): Service Projects Chair
Linda Mulder (12): Youth Services Chair
Richard Martzke (13): Public Image Chair

DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT 6360
Terry Allen

DISTRIC CONFERENCE

May 16-18, 2014 at “The Harbor Village Inn” at Harbor Shores in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph, MI
Go to our district website for more info: www.district6360.com

THEME FOR 2013/2014
“Engage Rotary, Change Lives”

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THE OBJECTS OF ROTARY

The object of the Rotary is to encourage and foster the idea of service as a basis of worthy enterprise and in particular, to encourage and foster:

- First:** The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;
- Second:** High ethical standards in business and professions; the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations; and the dignifying by each Rotarian of his occupation as an opportunity to serve society;
- Third:** The application of the ideal of service by every Rotarian to his personal, business and community life;
- Fourth:** The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and a professional people united in the ideal of service.

THE FOUR WAY TEST

1. IS IT THE TRUTH?
2. IS IT FAIR TO ALL CONCERNED?
3. WILL IT BUILD GOODWILL AND BETTER FRIENDSHIP?
4. WILL IT BE BENEFICIAL TO ALL CONCERNED?

GRAND LEDGE FOUR WAY TEST SONG

Words by Robert Fulton
(Give My Regards to Broadway)
*Four great ideals of Rotary
Embodied in the Four-Way Test
Is it the truth and fair to everyone?
Requires your very best
Building goodwill and friendship
With benefit to all concerned
Challenging goals are in the plan
And part of each Rotarian!*

MEETING DAYS OF NEARBY CLUBS :

- Monday:** Battle Creek, Hastings, Kalamazoo, East Lansing
- Tuesday:** Marshall, Haslett-Okemos, Jackson, St. Johns, Delta Waverly, Charlotte
- Wednesday:** Eaton Rapids, Jackson, Ionia, South Lansing/Holt
- Thursday:** Albion, Plainwell, Mason, Lansing DeWitt Sunrise
- Friday:** Lansing, Oshtemo, Otsego

FOR MAP TO LOCATION GO TO: www.district6360.com

President Chad Lake's Thoughts...

11/11/2013

Dear Rotarians,

I have been serving as the president of your club for almost six months now. It is an honor and I am enjoying it. Grand Ledge is a great club. We have been a great club for almost 75 years. Here is my SWOT analysis:

- **Strengths:** We are a small community with great resources. We have members in our club who believe they can make a difference in the world around them. We have members from a wide range of professions, including the Grand Ledge Public Schools, City of Grand Ledge, Michigan State Senate, Eaton County, healthcare, manufacturing, financial institutions, insurance, real estate, entertainment, restaurant, funeral service, military, banking, accounting, clergy, and others. Together we have many skills and useful knowledge. Our members are hard workers and care about doing a good job.
- **Weaknesses:** Rotary is a service and humanitarian club. We rely on members to contribute with time, energy, and money. Like many service organizations, membership as a whole is decreasing, either due to many members approaching "retirement", the depressed economy, or the next generation viewing clubs like Rotary as "not important anymore". We have to be more creative and efficient in our recruitment and retention of members. Our club could be quicker to responding to the needs of new members and act more urgently when dealing with prospective Rotarians.
- **Opportunities:** In the next six months, I would like to see the process for creating a Rotarian simplified. We have many potential Rotarians walking among us on a daily basis. These potential Rotarians may be our customers, co-workers, spouses, friends, vendors, patients, clients, or neighbors. The next time you think someone has the "right stuff", invite them to share in a Rotary project or fundraiser. Or... bring him or her to lunch on Wednesday at the Opera House. Remember it is not about you, it is all about "them" and Rotary needs more good people. The world needs more Rotarians... especially in Grand Ledge.
- **Threats:** What could possibly destroy our club? Or affect it in a negative way? One thing I can think of is, "the perception that you are not important". You being at our weekly meeting is "important". The weekly meeting is the foundation of our club. Another threat, believing your money could be spent on something better. Your contributions help in many ways, locally and internationally. Another threat comes from the Free Masons... they have it out for us.

Yours in Service,

Chad Lake

PAST PRESIDENTS OF GRAND LEDGE ROTARY

1940-41.....James Pollock
 1941-42.....Ed S. Randolph*
 1942-43.....Stuart Doty*
 1943-44.....Jerold Elsie*
 1944-45.....Ted Maris
 1945-46.....Harry Towner*
 1946-47.....Leslie Peters*
 1947-48.....Robert Huss*
 1948-49.....Kenneth Neuenfeldt
 1949-50.....H.F. Ritchie*
 1950-51.....Richard Hamill *
 1951-52.....Floyd Peacock*
 1952-53.....Baily Stoddard*
 1953-54.....Kenneth Beagle*
 1954-55.....George Bomersheim*
 1955-56.....Robert W. Bryant
 1956-57.....Pete Fortino*
 1957-58.....Chuck Aderman
 1958-59.....Steve Friedman
 1959-60.....Tom Clark *
 1960-61.....Jerry Anderson
 1961-62.....Jerry Wilton*
 1962-63.....Ed Belongia*
 1963-64.....Earnest Bassett
 1964-65.....Al Ambrosen*
 1965-66.....Lyle Huhn*
 1966-67.....Rex McCully*
 1968-69.....Clare McArthur*
 1967-68.....Al Goodney
 1969-70.....John Brandenburg
 1970-71.....Bob Millbrook*
 1971-72.....Hudson Deming
 1972-73.....Bob Corey
 1973-74.....Robert L. Harley *
 1974-75.....Neville R. Emery
 1975-76.....Hudson Deming
 1976-77.....Mike Anderson

1977-78.....Ernst Floeter
 1978-79.....Dale Mulder
 1979-80.....Tom Eppinga
 1980-81.....Bill Brooks
 1981-82.....Dave Mohnke
 1982-83.....Warren Holcomb*
 1983-84.....Karl Lothschutz
 1984-85.....Steve Nicholas
 1985-86.....John Panetta
 1986-87.....Dick McCrumb
 1987-88.....Terry Smith*
 1988-89.....Mel Beech
 1989-90.....Duane Bartrem
 1990-91.....Dennis Sullivan
 1991-92.....Ned Kilmer
 1992-93.....Dan Kares
 1993-94.....David Burnett
 1994-95.....Chuck Pantera
 1995-96.....Nancy Zeimen
 1996-97.....Gary Briggs
 1997-98.....Steve Krumm
 1998-99.....Bill Atkin
 1999-00.....Vicki Paski
 2000-01.....Kathy Wilhm
 2001-02.....Bruce Dunn
 2002-03.....Rob Leindecker
 2003-04.....Blake Mulder
 2004-05.....Bill Archer
 2005-06.....Liz Andrews
 2006-07.....Ron Maguire
 2007-08.....Chuck Bye
 2008-09.....Linda Mulder
 2009-10.....Roger Millbrook
 2010-11.....Jon Bayless
 2011-12.....Steve Mohnke
 2012-13.....Terrance Augustine
 *Deceased

PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS GRAND LEDGE ROTARY

Updated 11-7-2013

J.D. Anderson
Chas Baribeau Sr.
Kenneth Beagle
Gary Briggs
Deanna Carr
Thomas Eppinga
Patsy & Carolyn Fortino
Ned Kilmer
Rex McCully
Terry Smith
Nancy Zeimen
Cathy Wilhm
Bill Archer
Ron Maguire
Todd Baum
Brian Metcalf

Mike Anderson
Duane Bartrem
Vera Beagle
Bill Brooks
Robert Corey
Ernst Floeter
Warren Holcomb
Joe Lombardo
Dave Mohnke
Dennis Sullivan
Bill Atkin
Bruce Dunn
Liz Andrews
Chuck Bye
Ray Lanjopoulos
Roger Millbrook

Bill Baird
Ada Mae Beagle
Ed Belongia
Dave Burnett
Stuart Doty
Pete Fortino
Dan Kares
Karl Lothschutz
Chuck Pantera III
Warren Wells
Vicki Paski
Blake Mulder
Helen Baird
Frances Bartrem
Rob Leindecker
Linda Mulder

- Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member, when you give \$100 or more per year to the Annual Fund.
- Benefactor, when you include the Endowment Fund as a beneficiary in your estate plans or when you donate \$1,000 or more to the fund outright. Benefactors receive a certificate and insignia to wear with a Rotary or Paul Harris Fellow pin.
- Paul Harris Fellow, when you give \$1,000 or more to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant. To recognize someone else as a Paul Harris Fellow, you can give that amount in their name. You are recognized as a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow with each additional gift of \$1,000.
- Paul Harris Society member, when you give \$1,000 or more annually to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.

Projects/Fundraising/Activities

September: The Grand Adventure Race is a region event that benefits our community and raises money for our city parks. We should continue to support this program both in participating and donation. In 2013 we not only had a relay team made up of three Rotarians, but also sponsored the medals that were given out to each participant.

November: The Grand Ledge Food Bank is always in need of supplies and funds this time of year. Stuff the Bus, organized by Ray and Charmaine Lanjopoulos, is an opportunity for Rotarians to become involved in helping the needy in our community. This event is scheduled for Sat. Nov. 16 at Family Fare in Grand Ledge. On Nov. 29th and 30th, Blake Mulder has organized the Poker Night at Ledge Meadows. We hope to raise nearly \$1500.

December: On Fri. Dec. 6th, the Christmas Parade in Grand Ledge will be happening. We are also having our Annual Chili Cook-off that night at the Old Millers Pharmacy. We hope to raise over \$1000 for GLEAP. On Wednesday the 18th we will be hosting Santa at our Rotary Club. Bring your kids or grandkids and celebrate the season. Throughout the month Mike Anderson will be collecting donations for the Shopping Tour for Grand Ledge children who might otherwise have very little.

January: We have a Poker Night at Ledge Meadows.

February: Shelly Murray is scheduling a social fundraiser at ConnXtions Comedy Club in Lansing.

Other Projects Upcoming or Ongoing

- The 5 Grand Feast (April 25, 2014). This fundraising program generates income for the YES Center of Grand Ledge and funds the Grand Ledge Rotary Foundation. Vicki Paski will provide more info as the date approaches.
- Scholarships to Students (a new format which is geared toward two year programs for students with legitimate financial needs)
- Annual Contribution to the Grand Ledge Rotary Foundation (usually as a result of success from the 5 Grand Feast)
- Blessings in a Backpack (when needed, they are currently funded fully for this year according to resources)
- RYLA: We send two students to Rotary Youth Leadership in August each year.
- Internationally, we always have the opportunity to help with Clean Water in the Dominican Republic. If you have any interest in this project, contact our District Governor, Terry Allen.

- Roger Millbrook also has an Orphanage in the Dominican Republic we donate to on a regular basis.
- Over the last few years we have donated money to the Operation Christmas Child (part of Samaritan's Purse). This program is spearheaded by the Gamble Family of Grand Ledge. They request about \$250/year to help with postage and packaging of 1500 shoeboxes full of daily hygiene essentials, games, toys, and supplies. It's not uncommon for these boxes to be delivered by helicopter or donkey in remote areas of the world.
- We donate a few hundred dollars per year to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner in Grand Ledge.
- We have given money to special reading programs at the school.

Potential Programs or Projects

The Pancake Supper was historically a fun and profitable event. We could do that again and support a local cause or sponsor another scholarship.

The Golf Outing could potentially be a huge "recruitment" opportunity and a fundraising event for a specific cause, like GLEAP or the Fitzgerald Park Structures.

The summer Detroit Tigers Baseball game should never be cancelled.

A Christmas Holiday party would be fun.

We need to re-roof some of the pavilion structures at Fitzgerald Park.

We need to be a big supporter of the Music in the Park and the future "Band Shell".

We need to be part of the Yankee Doodle Days weekend, even if it is only serving hamburgers, chips, and a drink for \$5.