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District 6360 Gazette

Youth Service Month

When I joined Rotary, we had our Four Avenues of Service. In 2008, the Council of Legislation approved a fifth avenue – New Generations. A few years later, this title was changed to Youth Service. But I still like the concept of New Generations, even if it does not translate well into some languages in our Rotary world.

Generate: 1. To bring into existence (yes, our children, but I also think of new members and new clubs); 2. To originate by a vital process (here I think of the fabulous global and local projects the 56 clubs of our district are creating and sustaining); 3. To be the cause of a situation (peace and conflict resolution), action (clean water and sanitation), or a state of mind (generating goodwill by doing good in the world).

In September, we celebrate our New Generation – the youth of District 6360. Most of our clubs honor students with scholarships. But we do so much more to serve our youth.

Since 2011, Kathleen and I have been honored to direct the talent show for the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Conference at Calvin College in Grand Rapids. Gathered together are nearly 1000 high school students and parents. There are Inbounds (students from nearly 50 countries who are completing their exchange year), Outbounds (our kids getting ready to start their exchange), and Rebounds (our kids who have just returned from this life-changing experience). Together, this generation discovers and shares a global perspective that is inspiring.

All major Rotary events start with a flag ceremony. And the flag ceremony at Calvin is amazing. Each year, the hair on the back of my neck stands up and salutes. As they sing LET THERE BE PEACE ON EARTH, you can see and sense what peace on earth looks like. PDG Dick Sammis and his team serve us so well in this area.

In August, I visited our RYLA camp, led by Jill Eldred and her team. Here you find our future leaders engaged in confidence building, collaborative exercises and projects. They lift each other up as they test and enrich their leadership skills. They leave with a wider circle of friends and a renewed sense of what we can achieve as servant leaders who strive to better the lives of others.

In September, our kids return to their schools, and the 15 Interact clubs sponsored by Rotarians and Interact Chair Kirk Hoffman. Many more clubs are in the works. Each of these clubs have their own local and global service projects – they adopt families at Christmas, install water filters in the Dominican Republic, and provide school supplies for an orphanage in Africa.

Rotarian Jackie Huie has created a mentor program in St. Joe/Benton Harbor that has garnered the attention of Rotary International Presidents. Here students interview their mentors – community leaders these students wish to emulate, in professions they dream of joining.

District 6360 has a proud tradition of generating vibrant programs to Light Up Rotary. If you would like to be a part of our Youth Services, please contact PDG Jay Larson, who is our District Youth Services Coordinator, at larson0337@gmail.com
Yours, Bob

JULY 2014 ATTENDANCE AND MEMBERSHIP

Club	Members 6/30/2014	Members Current	YTD- Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend%
Albion	44	44	0	0	4	70
Allegan	45	45	0	0	4	47.9
Battle Creek	74	72	-2	-2	4	59.77
Benton Harbor-Sunrise	39	40	1	1	5	82.98
Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	37	35	-2	-2	4	70.71
Bronson	32	32	0	0	4	88.5
Cereal City Sunrise	32	31	-1	-1	5	63.2
Charlotte	75	75	0	0	5	85.66
Climax	20	20	0	0	4	83
Coldwater	86	86	0	0	5	72.5
Coldwater Township Sunrise	44	43	-1	-1	5	83.5
Constantine	20	20	0	0	5	100
Delta -Waverly	66	67	1	1	5	67.57
Delton Area	26	26	0	0	4	50.76
Dowagiac	44	44	0	0	5	51.36
East Lansing	80	80	0	0	4	61.69
Eaton Rapids	38	38	0	0	5	56.8
Grand Ledge	59	59	0	0	4	55.93
Gull Lake Area	48	42	-6	-6	5	64.5
Haslett-Okemos	50	51	1	1	4	53.33
Hastings	62	62	0	0	4	63.33
Hillsdale	36	35	-1	-1	5	41.32
Ionia	37	36	-1	-1	5	55
Jackson	62	61	-1	-1	5	82.12
Jackson-Breakfast	21	20	-1	-1	5	80.2
Jonesville	19	20	1	1	5	63
Kalamazoo	226	229	3	3	4	40.72
Kalamazoo Sunrise	17	17	0	0	5	70
Lakeshore	50	50	0	0	5	72.73
Lansing	225	226	1	1	3	40.77
Lansing - Dewitt Sunrise	27	27	0	0	5	65.51
Litchfield	15	15	0	0	4	80
Marshall	58	58	0	0	4	49.75
Mason	29	29	0	0	5	67.88
Middleville	39	44	5	5	5	64.2
Niles-Buchanan	30	32	2	2	4	35
Oshemo	20	21	1	1	5	58.65
Otsego	19	19	0	0	3	47.36
Paw Paw Area	27	27	0	0	5	65.93
Paw Paw Lake	15	15	0	0	5	62.7
Plainwell	15	14	-1	-1	4	69.64
Portage	85	89	4	4	5	55.53
Quincy	26	26	0	0	3	74
Reading	9	9	0	0	3	84.4
Saugatuck-Douglas Rotary	36	(missing)	-36	n/a	0	0
South Haven	55	55	0	0	5	74.9
South Lansing-Holt	30	30	0	0	4	56.77
St. Johns	57	57	0	0	5	61.8
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	153	145	-8	-8	4	55.91
Sturgis	45	45	0	0	4	49.44
Three Oaks Region	22	23	1	1	4	66.67
Three Rivers	81	81	0	0	5	54.92
Union City	23	25	2	2	5	67.8
Vicksburg	35	34	-1	-1	3	74.73
White Pigeon	14	14	0	0	5	72
Williamston Sunrise	30	30	0	0	5	46
Totals, Net Gain, Avg 55 of 56 clubs reporting	2709	2670	-39	-3		64.37%

DG Bob speaks to students at the RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy) Camp in August.

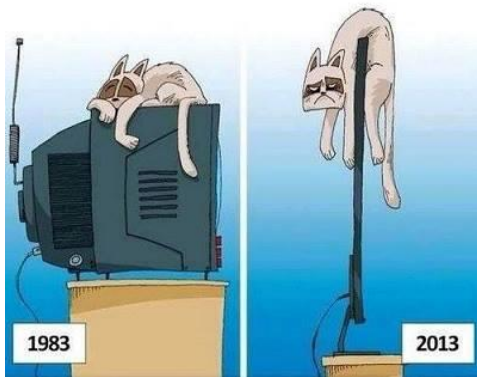


<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; text-align: center;">Rotary District 6360 Foundation</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">Name: _____ Address: _____ C/S/Z: _____ Phone: _____</div>	<div style="text-align: center;">Rotary District 6360 Foundation <i>2014 Annual Raffle</i> \$20 Ticket Price 1st Prize - \$1,000 2nd Prize - \$750 (2) 3rd Prize - \$500 (2) 4th Prize - \$250 (4) 5th Prize - \$100 (5) <i>Drawing to take place on</i> Tuesday, October 21, 2014 • 6:30 - 9:30 pm <i>Rotary District 6360 Foundation Recognition Dinner</i> Walldorff Brewpub, Hastings, MI <i>Maximum 1,500 Tickets Will Be Sold</i> <small>Michigan License #R27732</small></div>
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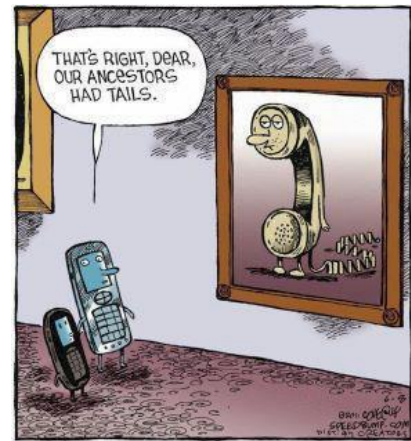
Be sure to get your RD6360F Raffle Ticket for a chance to win \$1,000!
Each club has at least ten (10) tickets to sell, depending on size of club.
See your club president for your chance to win!

DRAWING DATE & TIME:
At the Rotary District 6360 Foundation Recognition Dinner
Tuesday, October 21, 2014; 6:30 – 9:30 pm
Walldorff Brewpub & Bistro
Hastings, Michigan





Sign of the times!



Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club

Ramp project for veterans – August 16th.



LCDR **Michael Files**, a Paul Harris Fellow and member of the **Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club** in Battle Creek, was honored as one of 10 Outstanding Young Americans by the United States Jaycees in ceremonies in Baltimore, Maryland. Files is the Commanding Officer of Navy Operational Support Center Battle Creek. Congratulations Michael!



Bom dia! You're invited to the 2015 Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil.

If you haven't already heard, the [convention dates have changed](#). The fun now begins one day earlier on **Saturday, 6 June and continues through Tuesday, 9 June 2015**. Plan now to enjoy the Rotary Carnival at Anhembi Parque following the opening plenary on Saturday.

São Paulo offers all the excitement and activities of a world-class city, along with diverse neighborhoods filled with ethnic restaurants, art galleries, and trendy bars – the perfect backdrop for connecting with Rotary members from around the world.

For those wanting to learn more about the Brazilian culture, music, and cuisine, the Host Committee has planned exciting [events](#) including the Rotary Carnival, concerts featuring renowned Brazilian performers, and bookings for fine restaurants every night of the convention.

Still not convinced? Watch this [video](#) and [read more](#) about the RI Convention in Brazil.

[Register now](#) to receive the lowest rates available. And book your convention hotel room through Rotary's [housing agent](#) to take advantage of competitive nightly rates.

Warm, engaging, playful – these are the words used to describe the people you'll meet in Brazil.

Don't miss this opportunity to [discover Brazil](#) through Rotary.



All District Rotarians - Are you a Runner or Know One?

Please Help us get the word out About the 2014 Mt. Baldhead Challenge in Saugatuck! Spread the word to schools in your city and to local runners.

The Saugatuck- Douglas Mt. Baldhead Challenge (sponsored by **the Rotary Club of Saugatuck-Douglas**) is coming up- **September 6, 2014!** Take the Challenge! 5k and 15k.

Saugatuck tops *USA Today's* reader poll of 'Best Summer Weekend Escapes (and will be the site of the 2015 District Conference)'!!! The 15k run includes the 302 steps up to the top of Mt. Baldhead! Please Share the race info with all your friends. Register on-line at:

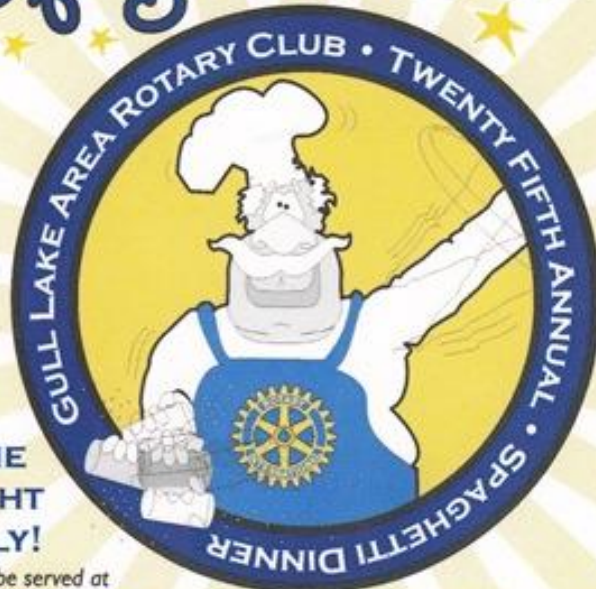
<https://www.signmeup.com/site/online-event-registration/99415>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PaG9AZOxX3w>

Don't miss this year's event! For non-runners there is a 5k "walk".



Community All You Can Eat
Spaghetti Dinner



**ONE
NIGHT
ONLY!**

to be served at

The Gull Lake High School

7753 North 34th Street, Richland

**Monday, October 6, 2014
4:30 PM - 7:30 PM**

**Carry-Out starts
at 3:30 PM**

Minimum Donation

Adult: \$10.00

Children (5-12 yrs) \$5.00

Kids under 5 eat **FREE!**

Tickets are available from any member of Gull Lake Area Rotary Club or at the following locations:

Bigby Coffee (on Gull Road), Richland Area Community Center (in Richland),
Prudential Realtors (in Richland), or Kollig's Komer Market (in Hickory Corners).

www.gulllakearearotary.org





World Polio Day: 24 October 2014

World Polio Day is quickly approaching on October 24th. This is a chance for Rotarians, clubs, and districts across the world to come together to fight polio. There are many ways you could mark the day. Dedicate your club meeting to focus on Rotary's work to end polio that week. Community fundraisers on/around World Polio Day are great a way to raise awareness of our cause in the general public. You could take the opportunity to remind government officials to support the global commitment to a polio free world- Rotary's top priority. On World Polio Day, wear your End Polio Now pin and encourage your friends and family to do the same.

This year, a End Polio Now: Make History Today Livestream event, including a **global update on the current status of polio eradication**, will take place on World Polio Day- 24 October 2014—at 18:30pm CDT and will be streamed live at endpolionow.org. I encourage your club/district to have a viewing party of the event, or incorporate it into your existing World Polio Day plans. The archived video will be available following the live program. Additional event details may be found at endpolionow.org.

Resources available

To help you with your planning for World Polio Day events, a toolkit is being developed and will be posted on endpolionow.org by 25 August. A message will be sent to all of you letting you know when it is available.

I encourage you to spread the word about your World Polio Day activities. Please visit <http://www.endpolio.org/storytelling> to submit your stories and photos.

We promised the children of the world that we would eradicate polio, and Rotarians keep their word. We are **this close**, and getting closer every day. Thanks to you, we will **End Polio Now**.

Sincerely,

John F. Germ
Chair, International PolioPlus Committee

Attention Club Board of Directors

Please give serious consideration to **nominating a potential candidate** for the 2017-18 District 6360 Governor. Any District Rotarian who has served as a club president and will have been a Rotarian for a minimum of seven years by 2017, is eligible. Before nominating a potential candidate, please ask him/her if they would consider being a district governor. For applications, contact Linda Foster, our District Administrator, and send completed applications to Linda, as soon as possible, but no later than December 1, 2014. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Jay Larson by email at larson0337@gmail.com or by phone 269-781-2745. **PLEASE TAKE THIS REQUEST SERIOUSLY; OUR DISTRICT WANTS YOUR RECOMMENDATIONS!!**

Jay Larson, Nominating Committee Chair



The Rotary Foundation (TRF) updates

Top giving clubs recognized

Word has been received from Rotary International of the top three clubs in per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund in our District for the 2013-2014 Rotary year. They are:

- * **Rotary Club of Allegan: \$203.33 per capita**
- * **Rotary Club of Reading: \$181.82 per capita**
- * **Rotary Club of Union City: \$172.50 per capita**

Several other clubs in our District had per capita giving totals to the Annual Fund of \$100 or over, including:

- * **Rotary Club of Charlotte: \$131.63**
- * **Rotary Club of Constantine: \$100.00**
- * **Rotary Club of Gull Lake Area: \$109.80**
- * **Rotary Club of Jackson: \$100.00**
- * **Rotary Club of Lakeshore: \$124.33**
- * **Rotary Club of Plainwell: \$125.00**
- * **Rotary Club of Portage: \$110.06**
- * **Rotary Club of South Haven: \$142.34**

In addition, two Rotary Clubs in our District earned the distinction of being Every Rotarian Every Year clubs – clubs that have a per capita giving total to the Annual Fund of \$100 or over, and who have participation from 100 percent of their club members.

The two EREY Clubs in our District for 2013-2014 are the **Rotary Club of Portage**, and the **Rotary Club of Union City**!

Congratulations to all of these outstanding clubs, and to all who support the work of The Rotary Foundation. Thank you to all!

***Please don't forget to support The Rotary Foundation.
Your contributions make possible the good work done by The Rotary Foundation, both
here in our local communities, and around the world!
Thank you for your generosity and support***

Rotary Foundation celebration April 24!

You responded, and we listened.

Last fall, we held our first-in-a-while event here in our District to celebrate The Rotary Foundation with an event at Schuler's in Marshall during November, which is Rotary Foundation Month.

This year, things will be bigger and better! We thank you all for your input, and we are taking your suggestions very seriously. Here is what will be different:

* We have moved the event to April – a more weather-friendly month. Yes, it's not in Rotary Foundation Month (November), but we will be focusing on TRF in different ways in November. And April, coincidentally, happens to be the month of Paul Harris' birthday!

* We will feature a sit-down dinner this year, rather than hors d'oeuvres. Last year's food was good – there just wasn't enough of it.

* Everyone will have a chair! You spoke, and we listened!

* More room – this year's space is much larger than last year's, so there's plenty of room to mingle, view silent auction items, and enjoy the evening.

* Hotel rooms are being held for those who might want to stay overnight following our celebration.

* We have kept the event centrally located in our District. Several of you suggested Firekeepers, and we followed your suggestion. They are looking forward to hosting us.

* We will still recognize Rotary Foundation supporters, and share inspirational stories. But mostly, it will be a fun celebration! We may even sing "Happy Birthday" to Paul Harris!

So mark your calendars for Friday, April 24 – that's the date of our District's Rotary Foundation Celebration. And stay tuned for more details!



Rotary Direct – the easy and convenient way to support The Rotary Foundation! You're in control – you plan the amount and frequency of when your donation is automatically deducted – it couldn't be easier!

Plan your giving – even \$10 a month adds up!

Sign up for Rotary Direct on the RI website: www.rotary.org

Or ask your club's Rotary Foundation Chair.



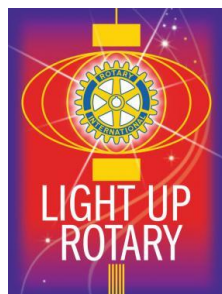
Changes to printed District 6360 Directory (go to DaCdb for contact information): Terry Allen will serve as AG for Hillsdale & Jonesville. Add Thell Woods as Co-chair for District Membership Development. Courtney Davis is the Kalamazoo Rotaract President. Hillsdale now meets at Johnny T's Bistro. Ionia meets at the Ionia County Memorial Hospital. Lakeshore meets at the First Church of God, new PE is Gary Campbell and getting a new Secretary. Litchfield meets at Litchfield Greens. Middleville now meets at the Methodist Church basement. Saugatuck-Douglas President and Service Project Chair is Mark VanderLeek, PE is Bill LeFevre, PN is Jim Sullivan, Treasurer is Art Frederick, Foundation Chair is Chris Seidel.

UPCOMING DEADLINES, EVENTS & DATES . . .

- September 6, 2014 – Saturday, Quarterly Meeting, Board Meeting, Schuler's, Marshall, 9-2
- September 6, 2014 – Vision Facilitation Training, Grand Rapids, 8:00 a.m.
- September 6, 2014 – Saugatuck-Douglas Mt. Baldhead Run
- September 9-14, 2014 – Zone Institute, La Crosse, WI
- October 6, 2014 – Gull Lake Spaghetti Dinner, Gull Lake HS, 4:30 – 7:30 p.m.
- October 18, 2014 – Saturday, RLI, University of Guelph, CA Ontario
- October 21, 2014 – Tuesday, District Foundation Dinner, Hastings, 6:00 p.m.
- October 24, 2014 – World Polio Day
- November 15, 2014 – Saturday, Quarterly Meeting, Board Meeting, Schuler's, Marshall, 9-2
- December 5, 2014 – Friday, PDG/Board Party
- January 24, 2015 – Saturday, Quarterly Meeting, Board Meeting, Schuler's, Marshall, 9-2

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS THE 25TH
OF EACH MONTH.**

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