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District 6360



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counties of Michigan



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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!***

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.



What's Up With Youth?

Youth Programs Mission Statement

To empower emerging young leaders and, through the process, attract adults in their lives to become Rotarians.

Rotary Opportunities for Your Youth!

Through Rotary Youth Programs, students become more confident, experienced and college and career ready! Our programs are:

- Interact Club
- Rotary Student Program (RSP)
- Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE)
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA)
- Youth Protection

Start with the Why. Why participate in Rotary Youth Programs??

- Our youth are the future of Rotary
- Your Club will be a More Vibrant Club
- Parents that Participate become Rotarians
- Develop a close relationship with your school district
- Grow your volunteer pool – it's great to have that younger muscle and energy on your projects!

Get Started

Youth Programs Committee. Select a committee chairperson. (Note: We are calling the position Youth PROGRAMS Chair or Director, not service.)

- RI also wants you to appoint a Young Leaders Contact. Please designate the same person for these positions so the chair/director receives information from RI and District.
- List your Youth Program Chair (or Director) in DACdb with committee members.
- Make sure the Youth Program Chair (or Director) is on your board, or reports to a board member.

- Make sure your Youth Program Chair and committee meets regularly.

For more information contact you District Youth Program Team. Call us!

Interact Chair: Emily Quiggle, emilyquiggle@gmail.com, cell 269.986-5588.

Rotary Student Program Chair: Jackie Huie, jackiehuie.rotary@gmail.com, Cell: 269.930.1325

RYLA Chair: Don Deibler donalddeibler@yahoo.com, cell: 269.599.1341

Youth Protection Officer: Cathy LaValley CathLaValley@yahoo.com Cell: 269.578.3557

Youth Exchange Chair: Margie Haas, haasmargie@gmail.com, Cell: 269.838.3392

DEI Update

DIVERSITY, EQUITY & INCLUSION

Our D.E.I. committee will be meeting via Zoom on the first Tuesday of every month at 4:00 EST. So the next meeting is October 1 at 4:00. All interested parties are welcome!

We know that D.E.I. work is under fire from certain quadrants in our country but we believe this work is more essential than ever. Creating a sense of belonging and inclusion in all our

Rotary clubs, being more aware if certain groups are unintentionally being undervalued, thinking strategically about perspectives that should be heard to make our community work as impactful as possible, may all be gateways to increased interest in our clubs.

Please consider inviting either Raj or Tom to visit your club or use us for resources.

"Diversity is the mix. Inclusion is making the mix work." Andres Tapia"

"A garden's beauty never lies in one flower." Matshona Dhliwayo

Happy Autumn to All,
Raj Wiener & Tom Rosenbluth
D.E.I. Co-Chairs District 6360

Cereal City Rotarian World Record Holder

When Charles Solano, a member of the Cereal City Sunrise Rotary Club in Battle Creek, Michigan, failed at his attempt to set a new 24-hour world record for chin-ups, he didn't give up!



Few people can do several hundred chin-ups in a 12-hour day. And even fewer people can do several thousand. But only one person in the world, Charles Solano, can do 5,107!

As the spring rains fell on Battle Creek, Friday, May 3, many friends and fellow Rotarians, along with wife, Jessica, and daughter, Kaia—and two official witnesses—assembled at one of Solano’s five coffee shops to see Solano brake the old record of 3,751 chin-ups in eight hours, with a total of 3800, and beat the 12-hour record of 4,649, with an amazing 5,107 chin-ups. Read more [HERE!](#)

Eaton Rapids Rotary Club Welcomes Lucie from Belgium



The Eaton Rapids Rotary Club is proud to welcome their first ever exchange student, Lucie Leclerqe. Lucie graduated from high school in her native Belgium but will attend Eaton Rapids High School as a Senior. She enjoys reading, writing and exploring new cultures.

Lucie is the eighth student hosted by her American family, Andrew and Rotary member Lisa Barna. They know that the best way to fully integrate foreign students into their new surroundings is for them to immerse themselves in their new school and community. So, Lucie is already a member of the Eaton Rapids High School swim team and will be joining the Eaton Rapids High School Interact Club and drama

club.

With school starting the following week, Lucie attended the August 2nd meeting of the Eaton Rapids Rotary. School will prevent her from attending most Wednesday morning meetings, but Lisa expects Lucie to be involved with Rotary service projects and social events as her school schedule allows.

“Belgium is a small, but busy country, where even rural areas are close to large cities. So, coming to a small, midwestern town will be a big change. But it’s a change I am looking forward to. I think that people are people wherever we live in the world, so even though we come from different surroundings, we’re more alike than we might realize,” said Lucie.

District Youth Services Chair Margie Haas was on hand to help welcome Lucie to Michigan. Margie announced that all four foreign students who had been allocated to District 6360 Clubs had been placed. She also encouraged Clubs to begin recruiting “outbound” students to travel from the Midwest to other countries for the 2025-26



ITALIAN DINNER



COME JOIN US AT GULL LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 15, 2024

4:30 pm - 7:00 pm

Carry-Out starts at 3:30 pm

REDUCED PRICING!

Adults: \$10

Kid 5 & Under: FREE!

ALL NEW

FAMILY FUN

ACTIVITIES PLANNED!

Tickets are available online at www.gulllakearearotary.org, from any member of Gull Lake Area Rotary Club or at the Richland Area Community Center.



16th ALL TRAIL HALF MARATHON, 10K, 5K



**SAT
OCT
12,
2024**

**A GREAT
PURE MICHIGAN
ALL TRAIL
COURSE!**

**9:00 AM Half Marathon
9:30 AM 10k Run & Walk
10:00 AM 5k Run & Walk
11:00 AM 1k Kids Fun Run**
FREE, Ribbons to all finishers

RUN THIS FANTASTIC ALL TRAIL COURSE!

This non-repeat, all trail course located in the 820 acre Dr. T. K. Lawless County Park is a hidden gem in the beautiful southwest Michigan. This natural scenic odyssey of forest and field includes six charming bridge crossings, lots of streams and small lakes, and, of course, some hills. Sandhill Cranes do frequent this bucolic area, adding charm to the course – take it as a *good omen* if you see one during your race.

- Dynamite custom design *long sleeve performance* T-shirts to all finishers. (Register by **SEP 30** to guarantee shirt on race day – **AFTER SEP 30** sign up *only* ONLINE or AT RACE **8:00-8:45am**)
- Laser cut custom wood award for top two finishers and medals for third in each age group.
- Water and sport drink on the course and a great re-hydration station at the finish featuring fruit, sport drink, popsicles, potato chips, homemade cookies and water.
- Chip timing for 5k, 10k and ½ Marathon (Chip timing will close at Noon - course open to 2:00PM)
- Music DJ at start and finish, and two music stations on the course to inspire participants.
- Finishers in all races from Cass County, Niles and the Granger area will be listed in an *HONOR ROLL* in the appropriate newspapers.
- Race benefits the **Cass County Parks** and the **Dowagiac Rotary Club**
- **No parking fee!** [Lawless Park, 15122 Monkey Run Street, Vandalia, MI 49095]

3 WAYS TO REGISTER: ONLINE ~ MAIL ~ RACE DAY
\$25 Early/\$30 after OCT 1 REGISTER ONLINE: RunSignUp.com



----- CLIP and MAIL -----

SANDHILL CRANE 10/12/2024 MANUAL ENTRY FORM (PRINT CLEARLY ALL INFORMATION)

NAME: _____ GENDER (CIRCLE): M F Age: ____ (on race day)

MAIL ADDRESS: _____

CELL PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

RACE (CIRCLE): ½ **Marathon** **10k** **5k** T-SHIRT SIZE (CIRCLE): S, M, L, XL, XXL M F

RACE FEES: Mail In entry fee \$25 (\$30 after OCT 1 registered online or race day).

ENCLOSED: Check no. _____ for \$_____ postmarked by SEP 25 (*last day to mail*)

PAYABLE TO: **The Friends of Cass County Parks** (note *Sandhill Race* on MEMO line)

MAIL TO: **Friends of Cass County Parks, P.O. Box 131, Cassopolis, MI 49031**



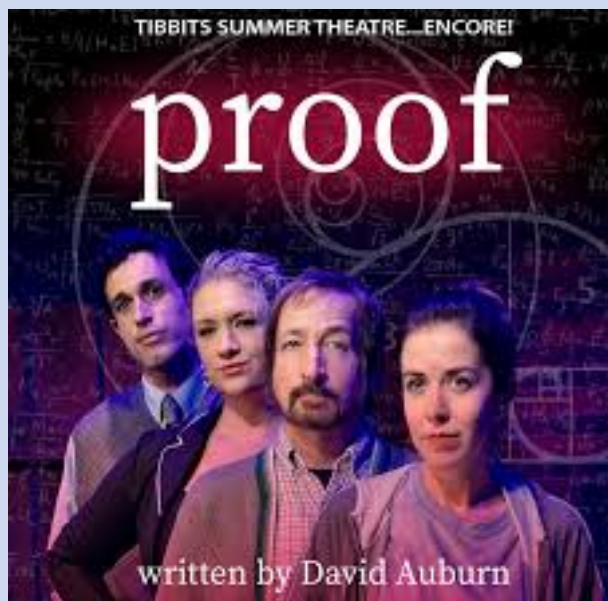
Marshall Rotary Club Welcomes The ARC



Marshall Rotary welcomed Todd Kaminski to Rotary to speak about THE ARC of Calhoun County. The mission of The Arc is to serve people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, their families and the community through programming, education, and advocacy. The vision is to have a community where all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities grow, succeed, and have influence. More can be found at info@thearccslhouncounty.org or 269-966-2675.

Photo: Todd with service dog, Red.

Coldwater Sunrise Rotary Club Sponsors Show at Tibbits Opera House



Coldwater Sunrise Rotary & District 6360 Foundation are sponsoring *Proof* at Tibbits Opera House. As Rotary delves into mental health, this production helps us learn more about challenges patients experience.

Tibbits Opera House is set to present David Auburn's acclaimed play, *Proof*, from September 6 to 8, and 12 to 14. This Pulitzer Prize-winning drama, which originally premiered on Broadway in 2000, offers a profound exploration of the intersection between genius, mental health, and human connection.

Proof follows Catherine, the daughter of a once-renowned mathematician now grappling with mental decline. The play delves into themes of mental illness, familial relationships, and the delicate balance between brilliance and instability. It explores Catherine's emotional journey as she navigates her father's complex legacy and the pressures in her own life.

As an extension of its renowned TST program, Tibbits Summer Theatre Encore presents this production of *Proof*, promising to deliver a compelling and emotionally charged narrative. Audiences can anticipate a thought-provoking experience that intricately examines family dynamics and the impact of mental health issues.

This has been made possible through the generous support of our sponsors. Pines and Southwest Michigan Behavioral Health, leading providers of mental health services in the region, are committed to enhancing the quality of life for those facing mental health challenges. Their dedication to community support aligns with the themes of *Proof*. The Coldwater Township Sunrise Rotary plays a crucial role in local community service and philanthropy, supporting initiatives that enrich our cultural landscape, including the arts. We also extend our gratitude to the Rotary District 6360 Foundation Karl Sandelin Grant for their essential funding, which supports community development and engagement.

Proof is rated PG-13 due to mature themes and strong language. The performances will be held at 7:30 p.m. on September 6, 7, 13, and 14, and as a matinee at 2 p.m. on the 8 and 12. For more information or to purchase tickets, visit Tibbits.org, call 517-278-6029, or stop by the Tibbits office at 93 W. Chicago St, Coldwater. Early booking is advised for this sought-after event.

DG Mark Visits Jackson Breakfast Rotary Club

All the proceeds of the store are invested back to help the people we work with through the livelihood groups and our partners.



Marketplace Manna has an online store at

marketplacemanna.com

We also work with churches and groups providing merchandise that they can sell at an event to get the word out about hurting people and how we together can make a difference. To learn more go to:

marketplacemanna.biz

To contact us on our charity work email

almellinger@yahoo.com

To make a donation to help with charitable work go to marketplacemanna.biz and click on give.

During a recent visit to the Jackson Breakfast Rotary, I learned about President Al Mellinger's non-profit foundation which operates "Marketplace Manna," a shop that sells fair trade merchandise that helps the homeless and low-income residents in the Jackson area.

Al currently works with more than thirty organizations that serve in fifty countries on five continents. Marketplace Manna also operates a retail store and online (marketplacemanna.com) shop. This is where he sells the handmade items for the

partner organizations.

A major focus of Al's time is working with the homeless and low-income elderly in Jackson by providing some supplemental income by hiring them a few hours a month to create items that are then sold in the retail locations. "The real value is getting to know the people and letting them know they still matter and can still make a difference" states Al "We want to communicate hope the people we serve, that better days are ahead" Al continued.

Al and his wife Diane travel around the Midwest (and beyond) setting up a display of products for sale and sharing how groups can make a difference where they live. There are poor folks who need to know they matter to someone. Al is open to coming and sharing the work they if any group or club is interested.

Thanks Al and Diane. You truly are ***People of Action!***

Mark Odland, Governor 2024-2025



AROUND THE WORLD SHOP

Helping People Around the World Care for their Families

The Around the World Shop sells “Fair Trade” items that help people care for their families.

We are distributing merchandise from livelihood groups and fair-trade organizations from all over the world. (Check out the list in the shop when you come) We have merchandise from more than 40 countries (including America) on 5 continents.

Marketplace Manna is a non profit (501c3) company that exists to help the poor, disenfranchised, persecuted, disabled and unemployed around the world.

Membership Webinar- Next October 7

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

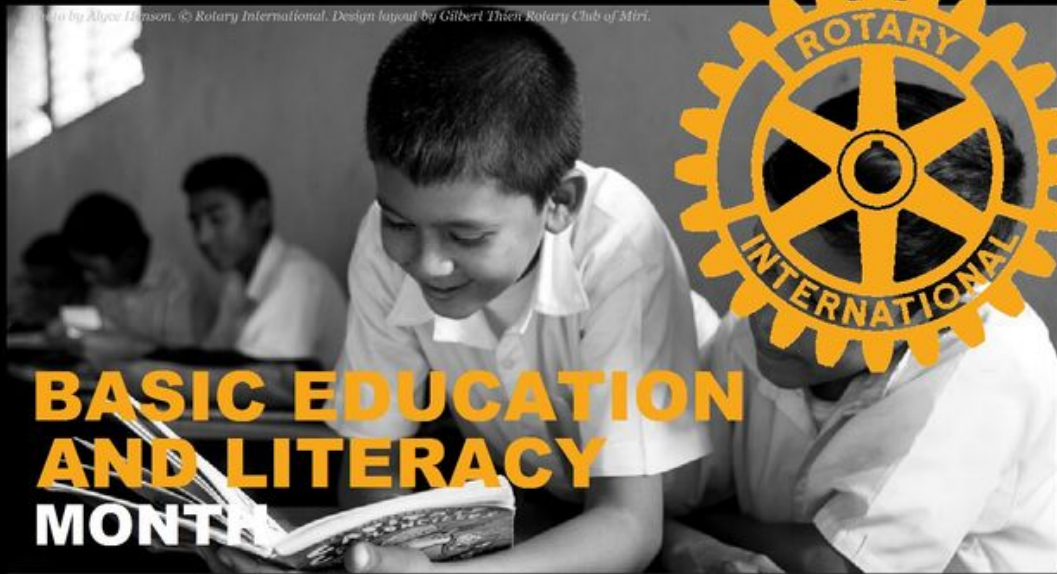
October 7, 7:30 - 8:15 PM

***"Creating a Welcoming Culture:
Strategies to Expand Your Clubs Reach"***

Zoom link [HERE](#)

**September is Basic Education
and Literacy Month**

SEPTEMBER IS



**BASIC EDUCATION
AND LITERACY
MONTH**

"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

John Dewey



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved



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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