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Economic and Community Development & Polio Awareness Month

October brings two powerful opportunities for Rotary Clubs across District 6310 to highlight the heart of our mission. This month's Rotary International theme—**Economic and Community Development**—reminds us that strengthening local economies is one of the most effective ways to create lasting, sustainable change.

At the same time, we join Rotarians around the world in recognizing **World Polio Day on October 24**, a moment to celebrate our progress and recommit to finishing the job of polio eradication.

Economic and Community Development: Building Stronger Communities

Rotary's work in Economic and Community Development is visible across our district. From supporting small businesses and entrepreneurs to improving access to job training, financial literacy, and community resources, our clubs are helping build pathways to stability and opportunity.



Jon Catlin
District Governor

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Economic and Community Development & Polio Awareness Month

I encourage clubs this month to highlight projects that uplift local families, expand economic opportunity, or support community partners working to improve livelihoods. These efforts are core to Rotary's mission and central to the future of our communities.

World Polio Day: October 24

As we celebrate local impact, we also look outward to Rotary's global legacy. **World Polio Day** is a reminder of Rotary's leadership in one of the most significant public health achievements in history. Because of Rotary's commitment, polio cases have been reduced by **99.9%**, and millions of children are living healthy, polio-free lives.



But our work is not finished. Afghanistan and Pakistan remain the last two countries where wild polio-virus persists. Every club in District 6310 can help keep eradication at the forefront by:

- Hosting a **World Polio Day** program or speaker
- Sharing Rotary's polio story on social media
- Encouraging members to donate to **PolioPlus**
- Partnering with local organizations to raise awareness

Let everyone know what your club is doing to highlight polio eradication in your community. Post pictures and information before and after your event! Remember: every contribution is matched 2-to-1 by the Gates Foundation, multiplying our impact.

Moving Forward Together

As I continue my District Governor visits, I'm inspired by the creativity, dedication, and fellowship I see in every club. You are People of Action—locally and globally. October gives us the chance to celebrate both: strengthening our communities at home while advancing Rotary's promise to create a world free of polio. Thank you for your leadership, your service, and your commitment to Rotary's mission. Together, we build stronger communities—and we help finish the job of ending polio forever.

Continue to Create Lasting Impact

The District Public Image Matching Grant is still available. Just remember to have your club input your Rotary Goals for the year, and the district is looking to help with up to \$500 to get the name of your Rotary Club out in your community. We hope every club will take advantage of this opportunity!

Polio Update

By Chair Chuck Cusick

World Polio Day is October 24th. Consider spending a few minutes at your club meeting talking about polio. The October edition of *Rotary Magazine* has an article on **Rotary Basics**, which could be shared with all members.

Fundraising for polio in our district is on track to reach our district goal of \$63,000. As of September 30th, clubs have donated \$8,091 vs. \$6,065 last year. How is your club doing?

The wild poliovirus is continuing to spread in Afghanistan. 35 cases have been reported this year. Last fiscal year we provided over \$41 million in grant funding to Afghanistan to vaccinate children, strengthen surveillance, and support frontline workers. But money alone will not overcome challenges such as access, insecurity, missed children, and misinformation. Progress in Pakistan is more encouraging with only 4 cases this year.

If your club is interested in a program on polio, contact cvcusick@aol.com.



National Immunization Day Opportunity

PDG Debra Kranz

If you have ever thought about participating in a NID (National Immunization Day), now is your chance.

Amy Peters, a member of the Rotary Club of Cass City, is planning to go on the March event to India. She would love someone to share her room with her to help with costs.

This is a great opportunity!

Please look at the adjacent flyer, scan the QR code for March, and get signed up.

Contact me, Debra Kranz, [debrakranz73@gmail](mailto:debrakranz73@gmail.com) to put you in touch with Amy.

Folks who have participated in a past NID say it is life changing.

Deadline to participate with Amy is October 20, 2026. There are only 30 spots available.



Miss Vicky 2027 Challenge for PolioPlus

Dear all: Welcome to the **Miss Vicky 2027 Challenge for PolioPlus!**

Building on the successes of two previous campaigns, our 2027 Challenge extends our "Challenge/Match paradigm" where \$1 Dollar becomes \$6 Dollars to (at least) four Districts and eight "Challenge Check" donors. When fully matched during this Rotary year, we will have contributed \$1,200,000 USD to PolioPlus. Ambitious but achievable through your continued generosity to this most worthy cause. We thank RI Director Marty Helman for her most gracious support during her recent Impact Tour to British Columbia!

What actual **IMPACT** do your dollars achieve? A simple formula was given by Past RI President Holger Knaack at the RI Convention in Taipei: Dollars raised divided by the cost of a *delivered* oral vaccine (\$0.15) is the number of doses produced. Since only ONE of 200 infected children becomes paralyzed, divide the number of doses by 200. That number is the number of **kids saved from the scourge of lifelong paralysis from polio**.

For example: \$100 dollars donated through the MV Challenge becomes \$600 dollars after the Miss Vicky and Gates Foundation matches. \$600 divided by \$0.15 is 4,000 doses produced. Divide 4000 by 200 and **20 kids were spared paralysis from polio virus**. Now that's **IMPACTFUL!**

Join Director Marty and the Miss Vicky Team as we IMPACT the world by eradicating polio; invite us to your club in person or by Zoom for the full Miss Vicky presentation! Click the https://: address below to hear Director Helman's message of strong support!

Sincerely, Lee and Winston

<https://youtu.be/Z7PipXep7dU?si=OEJ56GqK7fmmT8dY>

Note:

This great way to make your personal polio contribution go farther.

Every \$1 turns into a \$6 donation through the matching funds.

Here is the link for you to look at and get more information. When Randy Ettema donated, the site says it is only for individual donations, not for clubs. The amount Randy donated was credited to both his personal RI account and his club's accumulated donations account.

<https://raise.rotary.org/en-GB/project/miss-vicky-2027-challenge-for-polioplus?tab=overview>



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Miss Vicky 2027 Challenge for PolioPlus!

PolioPlus Fund

USD 5,170.77

9 months

/ USD 1,200,000



DISTRICT 6310 THANKS A MILLION ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN NEW STRETCH GOAL: \$2 MILLION!

Our original goal for the District 6310 Legacy Campaign was to raise \$1,000,000 between July 2025 and December 31, 2026, through gifts of \$10,000 or more (outright or planned) to any Rotary Foundation fund.

Giving to SHARE—whether Annual or Endowed—allows our district to keep funds working locally to support your philanthropic passions while continuing our impact globally.

Thanks to your generous support, we have surpassed our original goal and stand at over \$1,500,000!

With three months remaining, can we reach **\$2 Million**?

Donor Recognition & Reception

We want to recognize everyone who has pledged to this campaign. Donors who make an endowment commitment are invited to a private reception prior to the Foundation Gala, featuring special guest Past Rotary International President Barry Rassin.

Ways to Participate

Estate gifts or bequests of any size are welcome:

- Bequests of **\$1,000 or more** automatically qualify you for membership in **the Bequest Society**.
- Outright or planned gifts of **\$10,000 or more** count directly toward our campaign goal.

Ready to Create a Lasting Impact?

To learn more or discuss planned giving options, please contact me (District Foundation Chair) or any of our committee members: Bill Parlberg, Scott Crumbaugh, Debra Kranz, Eileen Jennings, Jennifer West, Paul Wiese, Jon Catlin, or Carrie Strohkirch.



Foundation News

By Foundation Chair PDG Randy Ettema

District Grants – Approved!

We are pleased to share that our District Grants application has been approved at The Rotary Foundation. This grant funds 24 projects around the district totaling \$39,299. These projects are sponsored or co-sponsored by 15 clubs plus the district RYLA program, and including an Interact district grant from Pigeon. These projects will touch many opportunities and challenges in our local communities: literacy, needy children and family's basic personal needs, community parks/outdoor activities, small children, and youth leadership development. Congratulations to each club for the creativity that we see in these projects! It is imperative that your club keep excellent records and gather pictures of Rotarians at work during the implementation of your projects. Clubs will be notified by Larry Arendt, District Grant Chairperson, for next steps.

District Foundation Gala

Have you made your reservation yet? A "save the date" announcement was published in last month's *District Dispatch*, and recently an invitation to the 19th Annual Foundation Gala was sent to all members via ClubRunner. You are warmly invited to join us on Friday, November 6th, at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth for this night of fellowship and celebration. Both clubs and individual Rotarians will be recognized for support of The Rotary Foundation in Rotary Year 2025-2026.

Our keynote speaker is Barry Rassin, the Chair of The Rotary Foundation for 2023-2024. He previously served as World President of Rotary International in 2018-2019. His responsibilities involved leading and motivating the 47,000 Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in the 200+ countries throughout the world.

Please see his biography on the following page.

"We all know that in Rotary, Great Opportunities are always around the corner." – Barry Rassin

You don't want to miss hearing his Rotary message! Be sure to reserve your space for the Foundation Gala.

Rotarian reservations must be received by October 23rd.

Rotaract, Interact, & Youth Exchange reservations must be received by October 27th.

The invitation for the Rotary Foundation Gala may be found on Page 9 of this publication.

Please join us in celebrating The Rotary Foundation during Foundation Month in November.

Thank you for all that you do to support the work of The Rotary Foundation!!!

Barry Rassin, O.D., F.A.C.H.E., M.B.A. C.Dir.

barryjrassin@gmail.com



Barry Rassin was the Chair of The Rotary Foundation for 2023-2024. He previously served as World President of Rotary International in 2018-2019. His responsibilities involved leading and motivating the 47,000 Rotary and Rotaract Clubs in the 200+ countries throughout the world.

Mr. Rassin was named the first Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives in The Bahamas. He retired as President of Doctors Hospital Health System in Nassau, Bahamas, after a stellar 38-year career, where he remains as a Director. The organization grew significantly from 11 employees to 600 and was the first JCAHO (International) accredited hospital in the region.

Barry has been a member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau since 1980, serving as President in 1987-88. He continued his Rotary service as Governor for District 7020 (10 countries in the Caribbean), Member of the Rotary International Board of Directors, Trustee and Vice-Chair of The Rotary Foundation, as well as Chairman of Shaping Rotary's Future. In The Bahamas, he was the founding Chairman of Volunteer Bahamas, a national program to create a culture of volunteerism in the country. He was also on the National Consultative Vaccination Committee to coordinate all the volunteer efforts toward Covid-19 vaccinations.

Mr. Rassin is a founder of HANWASH - Haiti National Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Strategy, a collaborative program to bring potable water and satisfactory sanitation to all the citizens of Haiti. This is a multi-decade, US \$2.3 billion initiative. Mr. Rassin was the Chair (until late 2022) of the US based 501(c)3 HANWASH Charitable Foundation.

Barry's spouse Esther has always been a strong supporter of Barry's humanitarian efforts and is a Lifetime Honorary Member of the Rotary Club of East Nassau. Esther is a retired banker and a strong advocate for family values. She is a recipient of the Sir Durward Knowles Humanitarian Award.

Mr. Rassin has been recognized for his humanitarian service by many organizations both within and outside of The Bahamas. He received the Distinguished Service Award from The Rotary Foundation and the Service Above Self Award from Rotary International and was presented with the National Award of Health Hero by the Bahamas Ministry of Health and PAHO. He was honored with the Healthcare Development Leadership Award from Healthcare Development Magazine and is listed in the second volume of Legends in The Bahamas. He was acknowledged by the Order of Malta with the Grand Cross Pro Merito and granted The Bahamas Icon Award for Commerce. In 2018 he was identified by The Government of The Bahamas as an Officer of the Order of Distinction of The Bahamas.

Published author of *The Rassin Story – Of Love, Loss and Leadership*.

19TH ANNUAL FOUNDATION GALA

ROTARY DISTRICT 6310

Rotarians and friends will gather for an evening of fellowship and fun
to celebrate our district's commitment to The Rotary Foundation

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Zehnder's
OF FRANKENMUTH

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2026

at Zehnder's of Frankenmuth

5:30 - 6:30 pm Social Hour (cash bar)

6:00 - 6:30 pm Interact Student Reception

6:30 - 9:30 pm Dinner & Program

Interact may only invite 6 members per club.

For reservation/payment questions, please contact: natalie.yockey@zehnders.com · 989-652-0419

Rotarian reservations must be received by October 23, 2026

Rotaract, Interact, & Youth Exchange reservations must be received by October 27, 2026

EMAIL REGISTRATION IS PREFERRED! Please send the required information from the form below to Natalie.Yockey@zehnders.com. If needed, mail the form below to Zehnder's of Frankenmuth, Attn: Natalie Yockey, 730 South Main Street, Frankenmuth, MI 48734

Name: _____

Rotary Club: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Special Dietary Need: _____

____ Rotary/Guest Reservation(s) @ \$45 each = \$ _____

____ Rotaract/Interact/Youth Exchange @ \$45 each = \$ _____

____ Table(s) of (8) @ \$340 per table* = \$ _____

Please list the names of each guest/Rotarian below (attach additional list if necessary)

PAYMENT

☐ Credit Card (**Preferred**)

☐ Visa ☐ Mastercard ☐ Discover ☐ Am Ex

#: _____

Expiration: ____/____ Code: _____

Amount: \$ _____

Signature: _____

☐ Check Payable to Zehnder's of Frankenmuth

The Rotary Foundation and Share!

By Annual Fund Chair Paul Hornak

WHAT IS THE ROTARY FOUNDATION?

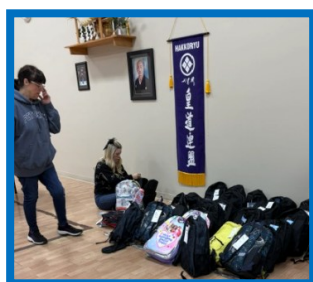
The Rotary Foundation is a non-profit charitable arm of Rotary International. It is supported by contributions from Rotary members and other donors who share our vision of a better world. The Foundation's mission is to help Rotary members advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through local, national, and international humanitarian and educational programs.

WHAT IS ANNUAL FUND-SHARE?

The SHARE system is how The Rotary Foundation distributes funds to districts. When you contribute to Annual Fund-Share, the first 5% is deducted for operational costs. The remainder of the contributions is divided between the World Fund and District Designated Funds (DDF).

The Trustees of the Rotary Foundation allocate money from the World Fund for international humanitarian projects that promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water, save mothers and children, support education, and grow local economies.

District 6310 allocates DDF to the grants/programs that clubs in the district want to support. Local grants from DDF money, within District 6310, for the 2025-2026 Rotary year (July 1 to June 30) numbered 23 grants in the amount of \$39,125. Some projects supported with grant money are pictured here:



a backpack program,



items for a baby pantry,

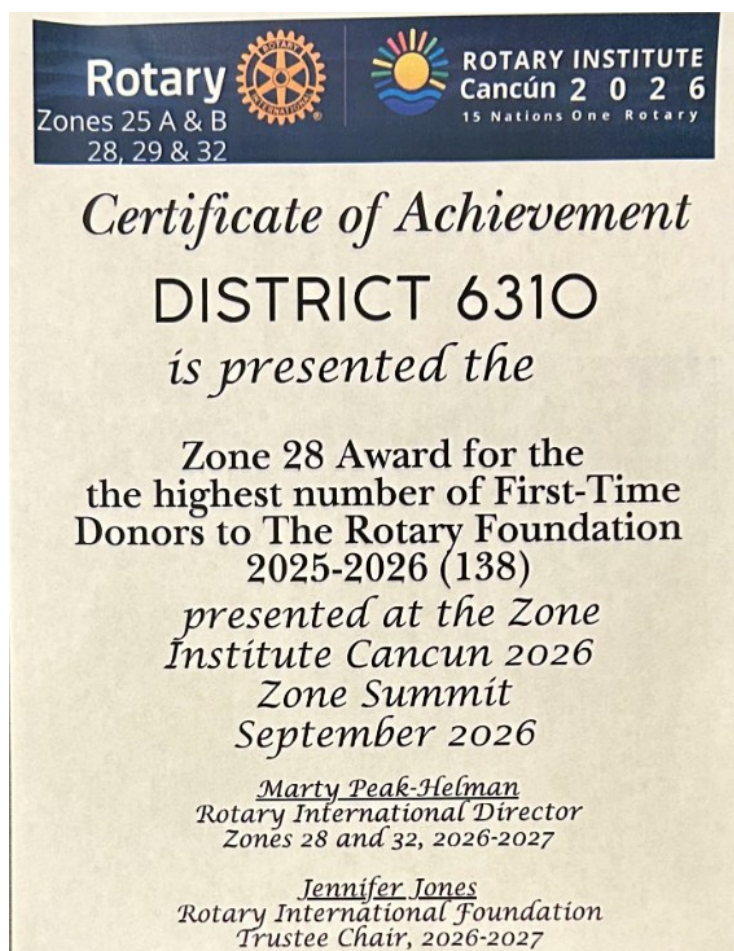


and Meals of Hope.

Other District Grants funded: food for a food pantry, supplies for a youth hygiene initiative, home improvement access ramp for senior citizens, improvements to a playground and park, art mural project, a bench, a little free library, zoo in the park, STEM project, Sleep in Heavenly Peace, and a literacy program.

You can continue to help our district and support meaningful projects by continuing to give to the Annual Fund-Share.

Thank you again for making a difference through your donations to The Rotary Foundation.



When Randy Ettema attended the Foundation breakout meeting at the recent Zone meeting, our Rotary District 6310 received recognition for the highest number of first-time donors to The Rotary Foundation.

Our Zone 28 has 20 districts, and this recognition is something for our district, our clubs, and our first-time donors to be proud of!

And, more importantly, we can all be proud of the impact this represents locally and around the world.

The Rotary Club of Midland led the way with 46 new donors, followed by the Rotary Club of Caro with 15, and the Rotary Club of Frankenmuth with 12.



Bay Community Foundation

Faces of Philanthropy

Each year the Bay Area Community Foundation (BACF) honors one or more local individuals for the *Peggy Rowley Community Enrichment Award* for their philanthropic service to the community. This year, those awards just happened to be two Rotarians from our district who received the honor—Ellen Charlebois from the Rotary Club of Pinconning-Standish and Michael Hanisko from the Bay City Morning Rotary Club.



Inspired by her father's generosity, Ellen has dedicated herself to strengthening Northern Bay County through philanthropy and community service. From supporting the Pinconning Bandshell and local arts initiatives to her leadership with the Northern Bay County Fund, BACF, and Rotary, she connects people and resources to meaningful community projects.



Raised with an understanding of giving back, Michael dedicates his time and talents to enhancing Bay County. Through organizations including United Way, Rotary, the Jaycees and BACF, he supports community initiatives and helps bring people together. He also serves on BACF's Stewardship Committee and is a member of the Men's Philanthropy Group.



Correction to September *District Dispatch*

By Peace Fellowship Chair Gail Hoffman

In July 2026, District 6310 Rotary Peace Fellow, Bamlak Yideg Yitbarek, reached out to Gail Hoffman, Foundation Peace Fellowship Chair, to let her know that he had participated in the 2026 Rotary International Convention in Taiwan as part of the Peace Fellows Panel Discussion. He provided a link to the discussion:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1P-J5ncwcYMsyHCbfd2wLOWkuqm3PJJm/view?usp=drive_link

Bamlak was our 2025 Peace Fellow completing a Post-Graduate Certificate from Makerere University, Uganda. His current positions/credentials include the following:

- Coordinator, Center for Diplomacy and International Studies, University of Gondar
- Associate Researcher at Institute of Foreign Affairs, Ethiopia
- BA in History
- MA in Governance, Democracy and Development (Development Studies)
- Rotary International Peace Fellow, Makerere University, Uganda
- Honorary Member of Rotary Club of Midland, Michigan, District 6310
- Secretary, Rotary Peace Fellowship Alumni Association (RPFAA)

Bamlak is currently seeking opportunities to help those locally and globally in peace building transformation. So much has changed in the peacebuilding world!





RI Director Marty Peak Helman

It was a beautiful Saturday morning in late September. I joined more than 100 Rotary members at a small park in Detroit overlooking the brand-new Gordie Howe International Bridge, which spans the Detroit River between Michigan and Windsor, Ontario. There were balloons and kids and smiles all around as we turned and waved to an equal number of Rotarians who had similarly gathered on the Canadian side. On both sides, Rotarians and friends admired new Peace Poles, they sat on newly installed benches designed for rest and reflection, they came together to recite a Peace Pledge and sing “Let There Be Peace on Earth.”



Rotary members and attendees on the pedestrian walkway of the new Gordie Howe International Bridge during the peace event. *Photo by David Panian*

District Governor Kim Spirou and I keynoted on the American side; across the river, PDG Linda Morrow and PDG Nick Krayacich shared the honors with Windsor Mayor Drew Dilkens and other community leaders.

“A bridge can be more than a crossing of steel and concrete. This bridge represents connection — bringing together cultures, friends, families, ideas, and futures. A Peace Pole is a signpost reminding us that peace begins within each of us and grows through understanding, respect, and service to humanity.” Linda Morrow

The Zone 28 Nominating Committee made their selection to serve as our Director from July 2028 to June 2030—Louisa Horne, from Halifax, NS, District 7815. If there are no challenges, her position will be confirmed this coming December 1st. Please join in welcoming Louisa to her new role!

Louisa Horne served as Governor of District 7820 in 2019-20, and she currently serves as Membership Coordinator for Zone 28 (2024-2028).

A member of the Rotary Club of Halifax Harbour since 2005, Louisa was inspired to join when her younger daughter was selected to be a Youth Exchange student. A multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Louisa led the district’s last Group Study Exchange team to Malaysia and also led a Rotary Friendship Exchange to New Zealand. She currently serves as Council on Legislation representative for the district.



AROUND THE DISTRICT

The **Rotary Club of Cass City** recently held their first annual Open House in their Rotary Park. It was a gathering to bring potential new members together to learn about Rotary. It was organized as a club meeting starting with ringing the bell, prayer and pledge, welcome and introductions.... Club Meeting 101.

A brief history of the Cass City Club and Rotary International was given by member, Kevven Dorland. RI Youth Exchange was described by District Vice Chair Jim Kranz. Taylor Diegel gave the history of the club's largest service project—Christmas for Kids.

Andrew Klco talked about the Disc Golf Course and the continued community impact. Other topics covered were RI's history and update of the PolioPlus program, the club's weekly newsletter to keep members connected, Rotary on the Go, types of membership, and club design possibilities.

The meeting concluded with the announcement of the Brunch, Bags, and Bingo fundraiser, upcoming meeting programs, and recitation of the Four Way Test.



Clark Ramsey and President Garret Gazlay

President Garret Gazlay of the **Rotary Club of Pigeon** presented Clark Ramsey with his Paul Harris Fellow Award plus 4. Thank you, Clark for your continued support of Rotary Foundation. Clark said, "It's easy when you have a payroll deduction."

The fall roadside pick-up featured five Rotarians, who really missed others being there. Fortunately, the haul was light and it didn't take too long. PDG Jeff Leipprandt, Kent Shetler, Michelle Hill, Ray Leppien and PDG Ed Eicher were there.





The **Frankenmuth Morning Rotary Club** held its Prime Rib Dinner fundraiser for Polio Plus.

Club members served 220 meal—raising over \$4,000. With the Gates Foundation matching funds, an additional \$8,000 was raised to eradicate Polio worldwide!

The **Rotary Club of Shepherd** provided its traditional free rides on the club's people mover for guests of the annual AIM Picnic at the Bryant farm near Shepherd. The Association For Interfaith Ministries assists special needs friends in the central Michigan area.

A fun time was had by all.





The [Rotary Club of Ithaca](#) members volunteering at the Hope in the Park event.



Rotary Club of Oscoda Rocket Launch



Paul Ugoroski, a NASA employee, presented each student with NASA patches.

On Saturday, September 5th, the Oscoda High School Robotics Team rocket went 811 feet high, edging the Tawas High School Science Olympiad rocket's 760 feet, for the bragging rights of best rocket scientists in Northern Michigan.

"If you want to get kids to learn something, create a contest and make it fun. The kids desire to win will propel them to learn what it takes to get that victory," said Rick Ruth, the Rotary contest organizer and head of the Northeast Michigan Rocket Association.

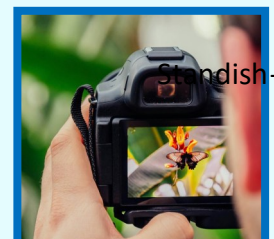
"Rotary wants to create a friendly academic competition between the two schools to bring out the best in our students."

The **Rotary Club of Pinconning & Standish** is moving forward with a photography project involving both Pinconning and Standish-Sterling High Schools.

A few years ago, The Muter Outdoor Fund provided 24 digital cameras for Rotary to use in the Nature Festival program, and Bret Muter has participated both in training students to use the camera equipment and in leading field trips to places where the students can put what they've learned into practice. He also spent time with students in the computer lab to show them how to enhance and/or manipulate the photos they've taken.

The role of each school district, among other responsibilities will be to have the art teacher select students [up to 24 per session] to take part in the activity and to provide the transportation to a nearby nature area a variety of subjects would be available. Rotary's role will be to provide chaperones to assist the teacher during the field trip, to provide digital cameras for students to use, to make a print of each student's favorite photo taken during the field trip, to display the photos at the Nature Festival awards reception in the spring, and to provide prizes for the winning artwork.

Monday, October 12th has been set for the Pinconning and Sterling student photography event. Students from both schools will travel to Bay City State Park where they will receive training on the use of a digital camera and the art of taking good photos.



UPCOMING EVENTS



Create Lasting Impact



Oct. 18 – 20, 2026



Live broadcast on My104.3 beginning at 5 pm October 20th

Supported in part by:



This online auction opens at noon on October 18th and runs through October 20th ending at 9 pm. There is a radio portion starting at 5 pm and running to the end. There are items for everyone, and the QR code on the flyer will take you right to the bidding website to view and bid on items.

My Sister Liv

Film Screening & Panel Discussion

Research shows talking about suicide reduces suicidal ideation. Let's take the conversation out of the shadows.

Appropriate for ages 14+

🕒 OCTOBER 21, 2026 | 6:00PM - 8:00PM

THE  PROJECT

📍 THE TEMPLE THEATRE



*"Every young person
must see this."*

-Jenna Glover, PhD, Chief Clinical
Officer, Headspace



Presented in partnership by:



Great Lakes Bay Region
Mental Health
Initiative



CMU HEALTH
CENTRAL MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY

Following the film, representatives from The Liv Project and Saginaw-area professionals and community members with lived experience will come together for a meaningful conversation about mental health, connection, and hope.

You are not alone.

If you or someone you know is struggling or in crisis, help is available.

Call/ text **988** or chat **988lifeline.org**

Or text **LIV** to **741741** to connect with Crisis Text Line



Be a Part of the

FALL FAMILY DAY

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

We Need Your Trunk!

Individuals, families,
or area businesses...
set up a trunk for
Trunk-or-Treat!

**Saturday,
October 24th
3:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.**

**Set up begins
at 2:00 p.m.**

**Veteran's Park
in Ubly**

Hosted by the
Rotary Club of Ubly

Reserve Your Spot TODAY!

Contact Kris Wright
or send a message to the
Rotary Club of Ubly Facebook page.





* RUN * WALK *
SATURDAY DECEMBER 12TH, 2026



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PRESENTED BY
FRANKENMUTH
MORNING ROTARY



DEC 12
2026

RACE TIME 9:30 AM
REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 AM

FRANKENMUTH
RIVER PLACE SHOPS
925 S Main Street

ADULT \$40
\$30 NO SHIRT

CHILD \$25
\$15 NO SHIRT



INCLUDED WITH REGISTRATION
FUN RUN SHIRT
HOT COCOA

HOLIDAY COOKIE
FINISH MEDAL



TIMED RACE WITH RESULTS AVAILABLE ONLINE
AWARD FOR TOP 3 OVERALL RUNNERS
WOMAN AND MEN



80's NIGHT

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6TH, 2027

Dress up for some
80's Music with the Band
CEYX

HEAVY APPETIZERS
Catered by
Bechler's Roadhouse

MUSIC BINGO

BUCKET RAFFLE

AND MORE!

BRING YOUR OWN BEVERAGES

MARK THE DATE ON YOUR CALENDARS!

TICKETS \$40 PER PERSON

Hosted by the
Rotary Club of Ubly

Proceeds go towards
community family events.

SAVE THE DATE!

ROTARY DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**APRIL 3RD, 2027
COMFORT INN HOTEL AND
CONFERENCE CENTER
MT PLEASANT, MI**

Rotary  **District 6310**

**WATCH FOR REGISTRATION IN
THE ROTARY DISTRICT DISPATCH**





BARCELONA
2027



2027 ROTARY CONVENTION

Barcelona, Spain 



REGISTER EARLY & SAVE!
 A special discount will be available until 21 September 2026.

REGISTRATION
OPENS
17
 SEPTEMBER
2026

REGISTRATION CATEGORY	17–21 SEPTEMBER 2026 EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT	22 SEPTEMBER 2026 – 31 MARCH 2027 REGULAR RATE	1 APRIL – 30 JUNE 2027 LATE RATE
 CLUB MEMBER, NONMEMBER, OR GUEST AGE 31 OR OVER	\$595	\$795	\$895
 CLUB MEMBER, NONMEMBER, OR GUEST AGE 30 OR UNDER	\$250	\$350	\$400
 GUEST AGE 5–18	\$20	\$30	\$40
 GUEST UNDER AGE 5	FREE	FREE	FREE
 SATURDAY, HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP ONLY	\$60	\$60	\$100



Join us in Barcelona! 

Connect. Inspire. Take Action.
TOGETHER, WE CREATE LASTING IMPACT.

BE PART OF
THE WORLD'S GREATEST

Gathering

OF PEOPLE OF ACTION! 



Bridges to Peace - 2027 Zone Summit

In the 1940's, Rotary played a major role helping to launch the United Nations. <https://www.rotary.org/en/articles/2020/07/rotary-at-the-start-of-the-united-nations>

Next October, our Zones 28-32 Institute will feature Rotary's focus on peace and conflict resolution by showcasing our peace fellows and Rotary's many partnerships that advance peace, including our work with UNICEF and the UN. Rotary and the world are stronger for the lasting impact of these many partners as we serve in over two hundred countries.

Bridges for Peace, the 2027 Zone Institute, will span from Atlantic to Pacific, as we convene our governor-training sessions and institute education in Whippany New Jersey and in New York City beginning October 20, 2027.

Many members will participate in tours and activities at the United Nations, UNICEF and the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Optional programs can include sightseeing and theater events, as well as the powerful 9/11 memorial and museum.

Based at the Hanover Marriott, which offers ample and professional meeting space and is under 25 miles from Newark Liberty International Airport (EWR), the conference will feature bus transportation to Manhattan for key events as well as guest speakers focused on peace and conflict resolution.

"Our Impact Tour celebrates the lasting change Rotarians make in their local communities," notes RI Director Marty Helman. "The next Zone Institute will celebrate and advance the impact and lasting change Rotary is making in the world: ending polio, creating partnerships, and helping to educate the next generations of peace fellows."

The institute will feature learning tracks for membership, The Rotary Foundation, future leaders, international projects, diversity-equity-inclusion and belonging, public image, and more. Special leadership development and learning tracks will be offered to governors-elect, governors-nominee, and assistant governors. There will be a hands-on service project and a special spotlight on Rotary's progress toward ending polio. Our French-speaking members from Montreal to Miquelon will be pleased to know we plan on-site translation support.

Registration details will be shared as we get close to the New Year. Until then, please put October 20-24, 2027 on your calendar as Rotary Zones 28 & 32 welcome you to New Jersey and New York.

“...it is about making sure the people who remember polio become the last generation that does. Rotary has been part of this fight for more than four decades. Together with our partners, we have helped vaccinate more than 3 billion children, contributed more than \$3 billion to the global effort, and reduced cases of wild poliovirus by 99.9 percent.

But 99.9 percent is not 100 percent.

Wild poliovirus remains endemic in Afghanistan and Pakistan. As long as it circulates anywhere, children everywhere remain at risk. And even after wild poliovirus disappears from a country, we must maintain strong immunization and surveillance systems so the virus cannot find a way back....

The final mile of the journey can be the hardest. But we have walked too far, worked too hard, and protected too many children to stop here.

Let us remember why we began. Let us listen to those who have experienced polio. Let us be the generation that creates lasting impact and ensures no one ever experiences polio again.”

Olayinka “Yinka” Babalola
President, Rotary International

Congratulations to the following clubs celebrating an anniversary this month:

Saginaw Valley	-	54 years	-	Chartered October 21, 1972
Midland Morning	-	38 years	-	Chartered October 10, 1988
Pinconning/Standish	-	19 years	-	Chartered October 12, 2007

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