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District 6360



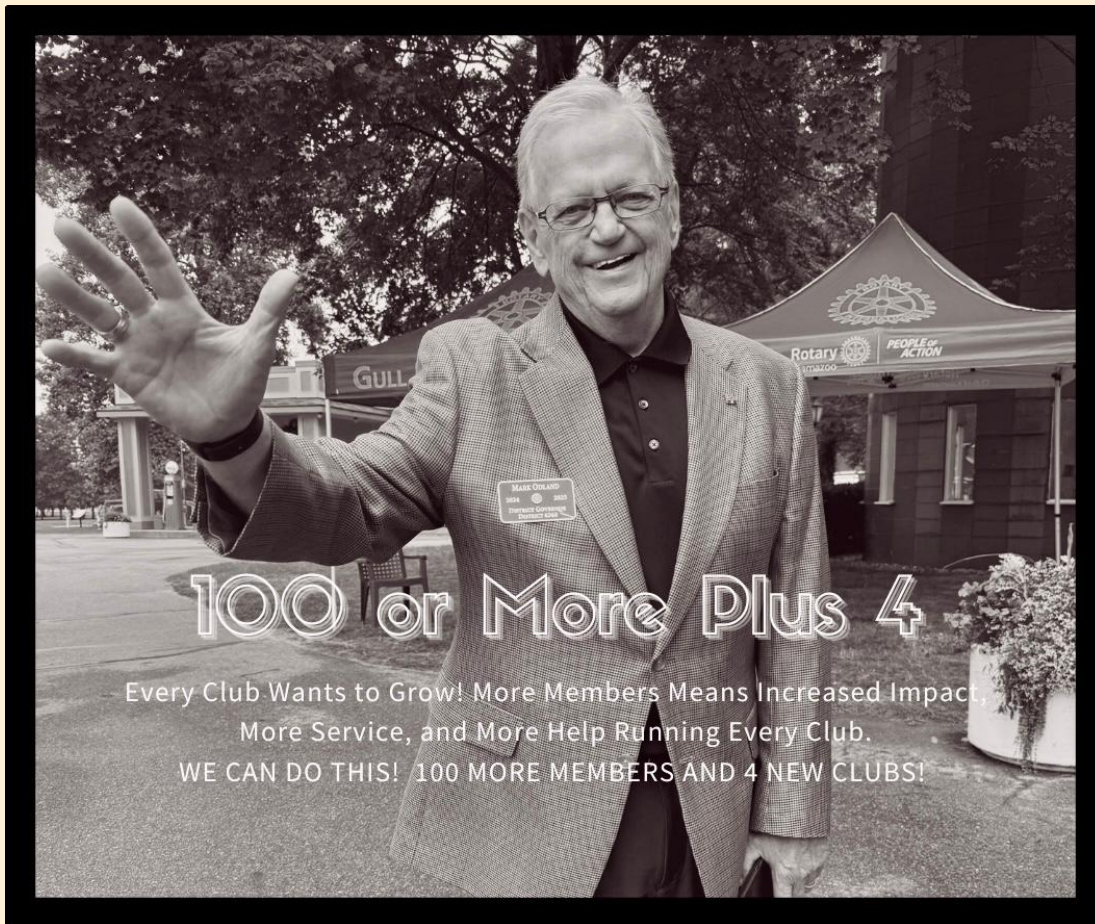
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September 2024

"100 or More Plus 4!"

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



**September is Basic Education and
Literacy Month**

SEPTEMBER

“We can teach children to love. We can teach them to respect themselves and others. We can teach them to set goals and work toward them. And in return, they can pass on these life-affirming values to the next generations.”
PRIP Hebert G. Brown 1995-96



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Be a People of Action



District Membership Update

District 6360 Club Growth 2024/2025

Club Type	Club Name	Members July 1, 2024	Members Aug 30, 2024	Net Change	Goal This Year
Rotary Club	Charlotte	75	81	6	80
Rotary Club	Kalamazoo	96	101	5	120
Rotary Club	Delton Area	54	57	3	58
Rotary Club	Marshall	47	50	3	55
Rotary Club	Middleville	26	29	3	30
Rotary Club	Coldwater Township Sunrise	59	61	2	61
Rotary Club	East Lansing	35	37	2	35
Rotary Club	Jackson-Breakfast	19	21	2	30
Rotary Club	Portage	57	59	2	67
Rotary Club	Berrien Springs-Eau Claire	26	27	1	28
Rotary Club	Dowagiac	27	28	1	35
Rotary Club	Hillsdale	39	40	1	48
Rotary Club	Jonesville	21	22	1	23
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Area	11	12	1	14
Rotary Club	St. Joseph & Benton Harbor	89	90	1	110
Rotary Club	Williamston	39	40	1	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Albion	29	29	0	43
Rotaract Club	Albion College	12	12	0	
Rotary Club	Allegan	14	14	0	17
Rotaract Club	Andrews University Enactus	23	23	0	
Rotary Club	Battle Creek	55	55	0	64
Rotary Club	Climax	22	22	0	24
Rotary Club	Constantine	7	7	0	8
Rotary Club	Delta Township (Lansing-Waverly)	60	60	0	66
Rotary Club	Eaton Rapids	32	32	0	35
Rotary Club	Fennville Pullman Lakeshore	8	8	0	15
Rotary Club	Grand Ledge	41	41	0	44
Rotary Club	Harbor Country (Southwest Berrien County)	53	53	0	60
Rotary Club	Haslett-Okemos	36	36	0	44
Rotary Club	Hastings	71	71	0	80
Rotary Club	Ionia	18	18	0	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Jackson	36	36	0	no goal yet
Rotaract Club	Kalamazoo	19	19	0	
Rotary Club	Lakeshore (Baroda-Stevensville-Bridgman)	36	36	0	40
Rotary Club	Litchfield	10	10	0	no goal yet
Rotaract Club	MSU	7	7	0	
Rotary Club	Otsego	17	17	0	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Paw Paw Lake (Coloma Hartford Watervliet)	12	12	0	20
Rotary Club	Plainwell	14	14	0	19
Rotary Club	South Haven	62	62	0	65
Rotary Club	South Lansing-Holt	18	18	0	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Three Rivers	54	54	0	65
Rotary Club	Union City	21	21	0	22
Rotary Club	Vicksburg	36	36	0	45
Rotary Club	Benton Harbor-Sunrise	37	36	(1)	40
Rotary Club	Cereal City Sunrise (Battle Creek)	33	32	(1)	45
Rotary Club	Gull Lake Area	38	37	(1)	44
Rotary Club	Mason	28	27	(1)	35
Rotary Club	Saugatuck-Douglas	39	38	(1)	45
Rotary Club	St. Johns	30	29	(1)	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Sturgis	18	17	(1)	19
Rotary Club	Lansing	157	155	(2)	175
Rotary Club	Oshkemo	21	19	(2)	no goal yet
Rotary Club	Kalamazoo Sunrise	9	0	(9)	no goal yet
TOTAL		1953	1968	15	

GROWTH IS HAPPENING!

Mental Health Initiatives

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Mental Health
Initiatives
Rotary Action Group

Rotary Membership is Good for Mental Health

“Call it a clan, call it a network, call it a tribe, call it a family.
Whatever you call it, whoever you are, you need one.”
- Jane Howard -

D6360's 2024 membership goal is 100 new Rotarians. Think physical, mental, and social wellbeing!

Studies repeatedly confirm that *connection influences physical and mental wellness*. As Rotarians, we have experienced this for ourself. Belonging to thriving social networks helps us feel **far more healthy** than those who may be isolated.

Research on this is so compelling that the World Health Organization now recognizes longevity as a **global health priority**; so much that WHO recently founded a **Commission on Social Connection!**

Here's the skinny; while people with a greater number of strong connections do better, even maintaining casual relationships through churches or clubs can help lower the risk of hypertension and dementia. There you have it – an easy membership “sell”. Rotary's thriving social networks can help improve physical and mental wellbeing!

To learn more, check out the **biopsychosocial** model of health. To live a long and healthy life, prioritize being around people. Prioritize Rotary!

Jacquie Blackwell MA Psy chairs the D6360 Mental Health Committee.

She was 2021 Lakeshore Rotarian of the year.

What's UP With Youth Services?



What's Up?

YOU ARE INVITED!

All Rotarians Interested In Youth Programs Are Invited

What: Youth Program Information / Get to Know You Session
Date: Thursday, September 12
Time: 6:30 – 7:15 pm
Location: Via Zoom
Register for the Session on [DACdb](#)

- Attend to learn. Attend to Share. Attend to Network!
- Topic: ALL Youth Programs! RYLA Camp, Interact Club (MS & HS programs), Rotary Student Program, and Rotary Youth Exchange program.

*Rotary District 6360 Youth Programs Mission Statement:
To empower emerging young leaders and through the process
attract adults in their lives to become Rotarians.*

Zoom Link: [https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86560907936?
pwd=yTladai7P4dhZHPGiAGqcuo82wh94M.1](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86560907936?pwd=yTladai7P4dhZHPGiAGqcuo82wh94M.1)

Meeting ID: 865 6090 7936
Passcode: YP6360



Fun at Central States Rotary Youth Exchange (CSRYE) Summer Conference



District 6360 was well represented at CSRYE Summer Conference at Calvin University, July 12-14, 2024.

Photo at left: Past Youth Exchange Student to Past Youth Exchange Student!

Don Plichta, father of Outbound student Lili Plichta, who just returned from France, had a great conversation with **Rotary International President Elect Mário César Martins de Camargo** in Portuguese! Don Plichta, was a Rotary Youth Exchange USA student from Muskegon to Brazil when he was a senior in high school! RI PE Mario was a Brazilian Rotary Youth Exchange student to Minnesota. Both attended CSRYE Summer Conference in the past!

BTW, during the conference, Don played on the CSRYE USA soccer team against the CSRYE Brazil team. Don scored 3 goals!! Sadly, Brazil won – only by 1 goal!!



OUR DELEGATION

Front Row -- Ellie Murray, (OB St. Joseph/Benton Harbor Rotary sponsored returned from Thailand); Amy Lee (Sturgis Rotary Host Mom/Chaperone), Margie Haas, RIPE Mario, Natalia Carreno (Portage Rotary Sponsored Outbound Student to Germany), Raquel Garciacano (Natalia's Mom), Sophia Souza-Carvalho (Inbound Student from Brazil), Lili Plichta (OB Lakeshore Rotary sponsored student returned from France), Danielle Plichta (Lili's Mom). Back Row – Cathy Murray (Ellie's Mom), Alfredo Carreno (Natalia's Dad), Don Plichta (Lili's Dad). Missing from the photo is Haruka Yokoo (IB student from Japan).



During the General Session on Saturday, DG Mark Odland with DG Jackie Huie presented RIPE Mario with a CSRYE trophy from District 6360.

District 6360 Starts New Rotex Club

It has been two years since we sent our first post-COVID exchange students to Finland and France, and as we aspire to grow our Rotary Youth Exchange, we are pleased to announce the creation of D6360's new Rotex Club.

D6360's new Rotex club was first started by

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Rebound students (Rebound students are Outbound student that have returned) from Thailand, France, and Finland and was a way to further contribute to Rotary Youth Exchange. As Rotexes, our duty will be to guide future inbound students through their life here in D6360, further serve the community through volunteer projects, and further enhance our understanding of the world around us. However, since we are a new club, our first

step was to come up with a plan to attract new students and members.

Our Rebound students got together to launch D6360 Rotex club's new Instagram account, *Rotex_6360*. Through this platform, we aim to attract new students and build connections with other Rotex clubs around the world.

We hope that as *Rotex_6360* takes its next step to grow as a Rotex Club, we invite you to come along and experience the growth as well.



It's Raffle Time!!

- Lifesaving Rings on Pier at South Haven.
- Rainwater Harvesting Project in Uganda by the St. Joseph & Benton Harbor Rotary Club
- Pickleball Courts in Jackson
- AED Devices on Waverly School Athletic Fields

WHAT TIME IS IT?!

RAFFLE TIME

- Imagination Library for Barry County by the Hastings Rotary Club
And many, many more.
These projects are examples of Rotarians helping others.

How are these projects funded? One-half of the funds came from Rotarians just like **YOU** through the purchase of District 6360 Foundation Raffle tickets; and the other half of the funds came from the Rotary Clubs undertaking the individual projects. Nearly

all the funds the District 6360 Foundation contributes to these projects originate from the sale of Annual Raffle tickets.

Since the creation of the Foundation's Annual Raffle, over 350 thousand dollars has been contributed for funding more than 150 projects undertaken by our District's Clubs. Learn more [HERE!](#)

District Environmental Committee Update



The Rotary District 6360 Environmental Committee is working on scheduling our inaugural meeting in September and there is still time for you to join us! We hope to expand on the committee's initial focus of providing a model, resources, and inspiration to clubs to stimulate action on the ground with other ideas from committee members. We will also be sharing information about activities and events going on at Rotary Clubs throughout the District and making plans to participate in them as well.

And speaking of events in the District, the Marshall Rotary Club is hosting Marshall Waterways Day on Saturday, October 12 in partnership with Michigan Waterways Stewards, and BlueOval Battery Park. More details will be coming soon so keep an eye on their website

<https://www.rotarymarshallmi.org/events/marshall-waterways-day/>
and Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/rotarymarshallmi.org/>.

If you have an environmentally oriented event in mind, in the works, or are interested in serving with us on the 2024 District Environmental Committee please email me (Sandy Bliesener) at sbliesener@ocba.com.

Registration NOW Open for 2025 Rotary International Convention in Calgary!



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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](https://convention.rotary.org), 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 September 9



Looking for Tips and Techniques to Help Your Club Grow?

DG Mark 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 next meeting is on Monday, September 9 from 7:30- 8:15 PM. The theme that week will be 'WOW! Strategies to Increase Your Club's Impact.' You won't want to miss!

Here is the link to the ZOOM meetings:

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

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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