



District 6360 Gazette

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DG Dick Sammis



Dear Friends,

Almost three years ago, my concept of a District Conference at the Potawatomi Inn set in the Pokagon State Park, Angola, IN, took shape. . . the unique family resort, the idea of including spouses and children in the Rotary programs, the keynote Children of the Dump program, having fun in the process. It was all a stretch, but it became my passion. Twenty Rotarians from all over the District joined in the planning. After more work than we would admit, it's all now a reality. We only need you to come.

Ten years ago, I went to my first District Conference on faith. It had such a positive effect that I've never missed one since. I'm asking Rotarians who have never come to a District Conference to take a chance on me, on our committee, on Rotary. I'm asking all of you to make this Conference your destination. Bring your family.

May 16-18, 2008.

Early bird prices end April 15th. Two weeks!! Reserve your room before the Inn fills up. Go to: www.districtconference.com to get info and to register. Call me personally if you have questions at (269) 757-4619.

I stake my year on this Conference. It will be a huge success. Be part of it.

Dick Sammis

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Please check the www.district6360.com web site for downloads of membership program Powerpoints and the results of the March 29 **Membership Summit**.

Contact Membership Chair, Kathleen Tosco, to schedule a twenty-minute membership workshop for your club ktosco@ntelos.net

MI Center returns to Lakeland Hills this Thursday.

Correction: Troy Hendrickson is an Ambassadorial Scholar not Peace.



District Conference 2008

by Dick Sammis



This year's District Conference will be held on May 16, 17 and 18 at The Potawatomi Inn in Angola, Indiana. The Potawatomi Inn is a beautiful country inn with 133 rooms. It is surrounded by Lake James and the Potawatomi State Park. Our conference will include motivating Rotary humanitarian programs, both local and international. Our Conference theme is, "Sharing the Heart of Rotary." Through interesting programs such as, "The Children of the Dump," we'll show that Rotary service really comes from the heart.

All programs will be attended and geared to the Rotarian, the spouse, children and grandchildren! At no time will a Rotarian be separated from his/her family. (We do have child care activities during programs for the very youngest children at no cost.) This is an unique concept for a Rotary District Conference.

We'll meet international adult and student visitors from many different countries. Plenty of free "family" time will be provided to explore the Inn and the park. We'll have planned activities, such as our "Grand Hospitality Tour" and informative breakout sessions. Coats and ties are banished. In addition to serious programs, we will have fun.

To obtain lodging at the Potawatomi Inn, please call (877) 563-4371. Use the group code: 0516RO. Please call our District Office if you have problems: (517) 543-7929. You can also find out more at www.districtconference.com.

See you there!

Discover L.A. by attending host events designed to showcase the best this city has to offer when you attend the International Convention in June. For example, June 14 – wine tasting, classic car show, art exhibition, live dance groups; June 16 – home/host hospitality; June 17 – Hollywood Bowl Concert and fireworks; House of Friendship; bring a book for children (9 years and younger); pre- and post-convention tours to nearby attractions. Go to www.rotary.org for more information.

 The advertisement features a collage of diverse people's faces on the left, set against a backdrop of the Los Angeles skyline at night. The text is arranged in columns on the right.

This Summer...
We're bringing our Stars to L.A.!

Mark your calendar for 15-18 June 2008! That's when Rotary International's worldwide cast of thousands — those shining stars who make the world a better place — come to the entertainment capital of the world: sunny Southern California.

Make Rotary's constellation shine in L.A.! Meet your co-stars, fresh from humanitarian performances in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Showcase your upcoming productions, and find ideas for future projects.

While in L.A., visit...

- Hollywood Bowl
- Hollywood Walk of Fame
- Rodeo Drive
- Santa Monica's beaches
- Universal Studios
- Disneyland

So make your Hollywood debut this summer and bring a friend. L.A. is the perfect venue for displaying the dazzling possibilities of being a Rotarian.

Sign up now online to See the Stars of Rotary clubs worldwide! And reserve your tickets for the Meet the Rotary Stars reception.

* <https://riweb.rotaryintl.org>

*Membership ID and club and district numbers are required the first time you use Member Access.

 The logo for the 2008 Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles, featuring the Rotary wheel and the text "LA 2008 ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - 15-18 JUNE LOS ANGELES - CALIFORNIA - USA".

BioSand Water Filter Committee Looking for Interested Rotarians

Over the past few years, you have probably seen a presentation (or more) about the Rotary District 6360 BioSand Water Filter Project and perhaps wondered how you might get involved.

The current steering committee is always looking for Rotarians (or friends) who might like to learn more about the project and who might like to get involved in planning and executing the future of this project.

If you, or someone you know has an interest, get in touch with:

Charles Jespersen

Czj1270@sbcglobal.net

269-449-4868

Allegan Club Distributes Dictionaries...



Third-grade Allegan Public School students recently received dictionaries from the Allegan Rotary Club. Above, representatives from the club present dictionaries to Dawson Elementary School students. Pictured are (seated, from left) Sarah Perrigo, Wren Ashley, Dakota Day, (standing) third-grade teacher Doug Beauregard, Rotary president Susan Bailey-Carman, Arianna Forsman, Rotarian David Ohmart, Kara Dangremond, third-grade teacher Michelle Norland and Brandon Clement. (Photo provided)

To celebrate March as National Reading Month and Rotary International's Literacy Month, The Allegan Rotary Club will distribute free dictionaries to every third-grader in Allegan Public Schools.

According to Dr. David Ohmart, the Allegan Rotarian who spearheaded the project, research shows that third grade is typically the age level when a student makes the transition from reading mechanically to reading for information.

The Rotary Club hopes students will use the dictionaries as a reference whenever they are reading at home for pleasure or for information, Ohmart said.

Each dictionary will contain a nameplate sticker from the Rotary Club with each child's name hand-written in calligraphy.

Hot air balloon rides, discount air tickets, lovely lawn furniture - these are but a few of the items in past

Paw Paw Area Rotary Club auctions and this year's promises to be as inviting.

Because of the great response through the years, the event has outgrown its former site and will be held this year on May 10 at the Paw Paw Lions Club at I_94 and M 40 starting at 6 p.m. Additionally, this year a full barbeque dinner will be served along with a complementary glass of wine.

For those who wish to showcase their businesses, Corporate sponsorships are available for \$500. The sponsor's name will be widely circulated, and includes dinner for eight and four bottles of wine.

Individual tickets are \$10 and are pre-sold only. For the buyer's convenience, major credit cards are accepted. The cards will not be run until the evening of the event. For ticket information, or to order, write to Pat Peters, NUTMEGPET@aol.com, or call Susan Erion, 269-657-5256.

Proceeds benefit local community projects, such as the Centennial Foot Bridge and the Canoe Ramp, and Rotary International

Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Rolls Out Red Wagons for Literacy



The club has a long-standing partnership with Calvin Britain Elementary School in Benton Harbor MI. We provided book shelves for the library and mentors throughout the year for reading and math. In 2007 we extended this partnership to launch the Red Wagon Summer Reading Program. This program, imported from Joan Carr of Westland Michigan, promotes reading for fun and literacy in the neighborhoods surrounding the school.

The Red Wagon is a simple concept: pull wagons full of books through the neighborhood and encourage readers of all ages to find something in the wagon that they want to read. The books can be kept or returned next week when the wagons come around again. A consistent weekly schedule promotes participation and establishes a goal to complete the latest books.

The club members solicited book donations with drop boxes at churches and business. The club purchased the wagons and bookmarks for the school, all featuring the Rotary logo. Mr. Larry Gavin, school principal, Sharyn Kaatz and the rest of the staff had big roles to play too. They organized the books, promoted the program with students and parents, pulled wagons and planned an end-of-summer celebration for all the participants. A Rotarian and school staff member teamed up when the wagons rolled. The smiling faces of the children told us we were on to something good.

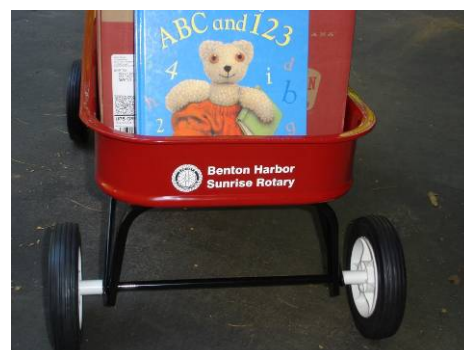
The club plans to expand the program in 2008, with the ultimate goal of having the all the kids in the city visiting the Red Wagons.

Club Information:

Story by: Bob Elliott, 269.428.0292

Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary is club number 27802.

Bob Herman, President



Meet your 2008 GSE team from the Philippines

A Group Study Exchange (GSE) team of four young professionals and one Rotarian will arrive in District 6360 on April 27th. The team comes to us from District 3820 located just south of the capital City of Manila. The team will visit clubs throughout the District and spend time at various sites learning about how their vocations are accomplished in our country as well as learning about our culture and history. Check out their schedule by contacting Alice Ford at aliceanddickford@comcast.net and plan to meet and learn from the team when they come to a club near you. Team members include:



Kathryn Rose Victory, is an Employee Relations officer in the research industry. She looks forward to learning about HR functions at US based international organizations as well as private industries. She also hopes to visit the Ford Foundation and Museum while in Michigan.



Felimon Brazas, is a teacher who describes his job as “conducting and conceptualizing community projects including environmental projects. Felimon would like to visit our state universities and colleges and our colleges with community extension offices.



The team leader and only Rotarian in the group is **Rigor Ponce**. Rigor’s profession is in the food franchising industry where his job responsibilities focus on top quality food preparation, packaging and distribution. While visiting us, Rigor hopes to visit restaurants and businesses engaged in food franchising



Hazel Conda, a Human Resource Manager and Professional Trainer in the Healthcare and Education industry would like to visit our modern hospitals and medical facilities to see how their HR professionals function. She also hopes to visit schools and universities and if possible.



Anthony Ortega, a practicing Dentist who looks forward to observing local dentists to see how his profession is being practiced in the US and to visit important historical landmarks in the District.



Outgoing and incoming GSE teams

Remember to take advantage of team members as speakers for your club!

(Check out the Speakers' Bureau and District Library for other program ideas for your club meetings at www.district6360.com .)

Our condolences go to AG Steve Musselman in the death of his mother this past week.



| CLUBS | NO. OF | | NET GAIN/ LOSS | % ATTEN. | REPORTED GIVING TO ANNUAL FUND |
|---------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|
| | MEMBERS | MEMBERS | | | |
| AS REPORTED | | | | | |
| BY RI | | | | | |
| | 7/1/2007 | 2/29/2008 | 2/29/2008 | 2/29/2008 | THROUGH 2-29-08 |
| District 6360 | | | | | \$100.00 |
| Albion | 59 | 58 | -1 | 65.70% | \$1,392.90 |
| Allegan | 38 | 39 | 1 | 48.07% | \$3,900.00 |
| Battle Creek | 92 | 96 | 4 | 39.24% | \$0.00 |
| Benton Harbor Sunrise | 55 | 58 | 3 | NR | \$1,874.00 |
| Berrien Springs/Eau Clair | 29 | 31 | 2 | 56.00% | \$1,600.00 |
| Bronson | 48 | 44 | -4 | 89.70% | \$600.00 |
| Cereal City Sunrise | 19 | 17 | -2 | 51.00% | \$500.00 |
| Charlotte | 83 | 83 | 0 | 82.29% | \$4,067.00 |
| Climax | 26 | 26 | 0 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Coldwater Township | 45 | 46 | 1 | 86.00% | \$2,000.00 |
| Coldwater Noon | 92 | 91 | -1 | 80.23% | \$0.00 |
| Constantine | 18 | 17 | -1 | 100.00% | \$623.50 |
| Delta Waverly | 77 | 83 | 6 | 58.00% | \$2,550.00 |
| Delton Area | 29 | 28 | -1 | 49.00% | \$200.00 |
| Dowagiac | 68 | 59 | -9 | 37.00% | \$585.00 |
| East Lansing | 80 | 80 | 0 | 51.11% | \$2,825.00 |
| Eaton Rapids | 33 | 31 | -2 | 58.00% | \$1,187.50 |
| Grand Ledge | 55 | 55 | 0 | 60.20% | \$200.00 |
| Gull Lake Area | 47 | 54 | 7 | NR | \$2,280.15 |
| Haslett-Okemos | 51 | 46 | -5 | 75.00% | \$2,000.00 |
| Hastings | 66 | 63 | -3 | 46.16% | \$1,650.00 |
| Hillsdale | 58 | 48 | -10 | 62.00% | \$5,421.00 |
| Ionia | 39 | 38 | -1 | 67.00% | \$100.00 |
| Jackson Noon | 88 | 89 | 1 | 52.99% | \$2,410.00 |
| Jackson Breakfast | 24 | 24 | 0 | 71.00% | \$3,124.17 |
| Jonesville | 26 | 23 | -3 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Kalamazoo Sunrise | 13 | 15 | 0 | NR | \$2,700.00 |
| Kalamazoo | 247 | 254 | 7 | 54.88% | \$2,595.00 |
| Lakeshore | 53 | 54 | 1 | 66.49% | \$4,667.50 |
| Lansing DeWitt Sunrise | 33 | 30 | -3 | 59.65% | \$1,375.00 |
| Lansing | 255 | 261 | 6 | 50.48% | \$2,800.30 |
| Litchfield | 17 | 17 | 0 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Marcellus | 13 | 13 | 0 | 67.00% | \$100.00 |
| Marshall | 61 | 64 | 3 | NR | \$1,061.00 |
| Mason | 31 | 27 | -4 | 55.00% | \$1,100.00 |
| Michigan Center JCE | 14 | 14 | 0 | 69.00% | \$405.00 |
| Middleville | 38 | 38 | 0 | NR | \$100.00 |
| Niles-Buchanan | 59 | 55 | -4 | 67.00% | \$0.00 |
| Oshemo | 43 | 42 | -1 | NR | \$5,000.00 |
| Otsego | 18 | 19 | 1 | 88.00% | \$894.50 |
| Parchment | 17 | 16 | -1 | 70.00% | \$0.00 |
| Paw Paw Area | 24 | 23 | -1 | 55.21% | \$475.00 |
| Paw Paw Lake | 16 | 14 | -2 | 64.00% | \$0.00 |
| Plainwell | 22 | 23 | 1 | 54.00% | \$400.00 |
| Portage | 84 | 88 | 4 | 63.00% | \$7,444.50 |
| Portage AM | 24 | 23 | -1 | 66.00% | \$1,700.00 |
| Quincy | 37 | 36 | -1 | 73.50% | \$1,200.00 |
| Reading | 21 | 21 | 0 | 63.50% | \$250.00 |
| South Haven | 53 | 53 | 0 | 44.79% | \$4,250.00 |
| South Lansing-Holt | 26 | 28 | 2 | 57.20% | \$400.00 |
| St. Johns | 46 | 47 | 1 | 52.77% | \$1,050.00 |
| St. Joe/Benton Harbor | 187 | 193 | 6 | 46.46% | \$8,864.00 |
| Sturgis | 45 | 50 | 5 | NR | \$100.00 |
| Three Rivers | 104 | 105 | 1 | 55.30% | \$600.00 |
| Union City | 23 | 22 | -1 | NR | \$3,300.00 |
| Vicksburg | 36 | 34 | -2 | NR | \$0.00 |
| White Pigeon | 12 | 12 | 0 | 65.00% | \$0.00 |
| Williamston Sunrise | 44 | 43 | -1 | 51.74% | \$1,999.00 |
| Totals | 3061 | 3061 | -2 | | \$96,021.02 |

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



PRESIDENTIAL CITATIONS DUE TO DISTRICT OFFICE BY APRIL 11TH

CLUB OFFICER AND COMMITTEE CHAIR INFORMATION DUE NOW!

RYLA SPOTS ARE FILLING UP FAST. GET YOUR STUDENTS REGISTERED ASAP – CONTACT JILL ELDRED, 269-343-1396, JILLELDRED@BORGESS.COM

GOAL FORMS DUE TO BILL DIMOND.

PLANNING GUIDES DUE TO DG DICK SAMMIS IN APRIL.



- **April 12, 2008, Saturday, Quarterly Staff Meeting, PDG Meeting, Strategic Planning Committee Meeting, Ramada, Battle Creek**
- **April 25-27, 2008, Rotary World Peace Summit, Windsor, Ontario, Canada**
- **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**
- **July 15, 2008, Tuesday, Club Officer & Committee Chair Training, TBA**

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

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