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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!

Golden Trowel Nominations Now Due Nov. 30



In addition to making grants to Rotary Clubs to assist them in their projects, an important activity of the Rotary District 6360 Foundation is presenting the Golden Trowel Award. This award came into being shortly after the Rotary District 6360

Foundation was founded, nearly thirty years ago. It is presented to Non-Rotarians that significantly impact the success of a club's project or event. It is a way of saying

“THANKS” to members of our community who ... Give Service Above Self ... in support of a club’s activities.

Rotary District 6360 Foundation (RD6360F) annually awards up to four Golden Trowel Awards. The form for making the nomination can be found [HERE](#). **The nomination is due Nov. 30.** Rotary clubs that will have a recipient of the award will be notified in late October and provided with a plaque to present to the recipient.

District Rotarians Take Lead in Rotary's Diabetes Efforts



Singapore—Three District 6360 Rotarians were elected to serve with Rotary’s Action Group for Diabetes (RAG-Diabetes) at the Action Group’s Annual Meeting during the Rotary International Convention in Singapore in May.

T. R. Shaw Jr., of the Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club, was re-elected to the group’s Board of Directors along with Rotarians from Belgium, United Kingdom, Philippines and the U.S. Dick Hewitt, of the Portage Rotary Club, longtime Diabetes educator and advocate was appointed as a RAG-Diabetes Ambassador along with Rod Auton of the Battle Creek Rotary Club. Hewitt also serves on the Michigan Collaborative for Type 2 Diabetes, (MCT2D) an outreach and education program of the University of Michigan. Auton, Battle Creek Rotary Club incoming President, works with the Battle Creek Community Foundation on Healthcare issues and has been active with Calhoun County Healthcare.

Ambassadors assist with diabetes education and outreach at the club and district level and are part of a worldwide network work of Rotary Diabetes advocates. Read more [HERE](#).

Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Club Bringing Water to Guatemala

Can you imagine walking for half a mile with a few gallons of water in a jug on your head (called a tinaja)? The Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary club is working to alleviate that need for a community in Guatemala called Patzajito. It is a small indigenous community in the highlands of Guatemala. Watch [this video](#) to see women filling their tinajas with water and carrying it back to their homes.

The Benton Harbor Sunrise Rotary Club is working with a

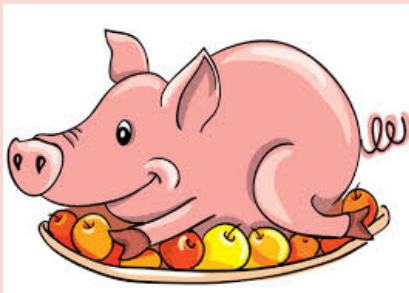


Rotary Club in Guatemala as well as Engineers Without Borders in Chicago, and Engineers Without Borders in Guatemala to bring running water to each home in the community. Our project is to design and build the system to pipe water into individual homes.

We need your help now! The total cost of this project is \$115,000. We plan to obtain matching funds from our District as well as Rotary International. To pledge to the project (money collected later), please click [HERE](#).

As Rotarians, we all want to make the world a better place. We are hoping to gather club support, as well as individual support. This is an excellent way for your club to be involved in an international project. For any questions or more information, please email Becky Foster at fosterstutoring@gmail.com or call/text 269-313-0013.

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.

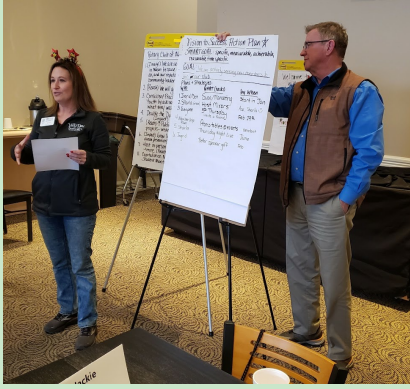
Please come out and support us! August 24,
2 PM - 6 PM

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

Mason Rotary Club Holds Visioning

Members of the District 6360 Vision Team assisted Rotary Club of Mason with development of a new strategic plan titled, "Rotary Club of Mason Strategic



Vision 2027.” The goal of the strategic vision process was to put the club on a clear path to success over the next three years. The resulting strategic vision is an outstanding roadmap for their success and serves as clear evidence of the benefit of participating in a guided strategic planning process.

The initial visioning work began in December 2023, led by our then District Governor Sharalyn Davis and then District Governor-Elect Mark Odland. DG-Nominee Jacqueline Huie participated as well. We were all

graciously hosted by Mason President Leslie Behm. Learn more [HERE](#). View the Strategic Vision [HERE](#).

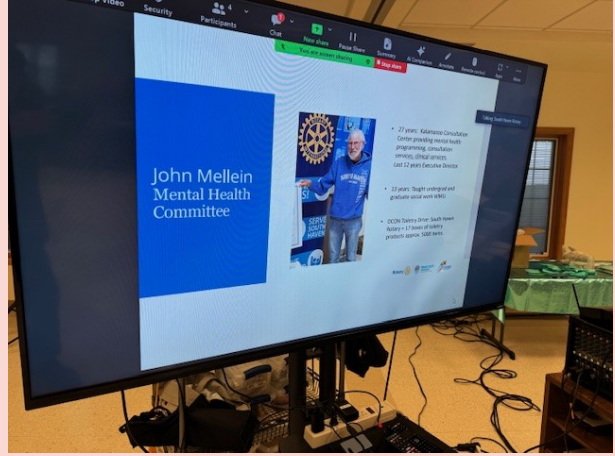


South Haven and Oshtemo Rotary Clubs on the Move with Mental Health Initiatives

South Haven and Oshtemo Rotary Clubs were recently acknowledged for having formed their own local Mental Health Committees and ‘infusing mental wellness into all of their service projects’.

Kelly Henderson chairs the Oshtemo Rotary Club Mental Health Committee, and John Mellein is the Mental Health Chair for South Haven Rotary Club.

D6360 Mental Health Committee Chair Jacquie Blackwell visited South Haven Rotary Club in July and Oshtemo Rotary Club in early August. She congratulated the clubs for the impact they are having for *raising awareness, reducing stigma, and increasing access*.



Marshall Rotary Welcomes TACC



Marshall Rotary welcomed (from the left) Mallory Avis, Public Transit Director Battle Creek, Eric Stewart, TACC Board Chair, and Tom Tarkiewicz, TACC member for Marshall to discuss a county wide transit. Welcoming them is Marty Overhiser, Marshall Rotary President. Public Transportation in Calhoun County (TACC) is of vital importance for the residence of Calhoun County. People need to get to medical appointments, jobs, groceries stores and many other places.

Studies have shown that Calhoun County has a greater number of older residents, who do not have access to transportation, and who may have a disability than in other counties. There is a high need for public transportation in the County. A variety of possible services are being created to fulfill the need for public transportation.

South Haven Rotary Club Gives \$10,000 Grant

Caring Connection South Haven received a \$10,000 grant from the South Haven Rotary Club on August 6, 2024. Robin McGinnis, CEO of Caring Connection and Brook Blanchard, Executive Director of Youth Development Company (YDC), expressed their



appreciation and noted that “...this is an exciting opportunity for Caring Connection and YDC to work together for our first intergenerational day center here in South Haven. The funds will be used to enhance the current playground area to ensure it is ADA compliant for those with mobility issues. And with that, we are building a space for the intergenerational program designed to build relationships between the seniors and

children participating in our Day Center.”

In presenting the award, Angelica Gallegos-Dickerson, President of the South Haven Rotary Club, remarked how “The Rotary Club is pleased to support Caring Connection and YDC in their innovative program to reach across generational boundaries to provide experiences that benefit both the children and the senior adults.”

Caring Connection is a nonprofit organization dedicated to meeting the needs of families in Southwest Michigan for more than 130 years. Youth Development Company is a source of youth experiences and early childhood education child care and preschool.

Photo above: Rotary President Angelica Gallegos-Dickerson presenting the symbolic donation check for \$10,000 for Caring Connections program: Photo (L to R) Brook Blanchard, Executive Director YDC, Robin McGinnis, CEO Caring Connection and Angelica Gallegos-Dickerson, President South Haven Rotary Club.

Membership Webinar- Next September 9



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 September 9 at 7:30 PM. Invest 45 minutes to see if there is something for you and your club!

September 9, 7:30 - 8:15 PM

"WOW! Strategies to Increase Your Club's Impact"

Zoom link [HERE](#)

**August is Membership and New Club
Development Month**

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**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

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On All Par 3's

Tee or Green Sponsorships

\$ 100 Each

Hole (Tee + Green) Sponsorships

\$ 200 Each

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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

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



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