*Sent to all Members*

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Dear {%FName%},

Rotary Minutes are provided by District 6220 Governor Roger Utnehmer (Oot-name-er). If you have content to suggest or comments on your Rotary experience, please contact Roger at Utnehmer@gmail.com.

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“This is a Rotary Minute from District Governor Roger Utnehmer (Oot-name-er).

One community in District 6220 that really does Rotary right is Marquette, MI.

Three regular clubs and one satellite club offer flexible meeting schedules to potential members: breakfast, lunch and after hours. Meeting without the expense of meals makes Rotary affordable. A 5:30 PM meeting time opens the Rotary experience to many whose work schedules prevent membership.

Marquette is also known for providing the district with outstanding leadership. Past district governors from Marquette include Maynard Bowers and Scott Knaffla.

Assistant Governor Erica Huss successfully organized a recent multi-club reception that brought together Rotarians from throughout the area.

A take-away is the multiple faces of Rotary one finds in Marquette. Members are young and old, some with decades of service and those who have recently joined, men and women, who all share a common commitment to service.

In addition to Erica, Marquette clubs populate important positions of leadership in District 6220. Jim Cantrill serves as International Service chair, Scott Knaffla as district treasurer. Sally Davis for years modeled how to administer district grants, and Ellen Weingarten oversees the district youth exchange program.

One Marquette club sponsors an annual fish boil that allocates more than $30,000 a year to service projects and scholarships.

At least one club starts weekly meetings with a sign of respect and gratitude to our American Indian neighbors by using a Land Acknowledgment statement.

Hundreds of students have benefited from youth exchange, scholarships, and Rotary Youth Leadership Academy experiences because of Marquette Rotarians.

And an effort is underway to reinvigorate a Rotaract club at Northern Michigan University.

More than 135 members populate the Marquette area Rotary clubs. I recommend that you discover a Rotary experience outside your own club by visiting those in Marquette. You’ll find the energy, commitment, and engagement contagious.

Thank you, Marquette Rotarians, for doing Rotary right.

This has been a Rotary Minute from District Governor Roger Utnehmer.”

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