**GRAND LEDGE**

**ROTARY CLUB**

**REPORT**

**2016/17**

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 **Serving our Community for 77 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 – John Lemke johnlemke@glbc.org or 517-627-9056 (wk)

President Elect – Rich Martzke (Club Administration)

President Nominee – Tim Walling (Membership Chair)

Secretary – Tammy Beson

Treasurer – Todd Baum

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS 2015/2016**

Devin Lavengood: Immediate Past Pres.

Dr. Brian Metcalf: Rotary Foundation Chair

Barbara Frazier: Service Projects Chair

Linda Mulder: Youth Services Chair

Craig Parks: Public Image Chair

**DISTRICT GOVERNOR DISTRICT 6360**

William Smith

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**THEME FOR 2106-2017**

“Rotary Serving Humanity”

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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

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**President John Lemke’s Thoughts…**

8/23/2016

Dear Rotarians,

What a privilege it is to be a part of the Grand Ledge Rotary Club, and even more a privilege to be the President of such an outstanding service organization. I am not a lifetime resident of Grand Ledge, and yet you have been very welcoming, both as a club and as individual members. The Wednesday meetings continue to be one of the highlights of my week, and I look forward to them every week.

The theme for Rotary in the 2016-2017 year is “Rotary Serving Humanity”. It is crucial that we do not lose sight of that theme both this year, and in the future. As we gather together, we gather with purpose; and that purpose is to be of service to the larger world around us. That certainly comes through as we donate to local projects, and here are just a few of the many we have supported in the past few years:

* Re-roofing the picnic pavilions at Fitzgerald Park
* Sponsoring a boy scout in need for an entire year of scouting
* Coats for the VFW Honor Guard
* The Grand Ledge Shopping Tour
* The Grand Ledge Community Thanksgiving Meal
* Stuff the Bus, for the GL food bank
* Many, many more (we do dozens of things like these every year)

At the same time, we have donated thousands of dollars to the Rotary Foundation, which continues those great activities across the globe. As Rotarians, we are part of a worldwide network of people serving humanity. That thought is humbling, and exciting, and most of all makes me thankful for each individual Rotarian in Grand Ledge, and your specific part in all of this.

We have just a two simple things that we would like to accomplish. First, in membership, we need to become younger and more diverse. We accomplish this through invitations to those we know in the community who fit the service most, and we should be especially alert to those who are younger and those who are in the minority in our community. I believe we will be a better club as we add new voices to the great voices that we already have. Second, we are committed to continue generous giving to the Rotary Foundation, as we have always done. One of the things that we should be most proud of is our commitment to Every Rotarian, Every Year. The foundation truly does good work all across the globe.

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.

Yours in Service,

John Lemke, 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

2015-16………...……Devin Lavengood

\*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 Chad Lake 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**

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.

Thanksgiving: On Fri. Dec. 2nd, 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.

Christmas: Every year we host 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. Last year, Rotarians donated $4000 toward this very worthy cause.

Spring: The 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.
* We donate money to the Grand Ledge Community Thanksgiving meal every year. Last year, we donated $300 to put toward the food.
* The club sponsored a student for the Rotary Student Exchange program, and Rotarians donated over $500 to help defray her costs as she traveled to Germany.
* 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).





