



# District 6360 Gazette

## GREETINGS FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

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**DG Dick Sammis**

### Membership Growth and the Rotary Foundation

Membership growth is the most important area of focus for my year as District Governor. While service is the greatest gift to our communities and the world, membership growth remains synonymous with the health of our clubs. Many clubs in our District have put membership on the front burner, with creative and fun membership strategies that are 'year round' in nature. They are seeing results!

The Rotary Foundation is a critical piece to the puzzle in attracting new Rotarians. Many volunteer organizations serve their community, but no other group also serves the world like Rotary does. As I've visited clubs and shared my PowerPoint, I've been approached by many prospective members afterwards with words of amazement about the 'scope' of Rotary. Newer members tell me of learning how many people worldwide benefit from Rotary's efforts. I've been told of at least 5 prospective members who have joined Rotary after learning about the 'big picture' of Rotary from my presentation. (And think how brave those sponsors were to take a prospect to hear a District Governor!)

Even if your club focuses primarily on your community, your new members need to know that through the Rotary Foundation, they are joining the best worldwide service organization on the planet. Encourage new members to participate in the RI Foundation! Give them a chance to buy into Polio Eradication! Let them be part of a winner!

November which is Foundation month is fast approaching. Make sure your club has dynamite Foundation programs planned, and be sure to bring your prospects. Let the Rotary Foundation help your club grow.

*Dick Sammis*

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## WHITE PIGEON CHANGES MEETING PLACE

We will be changing our meeting location effectively with our first meeting in October. During the school year we will hold our first Wednesday meeting of the month at the high school on E. Prairie St. so that our Interactors can attend. All other meetings will be at the East Chicago Ritz, 102 E. Chicago Rd., White Pigeon, Mi. The meeting time will remain at noon on Wednesday.

DGN Kathleen Tosco received her second Paul Harris Fellowship from DG Dick Sammis at the Kalamazoo Rotary Club on September 10. Pres. Judy Moore is on the left.



# PRESIDENTS AND PRESIDENT-ELECTS TAKE NOTE. . .

The Council on Legislation approved the following: **"To provide that current club presidents shall continue to serve until their successors have satisfied the requirements for attendance at PETS and district assemblies."**

IT IS MANDATORY THAT PEs ATTEND A PETS BEFORE ASSUMING THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT OF A CLUB. PUT THIS DATE ON YOUR CALENDAR: FEBRUARY 15-17, 2008 AT THE RADISSON HOTEL IN KALAMAZOO.

IF YOU CANNOT ATTEND THE ABOVE, SOME ALTERNATE PETS DATES IN OUR ZONE ARE:

Heartland Multi-District PETS/SETS is April 4-5, 2008, in Salina, KS at the Bicentennial Center.

Rotary Districts in Ohio put on the All-Ohio PETS in Columbus, Ohio on March 7-9. Go to <http://www.allohiopets.org/program/training-materials.shtml>. District 5960 PETS meets at Hayward Wisconsin Ramada Inn. March 13 to 15.

District 6270 & District 6220 do a combined PETS, with dates of March 7& 8, 2008. Appleton WI

Nikki Johns, wife of RI Director Mike Johns, died September 17<sup>th</sup>. The District has made a contribution to The Foundation in her name.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF MASON IS MEETING AT ELDORADO GOLF COURSE FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER.

## **NOMINATE A DISTRICT GOVERNOR CANDIDATE -**

Each club is invited and encouraged to submit suggestions for Governor Nominee for the fiscal year July 1, 2010 - June 30, 2011. (These should be in the form of a Resolution from your club.) Get those in to the District Office or to Chairman, Bill Menser, PDG, 9777 Beechnut St., Bridgman, MI 49106 no later than November 15, 2007. Nominees must be members in good standing of a functioning club; must have served as club president and be willing to serve as District Governor.



We are sad to let you know of the deaths of PDG Gayland Tennis' mother, Lucille, and the 37-year-old son of Barbara Groner, Darrell, who took his own life this past week end.

# MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

You can order a New Member Presentation Kit, Order #C34102 and a New Sponsor Pin, #J287SP from National Award Services, Inc., PO Box 5292 Evanston, IL 60204-5292, Tel: 800-810-2100, Fax 800-227-0599 web: [www.clubsupplies.com](http://www.clubsupplies.com)

The kit includes a 9x12 embossed folder with three certificates suitable for framing (Certificate of Membership, Four-way test and Object of Rotary), 1/2" lapel pin, New member badge ribbon, 4-way test coin with Rotary emblem, Object of Rotary and 4way test wallet card, car decal. You can also get the sponsor pin on its own.

I have a Membership Chair pin to give to your club membership chair.

I hope this is helpful,  
Kathleen

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## So you are your club Membership Chair, where to you go from here?

If this thought has occurred to you, you are not alone. Membership retention and growth is the most important issue for Rotary clubs around the world. From Michigan to Mexico to Mali we are all eager to recruit and keep members who will serve the mission of Rotary and with whom we would enjoy spending our valuable time! From an active, growing membership we draw the resources to serve our club goals and make those personal links that strengthen our communities. It all starts with solid membership.

And what does that mean for you? As club membership chair (or president, if you don't have a membership chair), what is your responsibility for a healthy membership? What tools do you have at your disposal? How do you get your club to participate in the process of membership development? Can you get any help from your neighbor clubs? From the District? From the Zone? From RI directly?

Good questions all. I have been asked to serve as District Membership Chair for 2007-2008. I could use your help, and would like to offer mine to you. First, you are all invited to become members of the District Membership Team – a clearing house for ideas, tools and resources to help each other in recruitment and retention of members. This is not just for the clubs that have been wildly successful (although two of them have already said yes). It's for all of us, big and small, growing or declining. Second; and this is the big point of my communication to you: **you are invited to a gathering of membership chairs on November 10 from 9:30am-noon at the Plainwell Community Center, 798 East Bridge Street. It's on M89 (also called Bridge Street), just off 131 a ways in the Island City of Plainwell. It's one block east of Plainwell Ice Cream, and just east of the railroad tracks on the south side of the street.**

At the gathering, I'll share with you some of the strategies I picked up at the President's Conference on Membership, plus some ideas sent to me by some of our most successful clubs. But (and this is most important) we will have structured time to draw out strategies from each other, identify the tools we need to do our jobs, share our concerns and celebrate our wins. I also have your membership chair pins (bet you didn't know there was such a thing) and information on a little competition the district is planning.

Oh, and we will have refreshments. So I definitely need to know who is able to attend to plan for food. If you cannot attend, I'll send you the outline of our discussion. But of course, it won't be the same as being there with your colleagues, and I can't send the food. Sorry.

Hope to see you and get to know you on November 10! Kathleen Tosco, District 6360 Membership Chair & DGN 2009-2010, 338 Highland Court, Plainwell, MI 49080 269-664-4694 [ktosco@ntelos.net](mailto:ktosco@ntelos.net) [www.district6360.com](http://www.district6360.com) – Check out the Membership Section and special membership downloads

**ARE YOU OVER 70 AND 1/2???**  
**DO YOU HAVE A RETIREMENT PLAN?**  
**ARE YOU CHARITABLY MINDED?**

If you answered the above questions yes - you have a unique opportunity through December 31, 2007.

Based on the The Pension Protection Act of 2006 you may be eligible to done monies to charity (we, of course, would recommend The Rotary Foundation) directly from your IRA account!

The distribution will be tax-free! (Tax-free: oxymoron in United States). You may "contribute" up to \$100,000 prior to the end of the year. Since the distribution is not subject to tax (if made payable to the charity) - you will not be able to claim a tax deduction to the charity.

We are not providing tax advice - we suggest you discuss this opportunity with your tax advisor. However:

- If you have to make a distribution from a qualified retirement plan in 2007 (and at age 70 1/2 you do), and
- If you intend to make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation in 2007, why not
- SKIP the income tax withholding and have your required minimum distribution (or more!) paid from your retirement plan to The Rotary Foundation!!

If this (brilliant) idea appeals to you - we encourage you to contact your financial advisor, investment advisor, or tax advisor!

Thanks for the consideration.

Manya D. Otis  
DRFC

P.S. Your spouse may be eligible for similar tax treatment of an IRA distribution.

## WELCOME NEW AG



**Shirley Kishpaugh**  
Area #5

Allegan  
Otsego  
Parchment  
Plainwell

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Shirley is a member and past president of the Parchment club. She is active in RYLA training. With her late husband, Dick, she joined the group that travelled to India for a National Immunization Day in 2000. They were part of the first group to distribute school supplies in Belize. She has made five trips to Reynosa, Mexico, with members of the Delton Rotary Club to help with projects at Casa Amparo, a home for girls. She has hosted many foreign professional visitors for 25 years for Colleagues International and has hosted three GSE team members in the last three years. Shirley is a graduate of WMU and of KVCC in Dental Hygiene.

Keeping you up to date on the club visitation schedule. Here are the **rescheduled** remaining dates for club visits:

**10-8-07 Litchfield**

12:00 p.m. Regular Club Meeting

**10-30-07 UNION CITY**

12:00 p.m. Regular Club Meeting  
1:00 p.m. Board Meeting

**10-17-07 PAW PAW LAKE**

11:30 a.m. Board Meeting  
12 noon Regular Club Meeting

**11-26-07 QUINCY**

11:15 a.m. Board Meeting  
12:00 p.m. Regular Club Meeting



Dennis Louney, current Haslett/Okemos Rotary President, and Joan Smith, immediate past President, were recognized recently as Paul Harris Fellows. District Governor Dick Sammis, center, was on hand for the event to present both Rotarians with certificates, pins, and medallions in recognition of their financial and philanthropic efforts.



## Group Study Exchange to the Philippines Seeking Applicants

We are still seeking applicants for our GSE team for the February 22 – March 23, 2008 exchange.

Did you know these facts about the Philippines?

- It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> largest English speaking country in the world.
- It was the first and only U.S. colony. It gained independence in 1946.
- The citizens are freedom-loving people. Their government includes executive, legislative, and judicial branches.
- They are fun-loving and celebrate frequently with fiestas.
- Filipino and English are the official languages.

We need you to promote the Group Study Exchange with your colleagues and friends. We are looking for young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 employed full time in a recognized business or profession for two years. This is a great professional development opportunity for team members. RI covers travel and hosting Rotarians cover housing and food. Team members only pay for incidental expenses and insurance. For more information, contact Alice Blair Ford 269.983.5940 or [aliceanddickford@comcast.net](mailto:aliceanddickford@comcast.net)

## AUGUST 2007 ATTENDANCE

CLUBS	NO. OF	NO. OF	NET GAIN/	% ATTEN.	REPORTED GIVING
	MEMBERS	MEMBERS	LOSS		TO ANNUAL FUND
	AS REPORTED				
	BY RI				
	7/1/2007	8/31/2007	8/31/2007	8/31/2007	THROUGH 7-31-07
District 6360					
Albion	59	60	1	64.20%	\$10.00
Allegan	38	38	0	77.91%	\$0.00
Battle Creek	92	99	7	34.35%	\$0.00
Benton Harbor Sunrise	55	58	3	64.29%	\$0.00
Berrien Springs/Eau Clair	29	29	0	65.00%	\$0.00
Bronson	48	47	-1	69.00%	\$0.00
Cereal City Sunrise	19	19	0	62.00%	\$0.00
Charlotte	83	83	0	68.01%	\$0.00
Climax	26	26	0	NR	\$0.00
Coldwater Township	45	45	0	90.00%	\$0.00
Coldwater Noon	92	93	1	76.79%	\$0.00
Constantine	18	18	0	100.00%	\$0.00
Delta Waverly	77	76	-1	68.55%	\$0.00
Delton Area	29	29	0	79.00%	\$0.00
Dowagiac	68	68	0	NR	\$25.00
East Lansing	80	79	-1	49.58%	\$225.00
Eaton Rapids	33	33	0	56.00%	\$0.00
Grand Ledge	55	55	0	53.20%	\$0.00
Gull Lake Area	47	48	1	66.11%	\$0.00
Haslett-Okemos	51	53	2	80.00%	\$0.00
Hastings	66	67	1	58.55%	\$0.00
Hillsdale	58	52	-6	58.00%	\$0.00
Ionia	39	39	0	50.00%	\$0.00
Jackson Noon	88	90	2	61.91%	\$75.00
Jackson Breakfast	24	25	1	65.00%	\$1,752.66
Jonesville	26	24	-2	NR	\$0.00
Kalamazoo Sunrise	13	13	0	NR	\$0.00
Kalamazoo	247	252	5	49.54%	\$75.00
Lakeshore	53	53	0	NR	\$820.00
Lansing DeWitt Sunrise	33	33	0	NR	\$0.00
Lansing	255	261	6	48.03%	\$100.00
Litchfield	17	17	0	NR	\$0.00
Marcellus	13	13	0	92.00%	\$0.00
Marshall	61	61	0	NR	\$25.00
Mason	31	31	0	NR	\$1,000.00
Michigan Center JCE	14	14	0	71.00%	\$20.00
Middleville	38	38	0	NR	\$0.00
Niles-Buchanan	59	57	-2	71.00%	\$0.00
Oshkemo	43	43	0	NR	\$0.00
Otsego	18	18	0	80.00%	\$30.00
Parchment	17	16	-1	NR	\$0.00
Paw Paw Area	24	24	0	55.56%	\$0.00
Paw Paw Lake	16	16	0	NR	\$0.00
Plainwell	22	23	1	55.70%	\$0.00
Portage	84	90	6	67.00%	\$0.00
Portage AM	24	24	0	65.00%	\$0.00
Quincy	37	37	0	NR	\$0.00
Reading	21	21	0	76.00%	\$0.00
South Haven	53	56	3	70.19%	\$250.00
South Lansing-Holt	26	26	0	NR	\$0.00
St. Johns	46	47	1	59.24%	\$0.00
St. Joe/Benton Harbor	187	189	2	51.35%	\$6,939.00
Sturgis	45	45	0	NR	\$0.00
Three Rivers	104	108	4	NR	\$0.00
Union City	23	23	0	NR	\$0.00
Vicksburg	36	35	-1	76.00%	\$0.00
White Pigeon	12	12	0	64.00%	\$0.00
Williamston Sunrise	44	45	1	50.00%	\$11,346.66
Totals	3061	3094	33		
NR = NO REPORT					
Remember!! Regular monthly reporting must be received by the 20th day of each month by our District Secretary Ed Foster. Please email to: <a href="mailto:egfoster@cablespeed.com">egfoster@cablespeed.com</a> or Fax to 517-543-3041.					



The 2007-08 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2009-10, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated:

JOHN KENNY

of the

Rotary Club of

GRANGEMOUTH, CENTRAL,  
SCOTLAND

for the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2009-10.

Biographical information for Rotarian Kenny is available on the RI Web site and in the next issue of the *Rotary World*. Please notify the clubs in your district as soon as possible.



REMEMBER NOMINATIONS FOR CLUB OFFICERS AND BOARD MEMBERS SHOULD BE DONE IN NOVEMBER AND ELECTIONS SHOULD TAKE PLACE IN DECEMBER!!!!!!



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The Rotary 6360 District Foundation is preparing for a memorable evening of Golden Trowel Awards and the annual drawing of the winners in the Foundation Raffle. The first prize in the raffle will be for \$2,000.00 and a maximum of 1,500 tickets will be sold.

### RECOGNITION DINNER

Tuesday, October 23, 2007

Walldorff Brew Pub

105 East State Street, Hastings, MI

Social hour at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 6:40 pm

Cost is \$40.00 per person

Buffet Menu includes Salad, Main Course and Dessert

Contact Shari LaBrenz 198 W. Crooked Lake Dr. Kalamazoo Mi 49009 by *October 17*. If you have questions about either the raffle tickets or the dinner, or want to make reservations, please call Shari at 269-372-3038 or email [sklabrenz@comcast.net](mailto:sklabrenz@comcast.net)

All Club Presidents have received both raffle tickets for club sales and dinner reservation forms for this annual dinner. The District 6360 Foundation would appreciate your assistance as you move to various clubs throughout the District. Reminders to club members about the raffle and dinner are always helpful!

Thank you for your help on this most important event. We look forward to seeing you in Hastings on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,

Jerry R. Jenkins- President  
 Rotary District 6360 Foundation



**OCTOBER IS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**



September 8 has come and gone! International Literacy Day was celebrated across the globe; did you even mention it during your club meetings the week before or afterwards? What book have you read recently? The Rotarian? any magazine ? the daily newspaper? Have you read a book to your children? grandchildren? Are you setting a good example? Are you participating in a Literacy Program in your Rotary club? Do you have Literacy/ Education goals set for this Rotary Year?

Partnerships are useful: The Ladies Library Association of Kalamazoo buys, wraps "Books for Babies" and distributes them to Doctor's offices and Social Service agencies in the area. They do 600 books twice a year! What a treat to give to a family to share with a small child. They often go to homes where books are a rarity.

If your club is making goals centered around scholarships, share the information to: September 8 has come and gone! International Literacy Day was celebrated across the globe; did you even mention it during your club meetings the week before or afterwards? What book have you read recently? The Rotarian? any magazine ? the daily newspaper? Have you read a book to your children? grandchildren? Are you setting a good example? Are you participating in a Literacy Program in your Rotary club? Do you have Literacy/ Education goals set for this Rotary Year?

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(Photo by Courtesy photo)

Digging for water: More than 500 villagers in south central Ecuador will drink fresh water thanks to the Rotary clubs of Lansing, Williamston and East Lansing, which raised more than \$22,000 to construct a water supply system there. Villagers from Lirio San Gonzalo are pictured here digging a ditch for the project. The villagers are required to do 100 percent of the labor.



Start planning now...for one of the most exciting District Conferences ever to be held.

**SAVE THE DATES**  
May 16-18, 2008

We will be going to the Potawatomi Inn at the Pokagon State Park in Angola, IN.



NO Casino - Beautiful Hotel - Rotary rented the whole resort - Bring your WHOLE family - lots of family activities planned Every program will include the whole family-never separate during the conference.

Sharing the Heart  
of Rotary

Theme: *Sharing the Heart of Rotary*  
[www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inns/potawatomi](http://www.in.gov/dnr/parklake/inns/potawatomi)

## BioSand Safe Water Filter Site Visit Planned

Have you ever wondered what the conditions are like in the Dominican Republic where we are providing BioSand Water Filters to improve the health of children and families?

Join Rotarians from Rotary D6360 and D6290 from February 8<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008 as they travel to Puerto Plata and other cities in the DR and visit the filter micro-businesses, installations, Rotary projects, and Rotary clubs.

One feature will be a “project fair” which will showcase Rotary projects in the DR and provide opportunities to partner with these clubs from D4060 in providing Dominicans with better living conditions, including educational and medical projects.

*In Rotary D6360 we are providing options for a South Bend, IN departure or a Chicago O’Hare departure. Both include the all-inclusive 5 Apple rated hotel Riu Bachata.*

*The fare and all-inclusive hotel rate for the SOUTH BEND Departure is:  
Double - \$1,655.80 per person\* Single - \$2,025.30\* Air with Delta Airlines  
\*Prices subject to change based on availability. Trip insurance is also available.*

Friday February 8th  
Depart: South Bend 6:45am                      Arrival: Atlanta 8:55am  
Depart: Atlanta 11:05am                      Arrival: Puerto Plata 3:12pm

Friday February 15th  
Depart: Puerto Plata 4:14pm                      Arrival: Atlanta 6:40pm  
Depart: Atlanta 9:10pm                      Arrival: South Bend 11:02pm

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*The fare and all-inclusive hotel rate for the CHICAGO O’HARE Departure is:  
Double - \$1,210.00 per person\* Single \$1,579.00\* Air with American Airlines  
\*Prices subject to change based on availability. Trip Insurance is also available*

Friday February 8th  
Depart: Chicago O’Hare 8:01am                      Arrival: Miami 12:10pm  
Depart: Miami 1:50pm                      Arrival: Puerto Plata 4:45pm

Friday February 15th  
Depart: Puerto Plata 5:50pm                      Arrival: Miami 7:05pm  
Depart: Miami 8:55pm                      Arrival: Chicago O’Hare 11:10pm

*Mark can also try to provide you with other schedules if these are not convenient.*

*For booking or travel questions, call:  
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269-449-4868*

- >October 23, 2007, Tuesday, District Foundation Dinner, 6 p.m., Waldorf Brewpub & Bistro, Hastings, MI
- >October 27, 2007 Quarterly Staff Meeting, Schuler's, Marshall, MI 8:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- >November 15, 2007 Club DG Nominations Due
- > February 15 - 17, 2008 PETS [**Mandatory for PE's**] Radisson Hotel, Kalamazoo
- >February 25, 2008, Grand Rapids, "Thirsting to Serve Clean Water Conference"
- > May 16-18, 2008 Friday - Sunday, District Conference, Potawatami Inn, Angola, IN
- >June 15-18, 2008, RI Convention, Los Angeles, CA

**DEADLINE FOR ARTICLES FOR THE NEWSLETTER IS THE 25<sup>TH</sup> OF EACH MONTH.**

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