

ROTARY CLUB OF MIDLAND | NEWSLETTER

Midland Rotary Club was founded in 1920 by 26 charter members on a mission to make lasting change.



Photo courtesy of Mike Stein

President's Notes:

Greetings, fellow Rotarians!

It is so hard to believe that in a few short weeks, fall will be upon us and we'll be entering a new season. While it's hard to say goodbye to summer, I look forward to fall in Michigan and have loved seeing all the back-to-school pictures from family and friends. It is quite fitting with the back-to-school season aligning to Rotary's September theme; Basic Education and Literacy.

Why the focus on education? Rotary International says, "Our goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy. We support education for all children and literacy for children and adults.". Sounds great, right? So how do WE as Rotarians help support these efforts? Rotary.org showcases some examples happening around the globe with Rotary members opening a girls' school in Afghanistan to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance and new teaching methods being utilized in South Africa and Puerto Rico to teach children to recognize letters by sounds instead of names.

Back in July we heard about the Coztal Ixil language book project we partnered with that incorporates books for early readers in an oral culture. Through club members and community support we have assisted a high school in Muko, Uganda with access to fresh water by installing a rainwater capture and storage system as well as a state-of-the-art water filtration system at the school. We also supported clean water and sanitation efforts with other clubs in our District in the Dominican Republic which allows students to be healthier and receive a better education. Our 'Gather at Grove' events featured a local author and our club purchased her books for the children to take home and enjoy. This year we have an exciting project we are collaborating with other clubs in our District for some vocational training; Be sure to read more about it on page 5!

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Pretty amazing, right? When we unite as one club, among many across our District and this global network of Rotary, the impact we can have knows no bounds. I would love to hear your ideas for projects and ways you want to get involved as we continue to "Serve to Change Lives" together.

Yours in Rotary Service,
Dallas Rau



Upcoming Meetings

- 09/02 District Governor, Jeff Leipprandt
- 09/09 Wellbeing through Community and Connection
- 09/16 Camille Gerace Nitschky Classification
- 09/23 Rotary Foundation
- 09/30 Game Changer Therapy
- 10/07 United Way
- 10/14 Michelle Vannest Classification
- 10/21 Spirit of Rotary
- 10/28 Grace A Dow Memorial Library

Rotary Club of Midland Paul Harris Fellow Recipients



Jeanne Schaller +1
Gail Hoffman +1
David C. Smith +1
Tawny Ryan Nelb +2
Lee Smith +2
Bill Betts +3
Dr. Jim Bakeman +5
Dick Dolinski +6
Bill Hargreaves +7
Tom Lane +10

Midland Rotary Club Links

Website

<https://www.midlandrotaryclub.org>

Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/MidlandNoonRotaryClub/>

Twitter:

<https://twitter.com/MidNoonRotary>

Instagram:

<https://www.instagram.com/midlandminoonrotary/>

Official Logos Page:

[RI Brand Center](#)

Rotary Global Rewards:

<http://midlandrotaryclub.org>

OUR 2021-2022 MEMBERSHIP GOAL IS 200

YOU CAN EASILY VIEW NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS ONLINE BY FOLLOWING THE EASY STEPS BELOW!

Rotary Engagement Via E-Resources

Midland Rotary Club's Website: <http://midlandrotaryclub.org>

From our Club's website, you have two options:

1. **My Rotary (RI):** Click for access to tools, information, and resources OR to make online donations.
2. **DACdb:** Click on **Member Login**, <https://www.dacdb.com>, **Login**, **My CLUB Shortcuts**, **Club Members icon** to see our Club Officers, members' contact information, your profile, and your Club membership.

To view New Member Applications:

- * Follow the DACdb steps above and click on **Club Files** instead of Club Members icon
- * Click on **Secure Files** and scroll down to see apps.
- * Click on **Nomination Forms**

Meet our Newest Members!

June		Teresa George Sponsored by Carly Lillard Associate Executive Director, SVSU Foundation	February		Laura Vosejka Sponsored by Dave Smith Executive Director, Creative 360
		Terri Johnson Sponsored by Jenee Velasquez President / CEO, Midland Community Centers		January	
April		JD Geisler Sponsored by Mark Bone Vice President, Geisler Warehouse	October		
		Lisa Thompson Sponsored by Eric Curtis Director and Founder Self Love Beauty			Nicole Ford Sponsored by Carly Lillard Chief of Police, City of Midland
		Ann Manary Sponsored by Michael Beale Midland County Clerk, City of Midland		September	
March		Tara Mager Sponsored by Gail Hoffman High School Principal, Meridian PS Midland Business Alliance			Jeff Bennett Sponsored by Jonathan Laundra Retiree, Northwood University
		Amy Jaster Sponsored by Gail Hoffman Adjunct Professor, Delta College			Brad Blanchard Sponsored by Jenee Velasquez Environmental, Health and Safety Spe- cialist at SK Saran

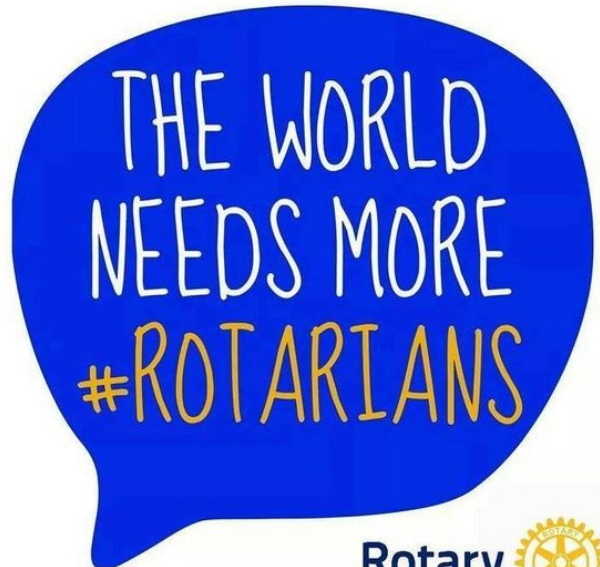
Rotary International President, Shekhar Mehta has

challenged Rotary District and Clubs to increase membership to 1.3 million by July 1, 2022 through his **Each One, Bring One** initiative, which asks every member to

**Each One...
Bring One...**



bring one person to join Rotary within the next 17 months. Who will you bring?



Reminders and Opportunities for Fellowship and 'Service Above Self'

Please pay your dues! Invoices were emailed with an option to pay online with a credit card. Please see announcement below if assistance is needed for the 2021-2022 fiscal year.

Consider signing up to inspire and support others by providing an invocation at one of our upcoming meetings; Please contact Jane Johnson (jane.johnson@primroseretirement.com).

Annual Rotary Golf Outing—Check out page 8 for more information!

Let's get together and cheer on our Great Lakes Loons! Our Club's annual gathering will be September 18, 2021 (*please see attached flyer*). There is still time to register! Please contact Amanda Oster (amanda.oster14@gmail.com) or Jane Johnson by September 7th.

STEP Sponsor—Our club is in need of a sponsor for the Short Term Exchange Program. The sponsor would assist with the interviews and offer interaction with the club to have some involvement with Rotary during the time the exchange student is here. *This program must have a club sponsor to move forward.* Please contact Dallas Rau (dalstar17@hotmail.com) if you are interested.

Chair of new committee for Rotary's new area of focus, Supporting the Environment—Is the conservation and protection of natural resources, advancement of ecological sustainability, and fostering harmony between communities and the environment something you're passionate about? If so, please consider chairing this new committee! Please contact Dallas Rau if you are interested.

Newsletter Editor—If you're looking to get involved with the club, this is a FANTASTIC way to have the pulse on club news and events. The newsletter editor would join the Public Image committee and work with the President to create content and assemble the monthly newsletter. Please contact Dallas Rau if you are interested.

Annual Club Dues Announcement

The Board of Directors recently voted to continue financial assistance for annual club dues in light of the continued disruption caused by the COVID-19 pandemic with the remaining funds that were donated in 2020-2021 to members that may have difficulty paying their dues for the 2021-2022 fiscal year. Requests for assistance must be received to club Treasurer, Kellie Bos (kellie.bos@ahpplc.com). As originally designated in the 2020-2021 plan, any remaining monies will be sent to Rotary International at year's end.



Honduras Vocational Training Project

The project is a partnership of the Mt. Pleasant Rotary Club and the CMU Chapter of Global Brigades. The Brigades' vision and mission align closely with Rotary's global grant criteria; specifically, local community involvement and collaboration with nonprofit partners using measurable outcomes. The UN's Sustainable Development Goals, with which the CMU Global Brigades are aligned, include Good Health and Wellbeing, Clean Water & Sanitation, and Decent Work & Economic Growth.

- The total cost of the project is \$8,000-\$10,000. The Mt. Pleasant Club will fund \$4,000 and is actively seeking partner clubs and private individuals to fund the balance of \$4,000-\$6,000. Our club has pledged \$2,000 toward this project.

The goal of the VTT is to provide concrete medical updates for medical personnel in small Honduran villages as they work with Global Brigades.

The main source of training will be CMU's College of Medicine. Much of the actual training would take place at McLaren-Central Michigan, Mid-Michigan Health, and Saginaw hospitals.

Polio Plus Society Charter Members

At our meeting on August 5th we were honored to have Chuck Cusick, our District Polio Plus committee chair, as a guest at our meeting to present four charter members of our club with their Polio Plus Society pins. Each charter member has committed to END POLIO by pledging a \$100 annual contribution until polio is eradicated worldwide.



Photo courtesy of Jim Nigro

Pictured from left to right are: Gail Hoffman, Dr. Tom Lane, Dallas Rau, and Chuck Cusick. Not pictured is our club's fourth charter member, Tawny Ryan Nelb.



It is not too late to join! Please contact Christian Velasquez, our Rotary Foundation chair, for more information.





Midland Rotary Annual Loons Outing
Saturday September 18th
Game time 7:05pm

Doors open one hour prior to game time
Buffet runs from 6:05-8:05 in the Northern Lights Pavilion
Please show your Rotary Spirit and wear your shirts and hats.

Only \$10 per person!
Includes game ticket, buffet and unlimited soft drinks.

Members of other Rotary Clubs are welcome to join us @ \$25 each

Tickets are limited, please RSVP early!

RSVP to Amanda Oster at Amanda.oster14@gmail.com or jane.johnson@primroseretirement.com no later than August 27th.
Payment is appreciated but not required at the time of reservation.
Questions? Call Amanda: 989-513-8606 or Jane: 989-264-9138

Checks can be made payable to Midland Rotary or can be made via credit card or cash at one of our August meetings.



Join us at the 23rd Annual Midland Rotary Golf Cup—All are welcome!



**Midland
Rotary**



Monday, September 20, 2021

8:30 - 9:15 Registration
9:30 - 2:00 Golf (shotgun)
2:00 - 3:00 Awards/Cash Bar

Proceeds benefit local community programs of the Midland Noon and Midland Morning Rotary Clubs

**23rd Midland Rotary Golf Cup
Currie Golf Courses
Traditional 4 Ball Scramble
Box Lunch provided**

Golf & Lunch \$100 / person	#	\$
4 mulligans \$20 / team	#	\$
Total Donation	#	\$

Please fill out form and return to:
Brad Duling (989) 948-0282
5818 Woodberry Drive
Midland, MI 48640
bduling@sym.com

Deadline: September 17, 2021
Make checks payable to: Midland Rotary Club

Team Members:

Name	Phone Number	Email Address

Midland Rotary Foundation Grant Cycle

The Midland Rotary Foundation (MRF) is a separate 501(c)(3) charitable organization, established in 1977 so that Rotarians could make tax deductible contributions that would benefit the Midland area community. They are accepting applications through September 30th for their fall grant cycle. The criteria for funding is listed below:

1. The requesting organization should be located in Midland County or the project should benefit Midland County residents.
2. Aside from established scholarship funds, a grant should benefit many rather than a few individuals.
3. Grants are usually made for specific projects or purchases rather than ongoing initiatives or operating expenses of an organization.
4. Preference will be given to requests that benefit disadvantaged youth living in Midland County.
5. Grant requests must be sponsored by a member of the Midland Rotary Club.

Questions and applications may be submitted electronically to timdyste@outlook.com. Please send in PDF format as one combined document. Include the name of the applying organization in the file name sent. Alternatively, you can mail a completed application to:

Midland Rotary Foundation
PO Box 2002
Midland, MI 48640

Applications can be found on our website by following the link [HERE](#)

[Registration is open for the 2022 Rotary International Convention!](#)

Our Rotary District, 6310, has a block of rooms at a hotel close to the convention center. Our District's Convention Chair, Georgene Hildebrand is coordinating this for us. If any member has an interest in attending, please contact Georgene as soon as possible by following this link [HERE](#).

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AT CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG

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4-8 June 2022

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Rotary Giving—Why It Matters!

GIVE INTERNATIONALLY

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you are directly supporting Rotary’s work. Your gift makes our service projects — projects that eradicate polio, promote peace, and develop communities — happen. You also help to fund our local chapter, with half of our donations coming back to our district for distribution.

[Click here to donate and make an impact!](#)

GIVE TO END POLIO

Rotary has been working to eradicate polio for over 30 years, and our goal of ridding the earth of this disease is in sight. We started in 1979 with vaccinations for 6 million children in the Philippines. Today, Afghanistan and Pakistan are the only countries where polio remains endemic. [Click here to donate to these ongoing efforts.](#)

GIVE LOCAL - MIDLAND ROTARY FOUNDATION

Ready to make a lasting impact at home? With giving primarily focused on projects that benefit disadvantaged youth in Midland County in amounts up to \$5,000, your gift can make a big difference. [Click here for more information about the Midland Rotary Foundation and how you can give.](#)

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