



# District 6360 Gazette

## Vocational Service Month

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October is Vocational Service month. It's a good time to think about the 4-Way Test of the things we think, say and do.

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOOD WILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?



**DG Renée Merchant**

These four questions define the business ethics of all Rotarians around the world. We embrace this code in our Rotary activities as well as in our own vocations and business dealings. One only needs to pick up a newspaper or watch the evening news to wonder, what happened to the business ethics of the managers of some financial institutions in our country? If they had our 4-Way Test framed on the wall of their office, would greed have caused the collapse of these institutions? Some clubs give each new member a framed copy of the 4-Way Test to hang in their office. Good idea!

Vocational Service also means mentoring young people in their chosen profession. This is the time of year when clubs implement their Student of the Month and Career Day programs. Invite a high school student to your club to hear a wonderful program about an organization in your community. Listen to their career plans, too.

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Last December, the RYLA College Mentor students were attending a seminar in Chicago. The experience offered insights into many vocational opportunities from entrepreneurial to scientific vocations. As we toured Argonne Labs, one student remarked, "I'm positive I made the right decision to pick a career in science." It's a great feeling to know you participated in helping a young person make a lifetime vocational choice.

And here's another opportunity. We have selected our Group Study Exchange team leader to Buenos Aires, Argentina. Congratulations to Ron Haas of the Delta Waverly Club for being selected from among several excellent candidates. The team travels April 1-29, 2009. We need each club and member to look for a young professional or businessperson, age 25-40, non-Rotarian and not related to a Rotarian, and a US citizen. This person will benefit from a four-week vocational, professional development experience. The Rotary Foundation and Rotarians in country pay travel expenses. Our exchange partner is District 4855, and it is both a rural and urban area. Please recommend your candidates to our GSE co-chairs, Greta Williams and Barbara Walters.

October is one of my favorite months to go for a walk and enjoy the changing colors in Michigan. I saw a goldfinch picking seeds from a coneflower in our garden. A few seeds dropped onto the soil—promising rebirth in the spring. Our Rotary youth and young adult vocational programs are our promise to the future of our nation.

Renée Merchant

## **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 **November 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. The interviews will take place Saturday, November 22.

Josefina is our contact (and president of the Club Rotario Salcedo). They are receiving \$\$\$ for school supplies from St. Joe as well as \$\$\$ for a BioSand water filter project from D6360. These are the types of Rotarians that we have in our clubs as well. Building relationships is so rewarding.

Charles Jespersen

President of the Supremet Court, Josefina flanked by her sister and her colleague who published their first book, and the prosecutor of Santa Domingo.



## POLIO PROGRAM



PDG Ed Foster is available to present a program to your club on the current status of polio eradication and to explain the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation challenge. He is pictured here at the St. Johns Rotary Club.

How about running a marathon in Korea? "Run for Rotary in Taiwan" takes place October 11, 2009 in Formosa. If you have an interest, the info is at [www.2009ri-marathon.com.tw](http://www.2009ri-marathon.com.tw) Or, you might want to speak with PDG Karl Sandelin, who ran a marathon there in the late 1980's. Really!



## Membership &amp; Attendance for August 2008

## Clubs in District 6360

Club	Members 6/30/08	Members Current	YTD-Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend%
Albion	58	56	-2	-1	4	55.00
Allegan	38	39	1	1	4	56.40
Battle Creek	77	90	13	0	4	41.00
Benton Harbor-Sunrise	62	60	-2	-1	4	61.40
Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	34	34	0	0	4	84.67
Bronson	41	38	-3	1	4	72.19
Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	16	15	-1	0	4	57.00
Charlotte	83	84	1	0	4	73.06
Climax	26	26	0	0	4	88.00
Coldwater	90	88	-2	0	4	79.62
Coldwater Township Sunrise	46	46	0	0	4	83.52
Constantine	17	19	2	0	4	100.00
Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	80	81	1	0	4	60.29
Delton Area	28	22	-6	-6	4	63.60
Dowagiac	63	55	-8	0	4	40.00
East Lansing	83	83	0	0	4	45.90
Eaton Rapids	31	33	2	2	4	54.00
Grand Ledge	56	56	0	0	4	46.00
Gull Lake Area	50	51	1	1	4	66.01
Haslett-Okemos	49	51	2	0	4	64.89
Hastings	64	64	0	0	4	56.86
Hillsdale	49	46	-3	n/a	0	0.00
Ionia	37	38	1	-1	0	63.00
Jackson	88	88	0	0	4	55.65
Jackson-Breakfast	24	24	0	0	4	67.00
Jonesville	22	22	0	0	3	70.00
Kalamazoo	252	252	0	-1	4	48.89
Kalamazoo Sunrise	14	16	2	0	4	83.33
Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville-Bridgman)	51	56	5	1	4	53.64
Lansing	257	259	2	1	4	39.49
Lansing - Dewitt Sunrise	30	30	0	n/a	0	0.00
Litchfield	14	14	0	0	4	78.00
Marcellus	13	12	-1	0	4	89.58
Marshall	64	63	-1	-4	4	42.33
Mason	27	29	2	0	4	37.90
Michigan Center-Jackson County East	15	15	0	0	4	57.00
Middleville	41	40	-1	1	4	65.00
Niles-Buchanan	49	48	-1	-1	3	76.00
Oshtemo	37	37	0	-1	4	58.66
Otsego	19	19	0	0	4	76.20
Parchment	16	16	0	-2	4	45.00
Paw Paw Area	23	23	0	0	4	67.40
Paw Paw Lake (Coloma Hartford Watervliet)	14	15	1	0	4	51.75
Plainwell	18	18	0	0	4	50.00
Portage	92	89	-3	0	4	54.00
Portage AM	23	23	0	-1	4	65.21
Quincy	37	37	0	0	4	71.62
Reading	21	21	0	1	4	67.86
South Haven	54	57	3	-7	0	68.27
South Lansing-Holt	30	30	0	0	4	50.86
St. Johns	49	47	-2	-3	4	66.32
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	189	182	-7	0	4	51.55
Sturgis	48	44	-4	-4	4	50.00
Three Rivers	91	93	2	2	1	48.75
Union City	21	21	0	0	4	71.25
Vicksburg	34	34	0	0	4	42.00
White Pigeon	13	14	1	0	4	63.00
Williamston Sunrise	44	44	0	0	4	36.36

Totals, Net Gain, Avg Attendance: 56 of 58 clubs reporting	3012	3007	-5	-22		61.29%
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## RYLA IS APPRECIATED

District 6360,

Hi, my name is Tineile Heiler, and i was invited to attend RYLA camp over the last weekend. I wanted to thank you for giving kids like me the opportunity to attend this conference. It's incredible when you can sit in a room with people my age who know they can do anything if they set their minds to it. We know that adults underestimate our ability but Rotary gave us a chance to not only learn from experienced adults but also allowed us to express our leadership skills. I thank you for that weekend and hope it goes for years after this one.

Tineile Heiler

### Start of the new year

Every September, as a new academic year begins at our Rotary Centers in the Northern Hemisphere, we welcome The Rotary Foundation's next class of Rotary World Peace Fellows. Our Class VII fellows represent 33 nationalities, including the first recipients from Afghanistan, China, Cyprus, Gambia, Macedonia, Slovakia, Somalia, and Togo. The fellows have a diverse array of professional experiences, including the areas of government, diplomacy, peace-building, and development. Among them are Francis Kabosha, a former refugee officer with the Commissioner for Refugees Office in Zambia; David LaMotte, a peace activist and musician from the United States; and Michelle Arevalo-Carpenter, who worked with refugee issues in Ecuador. Please join me in welcoming this new class of fellows into the Rotary Centers for International Studies program. We are excited about the contribution that each of them will make to a more peaceful world.

Regards,

Espen Malmberg  
Supervisor, Rotary Centers for International Studies  
The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International

## LITERACY & EDUCATION

As Fall approaches, schools and colleges have started, and it is time for Rotarians to think and plan ahead for literacy and education programs for the coming year. Portage has had the school Superintendent, Rotarian Marsha Wells, speak to both the noon and AM clubs about the State of the Portage Schools. Become informed and supportive of your school district!

The annual Scholarship dinner , held before the Portage Northern and Portage Central High Schools football game, will be held Friday, October 10th. Proceeds help support scholarships for Portage students. Both clubs cooperated to sponsor the annual golf outing to help raise more scholarship funding.

What are your clubs doing or planning on doing, to help the cause of Literacy and Education? Report them to The District to share ideas with others.

Betty Lee Ongley  
[Bongley@charter.net](mailto:Bongley@charter.net)

[Betty Lee Ongley became a great grandmother in September!]

# As per the District Manual of Procedures, the Financial Review Committee has submitted the following report:

## Report to District 6360 - 2009

Report on Committee action on September 24, 2008

The committee was comprised of the following individuals:

District Governor Renee Merchant (ex-officio) (non-voting) (absent)  
 Member Irving Hasenwinkle (**three year term**)(3<sup>rd</sup> year)  
 Member Robert Kent, Sr. (**three year term**) (1<sup>st</sup> year)  
 Past District Governor Karl Sandlin (**three year term**) (2<sup>nd</sup> year)  
 Chair Barbara L. James

Also present and non-voting were:

District Governor Elect Kathleen Tosco  
 District Treasurer (2007-2008, 2008-2009) Dana Tousley

Goal of our meeting was the testing of the financial procedures and records of the 2007-2008 year end and the preparation of this report.

The committee did successfully perform procedures to assess the appropriateness of the dues recognition and collection.

The committee did successfully perform procedures to assess the appropriateness of the documentation of expenditures with the exception of disbursements to Rotary International Foundation and the simplified grant recipients.

Finally, the committee unanimously adopted the recommendation to present the financial statements at the district meeting. In addition, the committee unanimously agreed to provide the following comments to District 6360 board of directors:

Linda Foster should have a signed contract on file.

The fidelity bond should be increased to a minimum of \$200,000.

Written documentation should be provided allowing the transfers of monies from District Foundation, a 501©(3) organization to Rotary District 6360, a 501©(4) organization and finally to the Rotary International Foundation. Documentation should instruct the presentation of the transfer of funds on the District financial statements and the disclosure on the Form 990 filed with the Internal Revenue Service.

Similar written documentation should be provided on the presentation of the simplified grants from the District Foundation to Rotary District 6360 to grant recipients.

The 2007-2008 revenues were \$3,580.12 under budget - a 2.1% variance. The 2007-2008 expenses were \$4,573.38 under budget - a 2.6% variance. The two largest revenue variances were in programs with an 11.4% under budget and conferences with a 10.8% over budget. The largest expense variance was in youth leadership with 13% under budget. The 2007-2008 total decrease in the net assets was \$4,406.74. The net assets at June 30, 2007 are \$90,351.19.

This concludes our report.

Barbara L. James

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## Rotary District 6360

Statement of Activities (Actual, Budget and Variance)

June 30, 2008

<b>Net Assets</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>2008</b>	<b>Variance</b>
	<b>Actual</b>	<b>Budget</b>	
<b>Support and revenue</b>			
District dues	\$ 74,673.30	76,260.00	\$ 1,586.70
Conference dues	18,213.00	18,600.00	387.00
Insurance - general liability and D&O	7,285.20	7,440.00	154.80
Rotary International allocation	8,536.38	10,000.00	1,463.62
Interest	2,254.64	1,500.00	-754.64
Other	1,419.36	2,000.00	580.64
Conference - PETS & District Programs	31,063.00	28,030.00	-3,033.00
	24,785.00	27,980.00	3,195.00
	\$ 168,229.88	\$ 171,810.00	\$ 3,580.12
<b>Functional expenses</b>			
Governor	\$ 20,177.40	\$ 19,350.00	\$ -827.40
Incoming governor	10,881.46	10,900.00	18.54
Governor nominee	2,925.01	3,000.00	74.99
Assistant governors	6,689.83	7,850.00	1,160.17
District programs	23,919.26	23,330.00	-589.26
Administration	34,580.40	35,800.00	1,219.60
Insurance - general liability and D&O	7,624.10	7,600.00	-24.10
Committees	975.81	800.00	-175.81
District conference	40,523.92	40,600.00	76.08
Youth Leadership	24,339.43	27,980.00	3,640.57
	172,636.62	177,210.00	4,573.38
<b>Net Decrease in Net Assets</b>	<b>-4,406.74</b>	<b>-5,400.00</b>	
<b>Net Assets at beginning of year</b>	<b>94,757.93</b>		
<b>Net Assets at End of Year</b>	<b>\$ 90,351.19</b>		



***Group Study Exchange Nominations Now Open***  
(to District 4855, Argentina)

Are you an employer wanting global experience for one of your young professional employees?

Do you know a young professional who would benefit from a month in Argentina, living in the homes of Rotarians, experiencing the culture there and meeting with his/her vocational counterparts?

Nominations are now open for nominations to Rotary International 2009 Group Study Exchange (GSE). This year's trip is to the Buenos Aires area for the month of April.

The Rotary Foundation pays travel all expenses for a team of four young professionals from our district; The host Rotary district pays for all the other expenses (except passport and travel insurance).

The District 6360 Team Leader this year is Ronald Haas, Past President of the Delta-Waverly Rotary Club of Lansing, former Navy officer and city manager, now retired and an active volunteer. Ron, who was selected from a slate of extraordinarily qualified applicants by our district committee, will make a fantastic Team Leader. He will lead the team in 20 hours of training. The alternate team leader is Charles LaSata of St. Joseph-Benton Harbor Rotary, a circuit court judge who has excellent experience leading groups internationally.

**Applicants must be non-Rotarians, between the ages of 25 and 40 and employed full-time** in their profession or skill.

**Team members can come from corporations, small businesses, community organizations, medical and educational facilities including schools, government agencies and non-profit agencies.**

Applications and information about GSE can be obtained through [www.Rotary.org](http://www.Rotary.org). In search box, enter Group Study Exchange.

Also for applications and information, contact the District 6360 GSE chairs: Barbara Walters, [jbwalters@aol.com](mailto:jbwalters@aol.com), and Greta Williams, [gretaw@aol.com](mailto:gretaw@aol.com). Ron Haas can be reached at [ronhaas47@hotmail.com](mailto:ronhaas47@hotmail.com).

**ONLY THREE MORE OFFICIAL CLUB VISITS BY  
DG RENÉE 😊**

**The South Lansing/Holt Club has notified us that Eileen Hartman died. They said she was the first female member in District 6360 and a member of their club.**

# Zone 2008

PDG Bill and Mary Lee Dimond at the recent Zone meeting.



John Kenny, RI President Elect.



DG Renée Merchant, Bob Small, DGE Kathleen Tosco, Dick Merchant



**BARB GRONER THANKS ALL WHO HELPED WITH "THE CHILDREN OF THE DUMP" PROJECT. HERE ARE SOME PHOTOS OF SORTING AND PREPARING THE BOXES AND LAYETTES FOR SHIPPING...**







**“District 6360 has a total of 58 clubs, but unfortunately only three clubs have volunteered to host the four inbounds we have this year.”**

**“Hosting an exchange student is much like having a grandchild...you have the opportunity to teach the child about your life, your town and your culture, and best of all, you know you get to send the child home eventually. For the student, it becomes an incredible opportunity to learn about the United States. Thus we have a win-win situation.”**

**PLEASE DISCUSS THE BENEFITS OF HOSTING AN EXCHANGE STUDENT WITH YOUR CLUB AND CONTACT DAN ZIMOLZAK, YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM CO-CHAIR FOR DISTRICT 6360, AT 517-740-9444.**



**October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month – don’t forget to get a mammogram!**

District Leadership, please note that the next Quarterly Meeting on October 25 has been moved to the Tekhi Travel Court in Battle Creek. (Exit 104 off I-94)

**District Foundation Dinner is Tuesday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Social hour at 6:00 p.m., dinner at 6:40 p.m. Cost \$40 Walldorff Brew Pub, 105 E. State St., Hastings, MI Contact Shari LaBrenz for more information, 169-342-9950 [sklabrenz@comcast.net](mailto:sklabrenz@comcast.net)**

- **October 25, 2008, Saturday, Quarterly Meeting, Board Meeting, Visioning Meeting, Te-khi Travel Court Restaurant, Battle Creek (I-94 exit 104)**
- **October 21, 2008, Tuesday, District Foundation Dinner, Hastings**
- **March 7, 2009, Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Thirsting to Serve Water Conference, Grand Rapids, Calvin College – PrinceConference Center**
- **PETS, March 19-21, 2009 [mandatory for PEs], Radisson, Kalamazoo**
- **May 15-17, 2009, Friday-Sunday, District Conference, Frankenmuth, MI**

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**

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