



District 6360 Gazette

GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

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DG Jay Larson

During February, Greg Larson, 12 other District 6360 Rotarians and I had the opportunity to see first hand what Rotary BioSand Filters (BSF) are doing for the people of the Dominican Republic. Over 12,000 BSFs have been installed in 125 communities with the help of Dominican Republic Rotarians, 15 other Rotary Districts and the Peace Corp. The scientific study of their effectiveness has just been verified and the people in these communities praised their ability to keep their children as well as themselves well. They are truly grateful to you for your BSF contributions and our District is truly, "Leading the Way."

I personally want to thank our Rotarians who have supported this District water project. If you have not donated a BioSand Filter this year, please consider doing so by sending a \$60 check to our District 6360 Foundation – BSF in care of Lee Seguin, 12248 Southgate Dr., Plainwell, MI 49080. Be certain to include your club name.

DG Jay

PLEASE GET YOUR CLUB OFFICER &
COMMITTEE CHAIR INFORMATION FORMS
IN TO THE DISTRICT OFFICE A.S.A.P.

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LAST CALL FOR DISTRICT SIMPLIFIED GRANT APPLICATIONS!!

Any club in the district wishing to apply for a District Simplified Grant for projects beginning July 1, 2007, must have their completed application in to PDG Jim Goodwin, District Grants Chair, **not later that March 31, 2007**. If your club has a project in mind, and would like to apply, let Jim know at jgoodwin@frontiernet.net and he will send application forms, DSG criteria, etc., via return email.

The District Grants Committee will meet in April to evaluate all received applications and the successful clubs will be notified prior to July 1.

DGS funds are limited. Perhaps not all applicants will be successful, and perhaps the amount awarded may not match the amount asked for.

PEs – are you registered for PETS???

To assume your club presidency, RI mandates that you attend a PETS.
Dates are March 22-24, 2007 at the Radisson in Kalamazoo.
Go to www.greatlakesrotarypets.org

MC-JCE, the Mighty Club, will be returning to Lakeland Hills golf club on March 1st





Dear Club President,

Please take note of the following information and get busy on completing and sending your forms to DG Jay Larson at 337 N. Kalamazoo, Marshall, MI 49068 or fax it to him at 269-781-2745.

Presidential Citation

Deadline for the DG to submit a list of qualifying clubs to RI World Headquarters: 15 April 2007

For Web materials, visit: www.rotary.org/programs/awards/club/presidential.html

The Presidential Citation program is revised on an annual basis by the RI president to complement the president's theme for the year. This year's program supports President Bill Boyd's **Lead the Way** theme. The 2006-07 Presidential Citation brochure, available on the Web, highlights different activities that a club can participate in to qualify for this award. In addition to accomplishing four activities (each from a different category of service as found in the citation brochure), clubs must verify that they have achieved a net increase of at least one member prior to 1 April 2007.

Club presidents must fill out and sign the Presidential Citation Certification Form and send it to their district governors for endorsement by April 7.

WORLD ROTARACT WEEK IS MARCH 12-18TH
– commemorates the chartering of the first Rotaract Club

DISTRICT CONFERENCE PLANNING COMMITTEE:

Please keep the time slot for 9:00 am until 1:00 pm on March 9, 2007 available for our next DCPC meeting. This meeting will be at "Shops at the Marshall House" at 100 Exchange Street, Marshall, MI 49068 in the East Room. I suggest you park in the street around the building or across Green Street at the Baptist Church parking lot as there is considerable construction underway in next door parking lot. Do not park in the five spaces in the U drive area of "Shops at the Marshall House"! We will be done by noon and lunch will be available for any who wish to stay. The agenda for this meeting is being prepared by Ron Ducheneay. Ron will be contacting you to identify any specific things that you wish to cover or be resolved at this meeting. However, please feel free to call him with your input at 296-781-6384 to expedite this process.

Jay Larson



Dear Rotary Leaders,

Note that this is just a "heads-up." I regret that I do not have any additional information other than what is provided below.

The invitations to the **Major Donor Dinner** to be held in conjunction with the Rotary International Convention in Salt Lake City are being mailed out this week. The event will take place 18 June, 2007 in the Grand Ballroom of the Salt Lake City Marriott with a cocktail reception at 1900 and dinner being served at 1930.

The cost for this function is \$50.00 per person and is considered a donation to offset the cost of the dinner. (The actual cost of the dinner is far greater than the \$50.00 being charged.) As in past years, attendees will not receive Paul Harris credit for this donation and it will not count toward their personal giving to The Rotary Foundation.

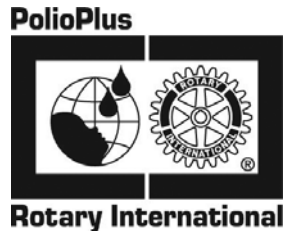
Over the years and especially when the International Convention is held in the United States, this event has been very popular with Major Donors and often sells out. While the RSVP deadline is 4 May, 2007, I would encourage you and donors in your districts who are interested in attending to keep an eye out for this invitation and promptly mail the RSVP card with payment.

Michael Smith, The Rotary Foundation Major Gifts Officer
 Zones 27, 28, 29 & 30 Phone: 847.866.3220 Fax: 847.328.4101

NEW TOLL-FREE TRF CONTACT CENTER: The Rotary Foundation Contact Center is taking general inquiry calls and emails for The Rotary Foundation and its programs from Rotarians, clubs and districts in the United States and Canada. Call 1-866-9ROTARY or e-mail: contact.center@rotary.org to check on your donations, recognition points, and more. The TRF Contact Center is open Monday-Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Central Standard Time.

From an email from
Tom Ewen, PDG

Assistant Chair, PolioPlus Partners Task Force quoting interviews with **Dr. Bruce Aylward**, WHO (World Health Organization) Director of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative and **Dr. David Heymann**, Acting Assistant Director-General for WHO's Communicable Diseases cluster of departments and the Director-General's representative for pandemic influenza.



Polio Will Soon Be History

With the new polio vaccines and new diagnostic procedures that are now available, the last four polio-endemic countries should be able to interrupt their last chains of polio virus transmission in the coming 24 months. Once we have seen the last case of polio, however, it will still take a further full three years of surveillance to be able to certify all WHO regions as polio-free. Only at that point can we then take the final step and begin the process of stopping routine immunization with the oral polio virus vaccine, and thereby eliminate all paralysis due to polio viruses.

- Countries have mobilized a network of 20 million volunteers and health workers to implement the polio eradication strategies.
- The surveillance activities conducted by the virology laboratory network where polio is identified has been used for detection of other disease outbreaks.

CLUBS TAKE NOTE – INSURANCE INFORMATION

Effective March 1, 2007, Rotary International will have a new insurance broker, Lockton Companies, who will handle questions on the U. S. Rotary Club and District General Liability program. They can be reached M-F 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 (CST) at 800-921-3172, rotary@lockton.com, Fax 312-681-6769.

Updated instructions on how to get a certificate of insurance can be found on Rotary's Insurance webpage at: <http://www.rotary.org/support/insurance/index.html>

Note: all certificates of insurance issued by our previous insurance broker, Aon, prior to March 1, 2007 will remain valid. The change in brokers does not affect the insurance coverage for your club or district.





Local Couple Provides Clean, Safe Water for 4,000 Families in the Dominican Republic

Stating a desire to give impoverished children in the Dominican Republic a chance to grow up healthy and lead productive lives, Dick and Rene Laney of Stevensville have contributed enough funds to Rotary District 6360's Children's Safe Water Project to provide 4,000 families with clean, safe water.

With an average per capita income of just \$2,070 (US) the people of the Dominican Republic face many difficulties related to a poor economy including problems with education and health care services, and in maintaining a clean water supply. The Laney's donation will purchase 1,000 point-of-use BioSand Water Filters (each filter serves an average of four families) greatly increasing the health and well-being of children and families in the Dominican Republic.

The BioSand Water Filter removes 98% of impurities from contaminated water with little or no on-going maintenance required. "It was important to us to find a project that addressed the clean water issues of remote rural families," Laney said. "They have little or no access to running water, getting most of their water from contaminated rivers or even the mud puddles along the dirt roads"

Dick Laney traveled to the Dominican Republic with Charles Jespersen for the first time in May 2004. "It was humbling to see the need. We so easily take for granted the abundance of clean fresh water here in Southwest Michigan," said Laney. "These are hard-working individuals who are suffering under the deplorable consequences of drinking from a contaminated water supply. We just had to do something about it. The world has been good to us. This is just one way that we can give something back." The two local Rotarians visited the country again in November 2004 together with six other local people, two of whom are area Rotarians.

The Rotary District 6360 Children's Safe Water Project began in 2003 as the first locally-initiated international project undertaken by the Rotary Clubs of Lakeshore, Benton Harbor---Sunrise, and St. Joseph---Benton Harbor. Charles Jespersen of the Rotary Club of St. Joseph---Benton Harbor club and Dick Laney of the Rotary Club of Lakeshore pioneered their clubs' involvement in the BioSand Water Filter Project.

The Clubs were looking for a worthy international project with demonstrated results and potential high-impact. Charles Jespersen, International Service Chairperson for the St. Joseph---Benton Harbor Club said "We were looking for a project that addressed a serious need, had a high degree of local buy-in and that was near enough for Club members to visit and see first-hand both the need for and the impact of their giving."

The BioSand Water Filter, designed by David Manz, Ph.D., is a form of slow sand filtration. It is a point-of-use filtration system reducing the opportunities for re-contamination of the water. The filter is easily cleaned and uses no consumable parts that must be replaced. It is readily constructed, using inexpensive materials that are accessible world wide and in third world countries. The initial cost of the filter is typically the only cost incurred and the filter can be manufactured and delivered for as little as \$60 each.

The filters are currently manufactured in the Dominican Republic providing micro-business opportunities benefiting the local economy. A partnership has been developed with Rotary Clubs in District 4060 in the Dominican Republic. District 4060 also has a signed agreement with the Peace Corps for family selection, installation and filter use education.

"While there is virtually no maintenance required to keep the filters operational, families need to understand that if you put the clean, filtered water in the same bucket that you carried the contaminated water in, you've negated much of the benefit and are still drinking contaminated water," said Jespersen. "The partnership with Dominican Rotary Clubs and the Peace Corps for education, installation and family selection is a critical component to the success of the project."

Bob Hildreth, member of the Puerto Plata Isabelle de Torres Rotary Club, chairs the project in the Dominican Republic. "With this project we are taking action to eliminate the deaths worldwide of 5,000 children every single day from water borne diseases"

To date the three local Rotary Clubs have raised over \$99,354. This includes Dick and Rene Laney's contribution, matching grant funds from Rotary International Foundation, and general membership and non-Rotarian contributions.

In addition to providing BioSand Water Filters, the three local Rotary Clubs have undertaken additional projects to benefit the children in the Dominican Republic such as:

- Collected school supplies for the schools in the area served by the filters
- Provided funds to pave the street leading to one of the local schools
- Funded the first year of Internet access for the National School for the Deaf
- Arranged for the donation and shipment of Spanish textbooks and children's book
- Raised operating funds for a home for severely impaired children in Puerto Puerto
- Funded supplies and travel to the Dominican Republic for three (3) volunteers to make home improvements in a barrio in Puerto Plata



To maximize the impact of the Laney's contribution, in addition to the financial donation the Laney's have donated their 'Paul Harris points' awarded to them by The Rotary Foundation which will act as a dollar-for-dollar match for any Rotarian wishing to become a Paul Harris Fellow by donating \$500 to the Foundation.

For more information on the Children's Safe Water Project or to make a contribution, please contact Terry Allen at (269) 982-2945 and Charles Jespersen at 269-449-4868.

[Rotary International's Role in the Creation of the United Nations](#)

Many Rotarians are unaware of Rotary International's significant role in the creation of the United Nations in 1945. An informative article that discusses the topic: "Rotary International Day at the United Nations, Nonvember 5, 2005", can be found at the following website: <http://www.jbodenner.com/UNDAY.pdf>. Present at the UN event that day, Rotarian Jim Bodenner, PP, RC, of Rockford, Michigan represented District 6290 and 6360 in the Bio-Filter project. The article is worth reading. A good "Rotary Minute" topic...

Best regards,

Doug

Doug Langham



THE CHARLOTTE ROTARY CLUB

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Fine art, Sports Memorabilia, Music Memorabilia & More

St. Mary's Parish Life Center

807 St. Mary's Boulevard, Charlotte, Michigan

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2007

Preview: 6:00-7:00 p.m. Auction: 7:00 p.m.

Admission: \$10, advanced ticket purchase preferred

Contact: Doug Buck – 517-543-2681

Proceeds to Benefit Dean Park Project

JANUARY 2007 ATTENDANCE

CLUBS	NO. OF		NET GAIN/ LOSS	% ATTEN.	REPORTED GIVING TO ANNUAL FUND
	MEMBERS	MEMBERS			
	AS REPORTED				
	BY RI				
	7/1/2006	1/31/2007	1/31/2007	1/31/2007	THROUGH 12-31-06
District 6360					\$200.00
Albion	60	56	-4	73.15%	\$366.50
Allegan	34	37	3	62.00%	\$669.10
Battle Creek	99	99	0	NR	\$100.00
Benton Harbor Sunrise	63	60	-3	61.11%	\$0.00
Berrien Springs/Eau Clair	33	33	0	NR	\$1,200.00
Bronson	47	46	-1	68.00%	\$500.00
Cereal City Sunrise	20	20	0	41.00%	\$0.00
Charlotte	85	83	-2	71.80%	\$3,315.00
Climax	24	26	2	NR	\$970.60
Coldwater Township	44	43	-1	NR	\$0.00
Coldwater Noon	93	90	-3	80.32%	\$0.00
Constantine	20	19	-1	100.00%	\$0.00
Delta Waverly	75	75	0	NR	\$1,962.50
Delton Area	36	34	-2	NR	\$0.00
Dowagiac	71	71	0	NR	\$1,535.00
East Lansing	80	79	-1	63.14%	\$3,175.00
Eaton Rapids	31	33	2	65.00%	\$0.00
Grand Ledge	61	47	-14	NR	\$0.00
Gull Lake Area	55	59	4	52.22%	\$3,845.21
Haslett-Okemos	51	52	1	NR	\$0.00
Hastings	68	65	-3	66.81%	\$0.00
Hillsdale	57	54	-3	62.00%	\$2,073.00
Ionia	41	37	-4	NR	\$0.00
Jackson Noon	90	85	-5	67.81%	\$600.00
Jackson Breakfast	28	28	0	NR	\$1,155.04
Jonesville	26	24	-2	NR	\$0.00
Kalamazoo Sunrise	11	12	1	NR	\$2,650.00
Kalamazoo	251	248	-3	57.88%	\$6,325.00
Lakeshore	61	53	-8	60.94%	\$61,195.00
Lansing DeWitt Sunrise	35	33	-2	NR	\$750.00
Lansing	270	266	-4	60.80%	\$600.00
Litchfield	17	17	0	NR	\$0.00
Marcellus	16	13	-3	NR	\$100.00
Marshall	63	59	-4	NR	\$5,050.00
Mason	29	29	0	NR	\$800.00
Michigan Center JCE	14	14	0	69.00%	\$620.00
Middleville	41	38	-3	NR	\$1,100.00
Niles-Buchanan	60	59	-1	88.00%	\$208.00
Oshemo	44	43	-1	NR	\$4,210.00
Otsego	16	17	1	92.00%	\$892.50
Parchment	16	17	1	35.00%	\$0.00
Paw Paw Area	28	25	-3	52.31%	\$440.00
Paw Paw Lake	19	16	-3	NR	\$1,500.00
Plainwell	20	22	2	62.00%	\$500.00
Portage	24	24	0	69.00%	\$1,151.00
Portage AM	74	73	-1	69.00%	\$2,000.00
Quincy	37	36	-1	NR	\$3,950.00
Reading	20	20	0	74.00%	\$0.00
South Haven	49	56	7	54.17%	\$3,500.00
South Lansing-Holt	24	24	0	55.40%	\$0.00
St. Johns	47	45	-2	56.76%	\$0.00
St. Joe/Benton Harbor	203	199	-4	65.24%	\$7,153.50
Sturgis	50	47	-3	48.91%	\$100.00
Three Rivers	98	96	-2	NR	\$100.00
Union City	23	24	1	NR	\$2,500.00
Vicksburg	44	41	-3	NR	\$1,500.00
White Pigeon	12	13	1	54.00%	\$1,000.00
Williamston Sunrise	40	42	2	60.71%	\$2,417.00
Totals	3148	3076	-72		\$133,978.95
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					



Greta is confirming our candidates, and assuming we get all the final to Korea paperwork taken care of, our team will be:

- Alicia Allen, librarian from Benton Harbor
- Thomas Bristol, cook and management trainer at Applebee's in South Haven
- Bill Davis, photography professor from WMU in Kalamazoo
- Dann Sytsma, scientist and director/actor from Kalamazoo

Thanks to all who helped so much with this project.

Kathleen Tosco

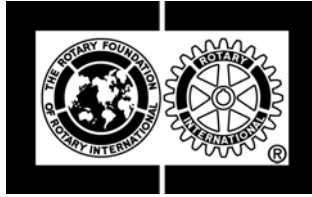


DISTRICT CONFERENCE

Dave Ivan, Clinton County Extension Director is the keynote

speaker. Save the dates and plan to attend! "Successful Rotary Projects." Get new ideas, discover new opportunities, and learn how to have successful projects!

- MAY 4TH & 5TH



Dear Rotarians.

My first semester in Bath England has come to an end, and I am happy to say it has been both enjoyable and productive. In spite of the weather I attended my courses and am confident that I will do well ☺.

Beyond school are even more exciting possibilities and opportunities. During the Christmas break I made a trip to Palestine in the hopes of finding an internship, and come May I will be working with the Palestine Center for Peace and Democracy in Ramalah.

For a long time I have been fascinated by the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict and look forward to testing my book knowledge in the real world, as well as learning a whole lot. Most of all I look forward to working toward the resolution of a problem which affects all of us in a very real way.

The Center works to build civil society organizations like the Rotary club into Palestinian society. Organizations like these provide the foundation for lasting democracy, stability, and eventually peace. I can't wait to get involved and I promise to keep you all informed as to how you can help too. Here are some photos from my journey.

Joe

PS. Keep up the good work on the water filters!



The Golden Dome in the center of Jerusalem with the Western Wall in the foreground.



The Western Wall.



Crowded market streets of the old city.



My office in Ramalah.



6360 Youth Exchange Student News



District 6360 is planning to host 10 students for the 2007-08 Rotary and school year. To do this, the district needs clubs to commit to hosting a student for about 10 months from mid-August to mid-June. The club's responsibility is to find 2 - 4 host families; to provide a stipend of \$75 per month; to sponsor the student to the RYLA Camp; to invite the student to regular club meetings.

So far, 4 clubs (St. Johns, Oshtemo, Mason & Jackson) have made early commitments to hosting a student. The district is still looking for 6 clubs to agree to host a student. **CLUBS NEED TO COMMIT TO HOSTING A STUDENT BY MARCH 15, 2007.** This early commitment is required for the student and club to prepare for the exchange and for Rotary to complete the requisite paperwork.

For the current year, 7 students are being hosted by 6 clubs (Kalamazoo, Mason, Lansing, St. Johns, Lakeshore and Jackson (2 students)). Call any of these Club Presidents to learn how a Rotary Youth Exchange student could enhance your club.

Students expected to arrive in August 2007 include:	Argentina – Female	Germany – Male	Austria – Male
	Japan – Male	Brazil – Female	Poland - Female
	Mexico – Female	France – Female	Switzerland – Female
	One student to be determined		

The Rotary Youth Exchange program works with the club. The district Youth Exchange staff provides complete support for the club. By working together, the Rotary Youth Exchange program provides a lifelong international experience for students, families, schools and clubs. **Commit your club to an exciting year-long program that could change your club forever.**

ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE *Promoting Peace & Understanding*

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT



Sarah Ksiazkiewicz is a 17 year old Junior at Jackson High School. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Jackson, Sarah will spend her Senior year of high school (07-08) in Rotary District 4200 in southern Mexico. An all A student, Sarah enjoys playing piano, playing tennis and volleyball, baking, sewing, reading and listening to music.

After her exchange, Sarah plans to attend college and then move to Central or South America, where she hopes to teach English. As a student, her main goal is "to become fluent in Spanish ... to experience and take part in the culture of the country I visit and ... to have a better understanding of the world." (District 4200)



Last month, the District 6360 Y.E.S. News held a contest asking readers to correctly identify the 3 students in a sledding photo who had never been sledding before. The students in the photo were Katrina Ong (**Jackson**, Philippines), Karolone Bernardo de Souza (**Jackson**, Brazil) and Mario Vasquez Rodriguez (**Lakeshore**, Mexico). Olexiy Onufrak (**Mason**, Ukraine) and Franziska Oberstaller (**Lansing**, Germany) had previously sledded in their native countries. There were no submissions to the request.



DISTRICT LEADERSHIP TEAM TRAINING SEMINAR (DLTTs)

(Upper left) DGE Dick Sammis conducted a training seminar on February 17, 2007 to prepare for the 2007-08 Rotary year

(Upper right) Incoming Treasurer, Dana Tousley; Linda Foster, Administrative Assistant; DGE Dick Sammis; PDG Karl Sandelin

(Lower left) Charles Jespersen, Water Project Chair; AG John Newland; incoming AG Sharalyn Davis

(Lower right) Dan Zimolzak, YE; AG Don Frohm; Don Siegel, Community Service Chair; PDG Gil O'Rourke, Membership Chair; PDG Ed Foster, District Secretary; Susan Erion, Speakers' Bureau co-chair; Gretchen Cochran, Public Relations; Linda Foster, Administrative Assistant

(Photos by Doug Langham, Speakers' Bureau co-chair)

Many others were also present.



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 25TH OF EACH MONTH.

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