

District Dispatch

Rotary International District 6310 • Pam Harkema, Governor 2007 - 2008



Joining Hands and Hearts with Afghanistan

Rotarians in District 6310 stepped up in a huge way in the closing days of the year of Rotary Shares to put together a \$10,000 district-wide project to benefit children of Rajayee school outside Jalalabad, Afghanistan and to also support a nearby medical clinic. Ambassadorial Scholar Mohibullah Israr and the Rotary Club of Jalalabad are working together to establish the school for young children. Our district goal was initially to use uncommitted District Simplified Grant dollars and to raise additional funds to support the school. Clubs contributed so much that not only will the needed supplies be purchased for the school, but also two other projects can benefit. Jalalabad Rotarians will be able to build a series of sun canopies outside a small hospital to protect people from the sun as they stand in line waiting for medical treatment. Additionally, funds will be sufficient to purchase medicines to provide to people who have no resources.

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DG Chris Etienne, left, District 6290 in West Michigan was so taken when she met Israr that she has pursued receiving an Ambassadorial Scholar in her district in the 09-10 academic year. Chris met with (continuing from left) DGN Eileen Jennings, Dost Safi, President of the Rotary Club of Jalalabad, Rafi Sayad, Ambassadorial Scholar who studied at San Diego State University, Mohibullah Israr, 6310 Scholar, and PDG Ruby Iwamasa. The group discussed the many projects being undertaken by the Jalalabad club including the school project, hospital, and other health and humanity concerns.

Frankenmuth's Ed Goyings In Service in Brazil

Frankenmuth Rotarian Dr. Ed Goyings took his skill as a dentist and put it into practice in Santareem Brazil with support from Rotary Foundation through a Volunteer Service Grant. Ed's wife Betty also went on the trip and shared her knowledge and experience at the University. Rotary Shares!

By ED GOYINGS

I was the only volunteer dentist. The people in Santareem, Brazil and at the clinic have very limited English. Santareem is a city of 360,000 and 500 miles from the mouth of the Amazon. I worked from 7:30 to 5:00 for two weeks. The equipment is very old – 40 – 50 years old. It's a 6 room dental clinic which was started by Bill Chase of Ann Arbor and is named for him. It is a Rotary funded clinic. I did mostly emergencies, fillings and surgery. I took some new materials with me and was able to teach their use and new techniques to the staff. Two local dentists also worked part time.

Betty lectured at the Iespes University which was across the street from our compound. She did two lectures on Photo-journalism and one on tourism with each class having approximately 50 students. They wrote poems, stories or songs as homework based on a favorite photo or series of photos from her lectures and was very interesting. They are very sensitive people.

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Treating a patient.



Dr. Ed teaches new techniques to staff at the clinic.



District Events

July 14

Governor's Transition Event, Caro

October 2

Membership/Foundation Workshop,
Bay City

November 7

District Foundation Dinner,
Frankenmuth

Happy
Anniversary

Caro - July 29, 1925



Ed Goyings *Continued from page 1*

Vera Bertognoli, Rotary District Governor and husband of Ron who facilitated us going there is also the president of the University, which she started. I presented at one local Rotary Club. The Rotary District Conference was held while we were there – was a great experience (6 Brazilian States in the District). Also there was a GSE team from Philadelphia while we were there. They stayed in our compound and we really got to be very good friends and share experiences. Betty was able to go to many of their functions with them when I was working during the day.

We also visited other projects – a Rotary school plus a German Rotary



On the last day, Dr. Ed treated the staff to an American tradition – a pizza party.

project for very young kids ages 2 to 4; A project serving over 1000 troubled and at risk children to keep them off the streets and out of trouble. And the Rotary School that I mentioned before. There are so many needs!

Bus Trip to Cleveland Opera

When outbound Ambassadorial Scholar Carrie Kahl performs in *The Marriage of Figaro* this fall, District 6310 wants to be there to support her. We are exploring the possibility of a group trip to Cleveland to see her perform on Sunday September 28. The bus would leave from Owosso in the morning (probably around 10 a.m.) to arrive for the 3 p.m. matinee, then return home that evening with a stop for dinner along the way. Cost for the bus and the ticket to the opera is \$100, provided we can gather enough interest to fill the bus. What a fun day with Rotary friends and an opportunity to see our gal in action one more time (OK she's playing a man, but still...). If you are interested in this trip and would like to be added to the list, please email DG Pam at pharkema@charter.net. We will make a decision about reserving the bus in August, so please look ahead at your schedule and lock in this date. If you have questions, please email DG Pam.



DG Pam and Scholar Israr rode the ferry across to Mackinac Island in June headed to the District 6290 District Conference. Israr was a featured speaker and, as always, brought his profound message of peace.



Past RI Centennial President Glenn Estess was the President's Representative for District 6290. DG Pam and PRIP Glenn paused by Glenn's theme banner.



A highlight for DG Pam was seeing PRIP Glenn present the official charter for the Rotaract Club of Grand Valley State University in District 6290. The charter was given to 6310's first daughter and GVSU Rotaract President Anne Harkema and VP Rick Beckwith. Anne and Rick drove the chartering effort.



Thoughts from District 9100, West Africa

As West Africa GSE Team Leader I would like to thank the District 6310 for the opportunity the Team members had to visit many facilities and be in touch with many subjects that enriched their general culture. As a matter of fact, this visit may be considered as the starting point to a mature thinking on the American culture, technology and opportunities. The experiences were diverse and rich. I take this opportunity to congratulate the District 6310 for the high

standard of the Conference organization and thank all Rotarians met and all families who hosted the GSE Team from all the cities in the district. Their hospitality, friendship and availability were very much appreciated by the GSE Team.

*Best regards,
Yours in Rotary, Julia Ramos
GSE Team Leader*



The team visited Garr Tool in Alma.



Pinconning's Third Street Deli always welcomes special guests on their sign. DG Bob joined the team visit.



Saginaw Valley club hosted a large international festival when the team visited. President Mamie Thorns organized and involved the SVSU community.



Rotary Shares friendship at the District Conference with DG Pam.



Thoughts from District 9680 Sydney, Australia

District 9680 GSE team to Michigan 2008 have all returned home to Australia, and are basking in fond memories of their amazing four weeks in District 6310. Arriving in Saginaw, MI, a day late on 7 April 2008, the team were welcomed with open arms by District Governor Pam, Michigan outbound to Sydney GSE team leader Jeff Leipprandt and his team as well as hosting Rotary Club executives. (The welcoming party that had a real life practice the day before!)

From Saginaw airport the team ventured over their four weeks to Pigeon, Bay City, Caro, Corunna, Saginaw, Breckenridge, Ithaca and finally Frankenmuth (and an unforgettable trip to Sault Ste Marie). Each hosting Rotary club had a tight schedule for the team giving them the best experience of America. Our Australian Doctor, Politico/lawyer, Team Leader, Horticulturist and Teacher, visited foundrys, car manufacturers, dairy farms, The Capital, Counties, Court Houses, Gaols as well as being taken to baseball games, a basketball playoff game, an ice hockey playoff game and (of course) ample amounts of shopping.

From all accounts the team could not have experienced a better place nor a better time. Michigan will be a soft spot in their hearts. Thank you to all the Rotarians in District 6310 whose contribution gave this GSE team a once in a lifetime experience.

— John Cameron
GSE Chairman 2007-08



Camille Smith and host Shelley Norris, Saginaw Sunrise club, with Senator Kahn in Lansing at the Capital.

The GSE trip to Michigan allowed me to meet an amazing community in district 6310 as well as see the beautiful state of Michigan. I will never forget my host families and their kindness in showing me 'Michigan Life'. I will never forget my vocational visits and those who took great pains to organise them. - Yvonne Brantley, Ashleigh Brantley and Amanda Brantley- I will never forget the Detroit Pistons Playoff game :-)

— Camille Smith



My GSE to Michigan was an opportunity for me to observe real people in real country towns banding together to make things work, My fellow team members and I were warmly welcomed wherever we went as this photograph demonstrates. Thanks again to everyone we encountered in the district for the care and effort which was applied to make our exchange a richly fulfilling experience.

— Richard Hanly

I would just like to say thank you to all the wonderful friends we met in your district. I was overwhelmed by the kindness we were shown, and how consistently friendly and helpful everyone was towards us. Because of this our GSE was a truly amazing, once-in-a-lifetime experience! Many thanks and kind regards,

— Madeleine Maguire



On the way to America, I told my fellow GSE participants that we were lucky to be going to America as Americans are known worldwide for their hospitality on their own soil. Fortunately for us, I was not disappointed in saying that. Along each stop of our exchange, the generosity and friendliness of each and every person and/or family that volunteered to put us up were amazing. I can personally say that I will never forget the hospitality of every home I stayed at as well as the effort made by the individual rotary clubs to make us feel welcome and show us not just a good time, but a great one. I feel I have made some wonderful lifelong friends through this experience, which re-affirms one of the main goals of Rotary, bringing people together around the world and learning more about our global community.

— David Owens



Rotary Sees the Stars at the LA Convention

From DGE Bob Chadwick

The 99th Rotary International Convention was held in Los Angeles June 15-18. Representing our District were PDG Tom Cline and Joanne, PDG Otis Wilson, PDG Ruby Iwamasa and Bob, DGN Eileen Jennings and DGE Bob Chadwick and Cindy.

This was a wonderful convention filled with lots of Rotary learning opportunities, top notch entertainment and incredible Rotary Fellowship. If you have not attended a Rotary Convention in the past, you owe it to yourself to attend one in the next few years. Next year is Birmingham, England followed by Montreal and New Orleans. Aside from experiencing Rotary on an international scale you will begin to form friendships around the world. Each time I attend a convention I run into more and more people from around the world that have become friends.

Two important announcements were made in regards to Polio Plus: 1) Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), in response to the work of Rotary and the recent outbreak of Type 1 Polio in Nigeria, announce that WHO (like Rotary) is making the eradication of Polio their top priority and is directing their resources on an emergency basis. 2) RI President Wilf Wilkinson announces that the Province of Ontario is committing \$60 million to Polio Plus! These initiatives in addition to your efforts will make our new Polio Plus Theme – END POLIO NOW! – a reality.

On a bittersweet note, Cindy and I had to say “until we meet again” to Israr while in Los Angeles. I do not know when we will see Israr next but he will be in our hearts forever. Israr loves our District and very much wants to keep the ties



President Wilf addresses the assembly at the International Convention.

strong. I met the President from his home club while in Los Angeles and he assured me that they would like build a strong relationship with our District. We were happy to see that Eileen “Mom” was able to spend the convention with Israr. These two wonderful people developed a special bond over the past year – they were really great to and for each other.

During closing ceremonies RI President Wilf Wilkinson began the process of turning over the reins of Rotary to RI President-Elect D.K. Lee. This transition will be seamless due to the working relationship between these two great leaders and the continued emphasis on hunger, poverty, literacy and health. Rotary Shares now evolves to Make Dreams Real.

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Wilf Wilkinson announced that the Province of Ontario Canada has committed \$60 million to Polio Plus.



DG Bob with DGN Eileen, Sayad and Israr



PDG Ruby meets incoming Director Catherine Noyer-Riveau, Rotary Club of Paris, France, the first woman to serve as an RI Director.



Bob, Ruby, and Cindy at the Hollywood Bowl

From PDG Ruby Iwamasa

The RI Convention in L.A. 2008 was a time...

...to celebrate the successes of "Rotary Shares" with President Wilf Wilkinson and Joan.

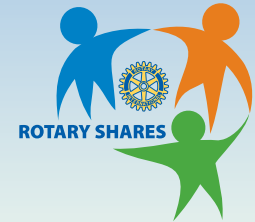
...to look ahead and "Make Dreams Real" with President D.K. Lee and Young.

...to mingle with 18,000 service-minded Rotarians from around the world and to experience the internationality of Rotary.

...for all PolioPlus partners (Rotary, WHO, CNC & UNICEF) to appear on stage together to voice their strong commitment to eradicate polio & to urge support of the Bill & Melinda Gates \$100 million challenge

...for District 6310 Rotarians to reconnect: CDG Ruby Iwamasa and Bob; PDG Tom Cline and Joanne; DGE Bob Chadwick and Cindy; Eileen Jennings and Israr as well as PDG Otis Wilson!

...to register for the 2009 Rotary International Convention in Birmingham, England! Go to www.rotary.org and sign up today!



Ruby is always making friends. Here she met by chance a woman from District 3350 in Thailand and later realized this is the district we are sharing a Group Study Exchange with during the 08-09 year.



Ruby, Joanne, Tom, Sakates from Brazil and Bob





Presidents Reflect on Rotary Shares

I asked each of the club presidents to send me their thoughts about the year of Rotary Shares; what their club accomplished, what they were proud of, who inspired them. Some were detailed, some were brief, some preferred to keep their thoughts to themselves. Enjoy these wonderful reflections from the outstanding leaders of District 6310 clubs. - DG Pam

Sue Moody, Midland Morning

Our club implemented the Leadership Plan for next fiscal year, we achieved our Foundation Giving Goal, and we honored a very well deserving member of our club with the Governor's Award.

We did great things in Vocational service this year. I am proud of my club members that helped in every aspect of the achievement of the Presidential Citation Award. I am humbled to have served as President.

Club Service – we are getting closer to giving Endowment Grants or funding a large project. Vocation Service – twice this year we sponsored some at-risk kids to spend a day at Delta College's Vocational classes with some hands on and guidance for continuing education. We also send these kids to Camp Rotary. International Service – we sponsored library books in Guatemala. Community Service – we gave out several grants this year and gave every third grader a dictionary.

I am always trying to recruit great people into Rotary - example: When I was at a Loons Game visiting with acquaintances, I realized that I constantly promote Rotary. I was so trying to gain a member that when I saw past Governor Bill; I pulled him into the conversation (although he promoted the Frankenmuth Club instead....haha)

It isn't so much of what I learned, but about my true passion for Rotary. I believe in what Rotary does everywhere around the globe. I wish I had more time to spend on projects. I wanted to do so much more this year, but I also feel I accomplished a lot. If everyone could experience being President, I think they would gain a great passion for Rotary.

Our governor Pam Harkema inspired me and of course our very own Dom Gagliardi inspires me.

Terri Michaelis, Oscoda Rotary Club

As I think back over this year I am proudest of our continued community service and our increased awareness of Rotary Foundation. We have also attracted several younger members to our club, so that the community involvement can continue. We need to continue to be aware of our past as a club, but look to the future as a club, which is not an easy task.

Bill Ballard, Gladwin

I am thrilled that we are setting one more table for lunch every day and are filling it. I also got through to most of the membership to not skip Rotary if someone is in your office, and It's time for Rotary. Instead, bring them to Rotary with you! We are now beyond paying for the minimum guaranteed meals for the caterers. The Hour with Israr moved all of us, and will help get something done internationally.

Rob Clark, Bay City

On both the local and international levels, the Rotary Club of Bay City embraced the theme "Rotary Shares" this year. In the fall, Past President Mike Stoner led the way in helping to establish the new Pinconning-Standish club. In November, Chuck and Nancy Cusick traveled to Nigeria to administer the polio vaccine to children. Twice this Rotary year, club members visited Bay County elementary schools, once in the fall to give dictionaries to every third-grader in the county and again in March to give thesauruses to every fourth-grader in the county. Our club led a drive to raise \$12,000 for a project to help plant fruit, nut and eucalyptus trees in African villages dotting the edge of the Sahara Desert.

We truly have much to be proud of. Two projects – one a year-long endeavor and the other a two-month drive – really stick out in my mind. In August, I challenged our club members to show up every week with a can of food or \$1 to donate to the Bay County Emergency Food Network. I called it the Rotary Shares President's Challenge. Over the months, we have donated nearly 2,000 food items to help stock area food pantries.

In March, we led a project called Love Bags, through which nearly 400 suitcases, duffel bags and backpacks were collected to be passed on to foster children in mid-Michigan. These bags often replace trash bags that children use to carry their belongings. Love Bags do more than provide a means for transporting clothing and other items; the program shows children that their belongings are valuable – that they are valuable. It also shows them that even complete strangers care about their lives, which can provide endless hope.

It has been an honor and privilege to have served as president of the Rotary Club of Bay City. As I prepare to pass the gavel, I'm extremely proud of the work our club has done this year and equally excited about the year ahead and "our chance to "Make Dreams Real."



Rotary Club of Bay City President Rob Clark stands with nearly 400 suitcases, duffel bags and backpacks collected by the club to be given to mid-Michigan foster children.



John Johnson, Shepherd

It's been a fast year, with a lot of work, fun, friendship, and accomplishments.

Judy Keller, Frankenmuth

My entire Rotary year as President was an accomplishment—the board, the committee leaders, and the members all out performed this past year in their area of responsibility as well as each volunteering for all the fund raising projects that are conducted by the club. With 120 members raising \$118,732 in the first 9 months of our fiscal year and reaching our Foundation goal are major accomplishments.

I am most proud of our club as a whole-- the dedication, the loyalties and the support the Frankenmuth Rotarians give to each other personally and in their support to Rotary and its programs make the Frankenmuth Club a leader in the Rotary arena.

We surpassed our club Foundation goal, exceeded the membership goal, made contributions in the amount of 118,732 (July 1, 2007 thru March 2208) of which \$92,336 went back into the community. We supported two GSE teams. Part of the Northwood University Peace through Business program providing financial and personal support to 13 Afghan women. We sent two students to Rotary Leadership Camp. Dr. Ed Goyings went to Brazil to work and to teach dental work at the Amazon Clinic, while his wife lectured at the college. We provided financial support to a micro enterprise project in Honduras which will teach women to sew and sell clothing. Dr. Whiting, an honorary member of Rotary is spearheading this project. Dr. Whiting hopes to teach the women bookkeeping and how to purchase materials. Our goal is to buy 6 pedal sewing machines—there is no electricity.

We had our first Career Shadowing day. Had 8 hosts and 17 junior and senior students participate. And we had three “high-way cleanup” weeks

No one president can make Rotary or the community better because they were the president. Our Rotary club consists of a “team”—we all work together to get the job done no matter what it takes. The president only leads and directs—the club members get it done—the club as a whole makes Rotary and the community better.

Everything that I did this past year only reinforced what Rotary really is all about--Its mission, the objectives, and the strong leadership from Rotary International to the Districts themselves. I enjoyed my year as President and had fun.

Everyone inspired me. No one person stood out. My board did an outstanding job in their roles as well as all committee chairs and to all the Rotarians who served on those committees. This is very inspiring to me.

Andy Leonard, Birch Run

Birch Run Rotary Club is most excited that we committed to hosting an inbound student this year and will meet her in August.

Russell Welchli, Frankenmuth Morning

As I close in on 18 months of leading Frankenmuth Morning Rotary thru its first year we have had tremendous success as evidenced by the first annual ‘The Great Duck Race’ this past Saturday June 14th. We successfully raised \$10,000+ in our first year. We had kids of all ages come root on the 1100+ ducks as they traveled for 7 minutes down the Cass River. We are also in the process of getting ready to renovate the Scout building in town. After \$60k in renovations the Scout building (1 of 3 in the US to be built for Scouts) will be ready to support the area boys and girls scouts with new kitchen and many other needed updating.

On the international scene we have successfully partnered with clubs from Missouri and British Columbia as well as the Rotary Foundation to raise enough funds for the Fistula surgery project in Nigeria. This project will assist 100 women who give birth.

We gave 1 \$500 scholarship this past May and will be giving 2 Scholarships next May.

We are looking forward with great anticipation to our first inbound youth student exchange beginning in August.

Our club goal for the foundation was \$3,100. For the second year in a row we had 100% participation and members of our club contributed \$3,790 (122.6% of our goal). Currently we have 4 Paul Harris Fellows as well as one Paul Harris Society member.

Our membership numbers is up to 33 and should be at 35 by June 30. We started with 28 original members with 22 still members.

We look forward to Tim Hildner’s year of presidency and look forward to another great year of Rotary!!

Cindi Bauer, Alpena

The Rotary Club of Alpena has a rich history since 1922. I was not able to charter a Rotaract group as I had hoped, but did get people thinking about the importance of such a club. The year was full of challenges with our secretary having a stroke in the first half of the year which changed our course significantly. The complexion of our membership changed too. We now have far more “younger” Rotarians than in the past but overall lost numbers due to the economy and people moving, a natural correction of people who wanted to be in a club but did not understand the commitment of time for Rotarians. We also had many people caring for their elderly parents and young children which took time and energy given to Rotary in the past. I personally have grown a lot and am honored to have had the opportunity to participate on a new level as a Rotarian.

Dennis Gilkey, Caro

Rotary is truly a great organization that touches so many people throughout the world. It gives all of us an opportunity to do and be all that we want to be. The Rotary concept and principles allows its members to climb and reach the highest goals of achievement while at the same time there is an organizational place for those who choose a less aggressive path for success. But the bottom line is that each member can feel their accomplishments and realize their very best has been a contribution to this outstanding organization. I am so glad that I was able to be a part of the continued building process of Rotary by my involvement as a leader in our local club.



Gary Faundrich, Saginaw

A goal I was striving for early on, was improving our club's spirit and atmosphere. I was very proud to see our attendance rise from the 30%- to over 60% average, from July to May. A number of new features helped. The Rotarian of the Week, The Rotary Minute, and singing from the Rotary Song Books, something not done in many decades. For our part in Rotary Awareness, we ran some ads in the local newspaper, This Month In Rotary and our new Street Clock Project, which will be constructed and installed next week, in a local park. We focused on literacy, by combining efforts with the local Altrussa Club, who had one already in place. We donated to the Haiti Water Project, as well as Polio Plus. In community service, we again distributed dictionaries and a new project, members volunteered to take part in a Clean-Up Saginaw Campaign. Of course our Signature Event, Saginaw On Stage, was a rousing success again. I learned about Rotary, that the feelings and emotions of the members, run deeper than I thought. The presence of dedicated individuals, whose goal was to make their community and the world, improved as much as they could. I personally learned, the harder I worked to achieve my goals, the more I loved Rotary. My inspiration was member, Tom Cline. His knowledge and high regard for Rotary, is always present. I hope I have prepared our club for the future, with a stronger foundation. We have added new Community Service Projects and fund raising opportunities. I look back on the past year with great memories and an exciting future for the Rotary Club of Saginaw.

Garth Anderson, Alma/St. Louis

Our club actually increased in number of members this past year by over 10%. It is the first year that this has happened in quite some time. I'm very excited about the new members and their "service above self" attitudes. We needed a boost and got it.

It wasn't looking good for a while, but we met and surpassed our Rotary Foundation giving goal. I am personally very pleased about that.

I feel like we really got involved in water projects this year and we joined in on the tree project in Africa. As usual for our club, we were involved in a couple literacy projects here in our community. We got lots of thank you notes from kids who received books from "Reading is Fundamental" or received their own dictionary from another project.

Our international night with the GSE team from West Africa was a highlight and a thrill for our club.

I'd say that I am very proud of a little project that I started this year called "Who Am I?", where I read on any given week little known facts about an individual from our club and the members try to guess who it is. That went over very well and we got to know each member even better than we did after their classification talk (which, for some, has been many years ago).

Marvin N. Ittner, Pinconning-Standish

The Northern Bay and Arenac County Rotary Club of Pinconning and Standish had an awesome year. In October, we had our formal chartering ceremony and inducted 23 new members with over 100 guests in attendance. Since that auspicious start, six new members have been inducted into the club. Our club has been fortunate enough to host two Group Study Exchange Teams. The first team was from Australia and the second team was from Africa. The members of our club strongly believe that we must be active in the communities we serve and have dedicated their time and money to many programs. They built benches for two parks, planted flowers and worked at the Pinconning Cheese Festival wearing their Rotarians at Work t-shirts. Our club was able to send four deserving students to Rotary Youth Leadership Camp in Clare. For all its hard work, this club has been awarded the Presidential Citation.



Pinconning – Standish Rotarians have adopted the garden at the entrance to the city and now have their Rotary sign to welcome visitors.

Scott Withrow, Midland

Greatly exceeding our RIF goal. A new record of financially giving back to our community. Creation of 2 new fundraising programs. Complete review and updating to our Club by-laws.

I'm proud of our membership. Our members are the most caring, giving individuals you could ever meet! They give of themselves both financially and by volunteering. They truly live our motto Service Above Self!

Many excellent projects and programs. A Rotary booth at the Blue Planet Run event, \$17,000 contributed to local organizations, increased our public awareness with new projects, a very successful Pancake Supper, had an excellent year with our Exchange Student program, just to name a few.

I feel we instituted some new procedures and programs this year that made a positive impact. All due to the great efforts of our membership.

Rotary is the best way to make a difference around the world and in your local community. The more members you get involved, the bigger the impact. Don Carlsen is that remarkable and inspirational person! Don has always been a great role model and mentor to me since I joined Rotary. He has always provided me with such genuine, caring advice and positive reinforcement. Many, in our fine Club, are better individuals, including myself, because of Don Carlsen.



75 Students Attend Week-Long Rotary Youth Leadership Camp

By MARGOT ROEDEL

Camp this year was a huge success in spite of the uncooperative weather!! 79 students initially registered from 24 of our clubs. That number ended up to be 75 due to some things beyond our control like broken arms and soccer injuries.

We had seven counselors as well as a Lead Counselor, Jackie Woodbury. The seven were Cindy Hughes, Al Dorman, Aaron Hughes, Mark Woodbury, Dallas Lintner, Janell Perkins, and Brena Irelan. This group got great reviews from the students in their final evaluation of camp!! We are so grateful that we have dedicated teachers like this who are willing to commit a week of their summer to our students.

The students, themselves, were outstanding. They did a great job in all of their leadership activities and all of them said that they learned a bunch and loved the camp. Many even said they would come back next year if they could!

I am hopeful that all of the clubs who sent students will invite them to one of your meetings so you can feel the pride that we all felt during camp!

Next year our goal is to have 100% participation of our clubs for sending at least one student to camp. The cost is minimal and the personal reward is great!!

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L to R: RYLA District Co-Chair Corky Dean, Molly Binder, and RYLA District Chair Margot Roedel



DG Pam opened the week with students and presented the \$1,000 scholarship to Molly Binder.



Students worked in small groups on problem solving and discussion activities. Outdoors, they were challenged by the high ropes course which helps with individual as well as team strengthening activities.



In her winning essay, Molly wrote:

My experiences at Camp Rotary led me to become much more involved in my surroundings, and I have taken on many responsibilities that allow me to use my leadership skills. However, I think that the greatest skill I learned at Camp Rotary, the very best gift I was given, was the skill of breaking the ice with another person. I gained the confidence to get over my shyness, leave my protective shell, approach someone, and break the barriers to communication. Of all the contributions I can make, the result of my willingness to simply reach out to another person tops them all.

My participation at Camp Rotary was "the gift that keeps on giving". I hardly recognize myself sometimes because I am so much more involved in the world around me than I ever dreamed I would or could be. My teachers couldn't help but notice the difference in me! This past year has far surpassed my expectations, and my future decisions will continue to be influenced by my experience at Camp Rotary. My career aspiration to become a Doctor of Chiropractic will enable me to continue to reach out and serve others.

Youth Exchange Students Head West

Many of the Youth Exchange students from our district have been visiting the western US with the rest of the Central States group. We asked for an update, but all we got was these photos - guess they are having a good time!



Dear Rotary 6310,

Thank you so much for choosing me to be the recipient of the Camp Rotary Youth Leadership District 6310 Scholarship. I am truly honored to receive this award, and I really needed the scholarship money as I begin my college education at Saginaw Valley State University. It has been my privilege to be associated with your camp and members. Again, thank you for this scholarship. I am extremely grateful for it.

Thank you,
Molly Binder

New District Secretary

Thanks to Joan Herbert for her years of service as District Secretary. We welcome Barb Fisher of the Bay City club as the new District Secretary. Send your attendance reports to Barb starting this month. Email information to fisherbs@chartermi.net or call her at 989-893-2528.



Membership And Attendance Report May, 2008

Club	Members 6-30-07	Members 5-31-08	Net Gain (Loss)	Percent Avg. Attendance	Number of Meetings	Percent of Foundation Goal
Alma/St. Louis	49	55	6	65.1	4	46%
Alpena	92	86	-6	67.84	3	77%
Bad Axe	50	45	-5	52	3	108%
Bay City	117	123	6	56.19	4	99%
Bay City Morning	34	39	5	94	5	98%
Birch Run	24	22	-2	73	4	75%
Breckenridge	17	15	-2	76	4	80%
Caro	60	55	-5	73	3	90%
Cass City	35	39	4	74.31	4	75%
Chesaning	16	17	1	No Report	3	380%
Clare	74	72	-2	68	4	0%
Corunna	30	31	1	85	5	124%
Durand	23	23	0	66	4	0%
Frankenmuth Morning	29	31	2	88	4	94%
Frankenmuth	119	122	3	88.76	5	156%
Gladwin	25	28	3	89	4	32%
Harbor Beach	19	18	-1	62	4	20%
Ithaca	26	24	-2	70	4	0%
Midland	169	171	2	68	4	129%
Midland Morning	49	57	8	81	4	102%
Millington	16	16	0	67	3	50%
Mt. Pleasant	61	60	-1	71	3	115%
Oscoda	32	30	-2	63	5	120%
Owosso	70	69	-1	69.84	5	39%
Pigeon	50	58	8	No Report	4	98%
Pinconning/Standish	0	29	29	52	4	0%
Saginaw	56	56	0	60	4	122%
Saginaw Sunrise	27	31	4	52	4	52%
Saginaw Valley	57	43	-14	45	3	25%
Sebewaing	20	18	-2	66.67	4	0%
Shepherd	15	13	-2	81.5	5	22%
Vassar	22	19	-3	71	4	0%
Totals	1483*	1515	32			87%

Reminder! Regular monthly reporting of a club's attendance and membership activities must be received by the 20th day of each month by our District Secretary Barb Fisher. Please email to fisherbs@chartermi.net or call her at 989-893-2528. 100% is our goal!



Message from the Governor



Gov. Pam Harkema

Rotary Shares.

When I first heard the theme for this year, I was honestly not impressed. Most of the previous years, the president of Rotary International had used the theme to give some kind of action or direction: Lend a Hand, Celebrate Rotary, Lead the Way... go and DO something in the way of marching orders. But Rotary Shares is descriptive. It's a declarative statement. In time, the

sheer brilliance of the theme revealed itself. Rotary Shares reflects every aspect of our clubs and every aspect of who we are as individual Rotarians. At our corporate level, Rotary Shares millions of dollars for thousands of projects on every continent. Rotary Shares a spirit that inspires people like Dr. Margaret Chan, Director-General of the World Health Organization to make the eradication of Polio the top priority and to dedicate resources because with Rotary the goal can be achieved. Rotary spirit inspires governments like the Province of Ontario to commit \$60 million to polio's eradication. And we are responding with open hearts as clubs and individuals to the challenge to add another \$100 million by the end of 2010. *Rotary Shares our spirit.*

Rotary Shares at our district. I believe we will always remember 2007-08 as the year we broke new ground for Rotary and formed unique alliances with our brother Mohibullah Israr. We have friends in Afghanistan. Could you say that last year? In the coming months, the district's incredible financial response will furnish a school, provide shade for the sick who stand for hours in the sun to see a doctor, and provide healing medicines. All of this in addition to the \$15,000 of matching grant funds we added to a multi-district project to furnish a women's dormitory at Nangahar University. Seventy women will attend college because of our district's commitment. We are moving ahead with the Bad Axe/District well project to dig the next 24 wells in Haiti, the Bay City/District Million Trees project in the Sahara, the Mt. Pleasant club project supporting an orphanage in Zambia, and now a new project spearheaded by Ambassadorial Scholar Dave Cupery in Guayquil Equador to supply a school with water. We can celebrate that our clubs have contributed significant amounts to The Rotary Foundation. With our anticipated June contributions, our district's giving to the Annual Programs Fund will top the clubs' goal of \$129,315, plus we can add more than \$25,000 in extra giving to the polio fund. *Rotary District 6310 Shares our compassion.*

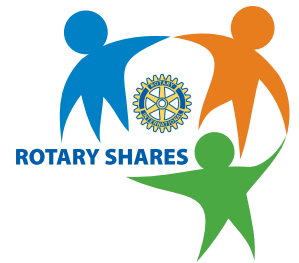
Our clubs share in local communities and beyond with projects that transform the landscape of our area, not just by planting flowers or picking up trash, but in planting ideas and picking up projects. Rotarians find a critical need and Rotarians are there to answer the need. Our clubs support dozens of projects for youth. Consider how the lives of the youth exchange students in our district, and our own students abroad, have been forever changed. *Rotary Shares our enthusiasm.*

As individual Rotarians, we too have the chance to change the world. In this last year, my friends, I have learned the world is really a very small place. We can fully embrace and know that we as individual members of this amazing organization of Rotary - we do make a difference. *Rotary Shares our belief.*

It has been my greatest honor to serve you as governor in this phenomenal district. The last few years, Rotary provided the foundation which expanded my thinking, which grew my outlook and my abilities, and which opened me to truly believing that anything can be accomplished. I'm so grateful to my family for their support, for the amazing club presidents who served this year with me, for a parade of past district governors who shared their wisdom and perspective, and especially to Owosso Rotarians who jumped to help the district and to help me whenever I asked. This is a club who embraces Rotary Shares.

So my friends, I close with a quote from a favorite song, "because I knew you, I have been changed for good."

This is how Rotary Shares!



Joining Hands... *Continued from page 1*

Thanks to these clubs who partnered on the project: Bay City, Gladwin, Midland Morning, Saginaw Sunrise, Owosso (project leader), Frankenmuth, Frankenmuth Morning, Alpena, Caro, Oscoda, Breckenridge, Harbor Beach, and Corunna clubs combined to provide \$2,587 which will be boosted by \$3,500 of District Simplified Grant funds. Mt. Pleasant led the charge with a contribution of \$4,000 which is supporting construction efforts at the school and teacher salaries.