

# Rotary



# Club of Hastings

## "Forward Thinker" Monday, March 24, 2025

### Speakers

### WASH UPDATE TODAY!

### Club Leaders

- Sheryl Lewis-Blake**  
President
- Carole J. Davis**  
President-Elect
- David D. Solmes**  
Treasurer
- Carl A. Schoessel**  
Secretary
- Membership Chair**
- David L. Baum**  
Rotary Foundation Chair
- Brad S. Johnson**  
Sergeant-at-Arms
- Paige Brandli**  
Club Director
- Mark D. Christensen**  
Club Director
- Aaron Hartman**  
Club Director
- Nicholas Marlatt**  
Club Director
- Brian D. O'Keefe**  
Club Director
- Cloe Oliver**  
Club Director
- Courtney Stonehouse**  
Club Director
- Allison Troyer Wiswell**  
Club Director
- Jennifer Ella Heinzman**  
iPast President

### Years of Service

- Sheryl Lewis-Blake  
04-02-2008  
17 Years
- Dan Patton  
03-28-2011  
14 Years
- Emily J. Quigg  
03-30-2015  
10 Years
- Courtney Stonehouse



### THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

### Programs & Events TODAY WASH Update

March 31 – Margarita Monday for Membership!  
 5:01 PM – Seasonal Grille  
 April 7 – President's Agenda  
 \*\* April 11 & 12 – Barry Roubaix (All Rotarians are needed!)  
 April 5-13 – Adopt a Highway  
 April 14 – The Maternal Health Crisis and Impact on Infant Health  
 April 21 – Interact Ran Meeting  
 April 28 – Senior Luncheon  
 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=QVd2N05xMm9LY3d4bTYrSVB2NGpyQT09>

Meeting ID: 846 4301 6021 Passcode: 6360

### Today is the Last Day to Nominate a 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 that 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 Monday, March 24.

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, Norm Barlow, Michelle Skedgell.

### MEMBERSHIP – All Rotarian's Responsibility!

*More Hands + More ideas = Greater Community Impact in Hastings, Barry County and Around the World!*



**MARGARITA MONDAY FOR MEMBERSHIP!** Monday, March 31's meeting will be at 5:01 pm at Seasonal Grille. No Noon Meeting that day. While this is a social meeting, you are asked to bring a prospective member to the meeting. It will be a fun time! More information to come!

Carl Schoessel, our membership chair, reports that we have one potential member:

**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 Chairman, **Carl Schoessel** for membership forms.

### 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@deweyautobody.com](mailto:dsolmes@deweyautobody.com).

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

### ADOPT A HIGHWAY COMING UP!

Highway clean-up is a little early this year. It will begin on Saturday, April 5 through Sunday April 13. No particular date set as of yet. Rob Deming will have more information at our meeting and a sign-up sheet.

### 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).

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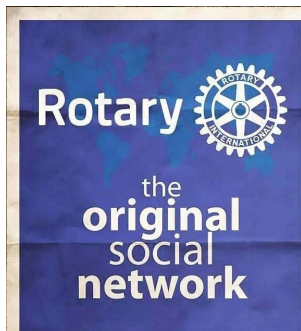
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Sheryl Lewis-Blake, President

## MARCH



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TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary. Be a People of Action



04-16-2018  
7 Years  
Cloe Oliver  
04-12-2021  
4 Years  
Desiree  
Holley-  
Sancimino  
04-15-2024  
1 Year

# Your opportunity to discover the MAGIC OF SOUTH HAVEN



## 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 3/20/25

Two weeks in a row with no new cases of Wild Poliovirus Type 1 caused paralysis! Start crossing your fingers, toes, and eyes hoping for two or more weeks with no children paralyzed in Afghanistan and Pakistan! It is the long-term "big picture" that counts!!

Human cases confirmed	As of 02/27/25	As of 02/27/25	Total	Total	Total	Total
Year	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020
WPV (Wild Poliovirus)	4	99	12	30	6	140
WPV-Afghanistan	1	25	6	2	4	56
WPV-Pakistan	3	74	6	20	1	84
WPV- Other countries	0	0	0	8	1	0
Variant (cVDPV) poliovirus caused cases	0	278	538	878	699	1117



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Facebook friends – remember to "friend" Hastings Rotary!

**Rotarians are People of Action**  
Join Leaders--Exchange Ideas--Take Action  
District 6360 Michigan USA

### Birthdays

Thomas L. Johnson  
March 24th

Desiree Holley-Sancimino  
March 30th

Sheryl Lewis-Blake  
April 22nd

Carole J Davis  
March 25th

Michael Lee Schipper  
April 13th

Nicolas Smith  
March 29th

Donald Cook  
April 18th

Janine Dalman  
March 29th

Mary Bassett  
April 19th

### Wedding Anniversaries

No Wedding Anniversaries Found