



District 6360 Gazette

GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

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A Sad Story from the Future....



DG Dick Sammis

Rotary Bob is dejected once again. He and his wife are attending their club's Christmas party, and once again most club Rotarians are gathered in groups telling tales of the great District Conference last May (2008). One gal is talking about how the 'Children of the Dump' Program inspired her whole family to get involved! Another man is talking about the 'Grand Hospitality Tour', and another talking about the hikes and horseback riding with his family! Enough already!

This is the 3rd straight club event Bob has been to when all the talk is about that darned District Conference he chose not to attend. And now his wife has found out she and the kids could have gone and participated! What a mess!

You see Bob made the mistake of thinking this would be 'just another District Conference'. He didn't realize the programs would be 'inspiring Rotary humanitarian stories' and that spouses and children were all included! And what about that great Inn, the Potawatomi something.... Everyone wants to go back!!! No choice, he'll have to take the whole family there as soon as possible, but without the Rotary fun.....

If he had just marked the date on his calendar: May 16-18, 2008, and if he had just visited the website: www.districtconference.com. Rats! Rats! Rats!

Dick Sammis, District Governor 6360

Congratulations to **DGE Renee** who was on front page of the RI Website interviewed as a DGE at the International Assembly! She is home from the hospital following abdominal surgery. GET WELL SOON!

PDG Don Humphreys – eye surgery related to his diabetes.

PDG Len Stuttman – had a stroke and is in the Ingham County Medical Care Facility. His wife, Irene, is failing. She is still in Hospice.

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2008-09 RI Logo



There will be a **Rotary Alumni Celebration** in Los Angeles, CA June 13-14, 2008. There will be special events, notable speakers, and social gatherings. For more information, contact Manya Otis, District RI Foundation Chair manyadotis@sbcglobal.net

Dear Friends,

Several of you have asked if it is possible to purchase tickets for our fifth annual **"Hearts for Orphans"** Valentine's Dinner, Dance and Auction on-line. I am delighted to tell you that the answer is "YES!" This can be done by visiting our website at: <http://lingapcenter.org> and clicking on the top item on the home page. You will then receive your tickets in the mail. This is a very important event for us as it represents our only major fundraiser which is held on behalf of **The Lingap Center**, in Toledo City, Cebu, Philippines. 100% of the proceeds will go directly to the benefit of the children.

As you will recall from the invitation you received, the fundraiser will be held at 6:00 PM on Saturday, February 9, 2008 at the Gene Davis and Sons Banquet Center, located at 3575 Francis Street in Jackson, MI. I think it is going to be a great evening. We will be featuring traditional Philippine folk dances performed by the Pacific Island Dancers from Grand Rapids. I will be giving a Lingap Center project update and we will have dancing with music by the Millennium Entertainment Group. The menu is fantastic.

If you have not visited our website in the past, I hope that you will take a few minutes to explore and perhaps watch the videos. I would be interested in your reaction.

I hope to see you on Saturday the 9th of February for a wonderful evening!!

John Drake

DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANTS

District 6360 is currently accepting applications from all clubs in the District for District Simplified Grants, (DSG). These grants may be used by the clubs to assist them in funding a wide variety of local community projects. Some of the things clubs have done with DSG support include; restoring an antique fountain for the town square, erecting an entrance arch to a city park, constructing a canoe launch, purchasing classroom material, publicizing community-wide Fitness programs, and so on.

What can YOUR club do to improve the community YOU are living and working in? Look around. Ask around. Your community will benefit, your club will benefit, and Rotary will benefit.

Visit the District Website to find downloadable applications, criteria, and other useful information.

Important dates to keep in mind: **March 31, 2008 -- Deadline for applications**. Any application received after March 31, will NOT be considered! All submitting clubs will be informed of the status of their application mid-April. Checks will be sent to successful clubs in July, or as soon as possible after the District Treasurer receiving the funds from RI.

Remember: Visit the District Website to download the DSG material, identify local projects that could use your support, submit completed applications on time, and **SHARE ROTARY!**

Jim Goodwin, District 6360 Grants Chair

PLEASE HELP!

Kano, Nigeria Medical Matching Grant A Need For Club/Personal Contributions

Kano, Nigeria is in the north of Nigeria where polio is still endemic. This is also the area where D6360, through World Community Service chairperson Barbara Groner, is hoping to give assistance to public hospitals and clinics. Our district and Dr. Kaseem Mustapha of District 9120 are writing a Matching Grant that, when approved by The Rotary Foundation, will provide hundreds of thousands of dollars of much needed medical equipment and supplies to these medical units.

We are now in the fundraising stage of this project. Money is needed to pay a service fee to World Medical Relief in Detroit for their preparation of the equipment and supplies. Money is needed to pay for shipping the 40' ship-to-shore container to its destination in Nigeria.

As a District 6360 Rotarian, please encourage your club to donate to this worthy project. If every club in our district made a donation to this project we would be assured of success! Barbara Groner needs to hear from your club in February. Her email is: barbara.groner@gmail.com. Or call her at 269-782-6262 .

This is your club's chance to become involved, or stay involved, in International Service! When the medical equipment and supplies are being prepared for shipment your club will be notified so members can travel to Detroit to help!

Barb Groner presented a Rotary program in Dowagiac recently and it was written up in the local newspaper. Go to www.dowagiacnews.com/articles/2008/01/26 She tells of bringing water and medicine to Nigeria.

NOTE:

Barb Groner asks that clubs that haven't done so already please email her their international project involvement for this year ASAP so she can get it on her display board at PETS and the District Convention. barbara.groner@gmail.com



DG Dick Sammis presents a Paul Harris Fellow Award to Kathie Stratman on behalf of the White Pigeon Rotary Club.

Your club elections should have taken place by now. Please be sure to send your 2008-09 officer and chairman results to the District Office. We also need contact information for these people. At the very minimum, we need to know who your President Elect is and he/she must attend PETS. PETS is February 15-17, 2008 at the Radisson in Kalamazoo. Linda, district6360@cablespeed.com 517-543-7929.

DECEMBER, 2007 ATTENDANCE



Congratulations to all the clubs that have sent in their attendance figures. We broke a record and only eight clubs out of 58 did not get their attendance recorded. Let us get 100% next month.

CLUBS	NO. OF	NO. OF	NET GAIN/	% ATTEN.	REPORTED GIVING
	MEMBERS	MEMBERS	LOSS		TO ANNUAL FUND
AS REPORTED					
BY RI					
	7/1/2007	12/31/2007	12/31/2007	12/31/2007	THROUGH 12-31-07
District 6360					\$100.00
Albion	59	58	-1	70.30%	\$1,372.90
Allegan	38	39	1	69.99%	\$3,900.00
Battle Creek	92	97	5	39.83%	\$0.00
Benton Harbor Sunrise	55	56	1	69.51%	\$1,664.00
Berrien Springs/Eau Clair	29	31	2	51.00%	\$1,600.00
Bronson	48	46	-2	85.47%	\$600.00
Cereal City Sunrise	19	17	-2	52.00%	\$0.00
Charlotte	83	84	1	76.89%	\$4,067.00
Climax	26	26	0	NR	\$0.00
Coldwater Township	45	46	1	89.00%	\$1,000.00
Coldwater Noon	92	91	-1	71.02%	\$0.00
Constantine	18	18	0	100.00%	\$623.50
Delta Waverly	77	78	1	64.47%	\$1,600.00
Delton Area	29	28	-1	40.00%	\$100.00
Dowagiac	68	58	-10	36.00%	\$550.00
East Lansing	80	80	0	60.91%	\$2,525.00
Eaton Rapids	33	31	-2	64.00%	\$1,187.50
Grand Ledge	55	55	0	68.20%	\$200.00
Gull Lake Area	47	52	5	61.25%	\$1,580.15
Haslett-Okemos	51	47	-4	80.00%	\$2,000.00
Hastings	66	61	-5	67.22%	\$1,650.00
Hillsdale	58	51	-7	64.00%	\$4,329.00
Ionia	39	40	1	60.00%	\$100.00
Jackson Noon	88	88	0	59.09%	\$1,935.00
Jackson Breakfast	24	25	1	72.00%	\$2,512.66
Jonesville	26	23	-3	NR	\$0.00
Kalamazoo Sunrise	13	15	2	82.00%	\$2,600.00
Kalamazoo	247	250	3	68.66%	\$2,320.00
Lakeshore	53	54	1	56.91%	\$3,587.50
Lansing DeWitt Sunrise	33	30	-3	67.00%	\$1,375.00
Lansing	255	262	7	53.59%	\$2,800.30
Litchfield	17	17	0	NR	\$0.00
Marcellus	13	13	0	77.00%	\$100.00
Marshall	61	64	3	NR	\$1,011.00
Mason	31	27	-4	NR	\$1,100.00
Michigan Center JCE	14	14	0	51.00%	\$405.00
Middleville	38	38	0	60.00%	\$100.00
Niles-Buchanan	59	57	-2	NR	\$0.00
Oshtemo	43	42	-1	NR	\$2,900.00
Otsego	18	19	1	76.00%	\$894.50
Parchment	17	16	-1	54.00%	\$0.00
Paw Paw Area	24	24	0	65.62%	\$475.00
Paw Paw Lake	16	14	-2	53.50%	\$0.00
Plainwell	22	22	0	54.10%	\$400.00
Portage	84	87	3	65.00%	\$6,244.50
Portage AM	24	23	-1	67.00%	\$1,700.00
Quincy	37	37	0	72.20%	\$1,100.00
Reading	21	21	0	77.00%	\$0.00
South Haven	53	51	-2	71.92%	\$3,200.00
South Lansing-Holt	26	24	-2	72.20%	\$300.00
St. Johns	46	47	1	56.38%	\$1,025.00
St. Joe/Benton Harbor	187	196	9	72.81%	\$8,864.00
Sturgis	45	50	5	62.67%	\$100.00
Three Rivers	104	106	2	45.20%	\$600.00
Union City	23	22	-1	74.00%	\$3,300.00
Vicksburg	36	34	-2	NR	\$0.00
White Pigeon	12	12	0	71.00%	\$0.00
Williamston Sunrise	44	43	-1	54.26%	\$1,999.00
Totals	3061	3057	-4		\$83,697.51

Attention PEs, PN's and PDG's, you can register for PETS by going to:
www.greatlakesrotarypets.org
 or by going to the District site, www.district6360.com and clicking on Great Lakes PETS.

>We still need a PE from these clubs: Ionia and Litchfield!

>Semi-annual dues were due last month to the District **and** RI.

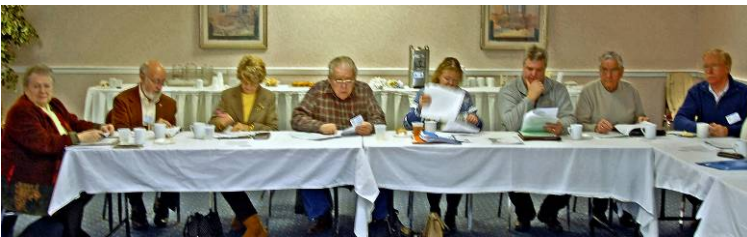
• Ionia Rotary now meets Wednesday's at Renucci's Restaurant, 540 State Road, Ionia, MI 48846. They also meet one time each month at the Ionia High School cafeteria.



NR = NO REPORT
 Remember!! Regular monthly reporting must be received by the 20th day of each month by our District Secretary Ed Foster. Please email to: egfoster@cablespeed.com or Fax to 517-543-3041.
 Remember 100% reporting is our goal



District 6360 leaders meet quarterly to share ideas, concerns and information regarding the 58 clubs and the Rotarians in the District.



Paw Paw Lake Rotary Club will celebrate 25 years on March 5th, 2008 – Dinner and entertainment 6 p.m. - ? Contact President, George Rose, for more information by 2/27. 269-468-5742 musketeers2@sbcglobal.net

HOW TO CALL THE POLICE WHEN YOU'RE OLD AND DON'T MOVE FAST ANY MORE

George Phillips of Meridian, Mississippi was going up to bed when his wife told him that he'd left the light on in the garden shed which she could see from the bedroom window. George opened the back door to go turn off the light but saw that there were people in the shed stealing things.

He phoned the police, who asked "Is someone in your house?" and he said "No." Then they said that all patrols were busy, and that he should simply lock his door and an officer would be along when available. George said, "Okay," hung up, counted to 30, and phoned the police again.

"Hello, I just called you a few seconds ago because there were people stealing things from my shed. Well, you don't have to worry about them now because I've just shot them." Then he hung up.

Within five minutes three police cars, an Armed Response Unit and an ambulance showed up at the Phillips' residence and caught the burglars red-handed.

One of the Policemen said to George: "I thought you said that you'd shot them!" George said, "I thought you said there was nobody available!"

(True Story) I LOVE IT - Don't mess with old people!!
[From PDG Jim Alden.]



GSE Team Heads to the Philippines

The Rotary Foundation Group Study Exchange team for 2008 leaves February 22 and returns March 23. This program provides an opportunity for young professionals to participate in a four- to six-week vocational exchange with Rotary districts in another country. They will be hosted by the Rotary clubs in the southeast region of Luzon, including Manila, Philippines.

The program is designed to promote international friendship and understanding through a mutual exchange of business and professional people between different countries. Since 1965, 57,000 participants from 100 countries have participated in this professional immersion and worldwide fellowship experience.

Included are: Lesa Ann Strausbaugh, Adam Martin, Andrea Anerson, Julia Gourley and Team Leader, Bob Small



Rotary D6360 BioSand Water Filter Project Continues to Grow

The Rotary D6360 BioSand Water Filter project continues to grow in support of providing “safe water” to the children, families, and neighbors of communities in the Dominican Republic. Since its start in District 6360 in 2004, approximately **\$175,000** has been donated for the purchase, training, and installation of BioSand Water Filters. These funds will be able to ultimately provide over 2,900 filters and serve over 46,000 people.

Initially, over \$29,000 was provided from donations from three Rotary Clubs, donations from Rotarians, and a \$5,000 District Simplified Grant with Rotary Foundation funds. These funds were delivered personally by Rotarians to Club Rotario Isabel de Torres in Puerto Plata for installation of filters in their community. Additional donated funds and Rotary Foundation Matching Grant Funds, District Designated and District Simplified Grant Funds have been used so far to fund these projects:

\$25,000	375 Filters	6,000 People	Club Rotario Santiago Gurabito and Los Caballeros
\$25,000	475 Filters	7,600 People	Club Rotario Santiago Monumental

\$ 8,000 Training		Club Rotario Santiago Monumental
\$11,700 175 Filters	2,800 People	Club Rotario Navarette

Donated funds from Rotary Clubs and Rotarians account for approximately fifty percent of the total in process currently, with the other half coming from grants that we have been successful in obtaining. We currently have in process three grant requests with additional Rotary clubs in the Dominican Republic and four more opportunities. If they all were to materialize, we will exhaust our current fund balance, leaving us unable to seek additional projects or matching grants **WITHOUT FURTHER CONTRIBUTIONS!**

Incoming Rotary International President, D.K. Lee, has challenged Rotary clubs around the world to focus on “reducing the terrible rate of child mortality in our world through their expertise in projects [focusing on water, literacy, health, and hunger.](#)”

When we travel to the Dominican Republic in February with some forty Rotarians from Michigan, we will be visiting our installation sites and meeting with our “partner” clubs to continue to plan for future funding for additional filters. We will share the results with you on our return. In the meantime, if you would like to know more or schedule an “update” presentation to your Club, contact: **Terry Allen** **269-982-2945** talloaks@comcast.net



Portage AM Club
Strategies for Member Growth and Retention:
January 10, 2008 Club workshop Results

Member Growth:
Panther Team

- Invite parents of club sponsored RYLA students to club meetings; then to become Rotarians
- Do the same for parents of KRESA scholarship winners
- Invite good program presenters back to club meetings; then to become members

Rebel Team

- Develop a member prospect list from newspaper announcements and personal contacts
- Each Rotarian makes four “asks” per year (knowing not all will say yes)
- Each Rotarian invites a guest to club meetings

Tiger Team

- Invite spouse/partner and children of age to join (your club or another club)!
- Plan good/interesting club programs and invite guests to attend with you (free goodies are great)
- Contact new business people and community leaders and invite them to club meetings
- Have an early evening social mixer (chicken and beer! Ok, wine, spirits and cheese too . . .). Have fun and give out information on Rotary.

Member Retention

Panther Team

- Check in with people who don’t attend regularly (show you care what happens to them).
- Keep club members involved in club activities
- Provide opportunities for all club members to volunteer; not just the same people every time

Rebel Team

- Hold fireside chats with orientation for new members
- Continue offering good programs
- Introduce new members early on to community service projects
- Assign new members to greeter duties to welcome club members and visitors
- Call Rotarians who have been missing meetings. (Invite them to an upcoming meeting or event.)

Tiger Team

- Add chicken and beer to that fireside chat!
- Assign a mentor to new members and to old members who seem to have lost interest
- Include social activities every so often; like golf outings, sporting events, wine tasting, etc.

Email Kathleen at ktosco@ntelos.net to schedule a membership workshop for your club.

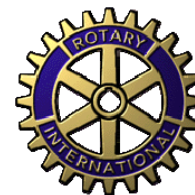
Have you visited the membership section of the District 6360 web site?

www.district6360.com/Membership Take a minute and go there now.

Take your membership chair with you. To save some trees, and reduce the number of emails clogging



6360 Youth Exchange Student News



(Laura Sullivan is a Rotary Youth Exchange student from Kalamazoo, Michigan. She is sponsored by the Kalamazoo Rotary Club and is currently in Leon, Mexico. She turns 19 years old this month. Some entries from her journal follow.)



Hello everyone. I'm having a wonderful time here! I even learned to dance cubano and a little salsa, for "el baile de los naciones" (the dance of the nations). It was really fun and I dressed up in a cubano outfit. We even ended up in the newspaper! Now I'm getting ready for the baile de vienes, which is put on every year by my club and is very formal. We'll be dancing waltzes, which isn't quite as interesting as the cubano, but still fun. I'll even be wearing a tiara and a puffy princess dress. (Pictured: Laura Sullivan, right, and friend Hillary, left, with unnamed Rotarian, center).

School is still boring (ha ha), but I just finished writing my autobiography in Spanish, so I consider that a grand accomplishment.

I spent last week in Guadalajara for a soccer tournament in Ibero -- the here attends. I didn't play because I don't have classes there, but I've them for a number of weeks. They're much more competitive than my they're so much fun! The tournament is a pretty big deal. There was Guatemala, which is where the tournament will be next year. We anything, but it was great to get to know everyone better. (Pictured: friend in Guanajuato -- a beautiful city 45 minutes from home.)



university my sister been practicing with team in the U.S. and even a team from didn't win or Sullivan, right, with

I'm going to be changing families in January, which is exciting, even though I really like were I'm at right now. My current family and my new one know each other and hang out so it won't be such a dramatic change. My second family lives a lot closer to my school and in a more upscale part of town. This weekend I'm going to celebrate a friend's birthday from school as well as my second host sister's 16th birthday. I might even be visiting Queretaro, too. I am definitely keeping busy!

For Christmas, we went to Mexico City in our new mini van! (Definitely a plus and a lot more room for all of us -- and it has a DVD player! When we returned home, we took off again for New Year's and then a different city for three king's day (Epiphany).



I went to Zacatecas for the 1st ever Rotary reunion for all the exchange students in Mexico. That was really fun - and I ran into Sophie! We had a good time together, but her club was super strict. They taped their doors shut so they couldn't leave their rooms! I thought that was a little over the top. We got to ride on the faria, which overlooks all of Zacatecas and it was beautiful. They took us to two club meetings. One was on the top of one of the hills so it had a really pretty view and the other one was in a mine. At night we were in a little parade where we walked through most of Zacatecas with all the students from your country and our flags. Hope everyone is keeping warm! (Sullivan, left, and friends)

Con Cariño - Laura Sullivan

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS



Rotary District 6360 is planning to host 7 Rotary Youth Exchange students for the 2008-09 Rotary Year. Now is the time to commit to District 6360's Youth Exchange program by hosting a student. Assign a member to seriously investigate the program and have that member give an in-depth report back to your Board, so your club may make an informed decision. Making a commitment to host a student is an excellent goal for the President-Elect to make for the Rotary year.

Contact Dan Zimolzak (Jackson), 517-796-0986, Sara LeClaire, (East Lansing) 517-449-3786, Marilu Franks (Dowagiac) 269-782-3781, Marlene Camacho-Ochoa (Portage A.M.) 269-599-1694 or DG Dick Sammis at 269-983-4491 for information and materials.

(Clubs interested in hosting a student for the 2008-09 need to make their commitments soon. Please start considering the student you wish to select.)



The cost is \$175 / adult and \$100 / student \$20 / person Thursday Night Reception.

www.rotarypeacesummit.org/registration.htm

Windsor, Canada



WHAT: DISTRICT 6360 ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

WHERE: POTAWATOMI INN, POKAGON STATE PARK, ANGOLA, INDIANA

WHEN: MAY 16-18, 2008, FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY

WHO: ALL ROTARIANS, SPOUSES, CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, GUESTS

REGISTRATION SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON LINE ABOUT FEBRUARY 7TH.

www.districtconference.com

UPCOMING DATES . . .

- **February 15, 2008 Club DG Nominations Due**
- **February 15-17, 2008 PETS [Mandatory for PE's] Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo**
- **February 25, 2008 Grand Rapids, "Thirsting to Serve Clean Water Conference"**
- **April 25-27, 2008, Rotary World Peace Summit, Windsor**
- **May 16-18, 2008, Friday – Sunday, District Conference, Potawatami Inn, Angola, IN**
- **June 15-18, 2008, RI Convention, Los angeles, CA**
- **June 25, 2008, Wednesday, DG Installation, Cascades Manor, Jackson**

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

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