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From District Governor Sue Goldsen...

What a great month!

This past Friday I journeyed to Cleveland, Ohio with many folks from our District Conference team. As we walked around to check out our great venue, the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, I began to reflect on how fast this year is going and that soon it will come to an end. But we will have so much to celebrate in Cleveland, and celebrations are nothing without great people like YOU! I hope those of you who have been considering joining us will register soon. I had a chance to meet our keynote speaker, Beth Giuliano, Director of Operations from the Old Stone Church. Her story will speak to your heart. Our very own Vice-President of Rotary International, Jennifer Jones, will be on hand. Past Rotary International President Rick King will be our special guest—Rick will inspire you and motivate you to be all that you can be as a Rotarian. And Past R.I. Director John Smarge has been asked by R.I. President John Germ to represent the President at our conference!

Program co-chair Phyllis Charbonneau and I stopped at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame to check out our setup for Thursday evening's PRIVATE PARTY, and we discovered 3 new exhibits will be open just in time for our visit there! Once again, I ask you to **please join us for this long weekend**. I know it's an investment, but I promise the dividends you will get in fellowship and recharging your Rotary batteries will be well worth it.

Dr. Nick Krayacich was selected to be our team leader for our Vocational Training Team (VTT) to Ethiopia in 2017. Nick and a group of us did team interviews this last month and we selected 5 incredible professionals with wonderful experience in areas that will serve the people of Ethiopia very well. Congratulations to everyone involved in this great program.

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I've had the great pleasure to attend many Rotary Club events this month. I so appreciate the hospitality, and am inspired by the fundraisers and celebrations that you all do. The Northville Club had a great evening at the Detroit Athletic Club, LaSalle-Centennial had their annual Crystal Drop where they recognized Dr. Godfrey Bachieye with the first annual "Roger Mann International Service Award." Also had a chance to attend the Livonia Rotary Clubs donation night February 27th. What a great way to bring a community together and pass out the donations your club makes to them! Finally, last week the Southgate Rotary Club had their annual "Meet the District Governor-Elect" Event. DGE Rick Caron did a great job and challenged all of us to "Boldly Grow membership, the Boldly Show the world their Rotary stories and Boldly Donate to the Rotary Foundation. Let's **Boldly Go** as Rotarians, People of Action, and Make a Difference in the World."

There are some very important deadlines that are coming up over the next few weeks. First, April 1st, is the deadline for World Community Grants. Details at <http://rotary6400.org/?p=3388>

There are several awards with deadlines coming up in the next several weeks. All of the details for these awards may be found at http://rotary6400.org/?page_id=502

Rotarians—thank you for all your are doing to further the great work of Rotary! Be sure to **Follow Your Heart as you serve Humanity!** And don't forget to ask a community member, friend or colleague to join our great Rotary organization. More hands make light work and increases our opportunity for serving others.

DG Sue

Visit our Super District 6400 website—www.rotary6400.org

Membership Corner

How flexible are your membership options?



Do you know Rotaractors who could bring new perspectives, ideas, and energy to your club? Have your members asked for a more flexible attendance policy or different membership types? Here are five ways to implement the new options for membership flexibility approved during the 2016 Council on Legislation:

- **Change your meeting schedule** — you can change the day and time your club meets, as long as your club meets at least twice a month.

- **Vary the meeting format** — you can meet in person or online, or have a

combination of both. [Read how the Rotary Club of New York](#) is teaming with the UN to host monthly breakfast meetings online.

- **Relax attendance requirements** — while attendance is important, you can encourage members to give their time in different ways.

- **Offer different membership types** — alternative types include family, junior, or corporate memberships. These members will only be considered active and counted toward your membership total if they pay RI dues.

- **[Invite Rotaractors to be members of your club](#)** — you can reduce fees or relax the attendance policy for these members, as long as your bylaws reflect this.

Visit www.rotary.org/flexibility to learn more and to access resources to help your club start applying these changes. If you've already made changes to help your club membership become more flexible, tell your story to fellow Rotarians on the [Membership Best Practices Discussion Group](#).

Presenting Rotary to Prospective Members

What is Rotary all about? What do Rotarians do? Why should prospective members join your club? If you are looking for a presentation on the who, what, and why of Rotary, download the [Discover Rotary](#) PowerPoint presentation. This new resource touches on Rotary's values and history, and highlights the benefits of membership. The slides can be customized to include information and images that reflect your club. This presentation, along with the [Impact Begins with You](#) brochure, is an excellent way to introduce Rotary to prospective members or at public events.

With the easing of attendance requirements and meeting schedules, it makes it easier than ever to not only attract but also RETAIN our current members—no need to purge the membership rolls at the end of the Rotary year because someone didn't meet our "attendance rules." Our goal is to retain all of our existing members and to recruit one more member between now and the end of June so that we end the year with a membership increase!



Hundreds of dads, daughters, grandpas and uncles danced the night away in Huron Township February 24th during a daddy-daughter dance held in the media center at Huron High School.

The event was sponsored by Huron Township Rotary. "We had just over 400 attendees, two photo booths, pizza, cookies, and DJ Scott Wellman had music piping in 2 rooms," said Terri Riopelle, Rotary member.

"It was truly a huge success for Rotary, in particular the women of Rotary. The women of Rotary have a new logo—WRR—Women Rock Rotary."



District Governor Sue Goldsen is pleased to inform the members of Super District 6400 that Detroit A.M. Rotarian and current Assistant Governor John Chambers is officially District Governor

Nominee-Designate. John will be formally elected during the upcoming District Conference, and will serve the district as Governor in 2019-2020. Congratulations John!

District 6400 2016-17 Awards

Click on these links for more information:

- ⇒ [2016-17 Dick Hedke Award Entry Offline Worksheet](#)
- ⇒ [2016-17 Dick Hedke Award Online Entry**](#)
- ⇒ [2016-17 Hugh Archer Best New Project Entry Form](#)
- ⇒ [2016-17 Hugh Archer Best Collaborative Project Entry Form](#)
- ⇒ [Frank Devlyn Exemplary Public Image Award Entry Form](#)

**You may leave your work and return to it as long as you use the same computer.

Look for other district awards under the "Resources" tab" at the District 6400 website, www.rotary6400.org.

Rotary Windsor-St Clair had 14 donors on Rotary Day at Blood Services, including 6 first timers! Rotarians can through the end of March as part of the our challenge. **Rotarians save lives.**



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Rotary **WORLD PEACE CONFERENCE 2017**
ROTARY WORKS FOR PEACE

MARCH 31 - APRIL 1, 2017
MICHIGAN LEAGUE, UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN
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Governor Sue (2nd from right, back row) and District 6400 Interact Chair Jeanne Knopf-DeRoche (4th from left, back row) visited the proud members of the Rotary Club of Essex on February 8th as they celebrated the chartering of a new Interact club at Essex High School.



Just added—Bill Gates!

June 10-14, 2017

Register Now at

www.riconvention.org



Congratulations to long-time Windsor (1918) Rotarian Dr. Godfrey Bachieye who was awarded the Multicultural Council of Windsor & Essex County's "Champion Award." The Windsor area has the fourth largest immigrant population in Canada. The Champion Award was created by the Multicultural Council to celebrate the significant contributions first generation Canadians make to our community. "Leaving home and starting over in a new country is never easy. It often means leaving your family, starting from scratch and learning a new language. The Champion Award is for those who overcome these hardships, build successful lives here and give back to the community."



Taylor Rotarians volunteered to help sponsor and serve breakfast to over 200 students teachers and parents to celebrate Beaumont Hospital's Taylor Teen Drug Resistance Program for children 2nd to 6th grade. Taylor Rotarian Simone Calvas chaired this event. The Taylor Fraternal Order of Police were co-sponsors. The children had fun with breakfast, talking about acts of kindness and enjoying their fellowship. Several students received recognition plaques for their winning poetry.



Rotary  **Calendar**
District 6400

- Saturday, March 4—"Rockin' the D" fundraiser sponsored by Trenton Rotary, Crystal Gardens in Southgate, 6-11pm
- Saturday, March 11—Plymouth Interact Peace Summit, Canton HS Cafeteria, 8415 N Canton Center Rd., 8:30am-3:30pm
- Saturday, March 11—"Shake Your Shamrock" dance sponsored by Dundee Area Rotary, Old Mill Museum Banquet Hall, 6pm-Midnight
- Saturday, March 11—"St. Paddy's Dueling Piano Party" sponsored by Wayne Rotary, Hype Recreation Center, doors open 6:30pm
- Thursday, March 16-Saturday, March 18—Great Lakes Rotary PETS (Presidents-Elect Training Seminar), Radisson Plaza Hotel, Kalamazoo, www.greatlakesrotarypets.org
- Saturday, March 18—Trenton Rotary's "Reading with the Characters" at the Westfield Center, 11am-2pm
- Friday, March 24—"Rockin' Rotary Sock Hop" sponsored by Allen Park Rotary, Lincoln Park Masonic Hall. Hamburgers, hot dogs, fries, root beer and orange floats, DJ with 50's and 60's music, contests for costumes, hula hoop, bubble gum blowing and more. 6-11pm
- Saturday, March 25—Westland Rotary's "Magic of Giving" fundraiser, a magical event for the whole family! Stockmeyer Auditorium at Wayne Memorial High School, 2pm
- Saturday, April 1—Dearborn Heights Rotary's Maskerade Dinner & Auction, Joy Manor Banquet Center, 28999 Joy Road in Westland MI, 6-10pm
- Saturday, April 8—District Assembly, important training session for all District 6400 Rotarians, especially club leaders, St. Clair Centre for the Arts in downtown Windsor, 8am -Noon. Register online.
- Thursday, May 11-Sunday, May 14—District Conference, Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. More information and registration [HERE](#).

Windsor-Roseland Rotarians hosted their annual Vocational Awards January 31st. This award recognizes individuals that go above and beyond in their vocation. It is a true community event.

In an effort to promote and foster the ideal of Vocational Service through the good work of Rotary and the Community, the Windsor-Roseland Rotary Club Vocational Service Awards have been established. This award helps celebrate individuals who excel in their vocation and recognizes them for excelling in their field of employment. The award winners were honoured at an event at the Fogolar Furlan Club of Windsor. Thanks to snapd Windsor for their great photo work!



Congratulations to the Madison (Adrian) Interact students, faculty advisor and Adrian Morning Rotarian Dawn Opsal, and Stone's Catering for hosting a Valentines Day dinner at the Salvation Army Share the Warmth Shelter. The shelter provides a meal and bed to Adrian's homeless population during the winter months, and volunteer groups cook throughout the season. The Interactors decided to give the meal a special flair with formal table-settings and dressing up for the occasion. Later in the month, Governor Sue delivered a meat loaf meal to 30+ folks at the shelter.

Don Osterwind Jr. and Dan Jones
Joe Fusco
Gordon & Teri Schott
John Russell
Vorbodan

The Rotary Club of Westland Presents

The Magic of Giving

A magical event for the whole family!

CARD TRICKS • ILLUSIONS

Featuring the Ann Arbor Magic Club

Sponsored by the Westland Rotary Charitable Foundation 501(c)(3)

Saturday, March 25th @ 2pm

Stockmeyer Auditorium

at Wayne Memorial High School • Doors open @ 1pm
on Glenwood between Wildwood & Veray

\$10 each or 4 for \$30 ALL AGES

For ticket sales call (734) 261-5010 or email marialmutter@gmail.com

Costumed Characters by DYPAC

Freddie Strawberry
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If you give a mouse...
Elmer
Pete the Cat
Cat in the Hat
Thing 1 & 2
Timberbell
Spatterman
Winnie the Pooh
Where's Waldo
Purple Longstocking
Rainbow Fish
Your Favorite Princesses
and more!.....

Trenton Rotary and DYPAC Present...
A Literacy Event!

Reading with the Characters!!

Saturday March 18, 2017

Westfield Center: 11am - 2:00pm

1700 Westfield Trenton, NJ 08153 (Next to Trenton Library)

Donate a used or new book or \$5
Sit with a character, get autographs, take photos!
Make a book related craft and have cookies!

Come sit with a character-
Hear stories, take photos, get autographs
and make a book related craft! Cookies too!!

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Register now for the 2017 District 6400 Conference in downtown Cleveland! Click here for [highlights](#) and [online registration](#) (DACdb login required). **If you're already registered for the conference, the hotel and conference package is now available for purchase—please click on the online registration link above.**



Never attended a Rotary District Conference? Register now and SAVE \$\$\$ when you join us in Cleveland next May!

Once again this year, District 6400 is offering a "First-Timers' Stipend" to Rotarians who haven't experienced the fun, sharing and fellowship of a District Conference.

If your club provides a \$150.00 stipend to encourage your attendance, District 6400 will match it—you save \$300.00!

Contact your club president to find out if your club is participating. The stipend will be paid to the club after you've returned from Cleveland.

Register for DisCon 2017 today at www.rotary6400.org

**MAY 11-14, 2017
Cleveland Renaissance Hotel**



Thursday, May 11th—exclusive Super District 6400 private dinner event at the Rock & Roll Hall of Fame!

Friday, May 12th—Rotary Foundation centennial birthday celebration featuring keynote speaker and Past Rotary International President Rick King and music by the Rotary District 6400 All-Stars!

Saturday, May 13th—Annual awards gala evening featuring the 2016-17 Dick Hedke, Hugh Archer and Frank Devlyn winners.

Northville Rotarians participated in a special event to raise money for polio eradication on February 17th. Club member D.J. Boyd (top right, and below with Governor Sue) generously donated his suite at the Detroit Athletic Club for a lovely evening of fellowship.

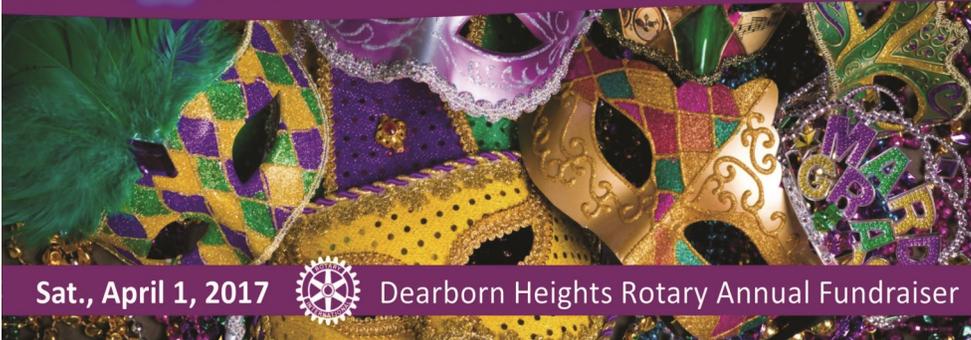


Vocational Training Team to Ethiopia selected



The District Rotary Foundation Committee's Vocational Training Team sub-committee, led by co-chairs Jeanne Knopf-DeRoche and Janet Kelly, chose LaSalle-Centennial Past President Nick Krayacich (above) to lead this year's Vocational Training Team to Axum Town in the *Laelay Maichew* district of Ethiopia. The team will provide training for trainers who will then train health care workers in the region. The areas of training will be: Maternal and child nutrition, Communicable disease prevention and control, WASH training, HIV AIDS prevention and treatment and Long-term family planning. The VTT sub-committee also selected team members Kim Levergood, Rojin Golbaz, Beverly Mihalko, Theresa Schuurman and Gloria Milburn.

MASKARADE Dinner and Auction



Sat., April 1, 2017  Dearborn Heights Rotary Annual Fundraiser



Saturday, April 1, 2017
 from 6:00 p.m.—12:00 a.m.
Joy Manor
 28999 Joy Rd, Westland MI 48185

Dinner Includes:

Filet Mignon, Lobster tail, salad, vegetables, dessert with **PREMIUM OPEN BAR!**
 (vegetarian option available for pre-order)

Tin Can Raffle | 50/50 | Music & Dancing with Live D.J.!

Entertainment sponsored by Vertin Dentistry

Famous Wheelbarrow of Cheer Raffle

Ticket Information

\$70.00 per person | **\$60.00 per person by March 22**
 Reserved table of 8—\$480.00 | Reserved table of 8 with signage—\$500.00
 Purchase online www.dearbornheightsrotary.org or call (313) 562-4224

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The Rotary Clubs of Woodhaven & Brownstown and Trenton jointly sponsored a "Wine & Pallet Party" fundraiser February 7th. Pictured at right are Trenton Rotarians displaying the pallets they designed while enjoying their beverage.



Southgate Rotary hosted it's annual "Meet the DGE" event February 23rd. Pictured here are District Governor-Elect Rick Caron and Southgate President-Elect Joel Sherrard.



During her "State of the City" presentation, Trenton Rotarian and Trenton Mayor Kyle Stack (4th from left) was presented a special award from the club.

"Random Acts of Kindness" - make sure you post your photos and stories on our special [Facebook page—click here!](#)

Northville Rotarians Marilyn Price, Sue Campbell and Marita Smith packed and delivered cookies to the Northville Police and Fire department. A nice valentine's day random act of kindness for our local public servants.



Grosse Ile Rotarians Diane Milkins and Al Counard pooled their resources of \$29 and \$23 respectively from the Spare Change Bag and worked together on their random act of kindness. They chose to make a cash donation to the "Sock Man" – Rudy Washington. Rudy is just 12 years old and actively collects new socks for the homeless at the Southgate YMCA. He's collected over 3,000 pairs of socks and Rudy distributes these socks to the homeless. Rudy said this was the first cash donation he has ever received. Diane and Al were very generous and rounded their donation up to \$100 for Rudy's efforts and positive example as he serves humanity.



Have news? Club events, projects or fund-raisers? Photos? Please email 'em all to news@rotary6400.org so we can feature them in "News & Notes"!



Our condolences go out to Northville Rotary president Patrick Giesa (left), who lost his wife Cheryl Ann on February 13, 2017 after a courageous fight against cancer. Beloved wife of Patrick L. Giesa . A time of gathering will be held Sunday, March 19 from 4-6 p.m. with a Memorial Service beginning at 6 p.m. at Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville.



Livonia Rotary and its charitable Foundation handed out thousands of dollars to more than a dozen organizations at its 7th annual "Donation Night" February 27th at Laurel Manor. Representatives from each organization are invited to attend the special event. Pictured above are Livonia Rotarian Dave Cash and Governor Sue.

The Rotary Clubs of Essex County held a Trivia Night at the St. Nicholas Macedonian Hall on Howard. The evening included a pasta dinner, mystery wine auction, a silent auction, cash prizes and cash bar. Proceeds from the evening go to Second Chance Ministry and Erie Shores Hospice.



(Left) Governor Sue with District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair PDG Donna Schmidt bidding on some auction items during the 10th annual "Crystal Drop Gala" February 25th, sponsored by the Rotary Club of LaSalle-Centennial.

(Right) Founding chairs Rajbir "Roger" Mann (back row, 4th from left) and Shalin Khosa (back row, far right) were both on hand to celebrate the festivities.



WAYNE ROTARY CLUB
PRESENTS **St. Paddy's**
Dueling Piano Party
SATURDAY, MARCH 11th
DOORS OPEN at 6:30 PM • SHOW STARTS at 7:30 PM

5th Annual Dundee
Area Rotary Dance
"Shake Your
Shamrock"
Saturday, March
11, 2017
6p.m.—Midnight



SAVE THE DATE
BLISSFIELD ROTARY • 29TH ANNUAL CHARITY AUCTION

March 25, 2017

Blissfield American Legion

5:30 p.m. - Doors Open • Registration, Cocktails & Silent Auction

6:30 p.m. - Dinner

8:00 p.m. - Live Auction w/ Jerry Anderson of WTOL/TV Toledo

Tickets \$50 ea. • Available @ Blissfield Insurance Agency

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