



District 6360 Gazette

GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR



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DG Jay Larson

You may have heard that September is New Generations Month. But what are “New Generations” and how are Rotarians involved? It is the responsibility of each Rotarian to prepare the New Generations, everyone up to the age of 30, by improving young people’s life skills to ensure a better future. This means that virtually all our youth-focused Rotary programs including Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchange are part of New Generations. Components of the Menu of Service Opportunities including Children at Risk, Health Care, Literacy, etc. also address the needs of New Generations. Our Rotary scholarship programs are not officially part of this effort, but they are usually focused on young adults too.

Ask your club president for at least one September meeting involving youth. Our district is blessed with many eager young people that would love to present a program to your club. If you need contacts for a program, feel free to email me at larson337@cablespeed.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY AND GET WELL WISHES TO PDG DON HUMPHREYS!



Don will be going back to Borgess Hospital on Sept. 5th (his Birthday) for pre-testing on the other leg. Completely different this time. This leg had 48% circulation compared to the amputated leg which only had 28%. The big toe started on this foot with blisters which do not want to heal as quickly as we would like. They will then do the surgery on the 12th. They are going to try the Silver Hawk but are not sure that can be done, if they cannot do that, they will do a by-pass on it. There is a section that is calcified and the Dr.is not sure the Silver Hawk will go through it, and he wanted to have a back up plan. This is a far easier surgery than the previous one. I will update you as we have more information. Thank you all for your cards, notes, prayers and well wishes to Don.

Dot Humphreys

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Barbara Walters has agreed to be on our Safe Water Committee and help us with developing a marketing plan and increased public relations for the project. Her experiences in Journalism and with the GSE team in visiting the BioSand Filter micro-businesses in Honduras will be invaluable. Charles Jesepersen, Chair

JULY 2006 Attendance

CLUBS	NO. OF MEMBERS AS REPORTED	NO. OF MEMBERS BY RI	NET GAIN/LOSS	% ATTEN.	REPORTED GIVING TO ANNUAL FUND
	7/1/2006	7/31/2006	7/31/2006	7/31/2006	THROUGH 7-31-06
Albion	60	58	-2	59.30%	\$10.00
Allegan	34	36	2	61.00%	\$0.00
Athens	5	5	0	75.00%	\$0.00
Battle Creek	99	99	0	NR	\$0.00
Benton Harbor Sunrise	63	61	-2	53.00%	\$0.00
Berrien Springs/Eau Clair	33	33	0	NR	\$0.00
Bronson	47	45	-2	90.23%	\$0.00
Cereal City Sunrise	20	20	0	50.00%	\$0.00
Charlotte	85	85	0	69.05%	\$0.00
Climax	24	24	0	NR	\$970.60
Coldwater Township	44	44	0	NR	\$0.00
Coldwater Noon	93	92	-1	80.19%	\$0.00
Constantine	21	21	0	100.00%	\$0.00
Delta Waverly	75	75	0	NR	\$0.00
Delton Area	36	33	-3	43.00%	\$0.00
District 6360 Contribution	0	0	0	NR	\$0.00
Dowagiac	71	71	0	NR	\$25.00
East Lansing	80	80	0	NR	\$425.00
Eaton Rapids	31	32	1	61.00%	\$0.00
Galesburg	17	17	0	NR	\$0.00
Grand Ledge	61	61	0	NR	\$0.00
Gull Lake Area	55	55	0	52.68%	\$200.00
Haslett-Okemos	51	51	0	64.00%	\$0.00
Hastings	68	70	2	59.63%	\$0.00
Hillsdale	57	53	-4	56.00%	\$0.00
Ionia	41	39	-2	56.00%	\$0.00
Jackson Noon	90	88	-2	55.28%	\$75.00
Jackson Breakfast	28	28	0	65.00%	\$930.04
Jonesville	26	26	0	NR	\$0.00
Kalamazoo Sunrise	11	11	0	92.00%	\$0.00
Kalamazoo	251	251	0	59.77%	\$75.00
Lakeshore	61	57	-4	63.08%	\$20.00
Lansing DeWitt Sunrise	35	34	-1	74.17%	\$0.00
Lansing	270	270	0	NR	\$100.00
Litchfield	17	17	0	NR	\$0.00
Marcellus	16	14	-2	80.00%	\$0.00
Marshall	63	63	0	NR	\$25.00
Mason	29	29	0	NR	\$400.00
Michigan Center JCE	14	14	0	72.00%	\$220.00
Middleville	41	41	0	NR	\$0.00
Niles-Buchanan	60	60	0	68.00%	\$0.00
Oshkemo	44	44	0	NR	\$0.00
Otsego	16	18	2	72.00%	\$30.00
Parchment	16	16	0	69.00%	\$0.00
Paw Paw Area	28	28	0	59.00%	\$0.00
Paw Paw Lake	19	19	0	NR	\$1,500.00
Plainwell	20	20	0	67.50%	\$100.00
Portage AM	24	26	2	65.00%	\$0.00
Portage	74	74	0	64.00%	\$0.00
Quincy	37	37	0	67.00%	\$0.00
Reading	20	20	0	75.00%	\$0.00
South Haven	49	54	5	71.21%	\$725.00
South Lansing-Holt	24	24	0	52.80%	\$0.00
St. Johns	47	47	0	45.40%	\$0.00
St. Joe/Benton Harbor	203	204	1	58.99%	\$100.00
Sturgis	50	50	0	49.50%	\$0.00
Three Rivers	98	98	0	NR	\$0.00
Union City	23	23	0	65.00%	\$0.00
Vicksburg	44	44	0	NR	\$0.00
White Pigeon	12	12	0	67.00%	\$0.00
Williamston Sunrise	40	40	0	48.30%	\$0.00
Totals	3171	3161	-10		\$5,930.64

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



50 YEARS OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE!

Bob Fulton of the Charlotte Rotary Club was recently recognized for 50 years of perfect attendance. Pictured with him are his grandson, Ben, and two of his four children, Mike Fulton and Kathie Cook. Kathie is the current president of the club, and Mike is a member.



When our Youth Exchange students are having a birthday, why not have your club send a birthday card, signed by the membership, with delivery on or about the birthdate?

It's birthday card time again! And believe it or not, 3 of the 7 students have birthdays within a week of each other. So, your club will have to be prepared to send 3 cards out in rapid succession. All 3 girls turn 17 this year.

Sarka Konecna
1007 Eldridge Drive
Kalamazoo, Michigan 49006
Date of Birth: 22 Sep 1989

Pimlada Chalermpanit
2604 Green Road
St. Johns, Michigan 488793
Date of Birth: 20 Sep 1989

Katrina Ong
157 Halstead Blvd.
Jackson, Michigan 49203
Date of Birth: 25 Sep 1989

THIS AND THAT FROM CLUBS IN DISTRICT 6360 . . .

Editor: Rick Hebert – Gull Lake Area Rotary

In talking with Bill Dimond after his presentation this morning, I was able to ask him more about the International Conference in Copenhagen, Denmark. Bill mentioned during his presentation that Jeffrey Sachs gave the keynote speech at the conference.

It just so happens that I am currently reading the best selling book by Sachs called "The End of Poverty". Sachs is a professor of economics at Columbia University and is currently a special advisor to Koffi Annan, the Secretary General of the United Nations. He holds a BA, MA and PhD from Harvard and his views on economics are taken very seriously the world over. I was impressed that Rotary International attracted such a world authority in the field of economics for the keynote address. In his speech, Sachs says, "[Rotary is an outstanding example of ordinary people changing the world through citizen action](#)". He goes on to say, "Rotary took on the challenge of getting vaccines to the poor, in regions with weak or nonexistent public health systems. Rotarians dreamed not only of reducing the number of polio cases but of eradicating the disease entirely". Sachs says that the progress made against polio, a 99 percent reduction in cases, is historic and that despite some last minute difficulties the goal of eradicating the disease is now within reach. "More importantly, Rotary's leadership on polio offers a more general lesson in the fight against extreme poverty, hunger, and disease", he says. Sachs identified Rotary's grassroots approach to humanitarian initiatives as key to ending poverty. You can learn more about Jeffrey Sachs by googling **The Millennium Project**.

This photo may explain why the average age of Rotarians is 50!

Gus Roty, 99 years young, is a founder of the Mighty Club, Michigan Center--JCE. He's shown with Genevieve Brawner, 18 months. Gen is our youngest Rotarian, and the daughter of PP Julie Brawner and Dad Eric.



The event was President's Handoff from Maggie Gilson to new President Roger Roty.

Renée



I to r: New Paul Harris Fellows Dave Mulheck and Fay Rogers, Club President Joan Smith, District Governor Dr. Jay Larson, and Haslett/Okemos Rotary Foundation President Terry Warren

Rotary District Governor Dr. Jay Larson was the special guest and speaker at a recent Haslett/Okemos Rotary Club meeting at the Golden Rose Restaurant. His theme was "Lead the way in all aspects of our lives - family, community, country, and world." He acknowledged the club's success in receiving the Presidential Citation last year and encouraged the group to do it again this year through service at the community and international level. During the event, Haslett/Okemos Rotary Foundation President Terry Warren presented two Paul Harris Fellowships to members Fay Rogers and Dave Muhleck. Harris founded Rotary with three business associates in Chicago in 1905. The Fellowship was established in his honor in 1957 to express appreciation for Rotarians who contribute \$1,000 to the humanitarian and educational programs of the Rotary Foundation. The Haslett/Okemos Rotary Foundation makes two matching donations per year to members who donate \$500.



Dear Rotarians and Friends,

The Michigan Center Rotary will be sponsoring its fifth annual fund raiser on September 14th, 2006 at noon. We will be featuring our “famous Lakeland Hills Patio Party”, 9 holes of golf with cart, prizes, events, and a load of fun. September usually offers spectacular golf weather, and this will be the final blast of the summer. The cost will be \$25.00 per person, which includes the luncheon, which will be considered the Rotary meeting. We are looking forward to a successful event this year, and we sincerely appreciate your participation.

Send your team names with a check made payable to: Michigan Center Rotary to Maggie Gilson, P. O. Box 671, Michigan Center, MI 49254

AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR JOE DEVOIR LEAVES FOR AMBASSADORIAL SCHOLAR PROGRAM IN EUROPE



Courtesy of St. Joseph/Benton Harbor's *The eWheel*

Charles Jespersen bids farewell to our Ambassadorial Scholar, **Joe DeVoir**, as he heads overseas to continue his education, and to represent District 6360 and our club. Joe's planned field of study is International Conflict Resolution. We look forward to Joe giving our club frequent updates, as one of his responsibilities is to speak to various Rotary Clubs overseas. Good Luck Joe and we hope to see that sweatshirt well worn when you get back

The Rotary Club of Dubai, United Arab Emirates, and UNICEF launched a joint fundraising appeal on 30 July to aid the children who make up about 45 percent of the more than one million people displaced by over three weeks of fighting in Lebanon.

To get the ball rolling, the club donated UAE dirham 367,0410 (US\$100,000) to help cover emergency supplies such as electrical generators, clean water, medicine, soap, buckets, pots, pans, and blankets

The relief team organized by the Rotary Club of Limassol-Berengaria Cosmopolitan, Cyprus, was expecting no more than one boatload of 500 evacuees from the fighting in Lebanon on 19 July.

But the following day, the volunteers who had originally offered to help find hotel accommodations for the new arrivals in the port city of Limassol were suddenly faced with a much bigger challenge. . .

“The Americans decided to reroute their largest ships to Limassol, and we found ourselves standing in front of thousands of people in need in an instant,” explains Scott Givhan, leader of the club’s relief project. . . At its peak, the operation brought in about 10,000 evacuees in three days. The club assembled an efficient multinational team of volunteers from 10 Western and Middle Eastern countries. Each time a boat came in, they were on hand to greet, comfort, and assist passengers





SOMETHING TO CROW ABOUT!

Charity Navigator, a leading evaluator of public charities, has awarded The Rotary Foundation its top rating of four stars.

Established to help individuals make intelligent giving choices, the nonprofit Charity Navigator provides free ratings of tax-exempt charities based in the United States that receive substantial public support (more than \$500,000). Charity Navigator also considers length of operation and program type before including an organization on its master list for evaluation

“Less than a quarter of the charities we evaluate have received our highest rating, indicating that The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International outperforms the majority of nonprofits in America with respect to fiscal responsibility,” says Trent Stamp, executive director of Charity Navigator

Mark your calendars:

The 3rd Annual **Thirsting to Serve International Clean Water Conference** will again be held in Grand Rapids. Sunday February 19, 2007 9:00am---4:00pm Aquinas College This initiative is again being lead by Rotary District D6290 and we can help support their efforts.

Thanks...Charles

UPDATE ON CHRIS WELLIVER

Dear Jay, Ed, Linda and my Rotary Friends,

I am so thankful for your thoughtfulness, the flowers arrived within minutes of returning to my room after surgery on August 8, 2006. The procedure was as expected and my sister and best friend have been at my side for all the follow up visits to my doctors these past two weeks.

Everything has been so wonderful during this second bout with cancer. There are so many new medicines today which make some of the chemotherapy so much easier to tolerate. However, the doses I received were so strong that it knocked me off my feet for about ten days afterwards. After all, the doctors were trying to kill as many of the cancer cells as possible before they spread any further.

As you may know, inflammatory breast cancer is the most fatal and most rare breast cancer and comes with three cancers at once and is an automatic Stage III. But my doctors have been wonderful and although there will be 36 more weeks of chemo/hormone therapy (every three weeks for 12 sessions), the outlook is very positive.

It has meant so much to me to know that my Rotary friends have been sending prayers and good wishes during the past eight months and your friendship continues to strengthen me during this time.

God bless each of you and good luck in your Rotary work.

Yours in Rotary,
Chris Welliver

Kalamazoo Area Rotary Clubs and
Fit 2006 are hosting a
Labor Day 2006
Community Bridge Walk



Join us on Labor Day – September 4, 2006 – for a virtual Mackinac Bridge Walk in our community on Portage Creek Bicentennial Trail

Start time: 9 a.m.

Start Location: Portage Senior Center Parking Lot

Address: 320 Library Lane in Portage

Distance: 1- 6.5 miles (Bridge is at Milham Rd)

End location: Portage Senior Center for refreshments

Questions? Contact Karl (sandelin@iserv.net) at 269-349-1870 or Jo (jlarno@charter.net) at 269-329-4555



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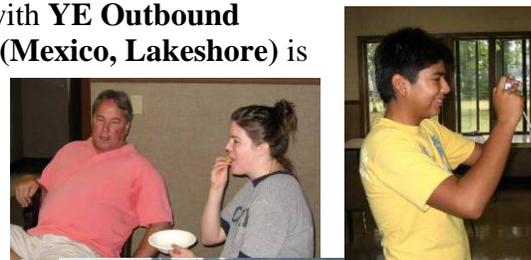


6360 Youth Exchange Student News



Rotary District 6360 Governor Jay Larson meets with Youth Exchange students during the Youth Exchange Orientation session held on August 26-27, 2007. From left to right, **Pimlada Chalermpanit**, from **Thailand** and hosted by **Kalmazoo**, **Katrina Ong** (**Philippines, Jackson Noon**), **Franziska Oberstaller** (**Germany, Lansing**), **DG Larson**, **Sarka Konecna** (**Slovakia, St. Johns**) and **Mario Vazquez Rodriguez** (**Mexico, Lakeshore**). Not pictured are **Karoline Bernardo de Souza** (**Brazil, Jackson Noon**) and **Olexiy Onufrak** (**Ukraine, Mason**), who arrived shortly after the orientation event.

Boat rides, volleyball and games were the norm at the Rotary Youth Exchange orientation picnic. Clockwise, from upper left, **DGE Dick Sammis, Lakeshore** chats with **YE Outbound Chair, Sara LeClaire, East Lansing**, **Mario Vazquez Rodriguez, (Mexico, Lakeshore)** is pictured taking a photo, “**Grill Master**” **Peter Kofflin** keeps the burgers and dogs a-comin’ and Rotarians and students enjoy a boat ride courtesy of **Dave Fleming, Past President, Jackson Rotary**.



ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE

Promoting Peace & Understanding



Approximately 65 Rotarians, students and family members attended a Saturday picnic welcoming the 2006-07 Rotary Youth Exchange students. The event was sponsored by the **Rotary Club of Jackson**, in conjunction with the Youth Exchange program. Besides the Jackson Club, other clubs represented were **St. Johns, Lansing, East Lansing, Kalamazoo, Lakeshore and Marshall**.

ATTENTION ALL CLUBS



Now is the time to reflect on your club’s commitment to District 6360’s Youth Exchange program. Assign a member to seriously investigate the program and have that member give an in-depth report back to your Board, before your club makes its decision. Making a commitment to host a student is an excellent goal for the President-Elect to make for his Rotary year. Contact Dan Zimolzak, General Chair @ 517-796-0986, Sara LeClaire, Outbound Chair @ 517.449.3786 or Diana Jewell, Inbound Chair @ 517-543-6959

(Clubs interested in hosting a student for the 2007-08 need to make their commitments soon. Please start considering what type of student you wish to select.)



More Youth Exchange Picnic Pictures



**District Golf Outing September 27th
Lakeland Hills Golf Course @ Michigan Center
Sponsored by the Jackson Noon Club**

Noon – registration/lunch

1:00 p. m. – shotgun start

4-person scramble

5:00 p.m. - social hour

6:00 p.m. dinner & awards

**\$100/player – includes meals, golf & cart
(dinner only - \$25)**

**For more information: Matt Augustine
517-768-7709**

UPCOMING DATES . . .

- > September 14, Michigan Center Golf Outing, Lakeland Hills
- > September 27 District Golf Outing, Lakeland Hills, Michigan Center
- > September 14 & October 14 Foundation/Membership Seminars
- > 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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