**GRAND LEDGE**

**ROTARY CLUB**

**REPORT**

**2015/16**

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 **Serving our Community for 76 years**

**Wednesday at noon**

**Opera House**

**Grand Ledge, MI**

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**GRAND LEDGE ROTARY CLUB**

CHARTERED ON FEBRUARY 29, 1940

**OFFICERS 2015/2016**

President – Devin Lavengood - dlavengood@dartbank.com or 517-622-2321 (wk)

President Elect – John Lemke (Club Administration)

President Nominee – Richard Martzke (Service Project Chair)

Secretary – Tammy Beson

Treasurer – Todd Baum

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015/2016**

Ben Cwayna: Immediate Past Pres.

Dr. Brian Metcalf: Rotary Foundation Chair

Barbara Frazier: Public Image Chair

Linda Mulder: Youth Services Chair

Tim Walling: Membership Chair

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT 6360**

Richard Briscoe

**DISRICT CONFERENCE**

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**THEME FOR 2015/2016**

“Be a Gift to the World”

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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 LOCATION GO TO:** [**www.district6360.com**](http://www.district6360.com)

**President Devin Lavengood’s Thoughts…**

11/10/2015

Dear Rotarians,

Let me start out by saying how honored I am to be your club President this year. Growing up in Grand Ledge and visiting Rotary during my days at Grand Ledge High School, have provided me with fond memories.

The theme for Rotary in the 2015-2016 year is “Be a Gift to the World”. I truly believe that our membership in Rotary is a recurring gift to the world each and every year through the projects, scholarships, sponsorships and donations we facilitate. I have had the privilege of being a member of two different Rotary Clubs, Delta/Waverly and Grand Ledge and although the clubs are different, the message is the same, “Provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through its fellowship of business professionals and community leaders”. I would like to thank each of you for being a consistent gift to the world.

My main goal for the Grand Ledge Rotary this year will be to remain constant as we focus on growing. Your club, financially, is liquid and sound, thanks to your Board. This culture of financial responsibility is crucial for sustainability into the future. A financially sound club not only opens the door additional philanthropic opportunities, it makes it easier to retain and grow members.

The Grand Ledge Rotary benefits from a great group of members and it will be the responsibility of this group to grow our membership base into the future. Grand Ledge Rotary has the advantage of being diverse in terms of member’s ages. Many clubs are facing an aging population which further complicates building and maintaining membership. We need to take advantage of our strength so I challenge each member to continually seek out and invite people to a meeting and let them see for themselves, what a great club and a great time we have. Membership in any service organization is the life blood and drives the success of the organization and the community as well.

As your President, I ask for any suggestions or ideas that will make our club better. Grand Ledge Rotary needs to remain open to new and fresh ways of doing things to remain relevant with up and coming prospective Rotarians.

Lastly, I thank you for your continued dedication to our club. We live and/or work in a great community and your participation in Rotary is one of the key reasons Grand Ledge is “Grand”.

Yours in Service,

Devin Lavengood, President

**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 Ziemen

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

2013-14……………………...Chad Lake

2014-15……………..Benjamin Cwayna

\*Deceased

**PAUL HARRIS FELLOWS**

**GRAND LEDGE ROTARY**

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J.D. Anderson Mike Anderson Bill Baird Chas Baribeau Sr. Duane Bartrem Ada Mae Beagle

Kenneth Beagle Vera Beagle Ed Belongia Gary Briggs Bill Brooks Dave Burnett Deanna Carr Robert Corey Stuart Doty

Thomas Eppinga Ernst Floeter Pete Fortino

 Patsy & Carolyn Fortino Warren Holcomb Dan Kares

 Ned Kilmer Joe Lombardo Karl Lothschutz

 Rex McCully Dave Mohnke Chuck Pantera III

 Terry Smith Dale Mulder Dennis Sullivan Warren Wells Nancy Zeimen Bill Atkin Vicki Paski Cathy Wilhm Bruce Dunn Blake Mulder Bill Archer Liz Andrews Helen Baird Ron Maguire Chuck Bye Frances Bartrem Todd Baum Ray Lanjopoulos Rob Leindecker Brian Metcalf Terrance Augustine Roger Millbrook Linda Mulder Tim Walling Steve Mohnke

* 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**

June/July: A joint effort between the Grand Ledge Rotarians and Grand Ledge Lions Club for the rebuilding of a shelter at Fitzgerald Park. A joint picnic was held on September 2nd 2015 to celebrate the success.

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 year, the Stuff the Bus campaign has a goal of realizing $15,000 in donations and the Rotary Club donated $1000 to this worthy cause.

December: On Fri. Dec. 4th, the Christmas Parade in Grand Ledge will be happening. We are also having our Annual Chili Cook-off. We hope to collect over $1000 for GLEAP. On Wednesday the 16th we will be hosting Santa at our Rotary Club. Bring your kids or grandkids along with a gift for Santa to hand to the kids 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.

Spring: The 5 or 7.5 Grand Feast. This great fundraiser brings Rotarians and other Grand Ledge locals together for a fun filled night. This program funds the YES Center in Grand Ledge along with the Grand Ledge Rotary Foundation. Vicki Paski is the Rotarian that makes this happen and will provide more information as the date approaches.

**Other Projects Upcoming or Ongoing**

* Scholarships to Students (a new format which is geared toward two year programs for students with legitimate financial needs). This program funds 2 students for 2 years at Lansing Community College equally 60 credits and $1,700 per student. This program started with one student and has expanded to two students starting in 2015
* 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, Richard Briscoe.
* 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 to the Community Thanksgiving Dinner in Grand Ledge. This annual event has served 5,700 meals since it began and for 2015, they hope to serve over 1,000 meals.
* We have given money to special reading programs at the school, the Boy Scouts of America, sponsored young ladies to attend Girls State (nonpartisan program that teaches young women responsible citizenship for God and Country).





