



District 6360 Gazette

New Generations Month

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DG Renée Merchant

Our Basic Rotary Youth Leadership Award program is September 12-14 at Battle Creek Outdoor Center camp. Sixty high school students will practice teambuilding, problem solving and leadership skills. They will develop self-confidence, and find inner strength they didn't know existed. Supported by the BCOC staff, RYLA committee members and our RYLA College Mentor students, the students will learn things about themselves, which will stay with them all their lives. Each student will go back to their sponsoring Rotary club, and tell the story of their great adventure. Thank you to all the club members who sponsored RYLA students this year!

The Rotary theme for the month of September is New Generations, which coincides with the start of school. It's been a long time for me since I looked forward to the start of school, but I still relish the new season. It's the end of summer, and a time to look forward to new adventures ahead. While students pick out their new backpacks, I like to buy a new outfit for fall!

It's time for clubs to reconnect with school officials to identify the next Student of the Month. Clubs will be scheduling their next Read to Me day. Our Interact programs in high schools will be gearing up. Youth exchange students are settling into their new homes. Club members will be hosting fundraisers to support our literacy, dictionary and scholarship programs. We'll again distribute backpacks filled with nutritional snacks for needy children. And, the Children of the Dump will receive their gift boxes filled with clothes, toothbrushes, toys, and books. Imagine the faces of the children when they open their gift boxes! There's no better feeling than to know each of us made a difference in reducing child mortality one child at a time.

September is the month we Make Dreams Real for special children here in our district and around the Rotary World. Enjoy!

DG Renée Merchant

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DISTRICT PRESIDENTS , PLEASE TAKE NOTE...

You recently received a survey from RI to be completed by September 30th.

Through your Distict dues, your club is provided with D & O Insurance.



Here is a possible program for your club – located on the District Speakers' Bureau!



District 6360 Speakers Bureau

Harold Mondol

"Miracles in the Mountains"
2008 Rotary Eye-Care Mission to Peru

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- A 30-member team of Rotarians and eye-care specialists went on a 10-day mission to the town of Huamachuco - in the heart of the Andes Mountains of Peru in July, 2008. The people here live at 10,000 feet altitude and are affected by conditions that deteriorate their eyes. They have no access to eye-care services.

The Ophthalmologists who went with us were able to restore the eyesight of 83 people with cataract surgeries. Simultaneously, the Optometrists examined 1,430 people . . . and then fitted them with donated glasses - thus greatly improving their vision. The resulting joy of the many patients was truly a series of "miracles in the mountains".

This is an inspiring 20-minute video story of Rotary's "Miracles in the Mountains".



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**Do you know of a good speaker to add to the Speakers' Bureau?
Contact Doug Langham dlang9151@sbcglobal.net .**



July Training a Success!!



Middleville Rotary Club hosts Two Female Governors in Michigan – State of Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm and RI District Governor Renée Merchant



(left to right) DG Renee, PE Susan Foster, Gov. Granholm, President Dan Parker



DG Renee at her Rotary Club of St. Johns' visit.



13 REMAINING DG CLUB VISITS – BE SURE YOUR PROGRAM CHAIR HAS THIS INFORMATION AND HAS PLANNED ACCORDINGLY!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Club</u>	<u>Location</u>
Sept. 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
18	Thurs.	12:10	Mason	Best Sellers - upstairs Vicksburg Community Center
19	Fri.	12:15	Vicksburg	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	Jonesville	School Brd. Meeting Room
8	Wed.	Noon	Climax	Methodist Church Ed. Bldg.
15	Wed.	12:15	Grand Ledge	Grand Ledge Opera House

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**. **Note that this is earlier than in previous years.** 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.

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.

Membership & Attendance for July 2008

Clubs in District 6360

Club	Members 6/30/08	Members Current	YTD-Chg	Chg From Last Mo.	Meetings Held	Average Attend%
Albion	58	57	-1	-1	5	57.00
Allegan	38	38	0	0	4	58.66
Battle Creek	77	90	13	13	4	40.54
Benton Harbor-Sunrise	62	61	-1	-1	4	57.00
Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	34	34	0	0	5	61.76
Bronson	41	37	-4	-4	5	83.42
Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	16	15	-1	-1	5	64.00
Charlotte	83	84	1	1	5	71.43
Climax	26	(missing)	-26	n/a	0	0.00
Coldwater	90	88	-2	-2	5	80.93
Coldwater Township Sunrise	46	46	0	0	5	80.78
Constantine	17	19	2	2	4	100.00
Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	80	81	1	1	5	59.00
Delton Area	28	28	0	0	4	67.85
Dowagiac	63	55	-8	-8	5	37.09
East Lansing	83	83	0	0	1	40.91
Eaton Rapids	31	31	0	0	5	59.00
Grand Ledge	56	56	0	0	5	50.00
Gull Lake Area	50	50	0	0	5	66.00
Haslett-Okemos	49	51	2	2	4	68.75
Hastings	64	64	0	0	4	62.10
Hillsdale	49	46	-3	-3	4	66.00
Ionia	37	39	2	2	5	51.00
Jackson	88	88	0	0	5	63.42
Jackson-Breakfast	24	24	0	0	5	67.00
Jonesville	22	22	0	0	4	70.00
Kalamazoo	252	253	1	1	4	54.15
Kalamazoo Sunrise	14	16	2	2	5	76.25
Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville-Bridgman)	51	55	4	4	5	59.04
Lansing	257	258	1	1	3	35.38
Lansing - Dewitt Sunrise	30	30	0	0	5	68.70
Litchfield	14	(missing)	-14	n/a	0	0.00
Marcellus	13	12	-1	-1	4	86.36
Marshall	64	(missing)	-64	n/a	0	0.00
Mason	27	29	2	2	4	54.03
Michigan Center-Jackson County East	15	(missing)	-15	n/a	0	0.00
Middleville	41	39	-2	-2	4	66.00
Niles-Buchanan	49	49	0	0	4	72.00
Oshtemo	37	38	1	1	3	54.54
Otsego	19	19	0	0	3	56.90
Parchment	16	18	2	2	5	52.00
Paw Paw Area	23	23	0	0	5	68.70
Paw Paw Lake (Coloma Hartford Watervliet)	14	15	1	1	5	46.20
Plainwell	18	18	0	0	4	61.11
Portage	92	89	-3	-3	5	58.00
Portage AM	23	24	1	1	4	55.00
Quincy	37	37	0	0	3	71.12
Reading	21	20	-1	-1	3	71.67
South Haven	54	64	10	10	5	64.96
South Lansing-Holt	30	30	0	0	4	44.17
St. Johns	49	50	1	1	5	65.59
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	189	182	-7	-7	4	63.08
Sturgis	48	48	0	0	2	48.72
Three Rivers	91	100	9	9	5	40.40
Union City	21	21	0	0	5	80.00
Vicksburg	34	34	0	0	3	46.67
White Pigeon	13	14	1	1	5	69.00
Williamston Sunrise	44	44	0	0	4	39.77

Totals, Net Gain, Avg Attendance: 54 of 58 clubs reporting	3012	2916	-96	23		61.35%
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FIRST QUARTERLY STAFF MEETING OF THIS ROTARY YEAR WAS HELD ON AUGUST 23 AT THE RAMADA INN IN BATTLE CREEK



Each quarter, the District staff, officers, committee chairs, assistant governors, and past district governors meet to go over what is happening and what is planned for clubs in the District. AGs bring comments and concerns from you and RI information is passed on to those who would be able to use it.

1ST RI DISTRICT 6360, INC. BOARD MEETING (BELOW)

PDG & D\$ Ed Foster, DA Linda Foster, DG Renée Merchant, PDG Bill Dimond, PDG & DT Jay Larson, DGN Don Frohm and DT Dana Tousley (photographer PDG Karl Sandelin)

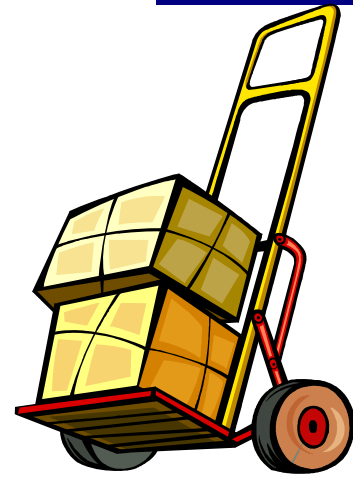


Missing directors: Immediate PDG Dick Sammis and DGE Kathleen Tosco



A District 6360 first: Shannon Lounsberry, President of the Mason club, delivered her son, Gavin, July 30. Father is Shane Lounsberry. They are doing fine, and Shannon will be back to her presidential duties of the club in September.

We continue to remember Rotarians with health issues – PDG Gil O'Rourke, Chris Welliver, PDG Len Stuttman, Norm Leonard, Jim Hayden



Children of the Dump Project

The Children of the Dump Project is soon to be completed. This project, chosen by PDG Dick Sammis, was well launched at his District Conference in May. All 300 gift boxes and 40 baby layettes have been claimed. Within the coming week all boxes will be delivered to Dowagiac for sorting. It is very important that boxes be as equal in contents as possible.

The twenty-three clubs participating were: Allegan, Battle Creek, Benton Harbor Sunrise, Berrien Springs/Eau Claire, Bronson, Charlotte, Climax, Delta Waverly, Dowagiac, Gull Lake Area, Jackson Noon, Kalamazoo, Kalamazoo Sunrise, Lakeshore, Lansing-Dewitt Sunrise, Marcellus, Otsego, Paw Paw Area, Portage, Portage AM, Reading, South Lansing/Holt, and Union City. This represents 40% of D6360 clubs.

Time and again I have heard how much Rotarians have enjoyed working with this great hands-on project. Many Rotarians involved their families or office staffs. Some clubs did it as a “committee of the whole” with designated shoppers and group packing. Original English/Spanish storybooks were written, hand-drawn pictures and note cards were made. In all cases clubs went above and beyond the basic requirements of the gift boxes.

In addition to the contracted gift boxes and layettes, clubs have special donated boxes of medical supplies, teaching materials, games, recreational equipment, and even Spanish books for the school library. What a blessing each gift box, layette, and special interest box is for this needy community.

The cooperation between Governors Dick Sammis and Renee Merchant has been key to this project’s success. Since the project introduction was a key part of the ’08 district conference it has necessarily extended into the current Rotary year. Clubs involved in this project may use it to help achieve a Presidential Citation for their club for the 08-09 Rotary year. The inclusion of hygiene products will improve the health of these children as will their school attendance since it includes a hot meal at noon and removes them from the unhealthy environment of the dump area. This meets the challenge of President D.K. Lee for every club to participate in a project that will lower the mortality rate of children around the world.

This project is an example of the good things that happen when district clubs work together. We have much to be thankful for.

Respectfully submitted by Barbara Groner, WCS District Chair

We ***make dreams real*** through the work of the clubs and the members. You know that Rotary is all about the clubs and the members. Now, some people think the district is **just** overhead. But as clubs and members, we are supported in our efforts by the district to help us Make Dreams...Real. Here are **ten ways** the district serves our clubs;

1. Assistant Governors. Each Assistant Governor is a past president, who represents their own club and several others in the area. They serve to connect the clubs to needed resources.
2. Membership Development seminar. This very effective process is available to your club, and can be presented as a club program. In a short space of time, members identify people and strategies to recruit new members. We need more members to help us do our great work.
3. Speakers' Bureau to help find wonderful speakers and programs for your club. Interesting programs improve attendance and retention of members.
4. District library of resources. In the library, there are PowerPoint programs and DVDs, which can be used at board meetings or club meetings. We have Orientation materials for new members to get them involved immediately working on projects.
5. Visioning and Strategic Planning. A new process to help clubs identify ways to grow and be more involved in their community. Rotarians presented the Visioning seminar from the Zone. The Committee is ready and willing to assist clubs in their strategic planning initiatives.
6. PETS—President Elect Training Seminar to help incoming presidents organize more quickly. We know from experience that trained presidents have a more successful year! Multi-district PETS this year is March 19-21, Kalamazoo Radisson.
7. Connection to International programs, such as, Youth Exchange and Group Study Exchange. Clubs and members may participate by hosting a youth or GSE team member. This is another program where we ***make dreams real*** for young people who become Rotarians in the future. This year our Group Study exchange will be with Buenos Aires, Argentina in April and May.
8. Connection to our unique Rotary Youth Leadership Award program. We have three divisions; RYLA Basic is presented at the Battle Creek Outdoor Center camp. In a weekend, students practice leadership skills and develop self-confidence. The RYLA Advanced program occurs during PETS. We bring in outstanding speakers in leadership, and we practice etiquette, teamwork and problem solving skills. The third part is the RYLA College Mentor program, where each student has a vocational mentor through four years of college. We expect these students to become Rotarians in the future.
9. Connection to global projects, such as, BioSandFilters, Peru Eye Care, and gift boxes for the Children of the Dump. Clearly, we ***make dreams real*** one child at a time with these fine projects!
10. District Conference. This is a great place to get together as a team and share stories about how we ***make dreams real***. This year we'll be meeting in Frankenmuth, May 15-17. We're collaborating with district 6290, north of us. We will co-host an informative and fun family event. Please plan to bring your family and join us in this wonderful German town. May 15-17 2009
That's the top 10 ways we are supported by the District and RI to ***Make Dreams Real***.

Prepared by Renée Merchant, District Governor 2008-2009

You may remember me from a GSE several years. Well It's now our turn to invite the whole of District 6360 to visit beautiful Belize. January is a grand time to visit Belize and I'm sure all of you Michiganders could use some respite from the winter cold.

www.belizerotaryprojectfair.com

Respectfully, Yours In Rotary
André Lopez, Chairman
16th Uniendo-America Project Fair

UPCOMING DATES . . .

- September 2-7, 2008, Zone Institute, Safari to the Kalahari, Sandusky, OH
- 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 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 25TH OF EACH MONTH.

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