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My video message this month includes a few thoughts on our upcoming District Conference scheduled for May 2-3, 2025 at the Michigan Maritime Museum in South

I found a bright January day to put this video together, and as you will see and hear, it was a very windy day. Some of the noise in the background came from the bubblers in the ice-covered water protecting the Friends Good Will ship from being frozen into the harbor.

So, turn up your volume, enjoy the views, and appreciate some of what nature has to offer in January

Mark

Click here to watch DG Mark's February message

Rotary's response to U.S.'s plan to withdraw from World Health Organization



By Rotary International

Rotary notes the recent announcement that the United States intends to withdraw from the World Health Organization (WHO), a partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI). We remain resolute in our mission to eradicate polio. As a founding partner of the GPEI, Rotary has for decades worked closely with all the GPEI partners, the U.S. government, and other governments to end polio worldwide. This effort has reduced the number of children paralyzed by polio by 99.9% since 1988. The global effort to eradicate polio has innovated many times over the years to come close to protecting every last child.

Although this decision creates new challenges, Rotary remains dedicated to ensuring that every child is protected from this preventable disease. We are confident that the GPEI will continue to adapt, to innovate, and to implement effective strategies to keep polio vaccines available for every child in the United States and around the world, especially those in the most challenging and remote regions. The most important decisions leading to a polio-free world are made every day by parents who present their children for vaccination.

We remain committed to working with all GPEI partners to fulfill the promise of a polio-free world. Together, we have ended smallpox, and together, we can ensure that polio becomes the second human disease to be eradicated from the planet.

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Eaton Rapids Rotary Celebrates 70th Anniversary

By William A Darr



<u>District</u> <u>Newsletter</u> No Club Found

Mayor Pam Colestock joined the Eaton Rapids Rotary Club at their meeting on January 15, to present them with a proclamation congratulating the club on its70th anniversary.

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Youth Exchange Host Clubs Wanted!

By Marjorie R. Haas On Your Mark! Get Ready! Go!!!

We are officially seeking Host Clubs with one identified host family for the 2025-26 school year!! (The second host family can be identified after the student arrives.)

This morning we received the placement of a boy from Brazil, Mateus. He is 15 years old (16 in November), plays soccer and basketball. His application states his English is good.

Get Ready -- Start looking for host families now! We will have 3 more students that will be placed with District 6360. When your club finds a family, and let's me know ASAP, we can specify your request for gender and area of the world. We know we will get one student from each of these regions: Eastern Europe, Western Europe, and Asia.

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Sturgis Rotarian Adam Cloutier Honored



Jim Berry (L), Adam Cloutier (R)

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MSU Rotaract Vice President Honored

By Mia Teller



Hello Rotarians,

I hope you are all doing well! I wanted to reach out to share some exciting news—last week, our Vice President, Shannon Thomas, was honored with the Spartan Volunteer Service Award from MSU! This is a prestigious recognition, awarded to only about 30 students, and we are incredibly proud of Shannon for her hard work and dedication to our club.

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Love - a Pillar of Good Mental Health



When professionals asked, "what does love mean" these children gave profound insights:

"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth." Billy, 4

"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen." Bobby, 7

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Bonus offered for signing up for Rotary Direct



Consider Rotary Direct!

Rotary Direct -- Rotary's recurring giving program -- is the simplest way for you to do good in the world by supporting The Rotary Foundation!

You have three ways to sign up for Rotary Direct; online at myrotary.org, by mail or by phone.

You decide your giving level - the minimum is \$10. You decide your giving frequency - monthly, quarterly or annually. You decide to use either your credit card or automatic withdrawal from a bank account.

Sign up for Rotary Direct by April 30 and District 6360 will match your cumulative annual gift with recognition points!

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Eighty-eight Rotarians representing 22 Rotary clubs took advantage of District 6360's recent Matching Recognition Points Program.

Rotarians who donated \$100 or more to the The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund earned recognition points equal to their donation. Many are being recognized as Paul Harris Fellows as a result. Many other Rotarians are "closer" to being honored as a Paul Harris Fellow.

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Membership Webinars coming up



February 3, 2025: What's in it for me? Capturing the interest of busy people

March 3, 2025: The Continuity Challenge: Maintaining your club's momentum for growth

> April 7, 2025: Now What? Sustaining your club's irresistibility





Membership - our latest numbers!

Olivib Torri	Olich Hama	Members	Members	Net
Club Type	Club Name	July 1, 2024	Jan 28,2025	Change
Rotary Club	Charlotte Michigan Clubs (Charlotte +16 Charlotte Evening +2)	75	93	18
Rotary Club	Albion	29	37	8
Rotary Club	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	89	95	6
Rotary Club	Climax	22	26	4
Rotary Club	Harbor Country (Southwest Berrien County)	53	57	4
Rotary Club	Middleville	26	30	4
Rotary Club	East Lansing	35	38	3
Rotary Club	Jackson-Breakfast	19	22	3
Rotary Club	Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	26	28	2
Rotary Club	Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	33	35	2
Rotary Club	Hastings	71	73	2
Rotary Club	Marshall	47	49	2
Rotary Club	Mason	28	30	2
Rotary Club	Portage	57	59	2
Rotary Club	Benton Harbor-Sunrise	37	38	1
Rotary Club	Gull Lake Area	38	39	1
Rotary Club	Jackson	36	37	1
Rotary Club	Otsego	17	18	1
Rotary Club	St. Johns	30	31	1
Rotary Club	Williamston	39	40	1
Rotary Club	Allegan	14	14	0
Rotary Club	Battle Creek	55	55	0
Rotary Club	Coldwater Township Sunrise	59	59	0
Rotary Club	Constantine	7	7	0
Rotary Club	Delton Area	54	54	0
Rotary Club	Dowagiac	27	27	0
Rotary Club	Eaton Rapids	32	32	0
Rotary Club	Grand Ledge	41	41	0
Rotary Club	Hillsdale	39	39	0
Rotary Club	Jonesville	21	21	0
Rotary Club	Litchfield	10	10	0
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Area	11	11	0
Rotary Club	Saugatuck-Douglas	39	39	0
Rotary Club	Union City	21	21	0
Rotary Club	Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	60	59	(1)
Rotary Club	Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	8	7	(1)
Rotary Club	Sturgis	18	17	(1)
Rotary Club	Oshtemo	21	19	
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Lake (Coloma Hartford Watervliet)	12	10	(2)
Rotary Club	South Lansing-Holt	18	16	(2)
		54	52	
Rotary Club	Three Rivers		34	(2)
Rotary Club Rotary Club	Vicksburg + Vicksburg Impact Haslett-Okemos	36 36	33	(2)
Rotary Club	Ionia			4.7
		18	15	(3)
Rotary Club	Kalamazoo	105	102	(3)
Rotary Club	Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville-Bridgman)	36	33	(3)
Rotary Club	Plainwell	14	11	(3)
Rotary Club	South Haven	62	58	(4)
Rotary Club	Lansing	157	152	(5)
TOTAL ROTAR	Y CLUB MEMBERS	1892	1923	31
Rotaract Club	MSU	7	7	0
Rotaract Club	Kalamazoo	19	19	0
Rotaract Club	Andrews University Enactus	23	23	0
	Albion College	12	6	(6)
TOTAL ROTAR	ACT CLUB MEMBERS	61	55	-6
Total		1953	1978	25

Updated Annual Fund Giving Report

Th	The Rotary Fund Annual Fund Current Giving											
	1-July	Annual Fund Per	Average TRF	Active	Giving	%TRF	EREY	%EREY				
Club Name	Members	Capita	Giving	Rotarians	The second secon	Giving	Rotarians	Rotarians				
Totals				1773	434	24%	348	20%				
Albion	29	\$0.00	\$1.38	27	1	4%	0	0%				
Allegan	14	\$7.14	\$7.14	12	1	8%	1	8%				
Battle Creek	55	\$108.25	\$130.99	52	15	29%	12	23%				
Benton Harbor-Sunrise	37	\$36.62	\$36.62	36	7	19%	7	19%				
Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	26	\$41.06	\$50.67	26	6	23%	4	15%				
Cereal City Sunrise	33	\$106.06	\$123.33	32	7	22%	6	19%				
Charlotte Evening	21	\$0.00	\$0.00	21	4	19%	3	14%				
Charlotte	75	\$38.98	\$85.68	54	36	67%	22	41%				
Climax	22	\$132.68	\$137.23	22	2	9%	2	9%				
Coldwater Township Sunrise	59	\$324.96	\$360.32	55	15	27%	14	25%				
Constantine	7	\$0.00	\$0.00	6	0	0%	0	0%				
Delta Waverly	60	\$33.33	\$58.99	56	14	25%	13	23%				
Delton Area	54	\$26.20	\$34.83	49	11	22%	6	12%				
Dowagiac	27	\$0.00	\$0.00	26	0	0%	0	0%				
East Lansing	35	\$17.86	\$20.71	34	3	9%	2	6%				
Eaton Rapids	32	\$5.47	\$19.85	31	1	3%	1	3%				
Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	8	\$0.00	\$0.00	7	0	0%	0	0%				
Grand Ledge	41	\$0.00	\$0.00	41	0	0%	0	0%				
Gull Lake Area	38	\$160.39	\$185.89	36	16	44%	15	42%				
Harbor Country	53	\$54.38	\$54.38	52	11	21%	11	21%				
Haslett-Okemos	36	\$177.32	\$221.15	32	13	41%	12	38%				
Hastings	71	\$57.48	\$85.19	67	34	51%	24	36%				
Hillsdale	39	\$58.78	\$61.35	38	3	8%	3	8%				
Ionia	18	\$0.00	\$0.00	15	0	0%	0	0%				
Jackson-Breakfast					9	47%	7	37%				
	19 36	\$24.74	\$38.36	19 35	9	26%	3	9%				
Jackson		\$56.11	\$82.23									
Jonesville	21	\$0.00	\$0.00	20	0	0%	0	0%				
Kalamazoo Lakeshore	96 36	\$82.97 \$83.89	\$302.47	88 32	33	38% 25%	19	22% 9%				
		-	\$106.50									
Lansing	157	\$14.97	\$16.05	147	8	5%	6	4%				
Litchfield	10	\$0.00	\$0.00	10	0	0%	0	0%				
Marshall	47	\$45.74	\$71.28	45	21	47%	19	42%				
Mason	28	<u>\$184.82</u>	\$213.39	26	3	12%	1	4%				
Middleville	26	\$1.99	\$21.22	24	1	4%	1	4%				
Oshtemo	21	\$4.76	\$4.76	19	1	5%	1	5%				
Otsego	17	\$3.53	\$3.53	17	1	6%	1	6%				
Paw Paw Area	11	\$180.61	\$212.25	10	7	70%	7	70%				
Paw Paw Lake	12	\$0.00	\$0.00	10	0	0%	0	0%				
Plainwell	14	\$71.43	\$71.43	11	1	9%	1	9%				
Portage	57	\$232.40	\$235.91	57	23	40%	21	37%				
Saugatuck-Douglas	39	\$0.00	\$205.13	35	1	3%	0	0%				
South Haven	62	\$64.76		58	55	95%	55	95%				
South Lansing-Holt	18	\$11.11	\$11.11	16	1	6%	1	6%				
St. Johns	30	\$140.00	\$161.87	28	13	46%	13	46%				
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	89	\$122.39		83	14	17%	11	13%				
Sturgis	18	\$215.63	\$243.41	16	3	19%	3	19%				
Three Rivers	54	\$28.77	\$30.62	50	5	10%	5	10%				
Union City	21	\$52.38	\$123.81	20	2	10%	2	10%				
Vicksburg	36	\$56.57	\$101.99	33	8	24%	3	9%				
Williamston	39	\$33.08	\$38.21	37	7	19%	7	19%				

TRF Giving Rotarians: The number of Existing Active Rotarians who have contributed US\$25 or more to any fund of TRF.

EREY Rotarians: The number of Existing Active Rotarians who have contributed US\$25 or more to the Annual Fund.



The Rotary Foundation is Rotary's most impactful -- and most confusing -- program.

Just a reminder that we have assembled some speakers on The Rotary Foundation who can present a great Rotary Foundation program at your club.

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Submissions welcome to District Newsletter

District newsletters are published the first of each month (focusing on District news and events) and the 15th of each month (focusing on club news and events).

If you have an item you'd like to submit for the newsletter, please send it at least three days prior to the publication date. Submissions can be sent to:

RotaryDistrict6360@gmail.com

We welcome graphics! Please make sure that graphics are in the JPG, PNG, or GIF format.

Items can be news from your club, projects, events, and fun things! Thanks for helping make our District newsletter great!

Events

February 3rd, 7:30-8:15 PM Membership Meeting
February 11th, 6:30-7:15 PM Club Presidents' Meeting

February 9th, 8:00 Rotary International Assembly February 10th, 5:30-6:30 PM 2025-2026 Club President Essentials