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**District Governor
Rick Briscoe &
Penny Briscoe**

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Why Rotary?

Many people ask me why I am so involved in Rotary. Why do I give so much of my time supporting Rotary? Why do I generously contribute to The Rotary Foundation?

I have never had to worry about being displaced by an armed conflict — today 42 million people are displaced by armed conflict or persecution.

I have never worried about an outbreak of polio, HIV/AIDS, or malaria impacting my life because I have always had access to excellent medical care — more than 100 million people are pushed into poverty each year because of medical costs, if they even have access to medical care.

I have never worried about having access to clean drinking water — more than 2.5 billion people (35% of the world's population) lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. At least 3,000 children die each day from diarrheal diseases caused by unsafe water.

I never had to worry about my children dying due to malnutrition, poor health care or inadequate sanitation — at least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to these causes.

I never had to worry about getting an excellent education — sixty-seven million children worldwide have no access to education and more than 775 million people over that age of 15 are illiterate.

I never had to worry about being poor — nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 per day.

Those are the six areas of focus for The Rotary Foundation — Promoting Peace, Fighting Disease, Providing Clean Water, Saving Mothers and Children, Supporting Education, and Growing Local Economies — and six of the many reasons why I give of my time and treasure to support the good work that Rotarians do around the world. I hope all of you will join me this year in redoubling your commitment to Service Above Self, and Be a Gift to the World.

I also want to make you aware of a change that has been made in the designation of the various months of the Rotary year. The changes have been implemented to put more emphasis on The Rotary Foundation areas of focus and four other areas of emphasis of Rotary International. The new designations are as follows: July — none; August — Membership and Extension; September — Basic Education and Literacy; October — Economic and Community Development; November — Rotary Foundation; December — Disease Prevention and Treatment; January — Vocational Service; February — Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution; March — Water and Sanitation; April — Maternal and Child Health; May — Youth Service; June — Rotary Fellowships. Please consider scheduling a program related to the monthly designation and keep Rotary in your Rotary Club.

Next month look for information about the new Rotary Global Rewards Program.

June 25 Installation Celebration Great Success!



Above, L to R: Outgoing Kalamazoo Rotary Club President **Joe Brogger**, Incoming Kalamazoo President **Jim Cupper**, outgoing District Governor **Bob Small** and incoming District Governor **Rick Briscoe**. Congrats, Gentlemen! Below, L to R: Rick Briscoe listens as Bob Small and Past District Governors Kathleen Toscoe, Paul McNamara, Ed Foster & Bill Dimond pass the DG pin and offer words of advice.



Left: Rick Briscoe gives Bob Small a plaque thanking him for his service as District Governor. Right: Our leadership team—DGE Bill Smith, DG Rick Briscoe and our newest Past District Governor Bob Small.



District Governor Visits Starting Soon!

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The official District Governor visits to each of the 56 clubs in our District will be starting July 6 (at DG Briscoe's home Rotary Club of Kalamazoo!). Remember, another program should *not* be scheduled on the same day as a DG visit. Rick would also like to meet with your Board before or after the meeting so please plan accordingly. *Don't know when he's coming?* Contact Ingrid Nova, District Administrator at 517-604-6360 or at Rotary6360@gmail.com



A big THANKS to the 196 Rotarians from 26 clubs who contributed an average of \$306 to the Annual Program Fund and through our Earn a Reward Program achieved Paul Harris recognition.

Earn a Reward Program 2015/2015

Clubs	Matches	Points	Clubs	Matches	Points	Clubs	Matches	Points
Battle Creek	5	2,500	Hillsdale	6	1,296	Oshtemo	5	1,108
B. H. Sunrise	5	1,576	Harbor Country	1	213	Paw Paw Area	8	1,859
Berrien Springs	11	2,863	Jackson	12	4,063	Portage	20	6,226
Cereal City	2	1,000	Kalamazoo	11	3,788	Quincy	2	600
Coldwater Twp.	4	1,644	Kzoo Sunrise	3	725	Saugatuck-D	4	1,900
Constantine	1	500	L-Dewitt Sunrise	6	1,870	South Haven	1	188
Delta Waverly	9	2,363	Lansing	43	11,595	St. Joe B.H.	11	3,564
Dowagiac	1	300				Three Rivers	2	950
Eaton Rapids	1	450						
Gull Lake	6	1,492						
Hastings	16	5,439						
TOTALS	61	20,127		82	23,550		53	16,395

Totals

Clubs Matches Points

26 196 60,072

Avg. Match 306.49



Thanks to Rotarians

David Resch	10,000
Wilber Breseman	10,000
Sally R. Ernst	10,200
Carl R. Tufts	14,000
William Dimond	6,500
Mary Lee Dimond	5,000
Jim Hayden	5,000

Points Donated

Welcome New Club Presidents!

Please take a moment to login to www.DACdb.com to verify that your Club's information (especially Board Members and Committee Chairs) is

ACCURATE! Need help getting into the online database?

Call or email **District Administrator Ingrid Nova** at 517-604-6360 or
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As the 2014 - 2015 year draws to a close, the Monthly Contribution Report tells us that this has been a top year of support for Rotary Club Projects through their gifts to our Foundation— ***Congratulations!***

Annual Fund Contribution Report

Annual Fund YTD \$193,226.33
Annual Fund Goal \$183,795.00

Other Funds \$104,204.40

Endowment Fund \$17,562.70

Total \$314,993.43

Polio \$76,029.70
Polio Goal \$41,900.00

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

16 ... \$100.00 + Annual Fund per Capita Clubs

Area 1	Berrien Springs	\$149.49	Area 6	Gull Lake	\$104.01
	Lakeshore	\$171.15		Hastings	\$131.75
Area 2	Benton Harbor SR	\$110.65	Area 7	Cereal City SR	\$133.44
	Paw Paw Area	\$100.93	Area 8	Union City	\$134.78
	South Haven	\$149.41	Area 9		
Area 3			Area 10	Jackson	\$204.32
Area 4	Kalamazoo	\$109.94		Jackson Breakfast	\$153.66
	Kalamazoo SR	\$331.47	Area 11		
	Portage	\$132.68	Area 12		
	Oshtemo	\$250.69	Area 13	Delta Township	\$116.80
Area 5					

Sixteen clubs with 32% of the members gave 59% of the Annual Fund gifts

District 6360 Goals—2015-2016 DG Rick Briscoe

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- **Membership:** The District goal for 2015-2016 is for every club to increase membership by one (1) member, net over 2014-15. Also for every club to review the make-up of their club and to evaluate how well your club represents your community by age, gender, ethnicity, and occupation.
- **Foundation:** District 6360 goal for 2015-2016 will be a compilation of the individual club goals. However, we all need to remember that **The Rotary Foundation** (TRF) is the engine that empowers us to “Do Good” in the world. The goal for 2015-2016 is for each club to set a TRF goal and to meet it.
- **PolioPlus:** Every member needs to know that while we are “*This Close*” to eradicating Polio, it could come back overnight if we don’t finish the job. Therefore, the District Goal for 2015-16 is that every club will promote some activity related to Polio Eradication and raise funds so we can give this great gift to the world – **a Polio Free World!**
- **Joint Service Projects:** The District goal for 2015-2016 is to encourage multi-club projects. It is often overwhelming for a small club to manage a large project, especially an international project. I hope to see more clubs join in service to their community or the international community.
- **Community Service Project:** The District goal for 2015-2016 is for every club in the district to provide one family in need with a joyous Christmas. Exactly what and how each club meets this goal will be up to the club. While there are great needs around the world, think of the impact your club can have on one family. We have all been given many gifts, how about giving a gift to a family that doesn’t have such gifts? And if a club of 15 members can support one family, I challenge larger clubs to think of the potential they may have in this area. We have the potential to bless many families this December.
- **District Service:** The District goal for 2015-2016 is to have at least one member of each club involved with some committee or activity at the District level.

“IF YOU DON'T
KNOW WHERE YOU
ARE GOING, YOU
WILL WIND UP
SOMEWHERE ELSE.”

~YOGI BERRA

Questions? Concerns? Excited?

Contact District Governor Rick Briscoe at
269-808-2010 or email

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Keep in Touch!

Rotary Club of Battle Creek Celebrates the Red Rose Awards

The **Rotary Club of Battle Creek** recently observed its Annual Red Rose Celebration at the Battle Creek Country Club. John Gallagher, former mayor and president of Gallagher Uniform, was recognized as the Red Rose Awardee for 2015. John's "Service above Self" in the Battle Creek community is admirable. We appreciated the lighthearted yet sincere "Roasting" by Dr. A.J. Jones, CEO Of the Grace Health in Battle Creek, and Reverend Bob Creagan, Pastor of St. Catherine of Siena Church in Portage. Rose Bud awards were also given to area high school students for their outstanding volunteerism. Thanks to President Tom Townsend for leading this celebration and huge kudos to Rotarian, Sam VanBoven, for chairing the Red Rose Committee and doing a phenomenal job organizing the event!

Pictured left to right: Ben Hatch, this year's honoree, and runners-up Cameron Babas, Emma Stagner, Rachel Prell, Stephanie Chmiel and John Gallagher

Below: President Tom Townsend, John Gallagher



Congratulations!



Battle Creek Rotarians Helping Out!



Service Above Self...Serving the Foodbank of South Central Michigan

Having a longstanding commitment to the Foodbank of South Central Michigan, the Rotary Club of Battle Creek volunteers there throughout the year. During their last outing, members packed 463 “back packs” that will be sent home with students who otherwise would not have nutritious food choices each weekend. We didn’t meet our previous record of 1000 bags...only because of a limited amount of storage bins at the Foodbank! Thanks to Rotarian, Chris Overbeek, for coordinating our volunteer project at the Foodbank of South Central Michigan.

At the meeting, members also heard from the volunteer coordinator for the Foodbank of Southcentral Michigan. They serve eight counties in our region through their Fresh Food Initiative. This program is an “effective, efficient way to get fresh produce, dairy products and other grocery items into low income neighborhoods. There are many volunteer opportunities for groups, families and individuals at the Foodbank including Family Matters Day on the third Sunday of each month and Foodbank Friday.

Interact Club Travels to Dominican Republic

The Interact Club of the Rotary Club of St. Joseph – Benton Harbor travelled to La Romana, Dominican Republic on June 13 and returned June 20. There were 21 students from 3 different high schools with 8 chaperones, 3 of which were Rotarians. The group had 8 boys and 13 girls. For four of the members, this was their second trip to La Romana with the Interact Club.

The Interact Club earned enough money throughout this year to purchase 30 water filters and a latrine/shower building. This group brought 25 additional suitcases filled with shoes, clothes, school supplies, toys and games to give to the families in the local bateys. They met with the local La Romana Interact Club who will be distributing these items in August just before school starts. Our kids also brought over 50 Rotary soccer balls to hand out to the children as well! Our Interact members spent their days in Batey 105 building, installing water filters and playing with the children. Each member came back with a different perspective on their life and the world. They came back appreciating a warm shower, clean water from the tap, a comfortable bed and the ability to flush toilet paper! These kids and chaperones had an awesome experience!





Rotary Club of Harbor County

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Invites You to their 12th Annual Rib & Salad Cook Off!

Saturday, July 18 6-9 PM Party Awards at 8:30 PM

Money raised will go to Rotary for worthwhile community projects including: 24 food baskets at Christmas for local needy families, hats and mittens for local elementary kids, and the rejuvenation of the Hoadley Trail

Entrance fee of \$10 (\$5 for children 7-11, 6 and under free) gets you ribs from our contestants and salads on which you vote for your favorite. There will also be corn, homemade pie (\$2 per slice) and an assortment of beverages or BYOB.

Bring your gang, a lawn chair or blanket, and enjoy a wonderful evening. Music provided by The School of American Music. Come early, stay late!

Gene and Carole Svebakken are our hosts this year. Event will be held on their lawns at 215 Ash St E (US 12) in Three Oaks, MI, located on the NE corner of US 12 and Hickory St, just east of the River Valley Elementary school. Pay at the door, registration is available on District 6360 website calendar. ***Questions? Call Darlene Heemstra: 269-426-1446***



The 16th Annual Mt. Baldhead Challenge 5k and 15k races will be held Saturday, September 12, 2015. The race begins and ends at Beery Field in downtown Douglas, Michigan. The Mt. Baldhead Challenge is a major fund raiser for the Rotary Club of Saugatuck-Douglas, with proceeds going to a number of club charities.

Michigan Runner magazine has called the 15k, "one of Michigan's most interesting races." Runners experience trails and roads along the Lake Michigan and Kalamazoo River shoreline, climb the 302 steps to the top of the Mt. Baldhead dune, and run through the famous secluded Ox-Bow artists' colony.

For more details and to register for this event, visit www.mtbaldheadchallenge.com. We would appreciate every club in the district helping us share this information with runners in their area.

Successful Golf Outing by Coldwater Township Rotary Club



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On June 19, **Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary** held their 11th annual Golf Outing. More than 20 teams attended to play 18 holes of golf and raise funds to better the Coldwater Community. Golfers participated in various games such as beat the pro, closest to the hole, and longest drive. On one hole, participants had the opportunity to win a car with a hole in one thanks to Rotarian Dean Bobilya and Bobilya Chrysler. While the final fundraising tally is not in yet, the event is expected to raise more than **\$12,000**.

Recently the Club has completed a large project of renovating Coldwater High School Baseball and Softball fields, and smaller projects such as supporting Altrusa's Happy Feet Program and working with Coldwater Noon Rotary to replace the roof for our local theatre, Tibbits. Funds raised at this year's golf outing will support the most recent project adopted by the Club, the Rotary Splash Park. The Splash Park will be built in Heritage Park and will be a free water attraction for Coldwater and surrounding communities. Come visit us to hear more about how we make a positive impact on our community! Thursday mornings at 7:00 a.m. at the Coldwater United Methodist Church.



Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary 11th Annual Golf Scramble



Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary 11th Annual Golf Scramble



Club President Brian Kerspilo, guest Darin Speith, and Rotarians Dan Satow and Brad Rockey take a break for a photo.

Rotarian John Pollack and wife, Billie Polack and Rotarian Bruce Young and wife, Ruth Young took the trophy for the 11th consecutive with highest net golf score.



Yummy!



The Rotary Club of Plainwell and local beef plant, JBS, came together to serve steak sandwiches, hot dogs and brats at this year's Plainwell Days Festival on June 6th and 7th. JBS sponsored the steak and volunteers!



ROTARY DISTRICT 6360 FOUNDATION (RD6360F)

SPEAKERS BUREAU

Trustees of RD6360F are willing to come to your club with a presentation that your club may find helpful in supporting its work in the community. Advise your program committee chair of this; we are glad to come and describe the Rotary District 6360 Foundation and how it has helped clubs. My contact information is listed below; do contact me to schedule a program. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or one of the Foundation Board Members, found at www.district6360.com.

DISTRICT FOUNDATION CREDITS AVAILABLE

Do you have students attending RYLA Camp? Do you have Youth Exchange Students attending the Orientation? IF your club sold District 6360 Foundation Raffle Tickets last fall, 20% of the sales can be applied to RYLA Camp or District Youth Exchange Orientation Camp. Please click [this LINK](#) for a list of clubs and the District Foundation Credits available this year.

The next meeting of the RD6360F will be Wednesday, July 15, time and location TBD. **Thank you** to all the clubs that submitted grant requests! The board will act on the grant requests at the July 15 meeting.

Marjorie R. Haas, President

214 West Calgary Drive, Hastings, MI 49058

Home Phone: 269-945-2941; Cell Phone: 269-838-3392; gmhaas214@att.net



Memorial Service for Marguerite Alden

From PDG Bob Small: Marguerite Alden, wife of PDG Jim Alden, passed away at home on April 30th. Jim has scheduled a Rotary Memorial Service for Marguerite on July 12th at 2pm at the Barry Township Hall 153 Orchard Street, Delton MI 49046.

Questions? Please call Bob at 269-492-8128 or email rgsmall@ntelos.net

The **2015-2016 District Directory** will be sent to print very soon— If you would like to check your Club's information in advance, please contact District Administrator Ingrid Nova no later than **Friday, July 3** for a review. The Directory is only as good as the information in it— let's make it accurate!!

THANK YOU!!



Does anyone actually read this Newsletter?! For a chance to WIN a PRIZE, email Ingrid Nova at Rotary6360@gmail.com with the Subject "I read it!"

A random winner will be drawn on July 4 and announced in next month's Newsletter!

Questions? Concerns? Suggestions? Please contact District Administrator Ingrid Nova

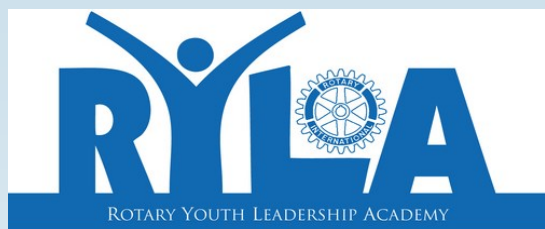


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District 6360 is now on **Facebook!** Join our Group Page— Just Search "District 6360!"





Last Call



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Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) will be held Friday, August 14 through Sunday, August 16, 2015. RYLA is an amazing opportunity for high school students who are going to be Sophomores, Juniors or Seniors. Students are chosen for their leadership potential- they will attend camp to discuss leadership skills and to learn those skills through practice. The focus of the RYLA program is leadership, citizenship, and personal development with elements designed to:

- ♦ Build on the existing leadership potential of the student, providing them with the opportunity to sharpen their leadership skills and put them into practice
- ♦ Encourage participants to further develop their own talents and abilities
- ♦ Remind the students that they have a responsibility to their communities and to the world

To sponsor a RYLA Student, the cost to clubs remains only \$200, *and* your club may have District Foundation credits to cover some or all of that cost! Please contact District Foundation Chair Margie Haas: Gmhaas214@att.net

Click [HERE](#) for a link to the RYLA Application!

Newsletter
DEADLine



Upcoming Deadlines, Dates & Events...

- ♦ July 25, 2015 – Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) – Ann Arbor, MI
- ♦ August 8, 2015 – Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) – Baker College, Jackson, MI
- ♦ August 14-16, 2015 – Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) – Dowling, MI
- ♦ August 29, 2015 – Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) – Cadillac, MI
- ♦ August 2015 (Date TBD) – Budget & Finance Meeting
- ♦ September 8-13, 2015 – Zone Institute – Detroit, MI
- ♦ September 19, 2015 – Staff Meeting & Board Meeting, Schuler's, Marshall, 8:30 AM
- ♦ October 2015 (Date TBD) – District Foundation Dinner, Location TBD
- ♦ November 21, 2015 – Staff Meeting & Board Meeting, Schuler's, Marshall, 8:30 AM
- ♦ January 17-23, 2016 – International Assembly – San Diego, CA
- ♦ January 30, 2016 – Staff Meeting & Board Meeting, Schuler's, Marshall, 8:30 AM
- ♦ February 13, 2016 – PETS 1 – Jackson Public Library, 8:30—11:30 AM
- ♦ February 27, 2016 – PETS 1 – Kalamazoo Valley Community College, 8:30—11:30 AM



Club	Members 6/30/2014	Members Current	YTD- Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend%
Albion	44	43	-1	0	4	68
Allegan	45	44	-1	2	3	51.28
Battle Creek	74	87	13	3	3	58.01
Benton Harbor-Sunrise	39	42	3	0	4	82.58
Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	37	40	3	0	4	71.87
Bronson	32	31	-1	1	4	80.51
Cereal City Sunrise	32	31	-1	0	4	58.9
Charlotte	75	77	2	1	4	85.31
Climax	20	22	2	0	4	90
Coldwater	86	86	0	-1	4	75.1
Coldwater Township Sunrise	44	43	-1	0	4	86.7
Constantine	20	20	0	0	4	100
Delta Waverly	66	57	-9	1	4	72.02
Delton Area	26	33	7	0	4	68.93
Dowagiac	44	43	-1	-3	4	48.84
East Lansing	80	77	-3	0	3	37.1
Eaton Rapids	38	37	-1	-1	4	58.61
Grand Ledge	59	64	5	1	4	59.05
Gull Lake Area	48	50	2	0	4	70.37
Harbor Country	22	26	4	1	5	60.47
Haslett-Okemos	50	53	3	0	3	61.33
Hastings	62	65	3	0	3	60.53
Hillsdale	36	38	2	1	4	60.56
Ionia	37	37	0	-1	4	48
Jackson	62	61	-1	0	4	68.18
Jackson-Breakfast	21	20	-1	0	4	72.5
Jonesville	19	21	2	0	4	52.38
Kalamazoo	226	225	-1	1	3	55.09
Kalamazoo Sunrise	17	16	-1	0	3	95.24
Lakeshore	50	52	2	1	4	71.68
Lansing	225	225	0	0	4	43.02
Lansing - Dewitt Sunrise	27	27	0	0	4	72.93
Litchfield	15	16	1	-1	3	75
Marshall	58	55	-3	0	4	43.62
Mason	29	31	2	-1	4	73.77
Middleville	39	43	4	2	3	72
Niles-Buchanan	30	26	-4	-2	4	42
Oshtemo	20	22	2	-1	4	76.4
Otsego	19	19	0	0	5	71.57
Paw Paw Area	27	27	0	0	4	72
Paw Paw Lake	15	17	2	0	4	57.3
Plainwell	15	19	4	0	4	61.84
Portage	85	91	6	-2	4	55.29
Quincy	26	27	1	0	3	58
Reading	9	12	3	0	3	72.3
Saugatuck-Douglas Rotary	36	39	3	0	4	64.19
South Haven	55	58	3	0	6	72.69
South Lansing-Holt	30	30	0	0	4	61.66
St. Johns	57	51	-6	0	4	65.28
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	153	151	-2	1	3	51.96
Sturgis	45	45	0	0	3	54
Three Rivers	81	72	-9	0	4	60.15
Union City	23	26	3	0	4	57.6
Vicksburg	35	36	1	0	5	81.5
White Pigeon	14	14	0	0	5	59
Williamston Sunrise	30	30	0	0	4	60.83
Totals, Net Gain, Avg Attendance:		2750	41	3		65.45%
56 of 56 clubs reporting	2709					