



# District 6360 Gazette

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

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**DG Jay Larson**

Dear District 6360 Rotarians,

One of the duties of prospective Rotary District Governor is to participate in our annual Rotary International conference and Karen and I had the opportunity to attend this June 11-14 event in Copenhagen, Denmark and Malmo, Sweden. We were both struck by the truly global nature of Rotary which was especially evident during the presentation of the flags of the more than 150 countries where Rotarians reside. The content of this conference clearly showed people of many different races, religions and political viewpoints working together to take real action to improve our world. This certainly further motivated many Rotarian attendees to return to their countries and "Lead the Way" in service to their communities and even the world.

Next June will be an excellent opportunity for you to attend the Rotary International Conference in Salt Lake City and have this truly unique global experience. The conference is being called the "Rendezvous in the Rockies" and will exemplify Rotary hospitality and friendship in a beautiful, clean city surrounded by snow capped mountains. This Rotary conference is also being advertised as the lowest cost Rotary conference in the 21st century, such that one can go to every special event (probably impossible without exhausting oneself) during the conference for \$180 per person, which is at least one tenth of the cost of the special events at the recent Copenhagen conference. In order to get the most cost-effective travel and accommodations, as well as your desired special events, it is important to sign up for this event early. Go online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) and make your reservations soon. This is a Rotary party that you won't want to miss!!!!

DG Jay

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## Handover Highlights

June 27, 2006

Jay isn't really sticking out his tongue at DG Gil and Cindy. He is presenting them a gift of \$100 to go to the Jackson Rotary Foundation as a thank you for a very successful Rotary year.



**ClubRunner will be up on the website this month for the District. Be sure that the District Office has up-to-date information on your officers and committee chairs, meeting dates, times and places.**

**Contact Linda at 517-543-7929 or [district6360@cablespeed.com](mailto:district6360@cablespeed.com)**

Effective July 1, 2006, the Lakeshore Rotary Club will be meeting at the 5 O'clock Sports Bar in Stevensville (formerly Schuler's Restaurant). We will continue to begin our meetings at 12:10 PM on Thursdays. Of course, we invite Rotarians to visit us in Lakeshore! Thanks, Scott Dienes, President, Lakeshore Rotary.

## Two OUTSTANDING clubs regarding Foundation giving ... one is "large" the other is "smaller"

**Berrien Springs!!!** Suzanne Renton got 45.9% of her members (17) to accept the challenge! – smaller club  
**St Joseph/Benton Harbor** came in with 22.1% (44) - large club (Susan.Schwartzwald, from RI, pictured with Charles Jespersen below, attended the following PHF dinner as a large club activity.)

[St. Joseph/Benton Harbor, MI](#) 203 members

30 June 05 APF per capita giving: \$2.43

April 06 APF per capita giving: \$121.90



This past year we decided to promote Paul Harris giving by recognizing those that have achieved a PHF. We had a special meeting dedicated to PHF recipients and we asked them to wear their medallion that day. We also took a group picture, this really got everyone excited and I would guess we had at least 75% of our PHF folks there for the picture. At the meeting that day we had 5 PHF recipients stand up and do personal testimonials. One of them actually went on a Polio Plus trip to India shortly before our PHF meeting. Members became more aware of what the RI Foundation does from the personal testimonials than any film you can show them.

There was a lot of enthusiasm during and after that meeting. That day several members gave me checks and became PHF members. During the year many more members came forward and our numbers continue to grow. We also had a benefactor that matched contributions up to 50% of what a member contributed. As the certificates and medallions came to us we had a special ceremony and presented them to members. All in all it has been an exciting year for Paul Harris.

-- Dick Wendt, member



### CEREAL CITY SUNRISE CLUB

Star of Life Awards were presented to John Starr and Tony Schuster of LifeCare Ambulance Service at a special meeting of the **Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club** which took place at the Battle Creek Country Club. Pictured Above are Larry Anderson, LifeCare CEO; John Starr, LifeCare Vehicle Maintenance Supervisor; Tony Schuster, Paramedic; and Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club President Tim Brutsche

### Albion Rotary Club Establishes Service Award

The Jessie Longhurst Rotary Service Award at Albion College, was established by the Albion Rotary Club. "It is to be presented annually to an Albion college student or student group who has demonstrated exceptional innovation, motivation and involvement in service to the Albion Community." This is a person who has exhibited a commitment to others without regard for personal gain, as is exemplified by the Rotary Motto, *Service Above Self*. The first award was made on April 19, 2006 and the recipient was Trish Hughes.

## MAY 2006 ATTENDANCE



CLUBS	NO. OF MEMBERS		NET GAIN/LOSS		% ATTEN.	REPORTED GIVING TO ANNUAL FUND THROUGH 5-31-06
	7/1/2005	5/31/2006	5/31/2006	5/31/2006	5/31/2006	
District 6360 Contribution						\$250.00
Albion	58	61	3	72.40%		\$2,065.53
Allegan	32	34	2	49.00%		\$571.00
Athens	5	5	0	75.00%		\$0.00
Battle Creek	97	102	5	NR		\$4,900.00
Benton Harbor Sunrise	60	65	5	61.56%		\$3,330.00
Berrien Springs/Eau Clair	37	35	-2	NR		\$6,525.00
Bronson	48	48	0	82.17%		\$2,300.00
Cereal City Sunrise	21	20	-1	54.00%		\$0.00
Charlotte	91	85	-6	75.21%		\$10,334.00
Climax	21	21	0	NR		\$100.00
Coldwater Noon	92	92	0	79.20%		\$0.00
Coldwater Township	49	49	0	NR		\$3,500.00
Constantine	18	21	3	95.24%		\$1,572.00
Delta Waverly	69	75	6	65.90%		\$2,410.00
Delton Area	38	36	-2	54.00%		\$200.00
Dowagiac	72	72	0	NR		\$6,910.00
East Lansing	81	82	1	NR		\$2,220.00
Eaton Rapids	32	31	-1	61.00%		\$1,950.00
Galesburg	14	14	0	NR		\$400.00
Grand Ledge	56	66	10	51.00%		\$600.00
Gull Lake Area	55	57	2	62.75%		\$4,588.43
Haslett-Okemos	48	51	3	77.00%		\$1,000.00
Hastings	65	69	4	48.25%		\$400.00
Hillsdale	57	52	-5	58.00%		\$3,262.00
Ionia	38	42	4	33.00%		\$0.00
Jackson Breakfast	29	28	-1	67.00%		\$2,300.00
Jackson Noon	94	88	-6	NR		\$4,762.05
Jonesville	27	27	0	NR		\$0.00
Kalamazoo	253	261	8	68.00%		\$12,825.50
Kalamazoo Sunrise	13	11	-2	91.00%		\$3,345.00
Lakeshore	62	62	0	NR		\$2,770.00
Lansing	275	275	0	50.00%		\$19,160.00
Lansing DeWitt Sunrise	33	33	0	NR		\$1,660.00
Litchfield	17	19	2	NR		\$0.00
Marcellus	16	16	0	NR		\$1,400.00
Marshall	69	69	0	NR		\$775.00
Mason	29	32	3	54.00%		\$775.00
Michigan Center JCE	15	14	-1	75.00%		\$895.00
Middleville	39	41	2	NR		\$1,050.00
Niles-Buchanan	59	59	0	81.00%		\$730.00
Oshtemo	44	46	2	54.35%		\$0.00
Otsego	16	17	1	78.00%		\$882.00
Parchment	15	16	1	69.00%		\$450.00
Paw Paw Area	23	26	3	64.00%		\$290.00
Paw Paw Lake	22	20	-2	52.00%		\$775.00
Plainwell	21	30	9	39.66%		\$1,850.00
Portage	74	79	5	64.00%		\$5,968.00
Portage AM	24	26	2	68.00%		\$2,005.00
Quincy	36	36	0	NR		\$1,100.00
Reading	20	20	0	79.00%		\$600.00
South Haven	45	53	8	65.26%		\$5,475.00
South Lansing-Holt	20	24	4	76.00%		\$0.00
St. Joe/Benton Harbor	199	209	10	63.86%		\$24,996.50
St. Johns	47	49	2	36.33%		\$0.00
Sturgis	51	51	0	54.41%		\$1,600.00
Three Rivers	101	101	0	NR		\$1,000.00
Union City	23	23	0	NR		\$2,250.00
Vicksburg	45	43	-2	NR		\$1,900.00
White Pigeon	12	12	0	75.00%		\$0.00
Williamston Sunrise	44	39	-5	56.41%		\$3,852.00
Totals	3166	3240	74			\$166,829.01
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: <a href="mailto:edfoster@cablespeed.com">edfoster@cablespeed.com</a> or Fax to 517-543-3041.						
Remember 100% reporting is our goal						

### DG JAY'S CLUB VISITATION SCHEDULE FOR JULY AND AUGUST

July 10	St. Joseph/Benton Harbor	Mon.	12:10 – 1:30
July 11	Jackson Breakfast	Tues.	7:00-8 a.m.
July 12	Jackson Noon	Wed.	12- 1:15
July 13	Michigan Center	Thurs.	12:10 – 1:30
July 14	Lansing	Fri.	11:45 – 1:30
July 17	Marcellus	Mon.	6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
July 19	Climax	Wed.	12 – 1:00
July 20	Cereal City Sunrise	Thurs.	7:00 – 8 a.m.
July 20	Mason	Thurs.	12:10 – 1:30
July 25	South Haven	Tues.	7:00 – 8 a.m.
July 25	Berrien Springs/Eau Claire	Tues.	12 - 1
July 26	Benton Harbor Sunrise	Wed.	7:15 – 8:15 a.m.
Aug. 1	Williamston Sunrise	Tues.	7:15 - 8:30 a.m.
Aug. 1	Haslett/Okemos	Tues.	12:15 – 1:30
Aug. 4	Oshtemo	Fri.	12:15 – 1:30
Aug. 7	Reading	Mon.	6:00 – 7 p.m.
Aug. 8	Delta Waverly	Tues.	12:00 – 1:30
Aug. 14	Allegan	Mon.	12:15 – 1:30
Aug. 15	Charlotte	Tues.	12:15 – 1:30
Aug. 16	Hillsdale	Wed.	12 – 1:00
Aug. 21	Litchfield	Mon.	12 – 1:00
Aug. 22	Kalamazoo Sunrise	Tues.	7:15 – 8:30 a.m.
Aug. 22	Middleville	Tues.	12:15-1:30
Aug. 23	Portage	Wed.	12 – 1:15
Aug. 29	Constantine	Tues.	12 – 1:00
	<b>IZONE SEPT. 4-10</b>		

Yellow = a.m. club; Red = evening club

Please let us know ASAP, if you need to make a change, contact: LINDA – 517-543-7929  
[district6360@caablespeed.com](mailto:district6360@caablespeed.com)



Presidential Citations also went to Delta Waverly and South Lansing/Holt Clubs.

# The Rotary Club of South Haven presented a contribution of \$10,000.

to the development of the new Michael Listiak Community Auditorium. This award is part of the community service efforts in the 50th year of the South Haven Rotary Club. In the picture are [L to R] :



Steve Goforth [Past President, South Haven Rotary], Bob Boerma [Rotarian and Citizens Committee member], Ross Woodhams [representing Citizens Committee to Enhance Our Fine Arts], Dene Hadden [Principal South Haven High School and Rotarian], and Jerry Gruber [President South Haven Rotary].

## Polio Update

With two more endemic countries- Niger and Egypt-being declared Polio free, the psychological pressure on India to finish the race is mounting. Indian Union Finance Minister announced that “to eradicate Polio completely from the country by 2007, a massive immunization programme will be launched.”

The Polio Plus program in India has seen some major successes with 33 of the 35 states no longer being polio endemic. The dream seems closer to being realized now and efforts are being stepped up at various levels to wipe the slate clean.

### PROPOSED DATES FOR PULSE POLIO IMMUNISATION (2006)

AUGUST 20, 2006	NATIONWIDE
OCTOBER 8, 2006	NATIONWIDE
NOVEMBER 25, 2006	NATIONWIDE

If you want to participate in above POLIO NID'S please do not hesitate to write me.

Yours  
PHF PP Surendra Bansal  
Secretary  
Taj Hosting and Fellowship Society Agra [tajhostingagra@sancharnet.in](mailto:tajhostingagra@sancharnet.in)



## D6360 “Safe Water Project” Plans for the Future

On Tuesday June 27<sup>th</sup>, members of D6360 Safe Water Committee met to develop a long range plan for the safe water project. The planning meeting was facilitated at no cost by Char Wenham, a business consultant with Wood, Wenham & Henderson Consultants LLC, and past president of the Rotary Club of St. Joseph---Benton Harbor. The object is to develop an ongoing business plan for the project that will provide for continuity within the district by raising awareness for the need for safe water in the world through continued educational efforts of D6360 Rotarians. Having a plan to follow will help support funding opportunities to provide a continuous supply of BioSand Filters to the Dominican Republic. The plan might offer other opportunities to provide safe water by partnering with other Rotary Districts and other organizations. The group will continue to meet to firm up the action steps that have been identified. The group included Rotarians that have been involved in the current effort, including DG Jay Larson and DGE Dick Sammis. The safe water initiative continues in 2006-2007, with DG Jay encouraging each club to fund one BioSand Filter per member per club.



## FOUNDATION NEWS:

Welcome to the new Presidents!! As a reminder, during PETS a "challenge" was issued by DG Jay: If you contribute \$100 to the Foundation, so will he!!! The "challenge" is on!! We will attempt to determine (by the end of July) the contributions made by the DG in "matches!"

The **Foundation and Membership meetings for Club Chairs** have been established - **please RSVP to Linda Foster at the District Office (517-543-7929 or [district6360@cablespeed.com](mailto:district6360@cablespeed.com))**, noting the meeting you will be attending, your options are:

**Saturday, August 19th** - St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Area

Morning meeting: 10:00 o'clock to 12:00 o'clock

**Wednesday, September 13th** - Jackson Area

Evening meeting: 7:00 o'clock to 9:00 o'clock

**Thursday, September 14th** - Lansing Area – State Room at Kellogg Center, Michigan State University, East Lansing

Evening meeting: 7:00 o'clock to 9:00 o'clock; order off menu and pay individually for dinner

**Saturday, October 14th** - Kalamazoo Area

Morning meeting: 9:00 o'clock to 11:00 o'clock

We have scheduled the Membership and Foundation meetings concurrently to encourage "ride sharing." If you wish to bring members of your committees - GREAT! (Just include the names when you RSVP.)

Finally, as the start of the new Rotary Year, it is not too early to start planning your November (Foundation) month programs! There are a variety of speakers (within the District) who are more than willing to provide a presentation. The difficulty will be choosing the subject:

- 1) Will you ask to have a program from Group Study Exchange (funded by the Foundation)?
  - a. Do you want a Rotarian Team Leader to present "their experience?"
  - b. Do you want a non-Rotarian young professional team member to speak?
- 2) Will you ask an Ambassadorial Scholar recipient (funded by the Foundation) to be your featured speaker?
  - a. Do you want an Scholar who has COME to the United States OR
  - b. Do you want a Scholar who, as a United States Citizen, spent the year studying abroad? OR
  - c. Do you want someone to explain the program and the selection process?
- 3) Do you want a Peace Scholar recipient (funded by the Foundation) to be your featured speaker?
- 4) Do you want to hear about Polio Eradication? Perhaps the speaker made a trip to administer "drops" (National Immunization Days).
- 5) Do you want a speaker on Humanitarian Grants received?
- 6) Do you want a presentation on funding the Foundation?

As you can see, the list is lengthy, and November is a few months away. (I believe you could provide programs for the whole month on Foundation related activities!)

Remember - all the programs are funded by contributions to the Foundation - so, we need to consider Every Rotarian Every Year as well as gifts to the Permanent Fund.

Manya D. Otis, Chair



## Kudoos to GSE

Dear Alice:

What a wonderful experience we had in S.W. Michigan. Our Group Study Exchange (GSE) team were treated like Royalty by District 6360. Our memorable time in Michigan was, of course, in part, made possible because of your caring, and the generosity of the Rotarians like yourself.

G.S.E. is advertised as *NOT A VACATION*, and how right the Rotary G.S.E. bulletin is. Although not hard work, G.S.E. is certainly an exhausting experience. We were kept on the go every day from 8 am till 6 pm with not a boring moment of rest. I believe that this was a million dollar experience that the team would not pay a penny to do over again.

Our visits to Lansing / East Lansing, Jonesville / Hillsdale and St. Joseph / Benton Harbor and Kalamazoo were action packed and full of wonder. In Lansing we saw the Guitarist Angel Romero and the Detroit Symphony and the Garth Fagen dance company of New York. In Jonesville / Hillsdale we went to a Jazz Concert and a Big Band Concert. In St. Joseph / Benton Harbor we visited vineyards and tasted fine Michigan wine and met with the world renowned sculptor Richard Hunt, and saw the sun set over Lake Michigan and were treated to a wonderful trip to Rotary One in Chicago. In Kalamazoo, the K.I.A. opened their doors and heart to us. The Air-Zoo was wonderful. An evening of Bach organ recitals was beyond believing, and of course, your conference was a fun event and we especially enjoyed the educational component delivered by Vaughn L. Grisham on community development. I am always amazed at what wonderful oral presenters American Southerners are. What a pleasure Vaughn L. Grisham was. What a wonder Rotary is---providing such an experience for four young Belizeans.

In between the cultural events, our days were filled with Rotary, vocational and educational experiences; and the pleasures of good company.

One of the most interesting impressions of Michigan during this trip, for me at least, was how *beautiful* Michigan is. I had a preconceived image of Michigan as a state full of smoke stacks and automobiles pouring out of the finished end of huge manufactories, that filled the state from end to end. What a silly vision.

I know that I speak for the entire team when I say THANK YOU ROTARY, and District 6360 for providing such a fantastic experience. And my wife, Nan, sends a special thank you for taking such good care me.

And, not for a moment did Nan believe that G.S.E. was a working trip. "Anyone who gets to go to museums and concerts every day is not working," she firmly let me know. Consequently she had a large to-do-list ready for me when I returned home---hence the delay of this simple thank you note.

If Nan and I can, we look forward to sharing with you the same generous courtesy that you showed me and the entire team.

Respectfully, Yours In Rotary

*Andre' Lopez*

G.S.E. Team Leader (2006) 4250 to 6360; Past President (2004-5) Rotary Club of San Ignacio, Belize



## Deloris Crittenden is new AG for Area 7

Dee is an educator and her interest is young people. She chairs the Interact Committee at the District level and has served as secretary of the Galesburg Club. Welcome!



**SEMI-ANNUAL REPORTS (SAR) AND PER CAPITA DUES ARE DUE JULY 31<sup>ST</sup>!**  
 >RI DUES go to RI in Evanston, IL  
 >DISTRICT DUES go to Giff Blaylock  
 7835 Reindeer St., Portage, MI 49002

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO NEW CLUB PRESIDENTS! TAKE NOTE OF THE FOLLOWING:**

- > Please **get dates mentioned in this newsletter on your calendars now.**
- > July is Literacy Month – does your club have a literacy activity/project? This is one of RI President Bill Boyd's areas of special emphasis.
- > The new directories will be out soon and ClubRunner will be up and running. Throughout the year, if contact information or officers change, please let the District Office know.



## **DG OFFICIAL VISITS 2006-07**

- > **CLUB VISITS** by DG Jay begin July 10<sup>th</sup>. **Check the schedule** and be sure your program chair has him down. These dates were cleared already in the spring, but often information doesn't get on the club calendar.
- > **Contact Linda at the District Office ASAP** if you need to change a date.
- > **Remember, protocol is that another speaker should not be scheduled on the day of his official visit.**



## UPCOMING DATES . . .

- > **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 25<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**

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