

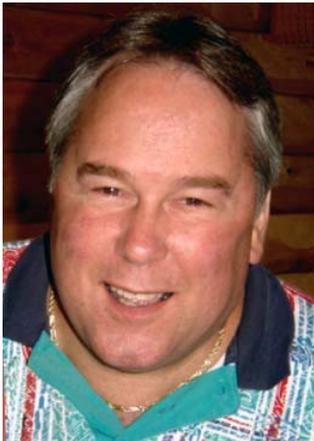


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GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

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Paul Harris: I've often wondered why Rotary has a Foundation month.....
 The Grinch: Yeah, yeah, let's get rid of Foundation month.
 Paul Harris: Oh I suppose for the same reason we have a Mother's Day, but we all know every month has to be Foundation month.
 The Grinch: I'm sick of hearing about the Foundation. Foundation! Foundation! Foundation!
 Paul Harris: Can't spare \$10.00 a month?
 The Grinch: Keep your hands out of my pockets!
 Paul Harris: But you did join Rotary.....
 The Grinch: The food is good....
 Paul Harris:and Rotary and the Rotary Foundation are the same thing! It's all Rotary. We're all Rotarians!
 The Grinch: No way!! This is a trick.
 Paul Harris: Supporting the Foundation is like a man or woman supporting their family.
 The Grinch: I only support my fellow Grinches.
 Paul Harris: And Rotarians only support humanity.
 The Grinch: I support my local community.
 Paul Harris: All Rotarians do. And most still have \$10.00 per month for those that need it most. Say, The Foundation does support facial reconstruction surgeries....
 The Grinch; Say what? ...hey, let me look at that pamphlet again.....

Dick Sammis

Fred Bindemann from the Portage Club, and past District World Community Service Chair, died October 26th from cancer. A memorial service will be held on November 3rd at 2:00 p.m. at the VFW Post on Kilgore in Kalamazoo.

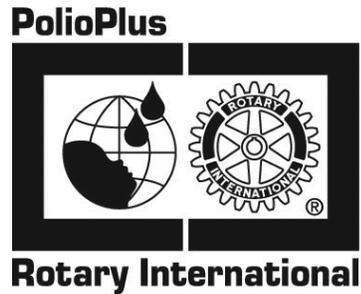
TRF CONTRIBUTION TOP FIVE!!

First Quarter TRF contribution totals are in and with 25% of the Rotary year concluded, CONGRATS go to Governors Brenner, Jeselnick, Schibler, Etienne, and **Sammis** whose five districts are **leading the pack in Zone 28**.

As of 30 September, these TRF contributions have been received:

>D7280	\$62,122
>D6540	\$59,717
>D6600	\$50,607
>D6290	\$49,043
> D6360	\$43,623





The PolioPlus and PolioPlus Partners programs of The Rotary Foundation are two programs with one goal – a polio-free world. This year, we hope that your leadership and support will help us continue to work towards this goal.

Since the Polio Eradication Fundraising Campaign (PEFC) ended in 2005, fundraising for PolioPlus Partners, in addition to PolioPlus, remains a priority. Contributions to the PolioPlus Partners program are essential to meet significant and ongoing funding needs. Our clubs and districts must remain focused and not give up until we have completed the task of global polio eradication.

Since 1995, The Rotary Foundation Trustees have appointed PolioPlus Partners Task Force members to help inform districts and clubs on the status of global polio eradication and to encourage support for PolioPlus Partners through the Open Projects List. PolioPlus Partners Task Force members are available to make presentations or answer questions related to Rotary's involvement in polio eradication. We have included a list of PolioPlus Partners Task Force members with this communication and you can also find them in the RI *Official Directory*.

In 2007-08, the PolioPlus Partners Task Force is extending a Challenge to all Rotarians, clubs, and districts:

1. Asking for 100% participation from all Rotary districts to allocate a minimum of 10% of their available District Designated Funds (DDF).
2. Asking all Rotary clubs and districts, Interact and Rotaract clubs to have a club program for PolioPlus Partners by March 2008.
3. Requesting district leaders to encourage all clubs chartered after 1 July 2003 to consider making a club contribution, having a fundraiser, or making individual contributions to PolioPlus Partners.
4. Requesting zone, district, and club leaders to encourage new members to contribute and become a part of Rotary's number one goal of global polio eradication.
5. Encouraging all Rotarians that view PolioPlus as their primary Rotary interest to make another contribution to PolioPlus Partners.

We ask that you please work with the PolioPlus Partners Task Force and your fellow Rotary leaders to meet these goals in 2007-08 and beyond. Please respond to Task Force members, as they will be contacting all Rotary districts in the coming weeks, asking for your support. With everyone's continuing support, we shall demonstrate our resolve and achieve the final goal of a polio-free world for all the worlds' children.

Sincerely,

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 Past President, Rotary International
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SEPTEMBER 2007 ATTENDANCE

CLUBS	NO. OF		NET GAIN/ LOSS	NO. OF		% ATTEN.	REPORTED GIVING TO ANNUAL FUND
	MEMBERS AS REPORTED	MEMBERS		HONORARY MEMBERS	HONORARY MEMBERS		
	BY RI 7/1/2007	9/30/2007	9/30/2007	9/30/2007	9/30/2007	THROUGH 9-30-07	
District 6360							
Albion	59	58	-1	2	62.90%	\$530.00	
Allegan	38	38	0	1	62.74%	\$0.00	
Battle Creek	92	96	4	5	33.48%	\$0.00	
Benton Harbor Sunrise	55	57	2	0	78.07%	\$250.00	
Berrien Springs/Eau Clair	29	29	0	0	65.00%	\$0.00	
Bronson	48	47	-1	6	80.65%	\$0.00	
Cereal City Sunrise	19	19	0	0	57.00%	\$0.00	
Charlotte	83	83	0	5	74.63%	\$0.00	
Climax	26	26	0	0	NR	\$0.00	
Coldwater Township	45	46	1	6	92.00%	\$1,000.00	
Coldwater Noon	92	94	2	3	80.28%	\$0.00	
Constantine	18	18	0	0	100.00%	\$0.00	
Delta Waverly	77	77	0	0	60.48%	\$0.00	
Delton Area	29	29	0	3	NR	\$100.00	
Dowagiac	68	64	-4	2	NR	\$175.00	
East Lansing	80	78	-2	3	64.94%	\$525.00	
Eaton Rapids	33	34	1	3	63.00%	\$0.00	
Grand Ledge	55	55	0	2	59.80%	\$0.00	
Gull Lake Area	47	48	1	2	64.58%	\$25.00	
Haslett-Okemos	51	53	2	0	76.00%	\$2,000.00	
Hastings	66	63	-3	0	65.93%	\$0.00	
Hillsdale	58	50	-8	1	55.00%	\$3,339.00	
Ionia	39	40	1	1	50.00%	\$100.00	
Jackson Noon	88	87	-1	2	65.35%	\$1,020.00	
Jackson Breakfast	24	24	0	0	71.00%	\$2,042.66	
Jonesville	26	24	-2	0	NR	\$0.00	
Kalamazoo Sunrise	13	13	0	1	NR	\$0.00	
Kalamazoo	247	253	6	5	59.30%	\$225.00	
Lakeshore	53	58	5	0	67.00%	\$1,510.00	
Lansing DeWitt Sunrise	33	33	0	0	NR	\$1,275.00	
Lansing	255	263	8	9	51.49%	\$100.00	
Litchfield	17	17	0	0	NR	\$0.00	
Marcellus	13	13	0	0	NR	\$0.00	
Marshall	61	61	0	0	NR	\$875.00	
Mason	31	31	0	0	NR	\$1,000.00	
Michigan Center JCE	14	14	0	6	64.00%	\$285.00	
Middleville	38	38	0	2	NR	\$0.00	
Niles-Buchanan	59	57	-2	1	77.00%	\$0.00	
Oshkono	43	43	0	3	NR	\$0.00	
Otsego	18	19	1	0	86.00%	\$30.00	
Parchment	17	16	-1	0	60.00%	\$0.00	
Paw Paw Area	24	24	0	0	67.71%	\$843.00	
Paw Paw Lake	16	14	-2	0	53.00%	\$0.00	
Plainwell	22	22	0	0	51.70%	\$0.00	
Portage	84	90	6	3	65.00%	\$1,500.00	
Portage AM	24	23	-1	0	69.00%	\$0.00	
Quincy	37	37	0	1	NR	\$0.00	
Reading	21	21	0	0	74.00%	\$0.00	
South Haven	53	56	3	7	62.67%	\$1,125.00	
South Lansing-Holt	26	24	-2	0	61.50%	\$0.00	
St. Johns	46	45	-1	3	57.39%	\$1,000.00	
St. Joe/Benton Harbor	187	192	5	4	66.82%	\$7,864.00	
Sturgis	45	45	0	0	NR	\$0.00	
Three Rivers	104	107	3	3	50.00%	\$0.00	
Union City	23	20	-3	1	78.00%	\$200.00	
Vicksburg	36	35	-1	0	NR	\$0.00	
White Pigeon	12	12	0	0	86.00%	\$0.00	
Williamston Sunrise	44	41	-3	0	49.39%	\$28,938.66	
Totals	3061	3074	13	96			

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: edfoster@cablespeed.com or Fax to 517-543-3041.
Remember 100% reporting is our goal.



Club Alert Reminder:

- Nominations for club officers and board members should be done in November
- Elections should take place in December
- Results are due to RI and the District Office no later than DECEMBER 31, 2007! Please include names and contact information.

This is especially important this year, as the President Elects Training Seminar (PETS) is in February instead of March. Your PE must attend PETS in order to step up to the presidency. As was pointed out last month, the Council on Legislation has ruled that if the PE doesn't meet this requirement, the current president remains in office until the PE does.



Literacy/Education

As your clubs make ready for applications for SCHOLARSHIPS, let us know how many you give, in what amounts and to whom are they awarded? Do you have one person or a committee review the applicants? Are they restricted to special schools, towns, or are they open to anyone within your area?

Other clubs in our district need to share in this information, and it would be wonderful to compile this information to share with the District. Send your results to Betty Lee Ongley, District Literacy/Education Chair Bongley123@sbcglobal.net



SPECIAL BULLETIN!!!

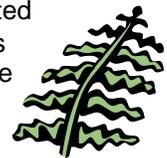
The profile of water and sanitation in Rotary International received a tremendous boost on October 25th. On that day the United Nations Association of New York honored RI and The Rotary Foundation with its 2007 Humanitarian Award, in recognition of Rotary's significant efforts to provide safe water and sanitation and its commitment to sustainable development worldwide.

"In the years since RI has started focusing on water as one of its annual service emphases..... We've learned just how much can be accomplished with relatively little, how a single small water project, perhaps a pump or a filter, can change the life of a community," says RI president Wilf Wilkinson. "However, our work has also included participation in many other major water projects."

The award is presented annually in observance of United Nations Day (October 24). This year's award ceremony focused on the global water crisis. Professor Jeffrey D. Sachs, Director of the Earth Institute at Columbia University and special adviser to the UN Secretary-General, served as Honorary Chair of the event. Proceeds from the dinner will benefit organizations and enterprises working to alleviate water-related problems around the world.



Green thumbs resulted in five BioSand Filters recently at the **Paw Paw Area Rotary Club**. The gardeners and plant-lovers among the members toted their wares to the meeting.....including six enormous ferns ... hoping the bids would be high. And, high they were. Members came across with a little more than \$500 and went home with not only the ferns but a variety of perennials and even one artificial arrangement of water lilies which went for a cool \$60.



The auction, an annual event at Paw Paw, also included some intra-Rotary commerce. In September, Paw Paw member Susan Erion was one of the four winners in the Vicksburg Rotary beef raffle. Five pounds of the grade A choice ground beef went for \$25 at the plant auction. All the money raised will be put in the BioSand Filter fund.

Submitted by Susan Erion

Lakeshore Rotary was honored as first in District 6360 for the year 2006-2007 in Rotary International Foundation giving. The award was specifically to honor the Rotary Clubs who gave the most in per capita giving to the Rotary Foundation in the District. Out of 58 Rotary clubs, 1st place went to Lakeshore, **2nd place to Kalamazoo Sunrise** and **3rd place to Union City**. Lakeshore Rotary received a banner to display, and a letter of accomodation from RI.



Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS)

Call for Applications

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies (RPCS) Program announces a call for applications for the July 2008 program session. The deadline for completed applications to be submitted to The Rotary Foundation for this session is 1 December 2007.

Program Synopsis

The Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program is a professional development program held in Bangkok, Thailand through which up to 30 participants embark on three months of intensive study instructed by some of the leading specialists in the peace and conflict resolution fields. The customized curriculum has been crafted by specialists in the field to capitalize on the experience of both participants and lecturers while balancing theoretical and practical learning.

Ideal for busy professionals, the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program's customized curriculum helps promising leaders expand their global outlook, strengthen their negotiation skills, and ultimately make a positive impact on future peace and conflict resolution efforts worldwide.

Promotional Materials

Please feel free to use this announcement and our latest press release to advertise the Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program and recruit applicants. The press release reports the outcome of our latest selection committee meeting and presents a call for applications for the July 2008 program session. [Download press release here](#). We appreciate your help and support as we train leaders to build peace.

For More Information

Please contact [Jenn Weidman](#), Rotary Peace and Conflict Studies Program Specialist, at +1-847-866-3374 with any questions or for more information. Program materials and participant profiles can be downloaded at www.rotary.org.

NOMINATE A DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE -

Each club is invited and encouraged to submit suggestions for Governor Nominee for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011. (Nominees must have served as president of a Rotary Club.) Get those in to the District Office or to Chairman, Bill Menser, PDG, 9777 Beechnut St., Bridgman, MI 49106 no later than December 1, 2007, preferably sooner. Suggestions need to be in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the club and certified by the club secretary. Interviews will take place December 4th.

The form for sending in contributions for the BioSand Filters by Rotary club members is available on the web...

www.district6360.com



“Member Tips, Growing Rotary Membership”, Member Newsletter of Zone 27/28

Zone has the email list for the District Club Membership Chairs and will now send the newsletter directly to the chairs. If you did not include your email in the district roster, you may send it to Ed & Linda and we will forward to the Zone Membership Team. Ed will add a link for this newsletter to our membership section of the District web site. Go to www.district6360.com and see what he has already posted! Thanks Ed. And thanks to Linda for setting up a data base with Club Membership Chair information. **Please encourage your clubs to use this section of our web site and give us your feedback!**

District Membership Chair Gathering

Saturday, November 10, 10 a.m. - 12 noon

Plainwell Community Center, M89

Club membership chairs are invited to a gathering hosted by District Membership Chair Kathleen.

*“I have been asked to serve as District Membership Chair for 2007-2008. I could use your help, and would like to offer mine to you. First, you are all invited to become members of the District Membership Team – a clearing house for ideas, tools and resources to help each other in recruitment and retention of members. This is not just for the clubs that have been wildly successful (although two of them have already said yes). It’s for all of us, big and small, growing or declining. Second; and this is the big point of my communication to you: **you are invited to a gathering of membership chairs on November 10 from 9:30am-noon at the Plainwell Community Center, 798 East Bridge Street. It’s on M 89 (also called Bridge Street), just off 131 a ways, in the Island City of Plainwell. It’s one block east of Plainwell Ice Cream, and just east of the railroad tracks on the south side of the street.**”*

At the gathering, I’ll share with you some of the strategies I picked up at the President’s Conference on Membership, plus some ideas sent to me by some of our most successful clubs. But (and this is most important)we will have structured time to draw out strategies from each other, identify the tools we need to do our jobs, share our concerns and celebrate our wins. I also have your membership chair pins (bet you didn’t know there was such a thing) and information on a little competition the district is planning.” – Kathleen

The invitation has been sent by email and snail mail to all club membership chairs. Please reinforce the invitation in the clubs you belong to or represent (AG’s). This is not a required meeting, but one we hope will result in an active membership committee, strategy sharing and ultimately increased membership. If you did not get any of our announcements in time to attend, please contact Kathleen at ktosco@ntelos.net to be included in the distribution list for results of this meeting and future invitations.

Interactive membership program for clubs

Kathleen has introduced an interactive membership program to help clubs develop membership growth and retention strategies. The Otsego club was the first club to request the program. They came up with a page of ideas that they (emphasize they) feel are realistic for their club members to implement. The program is available to other clubs on request, and will be demonstrated at the Membership Chair gathering for chairs to use with their own clubs.

Net membership competition!

DG Dick is working on a surprise we can offer to the club under 25 that has the greatest net membership gain by May 1, 2008.

Kathleen Tosco, DGN & District Membership Chair



The Mighty Club, Michigan Center-JCE Rotary Club, joined forces with the Leoni Township Fire Department to hold the Community Halloween Party, Sunday, October 28. There were games, costume contests, penny pile, and lots of food. We served 480 hot dogs, gallons of cider, dozens of donuts, and a boatload of candy. Youth Exchange and RYLA students participated. Everyone enjoyed a beautiful day!

Photo shows Rotarian Lee Hudson putting coins into the Penny Pile.

Photo shows Honorary Rotarian Helen Navarre leading the Costume Judging.



ROTARY DISTRICT FOUNDATION DINNER/RAFFLE

Seventy-two people attended the District Foundation Dinner on October 23rd. It was held at the Walldorff Brew Pub in Hastings, MI. The raffle should clear between \$7,500 and \$8,000!



Left: Shari LaBrenz, Treasurer
Don Siegel



Right: Jerry Jenkins, President

CLUBS SHOULD CONTACT JERRY JENKINS TO LOOK INTO GETTING GRANTS FOR PROJECTS!
(jenkinsaccounting@prodigy.net)

First-ever **Rotary Alumni Celebration**, a pre-convention meeting with special events, notable speakers, and social gatherings for Foundation alumni and friends to be held Friday, June 13-Saturday, June 14, 2008 as part of the 2008 RI Convention in Los Angeles, California, USA. Contact the District Office for more details: 517-543-7929, district6360@cablespeed.com

UPCOMING DATES . . .

- **November 15, 2007 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"**
- **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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