

# Rotary



# Club of Hastings

## "Forward Thinker" Monday, March 10, 2025

### Speakers

### Corewell Pennock Update Today

### Club Leaders

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Club Director

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### Programs & Events

**TODAY Corewell Pennock Hospital Update**  
**March 17 – Diabetes Rotary Action Group to be rescheduled**

**March 24 – WASH Update**

**\*\* April 11 & 12 – Barry Roubaix (All Rotarians are needed!)**

**May 2 & 3 – Rotary & Interact District Conference – South Haven (see article below)**

**Attend Hastings Rotary meetings either in-person or online. Your choice, but we want to connect with you! ZOOM LINK FOR MONDAY MEETINGS: (Same link every Monday)**

**Zoom Meeting** <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84643016021?pwd=QVd2N05xMm9LY3d4bTYrSVB2NGpyOT09>  
**Meeting ID: 846 4301 6021 Passcode: 6360**

### WANTED: YOUR NOMINATION FOR A ROTARY HERO!

You are invited to nominate a Hastings Rotarian to receive the Rotary HERO award. Who would be a good Rotary Hero? A current Rotarian who truly exemplifies "Service Above Self" in everything that they think, say and do or a long-time member that has given many years of service.

Please contact Carl Schoessel, cell 269-838-8407, with your nomination no later than April 1!! (No April fools!)

Past recipients are: Bob Nida, Carl Schoessel, Dave Jasperse, Larry Neil, Fred Jacobs, Dave Solmes, Rob Deming, Margie Haas, Tom Johnson, Patty Woods, Bard Bloom, Chelsey Foster, Michelle Skedgell.



### YOUR IDEAS ARE WANTED!!

The "New Projects" committee chairs, Brian O'Keefe and Allison Wiswell, are seeking YOUR IDEAS for service projects. You told us that you wanted to do more service projects. Projects do not need to be large or complicated; just something that a group of Rotarians can get together to do. Please submit your ideas to Brian or Allison by the end of February. Thank you. Brian's email: [coffeewithice@gmail.com](mailto:coffeewithice@gmail.com); Allison's email: [allison@bluezones.com](mailto:allison@bluezones.com).

### MEMBERSHIP – All Rotarian's Responsibility! More Hands + More ideas = Greater Community Impact in Hastings, Barry County and Around the World!

Carl Schoessel, our membership chair, reports that we have two potential members:

**Amber TerHaan** – sponsored by Catherine Gettys  
We currently have 74 active members and 3 Corporate

Associate Members = 77 members.

**Who will you invite to Rotary?** Do you know someone who has a heart for service? See Membership Chairperson, **Carl Schoessel** for membership forms.

### THANK YOU, ROTARIAN BUSINESSES

Vocational Service is a tenant of Rotary. These Rotarian businesses participated in Career Fest for Barry County, organized by Emily Quiggle and Ed Domke. Students in grades 10-12 from Hastings and Delton-Kellogg met with over professionals in their businesses with the goal of career awareness right here in Barry County. Thank you: City of

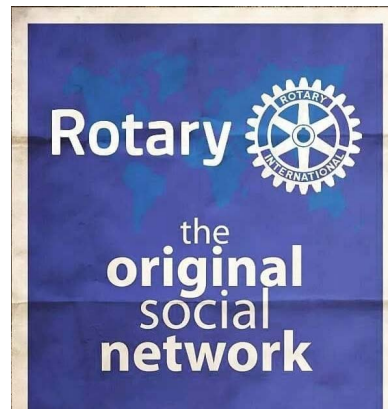
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**March 10, 2025**  
**Sheryl Lewis-Blake, President**

## MARCH



Rotary

TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Be a People of Action



iPast  
President

**Years of  
Service**

Sheryl Lewis-  
Blake  
04-02-2008  
17 Years

Gregory T.  
Randall  
03-22-2010  
15 Years

Dan Patton  
03-28-2011  
14 Years

Emily J  
Quiggle  
03-30-2015  
10 Years

Julie A.  
Nakfoor Pratt  
03-18-2020  
5 Years

Hastings, Pierce Cedar Creek Institute, Hastings Fiberglass, Kellogg Community College, Corewell Health, Thornapple Credit Union, Highpoint Community Bank, YMCA, Barry Community Mental Health, and Thornapple Manor!!

**YOU ARE NEEDED FOR BARRY ROUBAIX!  
April 11 & 12**

Please take a moment and look at your schedule to help our club with the Barry Roubaix. This is by far our club's largest fundraiser and it takes everyone's participation. Please do not wait for others to sign-up and please invite your friends. Feel free to share this sign-up with anyone you think would like to help. If you have questions please contact Dave Solmes at [dsolmes@deweysautobody.com](mailto:dsolmes@deweysautobody.com).

You can view the sign-up at [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094BABA823A4F49-54408312-barryroubaix#/.](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904094BABA823A4F49-54408312-barryroubaix#/)



**ROTARY & INTERACT DISTRICT CONFERENCE  
May 2-3 Michigan Maritime Museum, South Haven**

A chance for Rotarians, friends and family to come together in Rotary fellowship as we work together to discover the "Magic of Rotary!"

Friday Morning through Saturday Evening. Come for Part or Come for All!

Cost: \$75/per day includes all meals and adult beverages.

**Registration is Open! Go to DACdb, Calendar to Register. (Or call Margie or Dave Solmes to assist you.)**

- Great Speakers
- Dynamic Breakout Sessions
- Rotary Club Awards
- Rotary Hero Recognition Saturday Evening
- Great Food and Entertainment
- Free Time to Explore the Area

The District conference offers something for everyone, and all Rotarians and their spouses, guests, family and friends are welcome to attend! We are very excited about this year's Rotary District Conference and look forward to seeing you as you learn, connect, and re-energize with other like-minded Rotarians.

**Interact Conference will be on Friday, May 2 at Lake Michigan College, South Haven, featuring a Keynote speaker, breakout sessions, and a service project to help those with food insecurity. All Interact Clubs are invited to attend!**

**WORLD POLIO UPDATE AS OF 3/6/25**

Three more people confirmed paralyzed by wild poliovirus in Pakistan in 2025. And 13 children confirmed paralyzed by variant poliovirus type 2 -- 7 had onset of paralysis in 2024 and 6 had onset of paralysis in 2025. (1 in Cameroon, 4 in Chad, 1 in Djibouti, and 7 from Nigeria.). 28 positive environmental samples of WPV1 reported this week--all from Pakistan; 9 positive environmental samples for cVDPV2 in 5 countries (Algeria-2; Cameroon-1; Chad-3; Djibouti-2; Guinea 1).

<b>Human cases confirmed</b>	As of 03/6/2025	As of 02/27/25	Total	Total	Total	Total
<b>Year</b>	<b>2025</b>	<b>2024</b>	<b>2023</b>	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2020</b>
<b>WPV (Wild Poliovirus)</b>	7	99	12	30	6	140
<b>WPV–Afghanistan</b>	1	25	6	2	4	56
<b>WPV-Pakistan</b>	6	74	6	20	1	84
<b>WPV- Other countries</b>	0	0	0	8	1	0
<b>Variant (cVDPV) poliovirus caused cases</b>	6	278	538	878	699	1117



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***Rotarians are People of Action***

Join Leaders--Exchange Ideas--Take Action

**District 6360 Michigan USA**

## Birthdays

Thomas L. Johnson  
March 24th

Carole J Davis  
March 25th

Nicolas Smith  
March 29th

Janine Dalman  
March 29th

Desiree Holley-Sancimino  
March 30th

## Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found