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From District Governor John Chambers...

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Things were really going strong until the global pandemic Covid-19, or Coronavirus, stopped the world, and Rotary with it.

The month of March started out with great enthusiasm for various events. Sandy and I enjoyed going to Huron Township's Daughter/Daddy Dance. It was great to see over 500 dads and daughters. Besides the dancing, we were entertained by characters from Frozen II. Our two grandsons loved Frozen II and we did too.

We supported Windsor (1918)'s Tanzania Tech Spaghetti Dinner fundraiser. We ended up at table with parents of one of the students going to Tanzania the following Saturday.

The attendance was great at the Meet the District Governor-Elect event in Southgate. Then we had the opportunity to celebrate the 75th Anniversary of the Rotary Club of Livonia.

We started gearing up for PETS (Presidents-Elect Training) in March and the District Conference in May.

Then we were stopped in our tracks by the Coronavirus.

We have spent hours and days on this. We cancelled PETS, and tentatively rescheduled April's District Assembly to May 16, 2020, which will now include PETS.



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We also cancelled District Conference at Kalahari this May. Refunds are being processed. We are tentatively looking at a celebration event later this year where we will be recognizing the Dick Hedke award, Hugh Archer Best New Project club awards, and COG award. We have instituted awards for Best Communications, Best New Member Orientation Program, Membership award-Percentage and Net Gain and a Passport to Service award. Astronaut Mike Foreman will join us during this special event.

While we are a people of action, our current situation is very concerning and frustrating people, As I writing this, the Governor of Michigan has issued "a shelter in place" executive order from through April 14, 2020. We encourage you to follow the executive order for personal protection. The virus, according NIH, was detectable in aerosols up to 3 hours, up to 24 hours on cardboard and up to 2 to 3 days on plastic and stainless steel. On behalf of the Council of Governors and

Sandy and myself, that the safety of you as Rotarians and your family is our top priority.

Stay connected with your members, stay home, stay safe and save lives.

DG John & Sandy

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

Rotary District 6400 Heroes!



What's your club doing during the COVID-19 crisis to help your community? Email PDG Sue Goldsen, sue@goldsen.com so we can add it to the district website and this newsletter!

- ⇒ The Adrian Morning Rotary club made a gift of \$5,000 to the Lenawee Community Foundation which will be match dollar for dollar by Lenawee Cares to set up a COVID-19 response fund. The fund will be used to assist with basic needs such as rent, utilities, and food. We encourage Lenawee County Rotary clubs to reach out to the Community Foundation to donate, and other District 6400 clubs to reach out to their local community foundations to see if such a gift match exists.
- ⇒ The Plymouth Rotary Club hosts Plymouth's famous chicken BBQ each fall. When club members found out that the ER staff at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit needed donations of face masks for their staff, they donated 400 masks from our BBQ supplies and club members businesses to help hospital staff keep safe (at right).
- ⇒ Kingsville-Southshore Rotarians are busy with three different community programs: Helping out the "senior" volunteers at the local food bank by helping them on all shifts. 3 days a week, the club has members hand out pre-bagged groceries, keeping people out of the food bank and reducing person-to-person contact at a bare minimum. The clients wait outside and bags are brought out for them, at a safe distance of course. The club is also sending one member per day to hand out breakfast bags from a local business. Greenheart Lunch Club is a school program that normally provides low-cost hot lunches. During this crisis, they are supplying free bagged lunches, and the club donated money to this program.
- ⇒ Grosse Pointe Sunrise made a contribution to "Vet's Returning Home" in the amount of \$500.00. They are located at 11 mile and Gratiot, currently housing 45 men and are running low on food. They get no government support. The club made a \$2,000.00 contribution to the Pope Francis Center in Detroit to help feed the homeless, and are encouraging members to purchase socks and blankets via Amazon and have them shipped directly to the Center. And, finally, the club's Foundation Board approved a \$1,000.00 contribution to the Angel Fund at St. Charles Borromeo Church, also in Detroit to help provide food for the homeless and neighborhood elderly.



More Rotary Heroes!

⇒ Lynn Carpenter, wife of Past District Governor David, is an avid quilter and self-described “fabric collector.” When she learned that area hospitals were desperately short of surgical masks, she found the “specs” to sew her own. Last we knew, she had sewn these (at right) and was waiting for elastic to make some more! John VanStipdonk, from the Wayne club, adds “for those of you who have sewing machines, would you be willing to volunteer and help by making face masks for Beaumont Wayne and St. John's hospitals? You would be donating and sewing these masks from material you've been saving and wondering what you'd do with it. Also 1/4 elastic (none available on-line or in store). Lois [John's wife] is working on a test mask and making modifications to use ribbon rather than elastic. Lynn Carpenter was able to order 170 yards of it and waiting for it to ship. Also, she's been making masks all weekend. So please email me back [jvanstipdonk@gmail.com] if you can help. We'll setup a pickup and delivery schedule as soon as I know how many of you will be involved. I have received instructions, pictures and patterns from Lynn and will send to you when you respond.



⇒ Along the same lines, we heard from Hines Park PM Rotarian Carrie Thorpe: “When a friend put out a call for “homemade” masks to help the staff at Detroit Children's Hospital, we gathered those of us that can sew, gathered as much material as we could at the time, and a couple of us got together to figure out how to do this. Through trial and error, we found that the following pattern worked the best, offering both a pocket for the filter and an easy to sew approach [[CLICK HERE TO VIEW](#)].

What it didn't have was a nose bridge for the nurses, so we added one by sewing a piece of pipe cleaner (with the ends folded over so they aren't stabby) in between the mask layers at the top of the mask (at left). Also, with the elastic shortage, we replaced stringing elastic through the sides of the mask to cutting headbands in half and using them as the elastic, sewn to the edges of the mask, without obstructing the path for replacement elastic to eventually go through the masks. Our group should have 250 masks finished by the end of the March 28th weekend (most of us are still working full time, and only 3 of us have sewing machines!), but then we are out of material so could always use donations of more 100% cotton fabric.



If anyone is interested I'd be willing to schedule a video conference call to show groups how to make the masks and answer questions. Most hospitals and doctors offices are accepting these and are asking for them to help offset their shortages.

For people that have questions: No, these are not respirator masks that medical pros who are working directly with covid patients should rely on. These are a stop-gap measure to help protect the professionals, and in some cases, the patients, who cannot get the basic paper masks any more. Each hospital and doctors office is using them differently, but this gives them a reusable option that can be easily cleaned. Some people are wearing them over other filtering masks.”



Have items to donate, or want to learn more about the project? You can reach Carrie by emailing her at carrie.thorpe@gmail.com.

⇒ The Detroit A.M. Rotarians have agreed to provide 100 sandwiches and other lunch items including drinks to Detroit's Neighborhood Service Organization.

District 6400 Awards and Deadlines

Due to COVID-19, several award deadlines have changed. The [Hugh Archer Award application](#) deadline for best new individual or collaborative club project is now May 17. That is also the deadline for submissions for the [Dick Hedke Award](#), presented to the club demonstrating strength in the many areas of Rotary service. Please note that this year's Hedke is different from past years. Questions that required a subjective response have been eliminated. In their place are several questions at the end of the survey to which your club can submit a "free form" response. Please make sure you read those questions carefully and prepare your answers as directed. Failure to upload that document could result in a significant loss of points and penalize your club's score. You can leave your work and return to the survey as long as you do so from the same computer which you initially used to access the submission form. Do NOT sign in from a different computer!

[Click here for the online Survey Monkey Hedke application.](#)

You may review the questions and essay questions and work on them off line before submitting them on the survey monkey by [downloading this work sheet](#). More information on all of the awards is available [HERE](#).

The Council of Governor's (COG) award is the premier award of District 6400 and it is designed to recognize individuals for their exemplary past and continuing service to the District and to their Club. Just as the cog represents an integral working part of the Rotary logo wheel, the individual represents a vital moving part of the Rotary Wheel of Service. The COG Award is designed to recognize an individual, currently active, for outstanding service in one or more of the five avenues of service including continued service to the individual's club. Please consider nominating one of your club members for this award. Along with the member's name, please highlight their contributions to the club and to the District. Please email DG John Chambers with your nominations by the **new deadline of May 3rd 2020**, john@detroitamrotary.org. A list of past COG Award recipients is available [HERE](#).

Deadline for the following awards is also **May 3, 2020**. All of these award submissions may be either given to appropriate individual in person or scanned and emailed to the addresses provided below. For details on all district awards, [click here](#).

1. **Best Communications.** Please submit 2-4 samples of social media highlighting information about Club, District, Rotary International, and Rotary Foundation activities. Please highlight the social media you use. Forward with a cover note to Aruna Koushik, aruna.koushik@wrh.on.ca
2. **Best New Member Orientation Program.** Provide a one sheet explaining your clubs New Member Orientation program to Aruna Koushik, aruna.koushik@wrh.on.ca
3. **Membership Award- Percentage and Net Gain.** This award will be given on the basis of information recorded at RI by comparing the July 1, 2019 membership with the April 1, 2020 membership. **Two** awards will be given if the club with the net gain is different than the club with greatest percentage increase. This information is obtained by Governor and Membership Chair (via Rotary International).
4. **The Passport to Service Awards.** Plus the King of the Road Patch (Must have the Passport completed and have at least four Rotarians at the District Conference). [Click here for full information for Passport program](#). Submit passport to Jim Perri or DG John Chambers in person, or email a scan of the booklet to Jim Perri jhperr1@gmail.com and/or John Chambers john@detroitamrotary.org by the end of the day today, April 1

April is Maternal and Child Health Month— ETHIOPIA – *Hope Springs Eternal*

By Past District Governor Donna Schmidt



The Howey Family Health Center (HFHC) opened September 1, 2018 as a result of two global grants and major support from the Howey Family Foundation. Before its construction, villagers in Debre Berhan had no local access to any health care. Today the HFHC employs 34 full time employees from the local Tigray region. A total of 4,170 villagers have benefitted directly from contact with the medical center. When we add in members of their families, the total number of beneficiaries to-date totals 20,850 people.

1,008 children under the age of 5 have received annual medical treatment, a decrease of 22 deaths per year. 384 mothers receive prenatal care each year which, a decreased mortality rate of 42 women annually. Our team is confident that by the time we reach our two year dedication, these numbers will have increased.

On September 1, 2018, we turned control of the HFHC over to the Ethiopia District Health Office, Aksum University and the Debre Berhan Council of Elders. Since that date, all work at the HFHC has been overseen by local individuals. As Rotarians, we couldn't be prouder of the results generated by the people in the region, along with support from the newly chartered RC of Aksum.

Miss your club meeting? Schedule your Zoom online meeting and stay connected!

If you are feeling disconnected and want to meet with fellow Rotarians, many clubs are having public online meetings. [CLICK HERE](#) for upcoming District 6400 **Zoom** Meetings. Be sure to download the Zoom app (click on each link for the app) on your [iPhone or iPad](#), [computer](#) or [Android device](#). If your club wants to meet PRIVATELY, please let Sue know and she will not add the meeting to the ongoing list.

If your club wants to use the district account to set up its own Zoom online meeting, email Sue Goldsen at sue@goldsen.com. If your club wants to set up its own account, Zoom can be downloaded [HERE](#), or from your mobile phone's app store. A tutorial available at

The Zoom logo, consisting of the word "zoom" in a bold, blue, lowercase sans-serif font.

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362613-How-Do-I-Host-A-Video-Meeting>. This link will also give you instructions on how to run a Zoom meeting. Discounts on Zoom Pro accounts for clubs are available through **Rotary Global Rewards**—just [CLICK HERE](#).

The **District 6400 Passport Club** is meeting online via Zoom every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM at [THIS LINK](#). In recent weeks, guest speakers have included Past Rotary International President (and current Rotary Foundation Trustee) John Germ and Trustee Jennifer Jones. The April 4th meeting of the Passport Club will feature another special guest speaker, Rotary International Zones 28 & 32 Director-Elect Valarie Wafer, who'll be talking about new club models in the Rotary world. Meetings are open to all current Rotarians and not-yet Rotarians!



(Above) Dundee Area Rotarians held their 9th annual Dinner Dance Saturday, March 7th at the Old Mill. The Mardi Gras theme was a big hit!

Windsor (1918) Rotarian Walter Wilms retires as club bingo chair after 30 years!

Walter's note to the club reads: "For 30 years I have had the good fortune (stamina & perseverance) to exercise "Service above Self" in the leadership of our Club's monthly Bingos. For nearly half of this time, I have enjoyed being our Bingo Chair.

How times and duties have changed! Until about eight years ago, volunteers could occasionally come in and with a minute of orientation do the duties required of us. About eight years ago, our duties changed dramatically and became much more complex. I soon recognized the need to have a BINGO DREAM TEAM, comprised of volunteers who would each work three or four times a year. This sharply reduced training and re-training of supporters who could handle swiftly the complexity to sell 10 different books and cards (Canadian and US) and/or to take responsibility for supplementary tasks.

I indeed am grateful to the following who have made my tasks easy and enjoyable:

Nick Bibic, Sue Byron, Anil Chitte, Mark Donlon, Gord Faas, Bob Fields, Jeewen Gill, Leona MacIntyre, Connie Martin, Margurite Reid, Mike Serafimovski, David Sundin, Randy Winters and former members Calvin Little, Lynn Rehman and Ken Wheeldon, as well as my son Michael.



Retiring bingo chair Walter Wilms (left)

Without them I would not have survived! I sincerely extend best wishes and success to Tom Goebel as he carries on with volunteers in the cBingo format. The Bingo revenue certainly helps with funding our charitable causes.

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Because of government-mandated self-isolation and quarantine due to COVID-19 in both Michigan and Ontario, Rotary Club meetings in person have been canceled till

April 13th, 2020. All clubs will be re-evaluating at that time. An ongoing list of club and district event cancelations and changes is available at **[THIS LINK](#)**. Rotary International and the world are dealing with this situation in real time. Please visit the **[rotary.org COVID-19 response page](http://rotary.org)** for ongoing updates.

Rotary Peace Fellowships—Call for Nominations **April 2020 News & Notes page 7**

We ask Rotarians to help us identify applicants for Rotary Peace Fellowships. Each year Rotary awards up to 50 fellowships for master's degrees and 80 for Professional development certificates. The Rotary Peace Fellowship is designed for leaders with work experience in peace and development. Accepted candidates study peace and development issues in 15-24 months' programs at one of our peace centers (England, Thailand, Japan, Australia, Sweden, Uganda, and USA).

More information on the Peace Fellowships program can be found at:

<https://www.rotary.org/en/our-programs/peace-fellowships>

Applications must be submitted at <https://my.rotary.org/en/peace-fellowship-application> by May 31, 2020.

For assistance with the application process and endorsement contact current District Peace Fellowship Chair Maher Mualla at mmualla@adrian.edu.

District 6400 Global Grant Scholar—Call for Nominations

District 6400 Rotary Clubs are eligible to sponsor an application for the 2020-2021 District Sponsored Global Grant USD \$30,000 Scholarship for graduate-level studies at a University abroad. The process is as follows:

The Club interviews the candidate(s) to determine eligibility. The candidate's previous work or volunteer experience, their planned academic program career plans must align with one of the six areas of focus.

The Club submits the nomination to the District Global Scholar Coordinator. A District Review Committee will meet the nominated candidate(s) and choose the candidate to go forward with the application. [This is a link to a sample scholar application form you should use.](#)

The deadline below provides one month for the Club and candidate to complete the application process before it is forwarded to Rotary International for final approval.

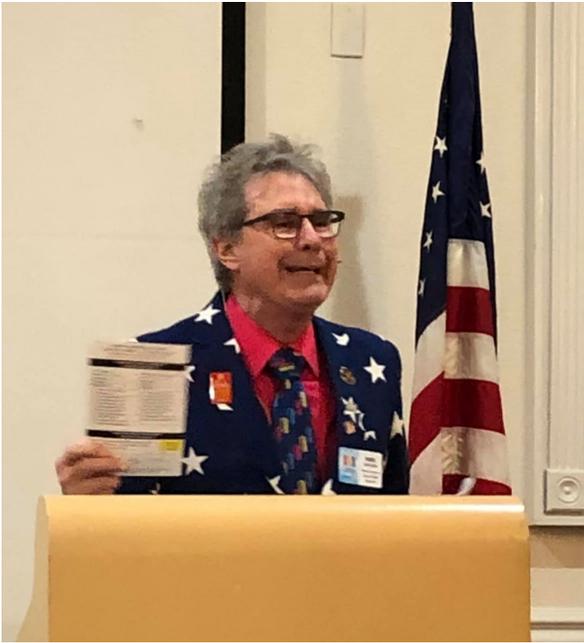
Questions can be forwarded to Colleen Mitchell, District Global Scholar Coordinator, at commconsultation@gmail.com.

DEADLINE FOR NOMINATIONS – APRIL 30, 2020

**Welcome to
our New
Members!**

(Right) Detroit Rotarian Steve Durant pins new member Nicole Valentini while club president Russ Ives proudly looks on.





Rotarians from across District 6400 gathered in Southgate March 5th for the 19th annual “Meet the DGE” lunch. District Governor-Elect Noel Jackson (left) gave attendees some insights into his life, career and passion for Rotary. His alter-ego “Captain Rotary” was on display outside (above).

(Right) The inbound (here this year) and outbound (abroad next year) District 6400 Rotary Youth Exchange students shared friendship during the Rotary Club of Essex International Dinner March 7th.



District Assembly/PETS 2020, May 16, 2020

Registration is now open for the rescheduled District Assembly, now being held in conjunction with Presidents-Elect Training (PETS) at the Wayne County Community College, 21000 Northline Road, Taylor, MI. Registration starts at 7:30 AM; the District Assembly program runs from 8:00 to 11:45, followed by Presidents-Elect training until 3:30.

The District Assembly is for all interested Rotarians, but it is especially for the training of the 2020-2021 Club Officers (President, President-Elect, Treasurer, Secretary, and the Membership, Public Image, Foundation, Youth Exchange, Service Projects and Peace Chairs). There will also be sessions for Young Rotarians and Rotaractors.



There is **NO CHARGE** for this event, and no meal will be served. [This LINK](#) can be used for registration. The new registration deadline is May 8, 2020. If you difficulty using the link, you can register by sending an email to rcaron@uwindsor.ca.

COVID-19 Grants for Clubs

The Rotary Foundation has allowed Districts to use their contingency funds allocated as part of the District Block Grant to support our communities as they face the challenges associated with COVID-19. To read more about this decision and the program, click on [THIS LINK](#).

Your District Rotary Foundation Committee (DRFC) has approved \$10,000 USD for this purpose. Further, the Committee has allocated \$1,000 per area. This is the process.

The Assistant Governor will work with their clubs to select 1 – 4 agencies to benefit from this grant.

The Assistant Governor will send the selections to Rotary6400grants@gmail.com along with a note indicating that all their area clubs participated in the selection process. We only need the agency names and addresses and a short note indicating how the funds will be used. Please also indicate the amount and the name to be put on the cheque/check. No cheque/check to be less than \$250.

The DRFC will write and send the cheques/checks directly to the agency. We will identify the supporting clubs and club presidents in an attached letter.

The agencies must use the funds to provide relief to vulnerable people affected by the crisis. For example, support of food banks, the united way, front-line health care workers, lunch programs, etc.

The agencies must provide a letter indicating how the money was spent.

All proposals will be reviewed by Russ Jones, Bill Jasman, and Rick Caron.

Good luck in your deliberations and we look forward to receiving your proposals.