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ROTARY AWARENESS MONTH

This last year has been a major challenge for our Rotary District 6360. Even so, we Rotarians have made a special effort to serve our communities as well as the world. While some of our communities are experiencing some very tough economic issues, Rotarians are giving new hope to many fortunate citizens. Thousands of volunteer hours and more than 200 major projects show that our members are truly committed to our theme of, "Lead the Way." Several clubs are helping to build new Habitat for Humanity homes and others are making major contributions to our schools. Virtually every club is offering scholarships to students and has completed local improvement projects to beautify their city. Support for our International Rotary Foundation and our BioSand Filter Water Project is significantly above last year's level. As Governor and RI's representative in our district, I wish to thank each of you for your "service above self." I encourage your continued support of your club and your community. May you have a great and happy new year in 2007!

DG Jay Larson



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ATHENS CLUB DISBANDS DECEMBER 31, 2006

PDG Don Humphreys had to go back into Borgess Hospital, as he was retaining fluids. He is really having a tough time of it and your prayers and thoughts, cards, etc. are all very much appreciated. dhumphreys@tds.net

The MC-JCE Rotary Club, the Mighty Club, will be meeting at Center Court Cafe for the months of January and February. The meeting time is the same at 12:10 on Thursdays. Center Court is at 328 Fifth Street in Michigan Center. Telephone is 764-6330. We hope you will enjoy making up at this new location. We will return to Lakeland Hills Golf Club on March 1, 2007.
Renée Merchant

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PAW PAW LAKE CHANGES TO A BREAKFAST CLUB

As of January 3, 2007 Paw Paw Lake Club will be meeting at 6:45 – 8:00 a.m. instead of at lunch. The place is the same – Community Hospital.



On several occasions, members of the **Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club** have volunteered at the Food Bank packing bags for the backpack program. I have included pictures from some of those volunteer sessions.

I am available to speak to clubs regarding the backpack program, in the communities our Food Bank serves which includes: Barry, Branch, Calhoun, Hillsdale, Kalamazoo, Jackson, Lenawee and St. Joseph Counties. We are also in a cluster with the American Red Cross Regional Food Distribution Center in Lansing and could possibly help facilitate presentations in Eaton and Ingham counties.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks!

Teresa

Teresa Osborne

Director of Food Donor & Community Relations

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Our Mission: Feed hungry people by collecting and distributing food and grocery products,

advocating for hunger-relief programs and collaborating with others who address basic human needs.



Sunrise Rotary Club Sponsors Food Bank Backpack Program

For the second consecutive year the Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club has announced that they will fund backpacks filled with food for children at risk of hunger at Wilson Elementary School. The backpack program provides a bag of food each week to children who are eligible for the free lunch program, helping to ensure that they have sufficient food over the weekend.

On average, 70 children, at Wilson Elementary School, will receive bags of food that will be inserted into a backpack for them to take home. The following week the child returns the backpack so that it can be filled with another insert of food to be taken home for that weekend. The bags of food are distributed in conjunction with the 21st Century after-school program.

"The Backpack program is really seeking to make sure that these children that benefit from the free lunch program during the week have enough to eat over the weekend," said Teresa Osborne, director of food donor and community relations for the Food Bank. "We are very grateful for the support of the Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club (CCSRC). Their contribution enables us to be able to help provide bags to more children at risk of hunger."

"The Food Bank's Backpack Program has been a perfect fit for our club," said Cheryl VanderVeen, president of the CCSRC. "It's not just about the money we contribute to offset the cost of the bags. It is hands on, with members of the club helping to pack the bags with food and coordinating delivering the bags to the school each week. It is a very rewarding program to be involved with."

The CCSRC has designated \$3,000 out of this year's budget to support the backpack program for Wilson Elementary School for the remainder of the school year.

The backpacks contain a variety of items including: cereal, juice, soup, snacks, canned pasta, beans, and peanut butter, in addition to other items.

"I think we can all agree that the thought of a child going without enough to eat over the weekend is unacceptable," added VanderVeen. "We challenge other groups and organizations to help fund this program for other children that are at risk."

Currently, other schools in the Battle Creek area participating in the backpack program are Franklin (funded by 1st Congregational, First Methodist, St. Philip & St. Thomas churches), Dudley and Post Elementary schools (supported by the 21st Century Program). In addition, the Lakeview-Urbandale Kiwanis Club sponsors bags for Westlake and Prairieview Elementary students that participate in their after school program run by the high school's key club. Other funders of the backpack program include grants awarded to the Food Bank by the Ronald McDonald Foundation and the WalMart Foundation.

To learn more about the backpack program, please contact the Food Bank at 269-964-FOOD (3663).

The Food Bank is a United Way Program Delivery Partner, a member of America's Second Harvest – the Nation's Food Bank Network and the Food Bank Council of Michigan.

NOVEMBER, 2006 ATTENDANCE

| CLUBS | NO. OF | | NET GAIN/ LOSS | % ATTEN. | REPORTED GIVING TO ANNUAL FUND |
|---------------------------|----------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------------------------|
| | MEMBERS | MEMBERS | | | |
| | AS REPORTED BY RI | | | | |
| | 7/1/2006 | 11/30/2006 | 11/30/2006 | 11/30/2006 | THROUGH 11-30-06 |
| District 6360 | | | | | \$200.00 |
| Albion | 60 | 58 | -2 | 71.00% | \$50.00 |
| Allegan | 34 | 35 | 1 | 74.00% | \$669.10 |
| Athens | 5 | 5 | 0 | 75.00% | \$0.00 |
| Battle Creek | 99 | 99 | 0 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Benton Harbor Sunrise | 63 | 60 | -3 | 60.74% | \$0.00 |
| Berrien Springs/Eau Clair | 33 | 33 | 0 | NR | \$100.00 |
| Bronson | 47 | 45 | -2 | 86.00% | \$100.00 |
| Cereal City Sunrise | 20 | 20 | 0 | 49.00% | \$0.00 |
| Charlotte | 85 | 84 | -3 | 73.39% | \$1,590.00 |
| Climax | 24 | 26 | 2 | NR | \$970.60 |
| Coldwater Township | 44 | 43 | -1 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Coldwater Noon | 93 | 88 | -3 | 81.06% | \$0.00 |
| Constantine | 20 | 20 | 0 | 100.00% | \$0.00 |
| Delta Waverly | 75 | 76 | 1 | 65.63% | \$100.00 |
| Delton Area | 36 | 34 | -2 | 40.00% | \$0.00 |
| Dowagiac | 71 | 71 | 0 | NR | \$225.00 |
| East Lansing | 80 | 81 | 1 | 63.00% | \$2,225.00 |
| Eaton Rapids | 31 | 32 | 1 | 52.00% | \$0.00 |
| Grand Ledge | 61 | 47 | -14 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Gull Lake Area | 55 | 59 | 4 | 63.00% | \$1,016.50 |
| Haslett-Okemos | 51 | 51 | 0 | 64.02% | \$0.00 |
| Hastings | 68 | 69 | 1 | 64.02% | \$0.00 |
| Hillsdale | 57 | 57 | 0 | 58.00% | \$1,778.00 |
| Ionia | 41 | 37 | -4 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Jackson Noon | 90 | 88 | -2 | NR | \$425.00 |
| Jackson Breakfast | 28 | 30 | 2 | NR | \$1,130.04 |
| Jonesville | 26 | 24 | -2 | 59.00% | \$0.00 |
| Kalamazoo Sunrise | 11 | 12 | 1 | 90.00% | \$2,000.00 |
| Kalamazoo | 251 | 249 | -2 | 57.07% | \$1,325.00 |
| Lakeshore | 61 | 53 | -8 | 63.50% | \$1,150.00 |
| Lansing DeWitt Sunrise | 35 | 33 | -2 | 72.41% | \$0.00 |
| Lansing | 270 | 260 | -10 | 57.80% | \$500.00 |
| Litchfield | 17 | 17 | 0 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Marcellus | 16 | 13 | -3 | 85.00% | \$0.00 |
| Marshall | 63 | 59 | -4 | NR | \$5,050.00 |
| Mason | 29 | 29 | 0 | 50.00% | \$500.00 |
| Michigan Center JCE | 14 | 14 | 0 | 72.00% | \$400.00 |
| Middleville | 41 | 38 | -3 | NR | \$1,100.00 |
| Niles-Buchanan | 60 | 58 | -2 | NR | \$208.00 |
| Oshtemo | 44 | 42 | -2 | NR | \$3,010.00 |
| Otsego | 16 | 17 | 1 | 71.00% | \$892.50 |
| Parchment | 16 | 15 | -1 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Paw Paw Area | 28 | 28 | 0 | NR | \$440.00 |
| Paw Paw Lake | 19 | 16 | -3 | 48.00% | \$1,500.00 |
| Plainwell | 20 | 22 | 2 | 67.10% | \$400.00 |
| Portage AM | 24 | 24 | 0 | 67.00% | \$1,600.00 |
| Portage | 74 | 73 | -1 | 63.00% | \$1,151.00 |
| Quincy | 37 | 36 | -1 | NR | \$2,200.00 |
| Reading | 20 | 20 | 0 | 68.00% | \$0.00 |
| South Haven | 49 | 53 | 4 | 54.04% | \$1,550.00 |
| South Lansing-Holt | 24 | 23 | -1 | NR | \$0.00 |
| St. Johns | 47 | 44 | -3 | 55.81% | \$0.00 |
| St. Joe/Benton Harbor | 203 | 193 | -10 | 69.37% | \$100.00 |
| Sturgis | 50 | 50 | 0 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Three Rivers | 98 | 96 | -2 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Union City | 23 | 24 | 1 | NR | \$0.00 |
| Vicksburg | 44 | 41 | -3 | NR | \$1,500.00 |
| White Pigeon | 12 | 13 | 1 | 54.00% | \$1,000.00 |
| Williamston Sunrise | 40 | 42 | 2 | 60.00% | \$0.00 |
| Totals | 3153 | 3079 | -74 | | \$38,155.74 |



Remember to notify the District Office of drops and adds, as well as RI !



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



Dear Alice,

Our flight was on time in Seoul last night after one month of stay in Michigan.

As the GSE team leader of RI District 3640(Seoul, Korea), I would like to give our sincere thanks to all Rotarians of your district, especially who involved in GSE activities during our stay there. Without their assistance and sacrifice of both time and money, we could not make such a wonderful achievement. We met more than 600 Rotarians and more than 500 students from elementary to high schools and introduced them regarding our history, economy and culture.



There was time for us to wrap up our one month experience in Michigan at O'Hare Int'l Airport while waiting for the transfer. All of our GSE team members have received extreme warm hospitality from your Rotarians, experienced your way of life what we could not have in any other circumstances and enjoyed your culture and in-depth vocational training opportunities.

We were glad to meet again with our first host families at Kalamazoo Airport seeing us off for Seoul. We also enjoyed surprise meeting with Sally Ernst of Lakeshore RC at O'Hare Int'l Airport on the way to Seoul.

Wishing many of you visit Seoul and enjoy reunion here.

With best regards,
Hansung Jung
GSE Team Leader
RI District 3640
Seoul, Korea





Team Members Wanted !!! To go to Seoul, Korea

Please take the time today to reweiw your acquaintenances for potential team members to go to Seoul next Spring. **We will be interviewing on January 15th, so time is of the essence.** We need more candidates. They can be people you know at work, friends of friends, former co-workers, members of your congregation, fire and police departments, schools, and city officials...team members come from a wide variety of backgrounds. Applications are on the RI website. To find the application and handbook, go to the RI home page, and type in GSE in the search box.

Selling points when approaching potential applicants: This is a personal & professional growth opportunity!

--**The trip is free.** RI pays for the airline flights and host Rotarians pay for meals or other required expenses. Team members pay for their own passport if they don't already have one, personal expenses such as toiletries, gifts, and required insurance which usually runs under \$100.

--**Culture immersion in a protective environment:** Team members live with Rotary families thus learning about the culture first hand and providing the opportunity to form life-long relationships.

--**Professional development:** Team members visit with professionals in similar positions in order to exchange understanding of how their work is similar or different in each other's country.

Applications should be sent to Kathleen Tosco by email at ktosco@kalamazooarts.com or by snail mail to:
Kathleen Tosco
Kalamazoo Arts Council of Kal., Epic Center
STE. 203, 359 S. Kalamazoo Mall
Kalamazoo, MI 49007

- Remember to send the names and contact information for your newly elected officers for 2007-08 to Linda at the District Office!
- RI and District Dues are payable in January
- Keep your contact information up to date on ClubRunner
- Register for PETS!





I am including an article written by Betsy Acker who is also an intern for the Hastings Banner. This article could be submitted to your local paper **inserting your name and your High School**. I believe that it is now time to let your community's know about the College Mentoring program this article should create interest for those in High school wanting to know how can I get into the

College Mentoring program.

The answer is simple if asked: Request an application from your local Rotary club to attend the basic RYLA camp and if you are an outstanding leader, there is a good chance you will be selected for the Advanced training and then the College Mentoring program.

Jim Alden

Back row left to right: Greg Neumayer (Dowagiac), Chris Fodesi (Parchment), Joe Fitzwater (Delta Waverly), Justin Mauro (Delta Waverly) **Second row left to right:** Mallory Cox (Dowagiac), Nicole Parker (Kalamazoo Sunrise), Rogan Lampe (Jackson), Chris Sovey (Charlotte), Chris Harrison (Niles), Sarah Brewer (Marshall), Sabrina Graham (Climax), Jennifer Curtis (Portage) **Front row left to right:** Allinsori Sheets (Williamston), Kimberly Ferguson (Lansing), Mandy Smith (Dowagiac), Allinson Bryans (Hastings), Rachel Mockaitis (Climax)

Former **HHS Grads** Involved With Rotary Program

Former **Hastings** High School Graduates, **Betsy Acker** and **Alison Bryans** joined 16 other students ranging from seniors in high school to juniors in college at the Third Annual Rotary College Mentoring Seminar. Acker is a sophomore at Central Michigan University majoring in Teacher Education with an emphasis on English. Bryans is attending Michigan University as a freshman, studying textile design. The seminar was held at Brook Lodge in Augusta, Michigan, from Friday December 15 through Sunday December 17. Students listened to many speakers, practiced professionalism, discussed major issues surrounding the economy, and continued to enhance their leadership skills and abilities. The College Mentoring Program is the third step in a series of leadership initiatives put on by Rotary. Students are selected for the first stage of the program known as RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award) in high school. This stage consists of a three-day highly intensive leadership camp that approximately 90 students from Southwest Michigan participate in yearly. Fifteen to 20 participants from RYLA are then selected to attend the Advanced Leadership Conference. The two differ in that RYLA is heavily based on hands on physical activity in the outdoors through which basic leadership skills are obtained, where as the Advanced section is held in a professional setting and exposes students to the use of leadership skills in the business world. The College Mentoring section is a four year commitment and of Rotary's 529 districts in the world, district 6360 of southwest Michigan is the only one to offer such a program. The main focus of this phase is the future and success of the students. Those selected to be part of the program are required to attend one or two conferences a year and to set up a Rotaract service group on their college campus. In addition, students are assigned mentors in their career field and have internships set up for them every summer. Leadership and networking are the constant themes in all three of these programs. The hope is that students will eventually be members of Rotary in the future.

FOUNDATION GIVING 1ST SIX MONTHS
ZONE 28 - NOVEMBER 30, 2006

District **APF per Capital**
6360 12.25

1. The world averages A.P.F. is \$22.46 to November 30th.
2. A.P.F. is up 14.83% this year to date.
3. Zone 28 last year end was \$83.10 A.P.F.
4. Our goal remains \$100.00 per Rotarian

It is not about the money. It is hunger, clean water, destructive diseases like polio, education and peace that the money can cure, using Rotary International Foundation. The solution is in the pockets of Rotarians. My wish for you is that 2007 gives you pride in your Rotary growth and goals.

In Rotarian Service,
Dave Groner
RRFC 2004-2007

“Last year on 30 November 2005 we were at \$11.46 per capita with a total of \$36,310 while this year on 30 November 2006 we are at \$12.25 per capita with a total of \$38,155. A gain of 6.9%. If we can keep up this pace we should end the year at \$70 per capita.” Comments from PDG Bill Dimond

Director, Deb Borton leads the Wardcliff Elementary School Choir as they perform a holiday program for the **Haslett/Okemos Rotary Club**. The choir travels throughout the area visiting residential care facilities, nursing homes, and others in need of holiday cheer. **Rotary underwrote the cost of school bus transportation for the choir this season.**



Haslett/Okemos Rotary & Habitat for Humanity are Good Neighbors

Pictured: John Zappala, Rotary, Ed Brown, Habitat for Humanity Lansing, and homeowner Shane Goodale holding son, Will.

Recently the Haslett/Okemos Rotary Club funded a project for Habitat for Humanity Lansing to build a wheelchair ramp at the Goodale’s Meridian Township home for Shane, confined to a wheelchair by a spinal cord injury suffered in a 1993 motorcycle accident. Shane is currently enrolled in Cooley Law School and the ramp allows him to access an outbuilding on his property that

he plans to convert into a law office. Shane originally contacted Al Swain, Council for Independent Living, who directed him to Habitat for Humanity. They, in turn, applied to the Haslett/Okemos Rotary Club for a grant to fund the ramp project. [This is from an article which appeared in the Lansing State Journal.]



BioSand Filter update for contributions 7/1/06 – 11/30/06 for Rotary District 6360

\$21,313 (\$1,260 of this was matched funds for DG Jay's challenge to presidents)

Total contributions from 2004-07 = \$67,485.61

On behalf of Districts 6290, 6360, 6380, and 6400, I welcome you to once again attend the **Thirsting to Serve -- 2007** clean water conference on Monday February 19, 2007. This third annual Thirsting to Serve conference will take place in Grand Rapids, Michigan on the campus of Aquinas College. Registration is \$75 per person for the day which includes continental breakfast and networking lunch. We hope you will join us once again and bring one or two others.

We are fortunate to have Ron Denham, the General Coordinator of the 2006-2007 Rotary International Water Resources Task Force, return to talk about Rotary International and work on a water action group. You will also enjoy speakers from the Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development, the University of London, Engineers without Borders, International Aid. Rotarians from Nigeria, Haiti, Dominican Republic and Washington pursuing clean water projects in Nigeria, Ethiopia, Dominican Republic, Ghana and Honduras. You will find these speakers both inspiring and practical - showing us the way to collaborate on water projects worldwide. As you know, this conference is designed to increase the impact of the work of Rotary clubs bringing safe water to more children and families in a variety of countries.

The Conference will again be on the campus of Aquinas College, in Grand Rapids. The parking is free. Accommodations at the Crowne Plaza Hotel are available at a special rate through a link at the bottom of the conference registration web page. Please register for the conference as soon as possible by going to: www.thirstingtoserve.org. You can pay online.

President Bill Boyd has asked us to recognize that "water is life" and "water comes first." The United Nations Millennium Development Goal is to cut in half the number of people in the world without safe water. It is important that we give the tools to our clubs to help them meet this important challenge. The panel of international water experts who will be speaking at the conference should be instrumental in helping our clubs to identify water projects and relevant technologies that can truly move forward the Rotary vision of providing safe and pure water to communities in need around the world. We look forward to seeing you again. Let us know if you have any questions.

Polio Plus Project Highlights

Listed below are examples of the items to be funded from the projects on this list.

A US \$500 contribution will purchase 4,000 finger markers in Ethiopia

A US \$1000 contribution will purchase 4,800 caps in India

A US \$250 contribution will purchase 30 life jackets in Democratic Republic of Congo

A US \$10,000 contribution will purchase 17,500 aprons in India

While 6360 was the first district to send us a list of people for PETS, it is the only district where no one has registered yet.

Bob & Gail Brickman, Registrars

P. S. Remember attendance is mandatory for PEs!!!!



KATHLEEN TOSCO CHOSEN AS 2009-10 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Kathleen joined Rotary in 1991 in Staunton, Virginia where she served as president and organized their 80th anniversary involving several RI dignitaries. She was an active member there for 13 years and joined the Kalamazoo Club in 2004. She is Executive Director of the Arts Council of Greater Kalamazoo, was a GSE team leader to the Philippines in 2003, and currently is co-chair of the GSE District 6360 program. She serves on many boards in the community, is a Paul Harris Fellow, and is married to Bob Small (a Portage Rotarian.) Congratulations, Kathleen!

According to the District Manual of Procedures (MOP), the Nominating Committee met on December 5th and interviewed candidates for the District Governor Nominee position. They selected Kathleen Tosco from the Kalamazoo Rotary Club. However, other clubs who submitted candidates, may, with its nominee's concurrence, re-propose the club's nominee by January 31 following, to be a candidate for election at the next District Conference. Such re-proposal shall be in the form of a club resolution.

Candy Fisher, a **Marshall Rotarian**, and her son, Michael, were allegedly killed Thursday evening by her husband, Michael Fisher who will be arraigned this next Wednesday. Candy was an officer in the La Salle Bank of Marshall and an active Rotarian who always did more than her fair share. Our club will miss her friendly smile and upbeat attitude and her sudden death will be certainly a loss to our community.



- > February 19, 2007, Monday, 3rd Annual Clean Water Conference, Grand Rapids, MI
- > March 22-24, 2007, PETS [**Mandatory for PE's**]
- > May 4-5, 2007, Friday & Saturday, District Conference, Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo
- > June 17-20, 2007, RI Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah, "Rocky Mountain Rendezvous"

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

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