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**District Governor
Nathan Triplett**

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In Like a Lion, Out Like a Lamb

Proverbially, the month of March, or at least its weather, comes in like a lion and goes out like a lamb. It's a month of transition between a long, cold winter and the beginning of spring. March is also a month for beginning transitions in Rotary.

Presidents-Elect will gather this month for the annual President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS) to begin preparations in earnest for the 2021-2022 Rotary year. Of course, due to COVID-19, that "gathering" will be virtual this year, but it's an excellent illustration of the silver linings we can all find in times of adversity. By conducting the training virtually, this year's event will combine the Great Lakes and Midwest PETS and bring together 1,100 Rotarian leaders from across thirteen districts in five U.S. states and Ontario. For good reason, it's been dubbed MEGA PETS. This incredible undertaking would not be possible without some dedicated District 6360 Rotarians. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank, among others, PDG Jim Cupper, PDG Bill Smith, PDG Renée Merchant, PDG Teresa Brandell, IPDG Margie Haas, DGE Rita LaMoreaux, and AG Brian Tort. They have all been working tirelessly for months and exemplify the notion of Service Above Self.

March also begins our District's annual cycle of Grant Management Seminars (GMS) for The Rotary Foundation in preparation for the next Rotary year (and the May application deadline!) GMS completion is a requirement for any club that wants to apply for a District Grant to support a club project. Here again, our District is blessed to have Rotarians willing to step up and get the job done under extraordinary circumstances. DGN Kathy Gallagher, who also serves as District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, has put together three Zoom webinars, starting this month, to make sure that our Rotarians can access this important training safely and conveniently.

Finally, March marks one year since the novel coronavirus arrived in Michigan. One year since our clubs and our District moved to virtual meetings and masking up. One year since we all found ourselves needing to adapt Rotary and our projects to a new reality. It's been a long, challenging year. But, with vaccination efforts moving forward and the prospect of retuning in-person Rotary meetings on the horizon, I pause to reflect on how we could not have made it this far without the perseverance, selflessness, and hard work of Rotarians, including those I named above. Like March weather, this Rotary year certainly came in like lion. Thanks to all of you, it too may go out like a lamb.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Nathan Triplett, District Governor (2020-2021)



Rotary Opens Opportunities



2021-2022 Rotary International

Theme: *Serve to Change Lives*

Incoming Rotary International President **Shekhar Mehta** urged members to become more involved in service projects, saying that caring for and serving others is the best way to live because it changes not only other people's lives, but also our own.

Mehta, a member of the Rotary Club of Calcutta-Mahanagar, West Bengal, India, revealed the 2021-22 presidential theme, *Serve to Change Lives*, to incoming District Governors on 1 February during the Rotary International Assembly. "Rotary kindled the spark within me to look beyond myself and embrace humanity," he said. "Service became a way of life for me and I, like many others, adopted the guiding philosophy that 'Service is the rent I pay for the space I occupy on this earth, and I want to be a good tenant of this earth.'"

Mehta encouraged District Governors-elect to lead by example during their term and inspire Rotary and Rotaract members to participate in projects that have measurable and sustainable impacts. He's asking each club to conduct a Rotary Day of Service.

"At the end of your term as district governor, you should feel that because of your leadership, because of your inspiration to Rotarians and Rotaractors, the world has changed for the better because of the service done by them during the year," he said.

Focusing on Diversity, Membership

For the 2021-22 Rotary year, Mehta wants members to focus their efforts on empowering girls and ensuring their access to education, resources, services, and opportunities so that future generations of women leaders will have the tools they need to succeed. Mehta asked members to use Rotary's belief that diversity, equity, and inclusion is critical in all we do as a compass to guide this work.

Increasing membership while also continuing our commitment to eradicating polio, fighting COVID-19, and serving our communities is an ambitious goal. "And that should excite you," Mehta said. "Rotarians love challenges." Read more [HERE](#).

President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) Info & Dates

2021 President-Elect Training Schedule for District 6360

***** Recordings of Pre-PETS 1, 2 & 3 Now Available! *****



Our District is excited to be a part of the largest training event in recent history with 13 Rotary Districts in 5 states and Ontario participating. Great Lakes Rotary PETS and Midwest PETS have combined resources to create the best Rotarian training possible.

This annual event, which is normally President-Elect training, has now added more sessions for any Ro-

tarian, President Nominee and Assistant Governor. All this from the comfort of your home in front of a computer.

This year's virtual PETS will be a great opportunity to network, share ideas and to learn from some of Rotary's prominent leaders. Sessions include keynotes from our future Rotary International Presidents Shekhar Mehta and Jennifer Jones. There will be a Diversity Panel along with sessions on fundraising, strategic planning, foundation, online tools and change management.

To check out the schedule and register, go to www.greatlakesrotarypets.org.

For any questions, contact District Governor-Elect Rita LaMoreaux at ritalamoreaux@gmail.com or 517-974-5523.

Don't forget the District will also be offering "Post PETS" on Saturday, March 27, from 8:30-10:30 AM. Hope to see you there too!



District 6360 Foundation Corner

Does Your Rotary Club Need Grant Money?

Each year, your D6360 Foundation's Karl Sandelin Grants provide funds to Rotary Clubs within District 6360 for community service projects. This year there is much more need in our communities and your District 6360 Foundation would love to help your Rotary Club fulfill some of those needs. Grants from \$500 to \$5,000 are available. Completed applications are due April 30 and will be awarded in June upon approval by the Foundation's Board of Trustees.

We invite your Club to submit a grant application. Click [HERE](#) to access the Karl Sandelin Grant application's policies, guidelines, and instructions. Your Club must follow all policies, guidelines and instructions so that the District 6360 Foundation's Grants Review Committee may appraise your request appropriately. The Committee scores each application based on the items listed on the application's policies, guidelines, and instructions. Please note that Clubs must match the requested grant amount dollar for dollar up to \$5,000. In-kind contributions will not be considered in the match. The awarded funds are available to be used when the awardee requests them.

Karl Sandelin Grants are funded mostly by the Annual District 6360 Foundation Raffle. Therefore, the Grants Review Committee does give some consideration to the level of participation in the Raffle by the Club submitting the application. Raffle tickets are \$25 each and ticket purchasers have the opportunity to win many fabulous cash prizes. Each Club in the District is assigned a certain number of tickets to sell based on their number of members. Many Clubs are 100% Clubs meaning that they consistently – year after year - sell every raffle ticket they are allotted! We will be highlighting those Clubs in a future newsletter article. The more tickets Rotarians sell each year, the more money that will be available to fund Karl Sandelin Grants. Below is a list of the grants awarded in the 2020 grant cycle. We hope to see your Club's name on the list for receiving a 2021 Karl Sandelin Grant.

Rotary Club	Approved	Project Name
Delta Waverly	\$2,000.00	Christmas Gifts for Low-income families
Gull Lake	\$4,000.00	Build 120 latrines in the Dominican Republic - 1st phase
Lakeshore	\$3,000.00	Interact Dominican Republic project
South Haven	\$4,000.00	Splash Pad alternative to Lake Michigan
Union City	\$3,000.00	Senior Center remodel
Williamston Sunrise	\$2,000.00	Hotspots for Williamston School District
TOTAL AWARDED	\$18,000.00	

For information about your District 6360 Foundation, contact
Gene L. Svebakken, President, gsveb@comcast.net

East Lansing Rotary Club Helps Out Their Local Downtown



As a part of the “Daytime. Nighttime. Anytime. Place Project,” the East Lansing Rotary Club will be partnering with the City of East Lansing to launch the Downtown Weekend Warrior Program.

Members of the Rotary Club will be volunteering their time to help activate several public spaces in downtown East Lansing every Saturday from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. over the next six weekends. They will be overseeing the community’s use of heaters at rotating outdoor dining spaces in the downtown and will also be distributing masks, hand warmers and hand sanitizer to downtown patrons.

“The call was put out to East Lansing Rotarians and they are eager to volunteer their time to support the City of East Lansing and downtown businesses,” said Chris Nugent, President of Horizon Bank (Greater Lansing Market) and President-Elect of the East Lansing Rotary Club (photo below, in center).

East Lansing Rotary members are pleased to partner with the City of East Lansing as we navigate through these challenging times,” said Peter Dewan, East Lansing Rotary Foundation Board. “We continue to seek out opportunities to fulfill our motto ‘Service above Self’ and believe the Place Project is an excellent way to support our community.”

In addition to supporting the Place Project through the Downtown Weekend Warrior Program, the East Lansing Rotary Club generously contributed \$5,000 towards the project’s crowdfunding campaign goal.

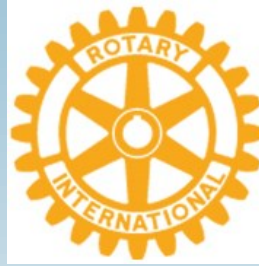
“We appreciate the East Lansing Rotary Club’s support of this exciting project for downtown, both by way of volunteer service and funding support,” said East Lansing Community & Economic Development Administrator Adam Cummins. “We hope to see community members mask up and come on out for some heated, outdoor dining this winter and early spring at the various public spaces we plan to activate.”



2021 Grant Management Seminars

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Is your Rotary Club thinking about applying for a Community Grant or a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in the 2021-2022 Rotary year? All prospective grantees are required to be qualified through District 6360 to receive and administer TRF funds.



Grants Management Seminar

Among other things, qualification requires that TWO members of each interested Rotary Club attend a Grant Management Seminar. District 6360 is offering THREE opportunities to complete the Grant Management Seminar in 2021 (ALL via Zoom!):

- **Monday March 8 at 6pm**
- **Thursday April 22 at 6pm**
- **Saturday May 1 at 9:30 am**



Mark Your Calendar

We hope that these opportunities will fully prepare you to plan your project, apply for a grant, inform you about the reporting requirements, timelines and fulfill The Rotary Foundation's and District 6360's requirements for club qualification!

There is **no cost** to attend the seminar. Registration is now open on www.DACdb.com. If you have any questions, please contact District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair **Kathy Gallagher** at 269-209-5949 or kgallagher@bcacs.org.

Save the Date! 2021 District Conference

The 2021 District Conference will be VIRTUAL, Thursday and Friday, May 20-21, 2021. More information coming soon!!



Does your Rotary Club have a "Rotary Hero?"

Heroes will be recognized at
The 2021 District Conference...

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

Contact **Ingrid Nova** for more information or
to submit your Hero Nomination:

Rotary6360@gmail.com or 517-604-6360

SWM Interact Clubs Raise over \$38,000 to Help Others



Since 2019, the SWM Interact Clubs have raised over \$38,000 to bring education, housing, food and medical care to Haitian families living among sugar cane fields in La Romana, Dominican Republic. The effort has kept 120 kids living in a remote village called a Batey, in school. The Herald Palladium newspaper has been very supportive of the Club featuring efforts in PR, which has helped raise interest in Rotary.

This past January, the Interact Clubs used funds to send \$9,000 to the DR to help ensure school age children stayed connected to what is now virtual school through donations of Tablets, WIFI and Hotspots. The partnering club coordinating the effort was the Rotary Club of La Romana Rio Dulce and the Dominican Republic Department of Education applauded the effort. Interact Club Members are now preparing for their annual mission trip to the Dominican Republic, which will take place this August. During the trip, students will build a home and learn more about a prosthetics clinic that is being built.

Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Lakeshore and the Rotary Club of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor for sponsoring participating Interact Clubs of Bridgman High School, Lake Michigan Catholic High School, Lake Michigan Catholic Middle School, Lakeshore High School, St. Joseph High School and Upton Middle School.





Wanted

People of Action

District 6360 is looking for Rotarians to serve on committees during the coming Rotary year. Help is needed on the committees below.

Diversity Equity & Inclusion
Public Image
Training
Youth Services

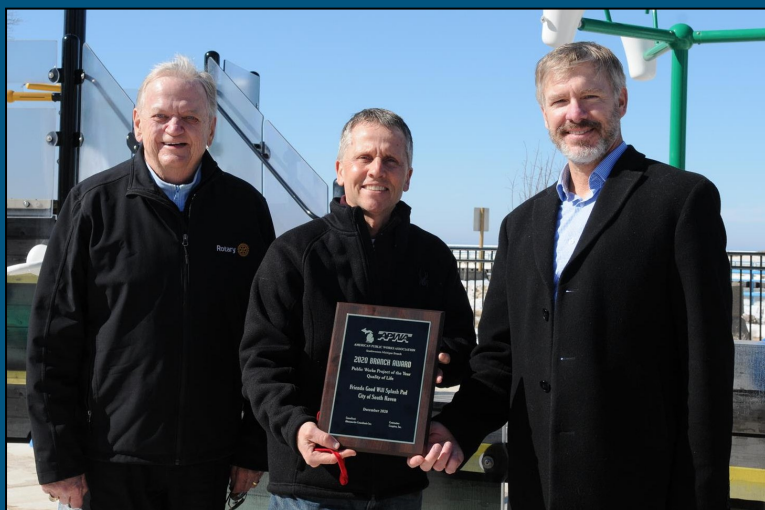
Contact District Governor-Elect
Rita LaMoreaux if you are interested,
ritalamoreaux@gmail.com
or 517-974-5523



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

South Haven Rotary Club Recognized for Project

A City of South Haven project supported by Rotary has received recognition from the Michigan Chapter of the American Public Works Association. Last summer the city completed construction of a recreational splashpad intended to provide a safe haven for kids, especially when Lake Michigan conditions are not conducive for swimming. Rotary provided \$17,500 for the project -- \$10,000 from the South Haven club, \$4,000 from District 6360 Foundation and \$3,500 from the District 6360 Karl Sandelin Grant program. The Michigan chapter of APWA recognized it as its 2020 Project of the Year. Mark Worden, representing the APWA, is pictured presenting plaque to Rotary club immediate past president Mark Odland (left) and mayor and Rotarian Scott Smith (center). The splashpad depicts the South Haven-based Friends Good Will, a replica of an 1800s sailing schooner that's featured at the Michigan Maritime Museum.



Marshall Rotary Club Donates to the Humane Society



Marshall Rotary President, Jack Reed, delivered donations to Humane Society of SCMI from Rotary club members (photo at right). Pictured with Jack is Rotarian, Nola Baker and her Husband, Gary. Recently, the Director of The Humane Society, Jessica Gilbert visited the Club's regular zoom meeting on Tuesday to tell us how the Humane Society was managing during the pandemic. Adoptions have been up and while special events have had changes, they are doing well. Marshall Rotary has met weekly with interesting topics. Since the first of January, Harriet Carroll has told the Club how Christmas projects were

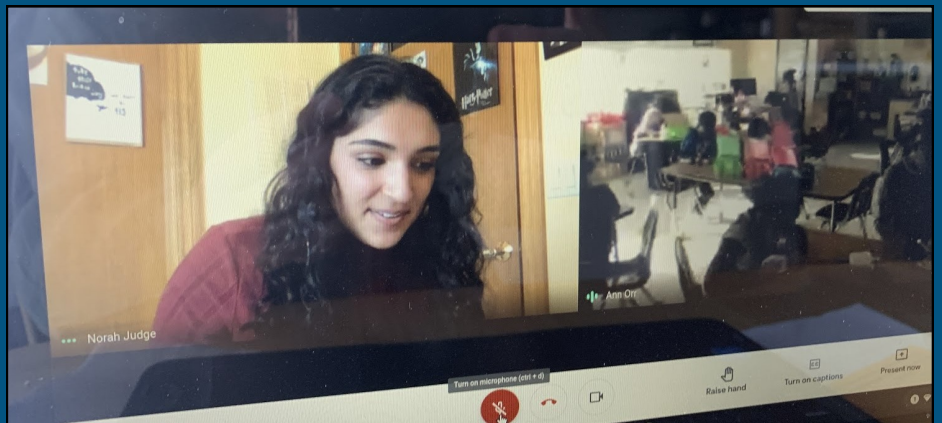
completed. Eric Pessell brought us up to date on Calhoun County's efforts to contain the cov virus. Eric Worley described the Summit Pointe program to house youngsters in supportive home situations. And Dr Randy Davis gave us insight into how schools are managing.

Interact Club of St. Joseph Benton Harbor Busy Helping Others

Interact Club of St. Joseph High School recently completed a "SuperBowl Can Drive" which raised \$737.50 for Southwest Michigan Cares Fund to support local COVID-19 response through the United Way of Southwest Michigan and the Berrien Community Foundation.



The club has also been engaging in virtual reading activities with Countryside and Brown Elementary School's Y5, kindergarten and first grade students. Pictured here are Club President Norah Judge (*below*) and Community Service Director, Regan Igoe (*left*).



Benton Harbor SR Rotary Club Build Desks for Students in Need



As students all across the globe have been forced to convert some part of their home into a school desk due to remote learning conditions during the pandemic, not everyone has been able to find the best solution. Fortunately, for members of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor, there are some great people at the Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Club working to resolve that.

With the transition from in-classroom to remote learning during the COVID-19 pandemic, students are trying to find a place to study. Many times, kitchen tables or coffee tables are stand-ins for classroom desks. Sometimes the bed, the floor or a lap is all that is available in homes where extra furniture may be considered but not easily afforded. In those instances, concentration for the student is exceedingly difficult.

Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Club members agreed to assist and to participate in a matching grant to raise \$1,500.00 to be used towards building desks for kids in 1st to 6th grades who are in need and whose parents would not otherwise be able to buy a desk for their child.

Brian Saxton, former Rotary Club president and past CEO of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor, knows that a conducive home learning environment is not just a need during a pandemic. It provides the foundation for academic success, impacts school attendance, grades, development of study habits, and increasing skills proficiency. He immediately drew up a proposal to raise funds for the "Home School Desks for Vulnerable Students" project to present to the Berrien Community Foundation and for the Heart of Cook grant in hopes to raise enough money to build 500 desks.

Brent and Dave built 15 desks over the course of three weeks, and 13 of those desks were given to families in need through the Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton Harbor on January 27th.

Recently the Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Club became, with its members, the Benton Harbor Interact Club teens and other community volunteers, part of the growing army of desk builders inspired by Brent and Dave. At the same time, they are honoring the Rotary Club's mission to improve literacy, numeracy, and the personal development of the youth in Benton Harbor as well as Rotary International's vision statement; "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."



Give More, *Earn More* with our Matching Program

This year's Rotary Foundation Annual Fund matching program is well underway and going strong!

Rotarians who have already participated in our District's The Rotary Foundation (TRF) matching program have contributed over \$15,000 to TRF's Annual Fund. (And more contributions are still being processed.)

Annual Fund contributions are the lifeblood that makes The Rotary Foundation (TRF) work. Each year, half our contributions from TRF's Annual Fund come right back to our District to help our clubs fund their projects. And the other half of our Annual Fund contributions help support all the good work that Rotarians do around the world!

It's easy to participate – here's how to get involved:

First, make a contribution to TRF's Annual Fund. You can do this in many ways:

- Online at the RI website (www.rotary.org) via Rotary Direct.
- Send a check directly to The Rotary Foundation – your club's TRF Committee Chair can help with this.
- Send proof of your donation by email or mail to our District's Fundraising Subcommittee Chair:

Teresa Brandell

323 Elmshaven Drive

Lansing, MI 48917

Email: Teresa.M.Brandell@gmail.com

Phone: 517-242-0125



Our District will match your contribution to TRF's Annual Fund with Foundation Recognition Points (FRP) equal to the amount of your contribution to the Annual Fund, up to a maximum of 500 points. These FRP have been donated by some very generous Rotarians on our District – thank you!

Donations can be any amount. Note, however, that TRF is not able to transfer matching points in amounts less than 100 points. Note also that you can make several smaller contributions throughout the year, and have the total amount matched.

These additional FRP you earn will be credited to you in TRF account, helping you reach your next Paul Harris recognition level faster!

This year's matching program will continue until May 31, 2021, or until the pool of available FRP has been exhausted.

Thank you all for your support of The Rotary Foundation – it's our Number One charity as Rotarians! It's the way we do good in the world!



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Portage Rotary Scholarship Fund

Gift Auction

March 6-13, 2021

Virtual Auction to benefit the
Portage Rotary Scholarship Fund

Search "Portage Rotary" at
www.chairbids.com/auctions

Contact

aj.srmek@gmail.com for
questions or to submit
last minute donations

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2021 ROTARY CONVENTION NOW VIRTUAL

**2021 VIRTUAL
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTION**

#Rotary21



**The 2021 Rotary International Convention will now
be VIRTUAL ONLY so all can easily join in!**

June 12-16, 2021

You are invited to the VIRTUAL Rotary International Convention from June 12 to 16, 2021. The Convention, even virtually, is the perfect place to discover new opportunities for service and friendship. We are from the 12 Hosting Districts in Taiwan with around 35,000 Rotarians, anxious to show you our hospitality and warmest welcome.

*Join us at the Rotary Convention
in 2021*

*and **Feel the Energy!***

**Register for the
Rotary International
Convention [HERE!!](#)**





Congratulations to Last Month's Winner!

Lee Scherwitz of the **Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Club** won last month's prize drawing – ***Congratulations!*** Last month the phone was hidden on page 5 on the box! 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...**

- ◇ March 8, 2021—**Grant Management Seminar**, 6:00-8:00 PM, via Zoom
- ◇ March 11-13, 2021—**MEGA Rotary PETS**, Virtual
- ◇ March 27, 2021—**Post-PETS Session**, 8:30-10:30 AM
- ◇ April 7, 2021—**Membership Meet Up**, 6:30 PM via Zoom
- ◇ April 17, 2021—**District Team Training**, 8:30-10:30 AM
- ◇ April 22, 2021—**Grant Management Seminar**, 6:00-8:00 PM, via Zoom
- ◇ April 24, 2021—**Staff/Board Meeting**, 9 AM via Zoom
- ◇ May 1, 2021—**Grant Management Seminar**, 9:00-11:00 AM, via Zoom
- ◇ May 5, 2021—**District Membership Meet Up**, 6:30-7:30 PM, via Zoom
- ◇ May 20-21, 2021—**District Conference**, VIRTUAL



Don't Forget to Check the Calendar on www.DACdb.com!

Club	Members 6/30/2020	Members Current	YTD-Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend %	ATT % Rank
Albion	31	28	-3	-1	2	0	46
Allegan	25	23	-2	1	0	0	47
Battle Creek	66	61	-5	-3	4	40.18	35
Benton Harbor-Sunrise	34	36	2	1	4	70.5	6
Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	30	30	0	0	4	44.17	31
Cereal City Sunrise	22	22	0	0	4	88.2	1
Charlotte	64	59	-5	0	4	56.63	18
Climax	19	19	0	0	0	0	48
Coldwater	68	67	-1	0	2	41	34
Coldwater Township Sunrise	53	53	0	0	4	60.1	13
Constantine	14	13	-1	13	0	0	49
Delta Township	51	50	-1	1	4	55.38	19
Delton Area	47	48	1	0	4	27.08	41
Dowagiac	32	31	-1	0	4	57.26	17
East Lansing	51	50	-1	0	4	0	50
Eaton Rapids	32	30	-2	-2	4	53	21
Grand Ledge	47	46	-1	0	4	26.08	42
Gull Lake Area	39	36	-3	0	4	79.7	2
Harbor Country	36	0	-36	-45	4	58.1	16
Haslett-Okemos	42	42	0	-1	3	58.14	15
Hastings	73	73	0	5	4	35.32	37
Hillsdale	42	0 (Nov)	3	n/a	0	0	43
Ionia	26	26	0	0	2	27.69	40
Jackson	47	44	-3	0	4	42.95	32
Jackson-Breakfast	23	20	-3	0	4	50	25
Jonesville	22	22	0	0	4	44.32	30
Kalamazoo	141	141	0	2	0	0	51
Kalamazoo Sunrise	14	13	-1	0	3	69.44	7
Lakeshore	46	46	0	2	4	68.32	9
Lansing	189	180	-9	-1	4	48.05	29
Lansing - Dewitt Sunrise	17	16	-1	0	4	79.17	3
Litchfield	14	14	0	0	0	0	52
Marshall	52	46	-6	0	4	39.49	36
Mason	31	31	0	2	4	48.94	26
Middleville	36	34	-2	0	3	30	38
Oshtemo	21	21	0	0	4	79.01	4
Otsego	18	17	-1	1	1	71	5
Paw Paw Area	23	19	-4	0	4	48.68	27
Paw Paw Lake	18	18	0	-1	4	67.1	10
Plainwell	19	19	0	1	0	0	53
Portage	66	66	0	0	4	52.53	22
Quincy	19	19	0	0	0	0	54
Rotary Satellite Club of Charlotte Evening	13	0	-13	0	3	42.86	33
Saugatuck-Douglas Rotary	47	44	-3	-1	3	65	12
South Haven	62	62	0	0	4	66.13	11
South Lansing-Holt	20	20	0	0	4	53.75	20
St. Johns	42	42	0	1	1	29.73	39
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	94	94	0	-4	3	48.52	28
Sturgis	30	23	-7	-3	0	0	55
Three Rivers	61	61	0	4	4	50	23
Union City	25	21	-4	0	2	50	24
Vicksburg	37	32	-5	0	3	58.43	14
White Pigeon	13	12	-1	0	0	0	56
Williamston Sunrise	32	31	-1	-2	4	68.5	8
Totals, Net Gain, Avg Attendance:							
53 of 56 clubs reporting	2236	2071	-120	-30	2.92	42.46%	