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From District Governor Sue Goldsen...

I have said many times over the past few weeks - and I mean this with all sincerity - being District Governor is the best gig in Rotary! I am simply in awe of all the great things that Rotarians and Clubs are doing in their communities. I also want to recognize our incredibly hard-working Assistant Governors who work with the Rotary Clubs throughout our district all year long. They help me and other leaders with events like One Rotary Summit and so much more. Special thanks to them for their assistance at all the Official Visits as well. Please make sure use these talented Rotarians as a resource throughout the year.



I have about a dozen remaining visits as I write this column. They have really gone by so fast. A common theme from all clubs is the struggle of finding new members and making sure that we are engaging and retaining the members we have. So I'd like to offer some thoughts and a great success story. As most of you know, the Rotary International's Council on Legislation recently made historic changes allowing for much more flexibility for a club and its members. It is critical that we allow these changes to flow through the fabric of our clubs. Why, you ask? We want our members to feel welcome and to let them know we understand their busy lives. Classifications, attendance requirements and what counts towards attendance have changed and been updated to give members easier ways to serve and network with each other. Listen to your members, survey your members and then take action to make your Rotary club inviting and relevant to your community.

A great example of this is the Grosse Pointe Rotary Club. This club met for 50 years at the noon hour at the Grosse Pointe War Memorial. Earlier this year, they started to examine why some of their meetings had low attendance, why they were having a recruiting problem. After months of thoughtful and inclusive discussion of all members, they changed their meeting time to Wednesdays at 5:30pm. They share a half-hour of fellowship, cash bar and some light appetizers, followed by a 45-minute meeting. If folks want to stay later to play cards or eat dinner, they can. For those who need to get home to families or other activities, the meeting is concise and they can leave. The keys to their successful switch were getting buy-in from all members, and keeping meetings short, focused and convenient. Their attendance at meetings is up and they've recruited many new members in the first 3 months of the Rotary year!

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DG Sue & Bruce at Hines Park PM
Rotary's Big 80's Wedding

Rotary International Vice-President Jennifer Jones has offered to join me and host a webinar on October 13th to help us better understand the changes and how critical it is to embrace them. She will also be open to Questions/Answers. Please look for details on this soon.

This month is a critical time for getting in RSVP's for both our Rotary Foundation Legacy Dinner and Membership Luncheon. Please do so either on your own or through your club president. The club RSVP forms and information for these events can be found on our district website, www.rotary6400.org. I look forward to seeing many of you at these functions.

Keep up the great work and remember to Follow your Heart as you Serve Humanity.

DG Sue

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



Register now for the 2017 District 6400 Conference in downtown Cleveland! Click here for highlights and online registration (DACdb login required).



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

Friday, May 12th—Rotary Foundation centennial birthday celebration featuring Past Rotary International President (2001-02) Rick King!



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

October is Economic and Community Development Month



Created by Rotary District 6400, LaunchDETROIT strives to develop successful entrepreneurs, especially women, who have limited access to financial and business resources.

LaunchDETROIT is a multi-faceted program that includes:

- Free small business training: 10 classes of 3 hours each
- Micro-loans \$1,000 to \$2,500 each
- An assigned mentor from the business community
- Networking opportunities



Led by PDG Larry Wright and Detroit Rotarian Margaret Williamson, LaunchDETROIT is a shining example of how Rotary helps nurture area entrepreneurs like Levi Johnson, Jr (above, with Trenton Rotarian, A.G. Noel Jackson). Levi is the creator of My-T-Fine Soul Sauce, a barbecue sauce for supermarkets, caterers, and restaurants .

Rotary District 6400 Calendar

- Monday, October 3rd—35th Annual District Governor’s Golf Outing, 11:00am registration, Walnut Creek Golf Club in South Lyon, Michigan. See flyer on page 6 of this newsletter to register.
- Saturday, October 15th—“Ghana Have A Good Time” Area 5 Rotary clubs fundraiser at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Plymouth.
- Wednesday, October 19th—“Pigout for Polio” hosted by Rotary Club of Windsor (1918). 6-8pm at Walkerville Brewery. Email info@rotary1918.com for tickets.
- Friday, October 21st—Windsor-Roseland Rotary “Wines of the World” 6-9pm at St. Clair Centre for the Arts in downtown Windsor, more info at roselandrotary.com.
- Friday, October 21st—An Evening With Roy Orbison, Johnny Cash and Willie Nelson, fundraiser for Dearborn Heights Rotary, 6:00pm at American Legion hall, 23850 Military Rd., Dearborn Heights MI 48127. Tickets must be purchased by October 14, call (313) 562-4224 or (313) 277-1548.
- Wednesday, October 26th—“The Great Tailgate” sponsored by Taylor & Trenton Rotary Clubs, 5-10pm at Crystal Gardens in Southgate, MI. More info and tickets at www.GreatTailgateEvent.com.
- Thursday, November 3rd—“Orange & Black Bounce Party” fundraiser for Dearborn Heights Rotary Guatemala Project, 3:00-9:00pm, AirTime Trampoline & Game Park, 36901 Warren Rd., Westland, MI
- Friday & Saturday, November 4th & 5th—Rotary Club of Windsor-St. Clair/Cogeco TV Auction, info at www.tvauctionrotary.com.
- Thursday, November 10th—Million Dollar Legacy Dinner, featuring Rotary International President John Germ and Vice-President Jennifer Jones, to celebrate and honor District 6400 Rotarians who have made special contributions to The Rotary Foundation in commemoration of its 100th Anniversary. 6:00pm at the Inn at St. John’s in Plymouth, MI. Contact PDG Neil McBeth (nrmcbeth@gmail.com) or PDG Donna Schmidt (rotarydronna@gmail.com) to find out how you can help.
- Friday, November 11th—District 6400 Membership Luncheon, where special guests R.I. President John Germ and Vice-President Jennifer Jones will induct dozens of new District 6400 Rotarians, Noon at Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Center, Plymouth MI.
- Tuesday, November 15th—Rotary Road Trip from Downriver (bus leaves from Flat Rock 10:30am) to Windsor-Roseland. \$40 per person for round-trip bus; lunch at Fogolar Furlan \$13.00 USD, followed by trips to local Essex county wineries, bus returns by 6:00pm. [Click here](#) for more information.

Mark your calendars for these two important District 6400 events—both featuring Rotary International President John Germ and Vice-President Jennifer Jones. Details at www.rotary6400.org!



District 6400 Membership Luncheon Friday, November 11th 12:00 pm Fox Hills Golf & Banquet Club Plymouth, Michigan



SAVE THE DATE
JUNE 10 - 14, 2017



Visit www.riconvention.org to register!



Limited to 100 students, RYLA is a two-day event that PROVIDES high school sophomores, juniors and seniors OPPORTUNITIES to develop leadership skills AND apply these skills by participating in hands-on activities while making new FRIENDS and having a great time! Download the 2016 application under the "Youth Services" tab at the district website, www.rotary6400.org or [click here](#). Sponsoring Rotary clubs must approve and pay the \$170.00/student RYLA fee. Overnight housing is available for students from Essex and Lenawee counties.

We've Got New Members!

Adrian (Noon) Rotary inducted two new members during Governor Sue's September 15th official visit. (L-R) New members Nate Salazar and Anna Mortimer, DG Sue & Adrian President Chuck Chase.

Remember—all newly recruited Rotary members by October 15th will be invited (along with the club's president) to a special Membership Luncheon at Fox Hills Golf Club in Plymouth, Michigan on November 11th. The new Rotarians will be inducted by Rotary Int'l President John Germ!



From DG Sue: "We talk often about the family of Rotary and today I had the honor to install Tony Fischer's mom. Talk about full circle Tony, his beautiful wife, Lori and now his mom, all Rotarians at the Southgate Rotary Club. Congrats!

District 6400 Rotarians In Action!



Cottam Rotarians put on a big show for the community during its 54th Annual Horse Show & Festival September 11th.



The provisional Hines Park PM Rotary Club threw its "Big 80's Wedding" to benefit *Covenant House* in Detroit on September 24th. Pictured is club president Derek Locke with Governor Sue (L) and his wife Dianne (R).



Romulus Rotarians at the Parade of Lights!



Adrian Rotarians gathered together over 70 community members for its annual River Raisin Clean-up September 24th.

District 6400 Rotary clubs have embraced the "Random Acts of Kindness initiative...make sure you post your photos and stories on our special Facebook page—click here! October 2016 News & Notes page 4



Southgate's Lori Adams-Fischer left school supplies for a local teacher (L). Livonia's Dave Stechholz and his son Andrew removed debris from the storm drains in their neighborhood. Belleville Rotary's Mary Jo Suchy paid cab fare for a Belleville library patron so she could attend a class at the library in August. And from Windsor-Roseland, Aruna Koushik offered her office to two colleagues who had no air conditioning. She wasn't sure that counted! Sue Desjarlais took popsicles and water to Library workers on the picket line. Jeff Casey combined a Random Act of Kindness with a learning opportunity for his kids by paying for the coffee of the car behind in the take-out line.

District Governor Sue's Official Visits!



Adrian



Wayne



Huron Township



Trenton



Southgate



Amherstburg



Dearborn Heights



Canton



Clinton



Cottam

Save the Date!

THE GREAT TAILGATE

Wednesday, October 26th
5 to 10 pm
Crystal Gardens Banquet Center
16703 Fort Street, Southgate

Presented by the Taylor & Trenton Rotary Clubs to benefit **The Chad Tough Foundation & Children's Miracle Network of Lansing**



Members and guests of the Windsor-St. Clair Rotary Club met at the Windsor Yacht Club for a breakfast meeting where they awarded Post-Secondary Bursaries to local area high school students. Each student was awarded \$800 towards their education. Visit www.rotarywindsorstclair.com for more information. Bursary recipients are flanked by club president Debra Harshaw (L) and member Carlo Abati (R).

Rotary 

PIGOUT FOR POLIO

HOSTED BY ROTARY CLUB OF WINDSOR 1918

Rotary Fundraiser and Fellowship Event
TICKETS LIMITED TO 150 - CONTACT US TODAY AT 519-253-6382 OR INFO@ROTARY1918.COM
Dinner, Speaker and Entertainment
BBQ PIGLET, BBQ CHICKEN, ROASTED POTATOES, SALADS, DESSERTS, COFFEE

WALKERVILLE BREWERY  TICKETS \$30 EACH

WEDNESDAY 19 OCTOBER 6PM-8PM

We are  This Close to Ending Polio

Thank You to our Generous Donors

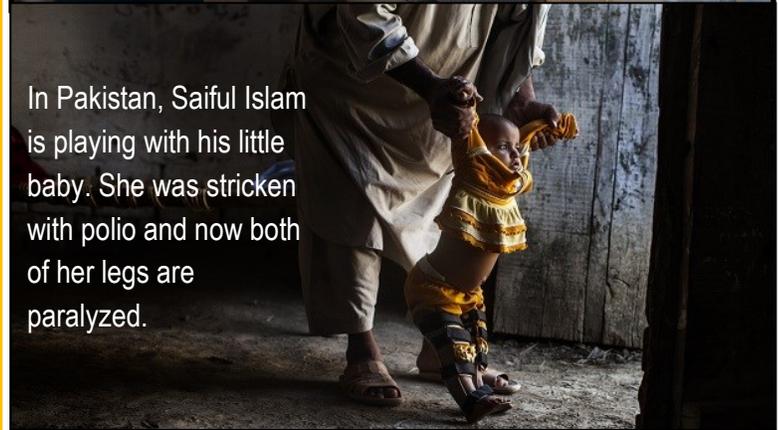
     

Rotary  

I want to end polio. Join me.

Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event
24 October 2016
6:30 p.m. EDT

endpolio.org



In Pakistan, Saiful Islam is playing with his little baby. She was stricken with polio and now both of her legs are paralyzed.

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"!



WINES OF THE WORLD

Proceeds support the work of **Rotary Club of Windsor-Roseland**



2016 date Oct. 21st

ST. CLAIR COLLEGE CENTRE FOR THE ARTS

FOR TICKETS CALL: 519-981-1713

Before Sept. 30th - \$750 table of 10

After Oct. 1 - \$800 table

\$80 single tickets - all inclusive

roselandrotary.com

COME CELEBRATE

21st Anniversary in 2016

SPONSORED BY:



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International & Regional Wine & Gourmet Culinary Event

6th Annual Feed the World Day

at the The Henry Ford College Student Center Cafeteria in building M



The Southeastern Michigan Rotary Clubs are sponsoring a **100,000** meal packaging. We are looking for 600 volunteers to help package meals for starving children around the globe and in our own surrounding neighborhoods.

Join us. October 15, 2016

What:

Service Outreach Project

600 Volunteers are needed

shift 1 300 volunteers from **9 am to 11am**

shift 2 300 volunteers from **11 am to 2pm**

Henry Ford College Student Center Cafeteria Building M
5101 Evergreen Rd.
Dearborn, Mich. 48128

SIGN UP

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/6th-annual-feed-the-world-day-tickets-27459899298>

To **make a contribution** to the event make check payable to:

Kids Coalition Against Hunger

8600 Northrend Rd.

Oak Park Michigan 48237

Please note in the memo section: SERRC 2016

(Southeastern Region Rotary Clubs 2016)

You can also make a donation on line at kidscoalitionagainsthunger.org



Come to the Orange & Black Bounce Party

Thursday

November 3, 2016

\$15 for All Day Pass (3 pm - 9 pm)

25% of the proceeds go to Dearborn Heights Rotary Guatemala Literacy Project



AirTime Trampoline & Game Park
36901 Warren Road
Westland, MI 48185



You must mention ROTARY for a raffle ticket to be in the door prize drawing and to support this project. Those wearing black & orange can qualify for **two** chances for the door prize drawing. Refreshments available for sale from Concessions
Pizza, Bosco sticks, pretzels, chicken tenders, Chips, Sodas.

Rotary Club of Dearborn Heights
www.DearbornHeightsRotary.org

GROOVY

GHANA HAVE A GOOD TIME!

District 6400 Area 5 Fundraiser
Canton, Livonia AM, Livonia, Northville and Plymouth AM
To build a school in Ghana

October 15, 2016
6:00 pm—11:00 pm
Fox Hills Golf and Banquet Center
Fox Classic Clubhouse
8768 N Territorial Rd, Plymouth Twp

Tickets
Individual—\$75/Couple—\$150
Table of Eight—\$600
Reservations at
www.plymouthamrotaryfoundation.org

1970's Theme
Theme Attire Encouraged

Rotary

Rotary Membership



The Key to our Future!



Your club...our district—we play a key role in Rotary’s growth! The more members we have, the more service we can provide in our local and global communities! Join Rotary International Vice-President Jennifer Jones and District Governor Sue Goldsen for a **special webinar** Thursday, October 13th at 7:30pm as they review what you need to know to make membership in your club accessible to more people in your community. Details and registration link will be on the District 6400 website, www.rotary6400.org, and emailed to all Rotarians later this week.



Past Assistant Governor Marie Sowa recognizes Monroe Rotarian Larry Slagenwhite for 50 years of perfect attendance!



Robert “Bob” Cole, age 76, passed away at his home in Trenton on September 22, 2016 after a long battle with Multiple System Atrophy (MSA). Bob was born August 26th, 1940 in Dearborn. He was preceded in death by his wife Lynne after 38 years of marriage. Bob spent his career as a distinguished financial advisor for Prudential and Allstate. His passions included duck hunting, which he did for nearly 60 years. He also enjoyed traveling extensively. Bob was a longtime member of the Trenton Rotary Club, serving as president in 1987/88. He helped to start many charitable events and organizations including the Wild Game Luncheon, Cash Classic and Friends of the Friendless.



DG Sue hangin' with Clinton Rotarians during late September's *Clinton Fall Festival*. Back row from L-R: Gary Couture, DG Sue, Chris Hampson, Bernie & Shirley Fraley; Front row: club president Bonnie Peters



If you've seen DG Sue's presentation during one of her official visits, you've heard her talk lovingly about her Brazilian family. They surprised her when she visited Huron Township in September! From L-R: Adolfo Tenfen, Gabriela, Leo and Fernanda.

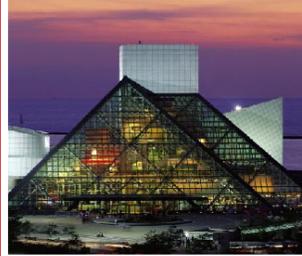


Not one—but two fundraising bike rides in District 6400 the weekend of September 24-25. The “Tour de Ville” sponsored by the Rotary Club of Northville, and the “Tour de Ile” sponsored by the Rotarians in Grosse Ile. Congratulations to both clubs and the many volunteers who helped to make the events a great success!

Top 10 Reasons you CAN'T MISS District Conference May 11-14, 2017 in Cleveland!



#10 Catch a glimpse of Cleveland's melting pot heritage at the bustling indoor West Side Market, where it's possible for visitors to hear someone ordering sausage from a Hungarian butcher -- in Hungarian (DG Sue's native language)!



#9 It's District 6400's first conference in Cleveland in over 20 years—and it's less than a 3-hour drive for most Rotarians!



#8 You'll be surrounded by Cleveland's new stadiums and other attractions including the Great Lakes Science Center



#7 District Governor Sue "got Rotified" when she attended her 1st District Conference 20 years ago. You'll get Rotified too—with hundreds of fellow Rotarians and inspiring speakers!



#6 We're staying at the historic and beautiful Renaissance Cleveland Hotel, in the heart of downtown Cleveland.



#5 You'll be awed and inspired by the hundreds of Random Acts of Kindness and get amazing ideas for projects and fundraisers to bring back to your club!



#4 Explore downtown Cleveland's rebirth, starting with the new "Public Square," the focus of a \$50-million renovation.



#3 Celebrate the 100th Anniversary of our Rotary Foundation—with a spectacular Friday night party featuring Past Rotary International President Rick King—one of Rotary's finest speakers, who'll make you both laugh and shed a tear.



#2 Our PRIVATE VIP Dinner at the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame!**

#1 District Conference is for the Rotarians of District 6400—that's YOU! Don't be left out ... register today at



www.rotary6400.org