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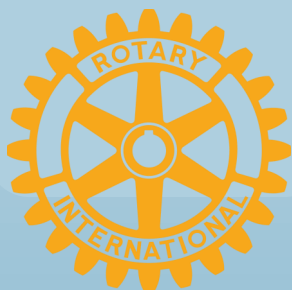
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**District Governor
Teresa Brandell
& David Brandell**

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Happy Birthday To Us!

That's right – February 23 is Rotary's birthday! Our organization was founded on this date 113 years ago. That is the date that attorney Paul Harris formed the Rotary Club of Chicago so that professionals with diverse backgrounds could exchange ideas, form meaningful, lifelong friendships, and give back to their communities. I hope you are making plans in your clubs and in your communities to celebrate this milestone.

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We have five months left in this current Rotary year. That is plenty of time for us to focus on completing the goals we set for this year, and the projects we have all been working on. The best – and easiest – way to check your club's progress is by logging into Rotary Club Central on the Rotary International website: www.rotary.org. Look at how your club is doing with the goals that you all set last year at this time for the 2017-2018 Rotary year, including:

- * Giving goals for The Rotary Foundation – both for the Annual Fund, and for PolioPlus. Remember – The Rotary Foundation is one of the best ways that we, as Rotarians, can “Make a Difference” because of all of the good work that it makes possible, both in our communities, and around the world.

- * Membership goals – how is your club coming with the membership goals that you set? Just a reminder to always keep membership in your mind as you meet people who might be a good fit for your club.

- * Service Hours -- how many has your club recorded, in response to RI President Ian Riseley's request for us all to do so? Clubs are using a variety of methods to collect this information from club members – everything from spreadsheets to notepaper on the tables at each meeting. Once you collect the information, don't forget to update it in Rotary Club Central. Let's continue to Make a Difference as this Rotary year progresses!

Yours in Rotary Service, **DG Teresa Brandell**

Rotary District 6360 Conference 2018 – Grand Haven, Michigan

Registration Open Soon!



Theme: Celebrate Making a Difference!

Location: Holiday Inn Grand Haven-Spring Lake

Dates: Friday, April 20 through Sunday, April 22, 2018

Featured Speakers:

• Rotary International President's Representative, **Shirley Grace**, PDG



of Dist. 5230 in California

• Ambassador of Belize to the United States of America, **H.E. Daniel Gutierrez**

• **Alan Mallory**, Rotary District 7010, "Reaching New Heights Together: A Rotarian Journey to the Summit of Mount Everest."

Schedule includes:

- Grant Management Seminar
- One Rotary Summit – *The Sequel*



- Do Rotary Differently (held at a local brew-




pub!)

- Annual Heroes Recognition on Saturday Evening

Do your homework before you give!! In the wake of repeated national disasters here are tips for giving wisely! Donate money to a charity that you respect, rather than shipping goods that may go to waste! (Like Rotary)

The
Rotary
Foundation

The Rotary International logo, which is a yellow gear-like wheel with eight spokes. The word "ROTARY" is written in a semi-circle at the top and "INTERNATIONAL" is written in a semi-circle at the bottom. A registered trademark symbol (®) is located at the bottom right of the logo.

Maximize the speed of your gift. Texting a donation seems fast, but wireless companies tend to wait until you pay your bill before passing that money along. Online donations with a credit or debit card can be faster. ***Thank you for caring and for your generosity!*** (This information (in part) originally appeared in an article published on theconversation.com).

The Second Annual District Team Training Seminar—planned cooperatively with District Team Leaders, especially District Trainers Renée Merchant and Jim Goodwin— was held

A group of approximately 15 people are seated in a circle on black chairs in a large, brightly lit room with high ceilings and large windows. The participants, including men and women of various ages, are engaged in a group discussion. In the foreground, a man in a blue polo shirt is speaking to the group. The room has a light-colored floor and several potted plants are placed around the perimeter.

Great job, team!

More Grant Management Seminars Coming Soon!

Is your Rotary Club thinking about applying for a Community Grant or a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in the 2018-2019 Rotary year? All prospective grant-ees are required to be qualified through District 6360 to receive and administer TRF funds.

Among other things, qualification requires that TWO members of each interested Rotary Club attend a Grant Management Seminar. District 6360 is offering THREE MORE opportunities to complete the Grant Management Seminar in 2018:

- **Tuesday, February 13** from 6 pm-8 pm @ Hilton Garden Inn in Benton Harbor/St. Joseph
- **Tuesday, March 20** from 6 pm-8 pm @ East Lansing Public Library
- **Friday, April 20** from 2 pm-4 pm @ the District Conference in Grand Haven

There is no cost to attend the seminar. Registration for the February and March sessions is now open on DACdb.com. If you have any questions, please contact District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair Nathan Triplett at 517-719-6499 or ntriplett@gmail.com.

Haslett-Okemos Rotary Fundraiser

It is time for the annual Hero Lunch to benefit the Haslett-Okemos Rotary Foundation. Proceeds from this event are used to support Foundation efforts, with a focus on scholarships and meeting unique financial needs of local high school students. The Foundation also participates in local and international service projects such as clean water initiatives, micro development (sewing machines and honey bees for women in developing counties) and park improvements. Recent contributions include support for the Rotary Gathering Circle at the Harris Nature Center in Okemos, and funding for the Weekend Survival Kit project for hungry youth and families.

This year's event will be at Gilbert and Blake's Restaurant, 3554 Okemos Road, Okemos on February 6, 2018 with two seatings from 11:45 am-1:30 pm. Tickets are \$25 each, and can be obtained through any Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club member.



**Feel free to contact Past President
Tammy Lemmer at 517-648-0689
or Tammy.Lemmer@gmail.com for
tickets or more information!**

Introducing the Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers.....

Never heard of the Cadre? No clue what it is? You aren't alone! Many, if not most, Rotarians are unaware of the expert assistance that is available to them when planning all sorts of projects.

What Is It and Who are We?

The Cadre is a group of volunteer Rotarians who provide technical expertise and advice to Rotarians planning and carrying out Rotary grant projects locally and around the world. The Cadre has advisers in each of Rotary's six areas of focus plus finance/grant management.

- Maternal and Child Health
- Basic Education and Literacy
- Disease Prevention and Treatment
- Water and Sanitation
- Economic and Community Development
- Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution
- Financial Management



Don't Go It Alone!

When doing projects, quality is important. You want your money to be used in the most effective way possible. A Cadre technical adviser can help guide your efforts. This is particularly important when undertaking high-dollar projects, especially in foreign countries. The Cadre can help you avoid common pitfalls and guide you through a successful project.



The Cadre also Works Behind the Scenes

Cadre members also assist the Rotary Foundation by reviewing, monitoring and evaluating projects and ensuring grant funds are being used properly. Our assignments include:

Interested in Joining the Cadre?

The Rotary Foundation is looking for Rotarians in all technical areas. Eligibility requirements include:

- Current, active member of a functioning Rotary club
- Good standing with The Rotary Foundation and Rotary International
- Professional experience in at least one of the technical sectors

Spanish Speakers and Women Especially Needed!!!!

The Cadre is currently in need of Cardiologists, Cardiovascular Surgeons and those with expertise in hospital equipment, particularly diagnostic. Additionally, the Cadre is seeking Rotarians, especially women and Spanish speakers, who are experienced professionals in the above areas of focus.

For more information or to join the cadre, write to cadre@rotary.org

Thank You for Your Generosity– Hurricane Harvey Relief



Rotary District 6360 Rotarians and Clubs donated **\$2,475** for Hurricane Harvey Relief. The monies were given to the RD6360 Foundation who in turn passed the funds on to Rotary District 5930. Rotary District 5930 DG Betty Ramirez-Lara expressed her appreciation and thanks for the funds which are sorely needed to rebuild the area. Rotary District 5930 has raised

almost \$500,000 for hurricane relief. RD6360 Foundation President Karl Kincade described the damage in the Rockport and Port Aransas, TX area as "mind boggling." *Photo, from left to right: Adam Lara, Karl Kincade and District 5930 DG Betty Ramirez-Lara.*

East Lansing Rotary Invites You to a Celtic Concert Benefiting *Weekend Survival Kits*!

Contact Ingrid Nova for Tickets (\$25 in advance!) or more information!

A CONCERT TO BENEFIT

Weekend Survival Kits

Giving HOPE to Hungry Kids



**SUNDAY
MARCH 25
2018**

FEATURING
blackthorn
CELTIC BAND





EXPANDING THE SCOPE OF THE CHILDREN'S SAFE WATER PROJECT

The **District 6360 Children's Safe Water Committee**

has expanded its scope to meet a wider range of issues that affect safe water. Those issues may include, but are not limited to, hand washing, sanitation, hygiene, latrines and water storage. Moving forward we are no longer going to focus on water filters only. We have created a new line in our account at the Foundation titled "WASH", an acronym for Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene.

The District's Children's Safe Water Committee currently has \$40,000 earmarked for filters, monies that were raised in the years after the "Water Boys" turned the project over to our committee. Funds donated previously will continue to be used for the purchase, installation, and education related to water filters. The cost of the filter, shipping expenses, and installation in the home of a resident of the Dominican Republic is estimated to be about \$125.

The WASH account, created in recent months, has just over \$3,000. You are certainly welcome to put water filter



on the memo line of your check made out to the District 6360 Foundation, and those funds will be used only for filters. However, as we go forward, we are encouraging our amazing donors to simply put WASH on the memo lines, which will make their donations much more versatile as we work to improve the health of our friends in the Dominican Republic. For further information or to schedule a presentation please contact the District Secretary Ed Schaadt at edschaadt@gmail.com. Make your check payable to the Rotary District 6360 Foundation/WASH and send it to:

Rotary District 6360 Foundation
c/o Jansen Valk Thompson Reahm PC
7171 Stadium Drive
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49009

South Haven Rotary Helps Teen Gain Eagle Scout Credentials

The dream of a South Haven teenager seeking to become an Eagle scout through an ambitious project will benefit two communities for years to come. Elían García approached the **Rotary Club of South Haven** and other community organizations seeking support toward the purchase of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) for the public libraries in South Haven and nearby Bangor.



A grant from the South Haven Rotarians and other fund raising initiatives, including a very successful pancake breakfast, resulted in the goal of \$4,000 being achieved. With support from South Haven Area Emergency Services and a representative from the American Heart Association, Elían hosted a daylong CPR training session for several library staff members. The AEDs were put into service on January 15th.



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Congratulations Elían!

Pictured with Elían are Rotarians Art

Ayers, Jim France (also the South Haven library director) and Stuart Comiskey (also a Boy Scout leader). Pictured demonstrating the use of an AED are Scouts Elían García (foreground) and William Brennan.



Harbor Country Rotary Year-end Giving



Every year since the **Harbor Country Rotary Club** has existed, two projects have ended the calendar year – Hats & Mittens and Food Baskets. This year was no exception. The Pokagon Fund matching grant of \$3000 (\$1500 for each), contributions from the community and club fundraisers allowed 256 children in New Buffalo and River Valley schools to receive quality hats, mittens, scarves and wool socks.

Additionally, 36 families consisting of 168 people (72 adults and 96 children) received a food basket and 4 totes containing food for the holiday and staple food for days beyond the holidays. Generous in-kind donations provided hams, ground beef, sausage, salad greens, bread, rolls and many special items. This resulted in having funds to provide bags of apples, potatoes, milk, butter, margarine, bacon and eggs to all families in addition to the cereal, pancake mix/syrup, canned meats, sauces, pasta, soups and veggies for many future meals. Members shopped judiciously for best quality, best prices. Basket liners were made by Sally Ernst, Lakeshore Rotary. Deliveries to the families were done on December 23rd by members, never letting snow and cold deter them from their mission of *"Making a Difference."*



THANKS





Rotary International Convention Toronto, Ontario, Canada June 23-27, 2018

Take the TRAIN To Toronto for the RI Convention!

“It’s the best way there is to celebrate a year of successful service, and renew our energies for the year to come.” - 2017-2018 RI President Ian H.S. Riseley, Rotary Club of Sandringham, Victoria, Australia

If you’ve never attended a Rotary International convention, why not start with Toronto? And if you’re a convention veteran, you know how much fun it is! Here is some of the latest Convention news:

* **The pre-registration discount ends March 31.** Registration will continue after this date, but the price will go up April 1. Registration is through the Rotary International website: www.rotary.org Look for the Toronto convention link along the right side of the page. Registration includes your admission to all of the large general sessions, all of the breakout sessions, and the House of Friendship.



* We have **49 people from our district already registered.** If you have been thinking about attending, now is the time to take the plunge – it will be fun. And if you haven’t been thinking about this at all, you should – it will be a memorable experience! Click [HERE](#) to register for the Convention!

* We have been invited to join a **“Rotary Train”** to the convention by Rotarians in our neighboring districts (6380 and 6400). They thought it would be fun to travel to Toronto by train, and to do so in a private car. Our neighboring Rotarians have already filled one car, and have invited us to help them fill a second Rotary car. Here is the important information about that train:



Event: Toronto Convention-Train 2 **Date:** June 23, 2018, 9:05 a.m. to June 28, 2018, 12:15 p.m.

Cost: \$215 (Canadian) **Location:** Via Rail, 298 Walker Road, Windsor, Ontario, Canada; N8Y 2M9

Details: Second Train Car to Toronto. Confirmation required by March 3. If we are unable to secure 68 people to take the train, your fee will be refunded. You can also book family and friends on the Rotary Train!

Here is the link if you’d like to register for the Rotary Train:

[All Aboard!!](#)

IMPORTANT REMINDER!!

Reminder that clubs should have held their election of officers in December and the results sent to the District and Rotary International ASAP.

Committee Chair appointments are due by PETS!

Both your PE *and* your President-Nominee are welcome to attend PETS Orientation and PETS! What a great opportunity for your Club's future leaders!

Register for PETS Orientation at www.DACdb.com and for Great Lakes PETS [HERE](#)



Does your Rotary Club have a "Rotary Hero?"

Heroes will be recognized at Dinner on **Saturday April 21** at the 2018 District Conference...

The deadline to submit your Rotary Club Hero information is **March 16!!**

Contact **Ingrid Nova** for more in-

formation or to submit your Hero Nomination:

Rotary6360@gmail.com or 517-604-6360

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

517-604-6360 or rotary6360@gmail.com

District Office: 741 Wolverine Road, Mason, MI 48854



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





Congratulations to Last Month's Winner!

Emily Doherty of the **Hastings Rotary Club** won last month's prize drawing— ***Congratulations!*** The phone was hidden on page 8 on the chopping block! Where could it be this month?? Every month I will ask you to find the Rotary phone hidden somewhere in the newsletter.... It will look like the one below (that's not the one hidden!), but it may be any size or color!!

If and when you find it, email or call to tell me where you found it and you will be entered into that month's drawing for a "wonderful prize!!" Have fun and happy hunting!!



Ingrid Nova, District Administrator

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NewsLetter
DEADLine



Upcoming Deadlines, Dates & Events...

- ◇ February 10, 2018—Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI)—Shipshewana, IN, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM
- ◇ February 13, 2018—Grant Management Seminar, Hilton Garden Inn, Benton Harbor, 6:00—8:00 PM
- ◇ February 17, 2018—PETS 1—First United Methodist Church of Kalamazoo, 8:30
- ◇ February 24, 2018—PETS 1—Jackson Library, Downtown Auditorium, 8:30
- ◇ March 15-17, 2018—Great Lakes PETS, Kalamazoo Radisson
- ◇ March 20, 2018—Grant Management Seminar, E. Lansing Library, 6:00— 8:00 PM
- ◇ April 14, 2018—Staff Meeting & Board Meeting, Location TBD, 8:30 AM
- ◇ April 20-21, 2018—District Conference, Grand Haven, MI
- ◇ June 2018— Date & Location TBD—District Governor Handover
- ◇ June 23-27, 2018—Rotary International Convention, Toronto, ON



Don't Forget to Check the Calendar on the District Database:

www.DACdb.com!

Club	Members 6/30/2017	Members Current	YTD-Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend %	ATT % Rank
Albion	37	39	2	3	3	72	17
Allegan	32	34	2	0	2	57.38	34
Battle Creek	85	83	-2	0	3	41.04	50
Benton Harbor-Sunrise	43	45	2	0	4	56.34	35
Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	40	37	-3	0	3	69.4	22
Bronson	27	27	0	-1	4	71.59	19
Cereal City Sunrise	28	30	2	5	2	78	10
Charlotte MI	78	70	-8	-2	4	78.28	9
Climax	24	22	-2	-1	3	79	8
Coldwater	77	77	0	0	3	83.5	3
Coldwater Township Sunrise	50	53	3	1	4	83.2	4
Constantine	15	15	0	0	3	100	1
Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	57	56	-1	-2	3	70.91	21
Delton Area	41	41	0	-1	4	56.25	38
Dowagiac	41	36	-5	0	3	36	53
East Lansing	73	72	-1	0	3	61.59	28
Eaton Rapids	34	32	-2	0	3	56.3	36
Grand Ledge	51	48	-3	-1	3	63.19	26
Gull Lake Area	45	49	4	1	3	65.93	25
Harbor Country	30	29	-1	2	4	61.21	29
Haslett-Oke mos	44	43	-1	0	3	60.32	30
Hastings	65	64	-1	-1	3	59.69	32
Hillsdale	37	37	0	0	2	56.25	37
Ionia	39	33	-6	-1	4	36.51	52
Jackson	59	60	1	0	4	52.17	45
Jackson-Breakfast	25	26	1	1	3	82.89	5
Jonesville	22	21	-1	0	3	76.19	11
Kalamazoo	202	167	-35	-19	3	44.38	49
Kalamazoo Sunrise	18	17	-1	0	3	53.33	43
Lakeshore	51	55	4	4	3	63.01	27
Lansing	209	205	-4	-3	3	50.56	47
Lansing - Dewitt Sunrise	26	26 (Nov)	0	n/a	0	0	56
Litchfield	16	15	-1	-1	3	73	16
Marshall	60	54	-6	-6	3	34.81	55
Mason	32	32	0	0	3	73.68	14
Middleville	35	35	0	0	4	55	40
Oshtemo	24	21	-3	0	2	71.43	20
Otsego	14	14	0	-1	2	82.14	6
Paw Paw Area	30	31	1	2	4	58.06	33
Paw Paw Lake	19	22	3	1	4	68.6	23
Plainwell	15	16	1	0	3	53	44
Portage	84	76	-8	-2	3	55.81	39
Quincy	27	21	-6	-4	3	67	24
Reading	10	11	1	0	3	72	18
Rotaract Club Of Kalamazoo	0	0 ()	0	n/a	0	0	57
Rotary Satellite Club of Charlotte	0	16	16	2	4	86.44	2
Saugatuck-Douglas Rotary	37	40	3	2	3	55	41
South Haven	53	48	-5	1	3	73.61	15
South Lansing-Holt	29	30	1	-8	1	40.29	51
St. Johns	48	47	-1	0	3	35.25	54
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	134	135	1	0	2	51.46	46
Sturgis	42	39	-3	-1	3	54.7	42
Three Rivers	72	73	1	-1	4	45.06	48
Union City	21	21	0	0	4	76	12
Vicksburg	39	34	-5	-2	2	82.09	7
White Pigeon	16	14	-2	0	4	75	13
Williamston Sunrise	28	30	2	0	3	60	31
Totals, Net Gain, Avg Attendance:							
55 of 57 clubs reporting	2590	2524	-66	-59	3.11	63.20%	