

Rotary
District 6360



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We Want to
Hear From You

Please see below for some wonderful news and events from our District's Rotary Clubs! Does *YOUR* Rotary Club have a special event planned, or did your Club have a special meeting or fundraising event? ***We want to hear about it!***

Please send your article and any photos to District Administrator Ingrid Nova at rotary6360@gmail.com. The deadline is the 1st of the month, but please be sure to send anything time sensitive and we will get the news out to the District!

Thank you!

**District Membership Growth-
Does YOUR Club Have a Goal?**

100 More Rotarians Providing Service Keep Your Goal In Mind

District 6360 Club Growth 2023/2024

Club Type	Club Name	Members July 1, 2023	Members July 7, 2024	Net Change	Goal Last Year	Goal This Year
Rotaract Club	Andrews University Enactus	1	23	22		no goal yet
Rotary Club	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	79	98	19	95	110
Rotaract Club	Kalamazoo	1	19	18		no goal yet
Rotary Club	Gull Lake Area	33	38	5	40	44
Rotary Club	Portage	52	57	5	55	67
Rotaract Club	Albion College	8	12	4		no goal yet
Rotary Club	Benton Harbor-Sunrise	33	37	4	42	40
Rotary Club	Jackson	33	37	4		no goal yet
Rotary Club	Union City	17	21	4		22
Rotary Club	Vicksburg	32	36	4	53	45
Rotary Club	Plainwell	11	14	3	20	19
Rotary Club	Three Rivers	51	54	3	58	65
Rotary Club	Williamston	36	39	3	39	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Climax	20	22	2	22	24
Rotary Club	Coldwater Township Sunrise	57	59	2	59	61
Rotary Club	Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	58	60	2	60	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Mason	26	28	2	30	35
Rotary Club	Eaton Rapids	31	32	1	35	35
Rotary Club	Hastings	70	71	1	72	80
Rotary Club	Marshall	46	47	1	55	55
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Area	11	12	1	14	14
Rotary Club	Saugatuck-Douglas	37	38	1	45	45
Rotary Club	South Haven	61	62	1	64	65
Rotary Club	Constantine	7	7	0	13	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Harbor Country (Southwest Berrien County)	53	53	0	56	60
Rotary Club	Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville-Bridgman)	36	36	0	40	40
Rotary Club	Lansing - Dewitt Sunrise	0	0	0	13	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Litchfield	10	10	0	15	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Oshkemo	20	20	0	22	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Otsego	17	17	0		no goal yet
Rotary Club	South Lansing-Holt	18	18	0	19	no goal yet
Rotary Club	St. Johns	30	30	0	35	no goal yet
Rotary Club	East Lansing	36	35	(1)	48	35
Rotary Club	Grand Ledge	42	41	(1)	48	44
Rotary Club	Albion	31	29	(2)		43
Rotary Club	Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	28	26	(2)	30	28
Rotary Club	Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	35	33	(2)	40	45
Rotary Club	Dowagiac	29	27	(2)	30	35
Rotary Club	Jonesville	23	21	(2)		23
Rotaract Club	MSU	9	7	(2)		no goal yet
Rotary Club	Sturgis	20	18	(2)	23	19
Rotary Club	Ionia	21	18	(3)	23	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Jackson-Breakfast	22	19	(3)	26	30
Rotary Club	Kalamazoo Sunrise	12	9	(3)	15	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Hillsdale	43	39	(4)		48
Rotary Club	Middleville	30	26	(4)	36	30
Rotary Club	Battle Creek	60	55	(5)	65	64
Rotary Club	Dellon Area	59	54	(5)	64	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Allegan	20	14	(6)	24	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Haslett-Okemos	42	36	(6)	50	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Charlotte	84	76	(8)	85	80
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Lake (Columbia Harbor) (Miltona, Ionia)	21	12	(9)	30	20
Rotary Club	Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	19	8	(11)	25	15
Rotary Club	Quincy	11	0	(11)	11	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Lansing	173	157	(16)	185	185
Rotary Club	Kalamazoo	115	96	(19)	110	120
TOTAL		1880	1963	(17)		

Register NOW! Bring Your Friends & Family!

Launch Your Legacy Campaign

GILMORE CAR MUSEUM



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

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Event Sponsorships Available, \$1000

*** Contact Kathy Gallagher (269) 209-5949 or Tim Lee (317) 502-9634 For Sponsorship Information ***





South Haven Rotary Club Honors Rotarian of the Year



The Rotary Club of South Haven celebrated another year of service to the community with its annual leadership induction dinner and recognition of the Rotarian of the Year at Hawks Head restaurant on June 27. The Rotary Club of South Haven is pleased to announce Jerry Gruber (photo on left) as the 2024 Rotarian of the Year.

Each year an outstanding club member is honored as Rotarian of the Year. Candidates, like Jerry, are individuals with a strong commitment to the principles of Rotary and demonstrate the motto, “service above self” and who have made significant contributions to the mission of the club as well as one or more avenues of community or international service. This is our Club’s highest honor for individual Rotary members.

According to Angelica Gallegos-Dickerson, incoming Rotary Club President, “Jerry Gruber has been a Rotary member for over 25 years. He served as club president in 2005-2006 and has continued to serve on many of the Rotary community service committees. Jerry is instrumental in the Rotary Club pancake breakfasts fund raisers and is always ‘working the crowd’ to make sure everyone is having a good time.” Don Hodgman, the Rotary Pancake Breakfast organizer, notes that, “...Jerry Gruber works tirelessly throughout the Rotary Pancake Breakfasts; setting up the signs around town, ensuring Health Department compliance, mixing hundreds of gallons of batter, and just being there with his friendly good humor and kind spirit.” Learn more [HERE](#).

***Changing Lives Through
The Rotary Foundation 2024-2025***

Twenty-four great humanitarian projects are about



to be launched in District 6360 thanks to the generosity of Rotarians! We are fortunate that The Rotary Foundation “gives back” to districts based on the amount that Rotarians donated to the **Rotary Foundation Annual Fund Share**. This year, over \$32,000 will be distributed to clubs in our district to make an impact on their community.

Congratulations to three clubs: **Constantine Rotary Club**, **Dowagiac Rotary Club** and the **Fennville-Pullman-Lakeshore Rotary Club** for receiving their first ever Rotary Foundation grant!

The **Constantine Rotary Club** will support local, low-income students pursuing trade school or higher education. Students are selected based on the merits of their academic record, participation in school and community activities and financial need.

The **Dowagiac Rotary Club** will provide a sustainable water supply in Uganda to the Kyoga Farmers Community Organization (KFCO) and extended community members for domestic use, home gardens, and the Agra business of the KFCO.

The **Fennville-Pullman-Lakeshore Rotary Club** project focuses on young people who are facing increasingly confusing challenges to find support, develop leadership and social skills, and nurture positive mental health. This multifaceted project addresses education and mental health and wellness pairing students with non-traditional resources to support their wellness and future direction.

The **Battle Creek Rotary Club** received two grants. Rotarians will launch their first Pollinator and Bee Project this fall and during the holiday season they will host a lunch for low-income elementary and disabled school children. They will also support families by providing warm hats and gloves along with educational toys.

Cereal City Sunrise Rotary received three grants. They will assemble Childrens' Food Packs, build Mobility Access Ramps and sponsor an elementary level school book reading program.

Responding to the increasing number of homeless individuals, the **Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary Club** will invest in creating support systems to assist these individuals by providing temporary housing, essential needs and programming related to developing life skills and goal accountability with on-going follow up services.

The **Delton Area Rotary Club** project addresses the safety concerns for the walkers/runners and others in the Delton area. Rotarians' efforts have been made to remove fallen trees and brush from the designated pathway. The grant provides for new picnic tables and benches and to replace the roof on the Lions' Pavilion.

The **Grand Ledge Rotary Club** will launch a Dictionary Project. Rotarians will visit each classroom and distribute a new dictionary to all fourth-grade students.

The **Gull Lake Area Rotary** grant will enhance an outdoor classroom for elementary students to immerse students in environmental lessons to have a greater opportunity to study wildlife, birds, insects, and plant life.

The **Harbor County Rotary Club** (Southwest Berrien County) project will give Nepali

students access to handheld computers to gain mastery in math, science, and computer programming. The grant will also provide TI-Nspire calculators, Data Collection, and STEM and will educate teachers as Nspire trainers.

The **Kalamazoo Rotary Club** Reading Program reaches 18 elementary schools with approximately 50 second-grade classes. Rotarians read and reinforce the educational opportunities the students have through the Kalamazoo Promise and inspire them to want to succeed in school.

The **Oshtemo Rotary Club** received two grants. The first focuses on literacy and will provide a new age-appropriate book for all first and second grade students During March Reading Month Rotarians will visit classrooms each week to read to the students. The second grant ensures that **all** children residing in the foster care system know they are cared about especially during the holiday season. Rotarians will select, wrap and deliver gifts to these children.

The **Rotary Club of South Haven** also received multiple grants. One grant will provide higher education scholarship funding to senior students who have achieved academic excellence, while at the same time demonstrating strong volunteer work ethic and leadership. The other will support a newly established intergenerational day care center and provide new benches, picnic tables and safe seating for the children and senior adults.

The **St, Joseph & Benton Harbor Rotary Club** grant will ensure adequate food in the Mungula and Olua refugee camps in northern Uganda by augmenting efforts to grow local food including the purchase of a walking tractor. The refugee women have access to about 100 acres for kitchen gardens adjacent to their huts. These women will also sell produce to generate cash for living expenses.

The **Sturgis Rotary Club** also received two grants. All third-grade students will receive dictionaries to allow them to independently research words and definitions. The other grant will provide houseware baskets filled with hygiene products, cleaning supplies, kitchen tools and bed linens to assist those establishing households following the completion of substance abuse programs, as well as, victims of domestic violence, fire and other lifechanging events.

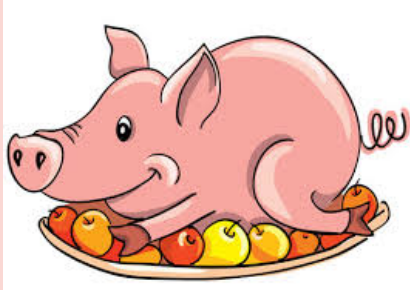
Three Rivers Rotary has a long-standing commitment to improve the lives of youth in Libertad Belize. With their grant they will send underprivileged youth to high school, an opportunity most never get to experience.

The **Union City Rotary Club** grant will support the adoption and training of a therapy dog at the elementary school. Benefits of this project are building self-esteem, memory stimulation and reducing anxiety. Other benefits include attendance incentives, behavioral incentives and assistance in processing grief or loss.

The **Williamston Sunrise Rotary Club** will distribute scholarships to students from three schools. Those students will have demonstrated the pursuit of excellence in their academic careers and an aptitude for leadership and giving back to their respective communities in future years.

And it's all because you care, and you generously support the Rotary Foundation Annual Fund Share Program!

Paw Paw Lake Rotary Club Hog Roast August 24



All are invited to the annual Paw Paw Lake Brew Fest, which is being held on August 24th! They are celebrating 40 years of the Paw Paw Lake Rotary Club with a Hog Roast being held at the Arclight! We will have music, food, 50/50, and craft vendors.

Please come out and support us! August 24,
2 PM - 6 PM

Arclight Brewing Company, 544 N Main St, Watervliet,
MI 49098

Tickets are \$15 dollars and we have plenty to sell! Contact Brandy Culverhouse with questions, peacenlove24745@gmail.com

Dennis and Kathy Dascenzo honored as South Haven Rotary Club's 2024 Citizens of the Year: Community Service Award



The Rotary Club of South Haven is pleased to recognize 'Citizens of the Year' Dennis

and Kathy Dascenzo (photo, center and right) as the recipients of Rotary's 2024 Community Service Award. Each year the South Haven Rotary club recognizes and honors a resident of the South Haven area who makes a significant difference to our community while embodying the spirit of "service above self". Recipients of this award have demonstrated long-term commitment, service, participation and leadership to improve the character and wellbeing of South Haven. This is the highest recognition award offered to community members by the Rotary club. Read more [HERE!](#)

Mental Health Committee



Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club On-Board for Mental Health Service Projects

Haslett-Okemos Rotary Club enjoyed a thought-provoking presentation from D6360 Mental Health Chair Jacquie Blackwell in June. Members learned how they are already enhancing mental and emotional well-being through their current service projects! The Rotarian Service attitude shines through in their park cleanups, youth-backpacks project, financial contributions to so many important causes, and in their clean and safe water project in Uganda.

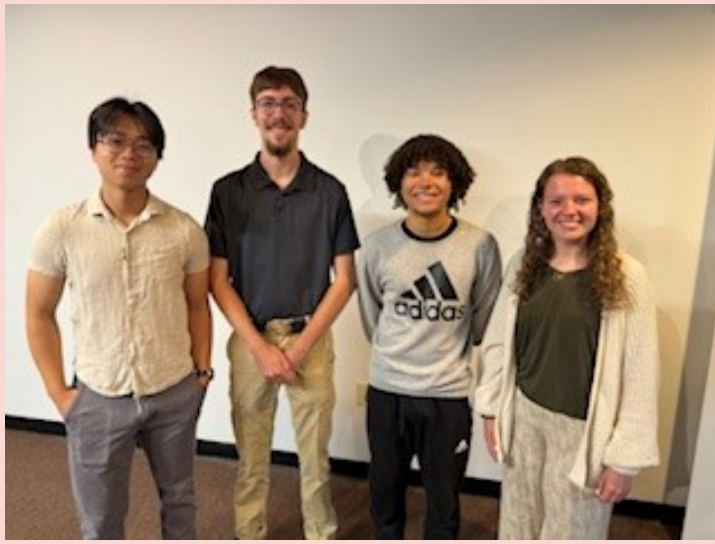
While these external projects create enormous hope, Haslett-Okemos Rotarians also learned how to, internally, be a positive resource for those within their club and community. Becoming a 'coffee buddy' or a 'volunteer visitor' raises awareness *and* reduces stigma. Practicing '*you first*' and committing to calling someone on World Mental Health Day - October 10 – affirms accessibility.

Thank you Mark Rodge and Duke Anderson for inviting Mental Health as a program topic.

Thank you, Haslett-Okemos Rotarians, for all you do to raise awareness, reduce stigma, and improve access.

Jacquie Blackwell MA Psy, chairs the D6360 Mental Health Steering Committee. She is a member of Lakeshore Rotary Club, and is a Mental Health Coach at her own practice.

Six South Haven Students Recognized as 2024 Rotary Club Scholarship Recipients



The Rotary Club of South Haven is pleased to announce the 2024 Rotary Scholarship recipients. This year Rotary was able to increase the scholarship awards to six due to the generosity of the club members and community who supported Rotary's annual education fund drive.

Dene Hadden chairs the Rotary Club selection committee and he notes that the six students were selected from a field of nearly 50 applicants. Each of the six students

demonstrated the Rotary motto, "service above self" in their academic results and their involvement in extra-curricular and civic activities. The six Rotary Scholarship recipients from South Haven High School are *(in alphabetical order)*:

- Katherine Hartmann
- Kelsey Hodgman
- Hawk Li
- Leo Rediess
- Shawn Torres
- Bradley Wildey

The Rotary Club wants to congratulate the students and their parents for their hard work and dedication to academic performance and wish them the best as they continue their education.

Portage Rotary Club Mini Golf Fundraiser



SIGN UP!

MINI-GOLF

PORTAGE ROTARY PRESIDENTIAL OPEN

2024

Registration

25\$

Per Golfer

AUGUST 9TH

FLIGHT #1- 3-4PM

FLIGHT #2 4:30-5:30

SIGN UP NOW!

Email-PMSMGTLIC@AOL.COM

269-207-2436

Mark your calendars! Join us at the Portage Rotary Presidential Open Mini Golf Outing on August 9th at Presidential Brewing! Tee times at 3 PM and 4:30 PM. Proceeds support amazing charities including the Therapy Dog Rio at Portage Community High School and high school graduates with continuing their education! Limited spots!

Register now by emailing pmsmgtlc@aol.com or calling 269-207-2436.

Marshall Rotary Club Celebrates 100 Years



At the Wagner Ballroom, on June 12, 2024, Marshall Rotary celebrated 100 years of service and the impact Rotary has on the Marshall community. President Jacob Gates handed over the gavel to Marty Overhiser and presented a check for \$100,000 to the City for a new Eaton Park splash pad. Pictured are past presidents who joined in the centennial event, while praising all the individuals who have volunteered for many community activities. Paul Harris Fellows were honored. The Susan Collins Historical Award was given to Jay Larson. The Presidents Award was given to Jack Reed. The Rotarian of 2024 was awarded to Jeff Greene. The event was a wonderful opportunity to join with Rotarians present and past.

Membership Webinar- Next August 12



NOW is the time to take the opportunity to focus on the steps we can take together to help grow membership in your club. More members means more impact in your community; more support on your service projects and fundraisers; and more people to share the responsibility of running your club.

We hope you have been taking advantage of the Membership Webinars in Making Your Club Simply Irresistible series.

Don't miss the next monthly membership zoom scheduled for August 12 at 7:30 PM. Invest 45 minutes to see if there is something for you and your club!

August 12, 7:30 - 8:15 PM

"Ask an Expert! You Pick the Topics"

Zoom link [HERE](#)

July is New Leadership Month



JULY IS

NEW LEADERSHIP MONTH

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

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Marshall Rotary Club Helping Their Community



Marshall Rotarians at work, again painting fire hydrants in Marshall. Notice the newly painted hydrant in the rear. Photo at left: Pictured from left are Bill Mabin, Jay Larson, Justin Barner, Jeff Greene, Jack Reed in front.

Marshall Rotarians also volunteer at the City Farmers Market once every month. Vendors love to see them come and help set up for the day. Look for them, second Saturday every month. They'll be there.

Photo below from left: Barb Gray, Jack Reed, Merle Hopkins, Justin Barner, Ron Duchenev, and Gary Grabo.



Harbor Country Rotary Club Planting Trees



Cheers to The Rotary Club of Harbor Country, Village of Three Oaks DPW, citizen donors, and all of the recipients of trees through the Village Forests Program for making Harbor Country a greener place to live.

Since 2022 over 150 large native trees have been delivered to homeowners at no cost to them. Later this summer the program will seek more funding to continue the trend and release the Spring 2025 application!



East Lansing Rotary Club Golf Scramble for Scholarships September 9

East Lansing Rotary Foundation's
**SCRAMBLE FOR
SCHOLARSHIPS**

Monday September 9, 2024
Forest Akers West Golf Course
3535 Forest Road, East Lansing



Entry Costs
\$ 125 Per Person

Four Person Scramble

1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
6:00 p.m. Dinner & Awards

Guaranteed
Closest-to-the-Pin Winners
On All Par 3's

Tee or Green Sponsorships
\$ 100 Each
Hole (Tee + Green) Sponsorships
\$ 200 Each

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East Lansing Rotary Foundation's

SCRAMBLE FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

September 9, 2024

**To Register for or make
Donations please contact:**

Sung Lee

517-719-6600

sgltiger@gmail.com

or send your names and checks to:

**East Lansing Rotary Foundation
2024 Scramble for Scholarships**

P.O. Box 4205

East Lansing, MI 48826-4205

**A benefit golf outing to support
College-bound East Lansing
High School Seniors**

**Since its inception, this annual
golf outing has generated over
\$ 187,000 in College
Scholarships**

**for deserving East Lansing
High School Seniors**



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

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