



District 6360 Gazette

GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

AUGUST IS MEMBERSHIP AND EXTENSION MONTH

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DG Renée Merchant

Dick and I have been on a fun adventure this month. We've found our way traveling through our beautiful district of rolling hills, white picket fenced farms and lush orchards. We've visited busy industrial parks, and watched sailboats exit the harbor to Lake Michigan.

As I write this, I've made presentations for 21 clubs, met with the leadership of 14 clubs, before or after the meeting, and visited 8 club projects. I attended a club fundraiser set-up. I won a 50-50, which went back into the happy buck kitty. We met a member with 67 years in Rotary. Together with club leadership, we've brought in one new member, and awarded five Paul Harris Fellows. One new young Paul Harris Fellow plans to be a Rotary club president!

Here's what I've learned so far. Each club is unique in its membership, how it greets visitors, how it manages the meeting agenda, how it raises money, and how it distributes the funds. However, the one outstanding similarity of these clubs is Teamwork!

Club members work together based on their strengths and preferences for work assignments. And when the need is there, members step up to whatever the task requires. They apply for matching grants and district simplified grants to make their funds go further. Clubs involve other community organizations and corporations in their projects. Synergy means the whole is greater than the sum of its parts. We are great at bringing everything together to Make Dreams Real!

Looking ahead, August is Membership and Club Extension month. There's been expressed interest in forming a new club. Now, is a good time to update our club brochure and print club business cards to give to prospective members inviting them to attend a meeting. We can hold a community meet and greet, or involve non-Rotarians in our club projects. It gives us the opportunity to tell our story of how we work together to Make Dreams Real.

Best wishes identifying ways to share the wonderful world of Rotary!

Renée Merchant

ATTENTION CLUB PRESIDENTS AND PROGRAM CHAIRS!!!!

Club Presidents were given a schedule at PETS with the date of the District Governor's visit to your club. You were asked to immediately check with your program chair and to get this visit on your calendar. We asked to be notified right away if a change was necessary. **Protocol is that no other program is to be scheduled on the day of the Governor's visit.** We have sent reminders out every month in the newsletter, the schedule is in this newsletter, on the web, and printed it in the District Directory, which you all should have received by now. Please realize that DG Renee is booked solidly into October and visits were set up to combine visits geographically. Program chairs, ask your president about this if he/she hasn't communicated with you regarding the governor's visit to your club. Let Linda know right away if changes are necessary. district6360@cablespeed.com 517-543-7929.

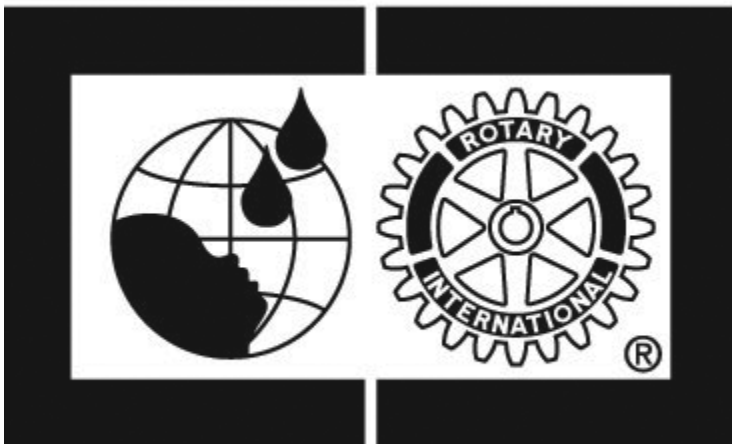
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I have a great story to tell that happened at our White Pigeon club. Our first Interact president showed up at our meeting. His name is Gavin Bowen, and he will be a senior at Northwood University this fall. I've always told Interact members they are welcome to come back to a Rotary meeting. I was floored that he did. His year as Interact President, we hosted U.S. Rep Fred Upton at a joint Rotary- Interact luncheon, which was followed by Congressman Upton addressing our entire high school student body. Gavin told us Wednesday that his career path was defined on that day. He wants to be politically involved as a career, and is currently President of the Young Republicans at Northwood. He assists in many local campaigns in that area. We all have fabulous young people in southwestern Michigan high schools, and I'm truly blessed to be able to work with those in White Pigeon. I can't think of one reason why every club in the district would not want to help positively impact the lives of these students. Please consider doing this, and I'd be happy as District Interact chair to talk to your club as a program. Dan Cropsey

PolioPlus



Rotary International

www.rotary.org/endpolionownewsletter People can receive the END POLIO NOW quarterly newsletter here.

POLIO PLUS PARTNERS PROGRAM

As many of you know, the Polio Plus Partners Program is well underway and the quest is to match the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation matching grant of \$100,000,000. Rotary is asking all clubs in the world to step up and pledge \$1000 a year for the next three years. We all know that many of the smaller clubs and those in the third world countries will have difficulty meeting this goal. It is up to us to

step up and help make this happen.

For the club presidents whom attended the PETS training and saw Bob Scott's PowerPoint program showing polio disappearing from the world, I have that program and am very willing to come to your club and present it. So far I have done four clubs and it has been very well received.

I want to emphasize that we are asking the clubs to make this happen and we are specifically challenging those members who have joined Rotary since July 1, 2005 and have not had the pleasure and opportunity to help say they were a part of helping Polio disappear from the world. Please contact me if you would like a program.

Yours in Rotary Service
PDG Ed Foster, District Secretary
517-543-3041 or ed@fosterdvm.com

WE WILL MAKE IT HAPPEN !!!





LITERACY/EDUCATION

All around the globe, INTERNATIONAL LITERACY DAY is being recognized and celebrated on September 8th. It is established by the UNESCO Education sector and included in the plans of many organizations, including Rotary International. Please note and bring to the Club's attention, the continuing need to support Literacy and Education, as this day approaches.

As the new Club year is now off to a good start, be sure that your club is making goals centered about Reading and the ability for each child/adult to read. Further information can be found at www.UN.org.

Betty Lee Ongley
Literacy/Education Chair

VICKSBURG CHANGES ITS MEETING TIME AND DAY

As of July 11, the Vicksburg Club has changed from a breakfast club on Wednesdays to a 12:15 time on Fridays. Ken Blough is the acting president until Marti Moore gets back on her feet from problems stemming from an accident.

CONGRATULATIONS DISTRICT 6360 ROTARY CLUBS WE ACCOMPLISHED 100% OF THE CLUBS REPORTING!



For the first time since I have been reporting club attendance to RI, we have all the clubs reporting. I have to attribute most of this to the new database (www.DaCdb.com) system that automatically sends the club secretaries a reminder until they have entered their club's attendance. (Okay, it wasn't accomplished without a little coxing on my part.) It is important to note that if a club has someone other than the club secretary reporting attendance, the District Office needs to know, so we can give them the proper security level in order to report the attendance. As was reported last month, **we have dropped the District ClubRunner site and will not be able to access those figures for attendance in the future.** We need all secretaries using the new site for this purpose. If for any reason you can't or do not want to do this, you may send us the figures and we will enter them for you. We will also need any adds or terminations in order to keep the database accurate.

Also, with the new site, secretaries can add new members or terminate a member in one database system and it automatically updates the new system and is sent to RI and the District. **Unfortunately, it doesn't work in reverse.** If you make changes on the RI site, we do not know it. The most important item that needs to be on the new database is the member's email. That is what makes this system work. Of course, we would like all the contact information on the members' profiles and clubs can ask their members to do this themselves. However, I need to encourage all the club secretaries to get their members' emails updated on the new site. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or problems using the new site. ed@fosterdvm.com 517-543-7929

Clubs that have a ClubRunner web site may still keep their site and we can add links to their site to make it easy for the members to access the things that they need. There is information on the new site on obtaining a web site with them if you just click on System Dashboard on the home page. If there is enough interest, we can set up a live webinar for up to fifteen people at one time to go through the site and walk you through it so you can see what you can do with it. (This would be for those club secretaries who were unable to attend the training session on July 15th.)

PDG Ed Foster, District Secretary

Clubs in District 6360

Club	Members 6/30/2008	Members Current 7/1/2008	YTD-Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend%
Albion	58	58	0	0	4	65
Allegan	38	38	0	0	5	58.94
Battle Creek	77	77	0	0	5	41.39
Benton Harbor-Sunrise	62	62	0	0	4	87.2
Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	34	34	0	0	4	52.94
Bronson	41	41	0	0	4	75.9
Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	16	16	0	0	4	64
Charlotte	83	83	0	0	4	79.66
Climax	26	26	0	0	4	73
Coldwater	90	90	0	0	4	77.61
Coldwater Township Sunrise	46	46	0	0	4	82
Constantine	17	17	0	0	4	100
Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	80	80	0	0	4	56.62
Delton Area	28	28	0	0	4	53
Dowagiac	63	63	0	0	4	41.27
East Lansing	83	83	0	0	4	50
Eaton Rapids	31	31	0	0	4	58
Grand Ledge	56	56	0	0	4	60.51
Gull Lake Area	50	50	0	0	4	63.68
Haslett-Okemos	49	49	0	0	4	76.6
Hastings	64	64	0	0	4	59.68
Hillsdale	49	49	0	0	4	66
Ionia	37	37	0	0	4	67.5
Jackson	88	88	0	0	4	59.82
Jackson-Breakfast	24	24	0	0	4	71
Jonesville	22	22	0	0	4	70
Kalamazoo	252	252	0	0	5	53.02
Kalamazoo Sunrise	14	14	0	0	4	67
Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville-Bridgman)	51	51	0	0	4	46.7
Lansing	257	257	0	0	4	40.36
Lansing - Dewitt Sunrise	30	30	0	0	4	73.23
Litchfield	14	14	0	0	4	80
Marcellus	13	13	0	0	5	81.5
Marshall	64	64	0	0	4	55
Mason	27	27	0	0	4	53
Michigan Center-Jackson County East	15	15	0	0	4	58
Middleville	41	41	0	0	4	64.02
Niles-Buchanan	49	49	0	0	5	76
Oshtemo	37	37	0	0	4	54.05
Otsego	19	19	0	0	4	81.12
Parchment	16	16	0	0	4	58
Paw Paw Area	23	23	0	0	4	63.04
Paw Paw Lake (Coloma Hartford Watervliet)	14	14	0	0	4	57
Plainwell	18	18	0	0	4	52.08
Portage	92	92	0	0	4	60
Portage AM	23	23	0	0	4	55
Quincy	37	37	0	0	5	75
Reading	21	21	0	0	4	82.16
South Haven	54	54	0	0	4	64.8
South Lansing-Holt	30	30	0	0	4	55.56
St. Johns	49	49	0	0	4	61
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	189	189	0	0	5	57.63
Sturgis	48	48	0	0	5	50.21
Three Rivers	91	91	0	0	4	48.11
Union City	21	21	0	0	4	81
Vicksburg	34	34	0	0	4	59
White Pigeon	13	13	0	0	4	66
Williamston Sunrise	44	44	0	0	4	44.89
Totals, Net Gain, Avg Attendance: 58 of 58 clubs reporting	3012	3012	0	0	240	63.53%

ROTARY DISTRICT 6360 FOUNDATION DINNER

The annual recognition dinner for the Rotary District 6360 Foundation will be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2008 in Hastings, Michigan at the Walldorff Bistro and Brew Pub. Dinner tickets will be available in the near future at a cost of \$40.00 per person. Social hour will be at 6:00 pm with dinner at 7:00 pm.

The annual raffle will be held at the dinner. This project is the only fund raising project that the foundation has for the year. Twenty percent of the funds raised in the raffle are available to the selling club in the form of RYLA camp payments. The balance of funds after expenses is used, combined with gains or losses from investments, for individual club grants for Rotary sponsored projects.



GET WELL WISHES TO:

Norm Leonard – recent surgery.

PDG Gil O'Rourke – more chemo

Doug Langham – Parkinson's

Jim Miyagawa – health issues



**DELTON CLUB MOVES ITS MEETING PLACE
AS OF AUGUST 1 TO: DELTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, BOARD ROOM**



Thank you!

To all the Rotarians in District 6360 - THANK YOU! Special thanks to all the chairs of committees under the Rotary Foundation, including:

- * Sharalyn Davis - Alumni
- * Dorilee Schieble and PDG Clyde Carnegie - Ambassadorial Scholars
- * PDG Bill Dimond - Annual Giving
- * PDG Jim Goodwin - Grants
- * Alice Ford - Group Study Exchange
- * Kelly Rossman McKinney - Polio Eradication

AND - of course, a thank you to all the committee members! As you all know, my three-year term in this position was concluded June 30. I have (mostly) enjoyed serving as DRFC for our district for the last three years and wanted to take this opportunity to formally (and publicly) thank those who made things happen!

A "special" thank you to the Marcellus Rotary Club (and Ralph Parker, in particular) for helping me celebrate my "release for good behavior" last month. The Marcellus Club helped me "count down" until I was "sprung from the joint." (AND - I even brought back a contribution to the Rotary Foundation!)

On a more serious note - I appreciate all the assistance, mentoring, giving, sharing and caring. Thank you.

Manya D. Otis
Past DRFC

College Mentoring Program

Jim,

Mandy gave an excellent presentation at the Lakeshore Rotary Club on the 17th. She was well-spoken and addressed the various aspects of the CM Program and was able to handle all of the questions posed by the Club. You would have been very pleased with her representation of a CM Student on the way to a position of leadership in the community and Rotary. All the Best,

Doug Stickney, Dowagiac Rotary

DG Renée,

This is way I am so proud of this program. We have outstanding students who will make us all proud when then become members of a club and then go on in a very short time and become president of their club - then, of course, on to be an AG and then Governor.

Jim

DG Renée's Remaining Club Visits

August

4	Mon.	12:10 7:15	Hastings	Emmanuel Episcopal Church
5	Tues.	a.m.	Williamston	Brookshire Inn
5	Tues.	12:15	Haslett/Okemos	Delta Dental Plan of MI
7	Thurs.	7:30 a.m.	Lansing/DeWitt	Capital City Airport
7	Thurs.	12:10	Mason	Best Sellers - upstairs
11	Mon.	Noon	Battle Creek	Burnham Brook Center
12	Tues.	12:15	Middleville	Middle Villa Inn Rennuci's Restaurant/Ionia
13	Wed.	12:10	Ionia	HS
14	Thurs.	7:00 a.m.	Coldwater Township	United Methodist Church
14	Thurs.	11:45	Dowagiac	Dowagiac Elk's Lodge
18	Mon.	12:15	Allegan	Allegan General Hospital
19	Tues.	12:15	Charlotte	Masonic Temple
20	Wed.	Noon	Parchment	Sports Forum Restaurant
21	Thurs.	7:30a.m.	Gull Lake Area	Richland Area Community Center

Date **Day** **Time** **Club** **Location**

August

21	Thurs.	Noon	Three Rivers	A Place in Time
25	Mon.	Noon	Kalamazoo	Radisson Plaza Hotel
26	Tues.	Noon	St. Johns	Clinton Commons
27	Wed.	7:30a.m.	Eaton Rapids(tentative)	Hospital Conference Room
27	Wed.	Noon	Portage	Portage Senior Center
28	Thurs.	Noon	At Albion with Marshall	Cascarell's of Albion Kellogg Com. College Eastern Center for this date - bigger

September

Sept. 2-7 ZONE INSTITUTE

8	Mon.	Noon	Quincy	Union Church
9	Tues.	Noon	Coldwater	Coldwater Elks Lodge
10	Wed.	11:45	Bronson	First Congregational United Church

Sept. 12-

14 RYLA

15	Mon.	11:45	Sturgis	Sturgis Young Auditorium
17	Wed.	Noon	White Pigeon	E. Chicago Ritz
19	Fri.	12:15	Vicksburg	Vicksburg Community Center
22	Mon.	Noon	East Lansing	University Club Ballroom
23	Tues.	Noon	Delta Waverly	Carraba's Restaurant
24	Wed.	Noon	South Lansing/Holt	Holiday Inn South

Oct. 1 Wed. Noon time/place) School Brd. Meeting Room

Methodist Church Education Bldg.

8 Wed. Noon Climax
15 Wed. 12:15 Grand Ledge

Grand Ledge Opera House

Paw Paw Lake 100% PHF



Ryan Krenek is nine years old and is the son of Scott Krenek. Scott is a charter member (and twice past president) of the 25-year-old Paw Paw Lake Rotary Club which represents the communities of Coloma, Watervliet and Hartford. Scott already has two Paul Harris Fellowships in his name. The third he decided would be in his only son's name, as he fully expects his son to become a Rotarian after his formal schooling is completed. Ryan loves to be involved in all Rotary activities and come to as many meetings as he can when not in school. The Paul Harris Fellowship means a great deal to him and he is proud of the honor and thankful to Rotary for being able to contribute.

New Paul Harris Members in the Paw Paw Lake Rotary Club – inducted 6/23/08

- Sandy Daignault (member)
- Becky Burford (member)
- Randy Palgen (member & current new President)
- Ryan Krenek (9 year old son of member Scott Krenek)
- Irma Vaddergoegh (wife of member, Birney)



With these new inductees, the Paw Paw Lake Rotary Club members are all Paul Harris Fellows! Congratulations!!!!

NEWS FLASH – DISTRICT 6360 GOLF OUTING SCHEDULED

Sponsored by the Jackson Area Clubs. The event will be at Lakeland Hills (Michigan Center) on Wednesday, August 27. It will be a 4-person scramble, \$240 per team, \$60 each player. Fee includes lunch, dinner, golf and carts (dinner only \$15).

Schedule: 12 Noon – registration/lunch, 1:15 Tee Off (Shotgun start) 6PM will be Dinner and awards . Chairman is Jim Egan, (517) 787-8246 - 719 S Durand, Jackson, MI 49203 e-mail: jeegan@sbcglobal.net



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NOMINATE A DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE -

Each club is invited and encouraged to submit suggestions for Governor Nominee for the fiscal year July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012. (These should be in the form of a Resolution from your club.) Get those in to the District Office or to Chairman, PDG Richard Rosenfeld, 4075 Glacier Hills Dr., Ann Arbor, MI 48105, no later than October 1, 2008. Nominees must be members in good standing of a functioning club; must have served as club president and be willing to serve as District Governor. Note that this is earlier than in previous years. The interviews will take place in November.

Director Mike and Friends invited you to a Roar'n Good Time at the 2008 Rotary Institute



<http://www.zones27-28.org>

TAKE A ROTARY SAFARI TO THE KALAHARI

Institute Convener: Institute Chairs:

RID Mike Johns 2007-2009 PDG Dave and Beverly Skrzynski

Zones 27-28 GETS, Leadership Position Training & Rotary Institute

September 1-7, 2008 Kalahari Resort & Nia Center, Sandusky, OH

Business casual attire unless otherwise indicated

UPCOMING DATES . . .

- **August 23, 2008, Saturday, Quarterly Meeting, Ramada, Battle Creek**
- **September 2-7, 2008, Zone Institute, Safari to the Kalahari, Sandusky, OH**
- **<http://www.zones27-28.org>**
- **September 12-14, 2008 RYLA Leadership Camp, Battle Creek Outdoor Center**
- **October 21, 2008, Tuesday, District Foundation Dinner, Hastings**
- **March 7, 2009, Saturday, 5th Annual Thirsting to Serve Water Conference, Grand Rapids, Calvin College – PrinceConference Center**
- **PETS, March 29-31, 2009 [mandatory for PEs], Radisson, Kalamazoo**

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

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