

Rotary  
District 6360



Serving the 15 Southwest  
counties of Michigan



July 2024

## Welcome to Rotary Year 2024- 2025



Click [HERE](#) to view DG Mark's special video message to all Rotarians.

## Who Is Mark Odland? Meet Your District Governor for Rotary Year 2024-2025



Mark has been married to LaRae for 53 years and together they are actively involved in supporting and leading organizations throughout SW Michigan. During Mark's tenure serving as President of the South Haven Rotary, his club led the district in membership growth; received the Presidential Gold Citation and received the South Haven Community Investment Award in 2020.

Mark also serves as President of the Speakers Series of South Haven, President of the South Haven Resource Council, Secretary of the Corewell Hospice South Board of Directors, and former Treasurer of the Samaritas Foundation. He serves his community as Chairperson of the South Haven Township Planning Commission. He was named to the Michigan Insurance Hall of Fame in 2010.

His professional career spanned nearly 40 years as an executive with State Farm Insurance Companies serving as Vice President Claims and later as

Vice President with responsibilities for operations in Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois. He is a graduate of Augustana University and completed graduate studies at University of Virginia Darden School of Business. He earned the Chartered Property Casualty Underwriter Designation (CPCU) and holds the Master Citizen Planner credentials.

Mark and LaRae have two sons and five grandchildren with families residing in Illinois and North Carolina. Their home in South Haven overlooks Lake Michigan where they are often found enjoying the lake life.



**JULY IS**  
**NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH**

*True leaders don't create followers, they create new leaders.*

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The graphic features a central image of two hands in business suits, one holding a rolled-up document and the other reaching out. The background is dark with a large yellow gear logo on the right. The text is in white and yellow, with a blue banner at the bottom containing the quote and website.

## Annual Giving to Date to The Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation - Annual Fund Contributions-SHARE (District 6360)  
July 1, 2023 to June 26, 2024

Club	Mmbrs	District Rank	TRF (/Mbr.)	Thumbs Up	Last Year 2022-23 (/Mbr.)	Rotary Direct
Sturgis	20	1	3135.61	👍*	544.17	1
Kalamazoo Sunrise	12	2	460.42	👍*	445.83	2
Gull Lake Area	33	3	242.42		246.09	0
Coldwater Township Sunrise	57	4	236.32	👍*	78.62	1
Portage	52	5	181.89	👍*	160.44	0
South Haven	61	6	180.57		216.27	1
Haslett-Okemos	42	7	178.51	👍*	108.11	7
Union City	17	8	176.47	👍*	158.82	0
Battle Creek	60	9	152.07	👍*	72.03	3
Jackson	33	10	145.00	👍*	98.00	2
Oshtemo	20	11	144.50	👍*	5.71	1
Mason	26	12	126.92	👍*	6.00	3
Marshall	46	13	119.57	👍*	119.27	1
St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	79	14	116.53	👍*	46.86	2
Saugatuck-Douglas	37	15	114.86	👍*	107.89	0
Plainwell	11	16	109.09	👍*	0.00	0
East Lansing	36	17	100.00	👍*	19.02	1
Vicksburg	32	18	98.64		109.62	1
Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville)	36	19	93.61		150.04	2
Quincy	11	20	93.18	👍*	62.50	0
Climax	20	21	82.05		100.28	1
Kalamazoo	115	22	80.37	👍*	73.27	10
Delta Township	58	23	78.62	👍*	77.42	3
Lansing	173	24	76.91	👍*	27.01	4
St. John	30	25	72.50		91.03	1
Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	28	26	71.43	👍*	6.79	1
Eaton Rapids	31	27	69.35		119.53	0
Dowagiac	29	28	68.97	👍*	33.33	0
Hillsdale	43	29	68.60		136.65	0
Benton Harbor-Sunrise	33	30	67.53	👍*	56.92	3
Williamston Sunrise	36	31	65.97		83.95	2
Hastings	70	32	64.69		79.76	3
Cereal City Sunrise	35	33	60.00	👍*	45.83	2
Grand Ledge	42	34	56.96	👍*	0.00	0
Three Rivers	51	35	51.96		71.70	1
Jackson-Breakfast	22	36	45.23		54.84	3
Harbor Country	53	37	41.32		48.31	1
Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	19	38	39.47	👍*	0.00	0
Delton Area	59	39	36.54		41.21	2
Charlotte	84	40	33.10		35.20	1
Paw Paw Area	11	41	31.82	👍*	0.00	0
Lansing-Dewitt Sunrise	13	42	21.15		130.00	0
South Lansing-Holt	18	43	13.89	👍*	5.26	1
Allegan	20	44	5.00		5.68	1
Otsego	17	45	2.35		40.00	1
Paw Paw Lake	21	46	1.19	👍*	0.00	0
Albion	31	47	0.00		70.76	0
Constantine	7	47	0.00		0.00	0
Ionia	21	47	0.00		0.00	0
Jonesville	23	47	0.00		22.22	0
Litchfield	10	47	0.00		0.00	0
Middleville	30	47	0.00		0.86	1
	1993		\$ 120.84		\$ 78.04	70
Total Contributions - Annual Fund (Share)			\$ 238,542.38		\$ 153,423.00	
Thumbs Up - Exceeding Last Year's Giving (July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022) Last Rotary Year				👍	👍	

**Launch Your Legacy!**  
Registration NOW OPEN!

## Launch Your Legacy Campaign

# GILMORE CAR MUSEUM

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Launching Your Legacy

Tickets, \$10 each, will be available soon on DaCdb. Tell your fellow Rotarians. Invite a prospective member. Enjoy the family event with hamburgers, hot dogs, custard stand, beautiful cars, fellowship, and information about the impact of The Rotary Foundation.

*Hickory Corners, MI*

August 15, 2024: 5:30 PM to 8:00 PM

### Title/Event Sponsors:

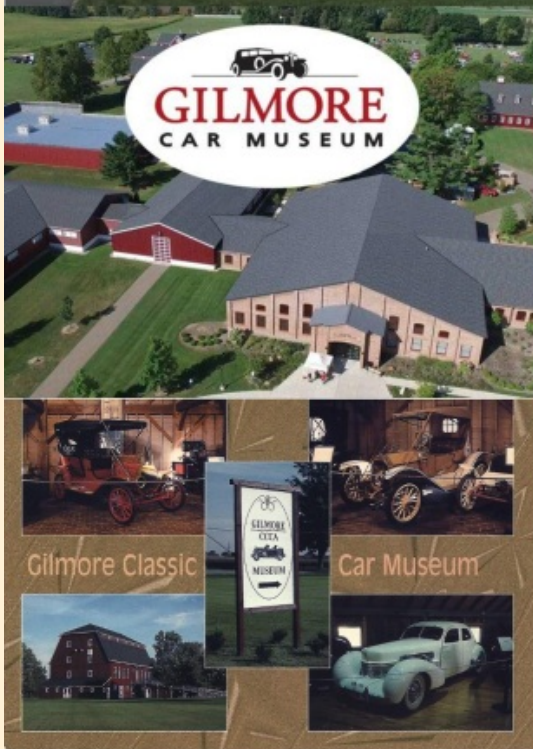
DGE Mark and LaRae Odland  
DGN Jackie and Mike Huie  
DGND/PDG Tim and Amy Lee  
PDG Kathy and Mike Gallagher  
PDG Jim and Chris Cupper  
PDG Rick Briscoe

Table Sponsorships Available, \$500 ea.

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Event Sponsorships Available, \$1000

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**REGISTER NOW**



**Rotary Action Group:**



**Mental Health  
Initiatives**  
Rotary Action Group

## Good Emotional Well-Being = Rotary Longevity



Research has confirmed four lifestyle habits that promote positive mental health *and* longevity.

When all four are present, individuals typically enjoy a longer life span and greater emotional well-being.

Here they are:

1. Social connection
2. Loving partner/relationship
3. Spiritual/religious practice

and 4 ....

... wait for it ...

SINGING !!

Think of how Rotary was founded and the practice of each club;  
... the guiding principles of the four-way test. ... shared goals that create social bonding. ... those famous Rotary songbooks!

It's no wonder Marshall Rotary club marked 100 years of service this year. It's no wonder 2024-25 DG Mark and partner LaRae Odland are going strong at 53 years of marriage! It's no wonder outgoing DG Sharalyn Davis emphasized, "Rotary is about Love!" as her parting words at the D6360 Governor Transition event – which of course followed a room full of Rotarians *singing* America the Beautiful. *Thank you for leading South Haven Rotarian Anna Rydecki.*

It all adds up as to how Rotarians inner mental and emotional well-being pulls them through outer social, political, health, and economic challenges. And why Rotarians have the resilience to thrive!

As D6360 Mental Health Club moves forward into 2024-25 as a newly sanctioned committee, feel free to refresh yourself on Past RI President Gordon McNally's call to Mental Health by viewing the video here: [World Mental Health Day Webinar - YouTube](#).

And ... keep singing!

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For further information on RI's Mental Health initiatives:

- Explore the Rotary Mental Health Toolkits: Toolkits - Mental Health Initiatives Rotary Action Group ([ragonmentalhealth.org](http://ragonmentalhealth.org))
- Follow Rotary Action Group for Mental Health here: Facebook. RAG MH has been active for 5 years!
- View Gordon McInally's World MH Day presentation here: World Mental Health Day Webinar - YouTube.

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*Jacquie Blackwell MA Psy is owner of Amazing Learning Center Mental Health Services. She has been a member of Lakeshore Rotary Club since 2020. In 2021 she was named Rotarian of the Year for creating the 'Take it or Leave it' winter accessories holiday-tree service project. Jacquie chairs the D6360 Mental Health Steering Committee.*

## What's UP With Youth Services?



**Youth Programs = Your Club Young and Vibrant!!**

Get ready for the new Rotary year by making sure your club is participating in all Rotary Youth Programs!

**OPPORTUNITIES:** Through Youth Programs, students become more confident, experienced, college and career ready!

- District 6360 Rotary Youth Programs
- Interact Clubs
  - Rotary Student Program
  - Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Camp
  - Youth Exchange

Your District Youth Program Chairs are happy to make a presentation at your club meeting. Call us to schedule.

- RYLA Camp – Don Deibler,  
Director [donalddeibler@yahoo.com](mailto:donalddeibler@yahoo.com), Cell: 269-599-1341
- Interact Clubs – (NEW Chair) Emily Quiggle,  
[Emily.quiggle@hassk12.org](mailto:Emily.quiggle@hassk12.org); Cell: 269-986-5588
- Rotary Student Program – Jackie Huie, DGE,  
[jhuie@johnsonrauhoff.com](mailto:jhuie@johnsonrauhoff.com), Cell: 269-930-1325
- Youth Exchange – Margie Haas, [haasmargie@gmail.com](mailto:haasmargie@gmail.com); Cell: 269-

**Youth Programs are integrated together offering students leadership, communication, organizational skills that translate into post-secondary opportunities!**

## **The Countdown to RYLA!!**



**You're Invited!**

RYLA camp is almost here, and we have a full camp this year!

There are lots of great activities, projects, and programs to provide the youth of our communities with a meaningful experience!

If you would like to experience what RYLA camp is all about, please join us for a picnic lunch, team project presentations, and closing ceremonies, **Sunday July 14 beginning at 1 pm.**

For more information visit the [RYLA page](#) on the District website.

## **Registration NOW Open for 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary!**



**Join us in Calgary, Alberta, Canada, for the 2025 Rotary International Convention! June 21-25, 2025**

Register now for only \$525 USD! [Click here to register](#), and share the news with your Clubs and fellow Rotarians!

Prepare to be captivated by Calgary's vibrant culture, embraced by warm hospitality, and inspired by the spirit of Rotary as we gather in this iconic destination.

- Calgary is Canada's third most diverse city – over 240 ethnic origins and 165 languages spoken.
- It is home of the famous Calgary Stampede, founded in 1912
- You will be only one one-hour drive from the iconic Canadian Rockies (but you can see them from Calgary!)

The countdown is on! Explore the [Calgary Convention Host website](#):

- Registration and Hotel
- Signature Events
- Host Hospitality
- Pre and Post-tours!



## Membership Zoom Webinar July 8

### *Looking for Tips and Techniques to Help Your Club Grow?*

DG Marl Odland has never met a Rotarian who didn't want their club to become more vibrant and attractive to every member and appealing to new members. Every Rotary Club wants their club to succeed, grow, become more irresistible and have a bigger impact on the well-being of their community. After all, we are a membership driven organization that does service in our communities and around the world. The more members we have, the bigger the impact we have in our towns and beyond. And, with more members comes even more people sharing the load and helping with our service projects.

Membership growth continues to be our biggest challenge and our greatest opportunity not only here in our District but around the world. We are making progress, but there is much more to be done. Your District team will soon launch several new initiatives to help every club that wants to grow achieve that goal. I am pleased to share a great resource from our Zone that will help.



This session will offer interesting, timely, short and to the point tips and techniques designed to help make your club irresistible and growing. Just 45 minutes of interactive learning designed for every Rotary member who wants to see their club grow offered monthly over the next 12 months. Just show up and see if there is something for you.

The third meeting is on Monday, July 8 from 7:30- 8:15 PM. The theme that week will be 'Building Partnerships Through Change.' You won't want to miss!

Here is the link to the ZOOM meetings:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/86755780910?pwd=pOP9Y2J6g78EkCgPLFnDT4kH5OOgfc.1>

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## District Foundation Corner

For general questions about your District 6360 Foundation and how it can help your Club, please contact Foundation President Gary Campbell, [campbellgary929@gmail.com](mailto:campbellgary929@gmail.com)

Any correspondence should be sent c/o Rotary District 6360 to 741 Wolverine Road, Mason, MI, 48854



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