

ROTARY CLUB OF MIDLAND | NEWSLETTER

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



President’s Notes:

Greetings, fellow Rotarians!
I hope you all have been enjoying your summer so far - it sure seems to be flying by! August definitely snuck up on me, but this is a really fun and exciting month for our club. We are resuming in-person meetings and I am looking forward to seeing everyone engage in Rotary fellowship and service on August 5th at the Midland Country Club. Read on in the newsletter for more updates about returning to in-person and opportunities for “Service Above Self”! We also have the chance to cheer on our Great Lakes Loons with fellow Rotarians from our District at an event they are hosting on August 19th. August is also an important

month since the theme is ‘Membership and New Club Development’ month, and we have a great program on the schedule to help introduce our newest members that you likely haven’t met yet - at least outside of a Zoom screen! *Check out the article from Membership and Social Chair, Amanda Oster on page 6 to learn more!*

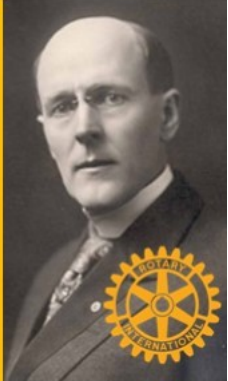
Membership is important for so many reasons; the work of Rotary and its mission is achieved by its like-minded members around the world. When we come together to “Serve To Change Lives”, we make a positive impact on our community, around the globe, and within ourselves. I invite members to offer ideas on the best ways to re-engage, energize, or grow the club. Our club’s membership goal is 200 members this year and all of us have a hand in helping to achieve it together! Bringing a family member, friend, or colleague as a guest to one of our meetings is a fantastic way to expose others to Rotary and engage potential members in a meaningful manner. I know that for me, Rotary has changed my life in a very positive way. Not only did I find **great friendships, business relationships, and feel good** knowing that my annual donations to the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus Foundation are doing good here and around the world, but it challenged me to become a better person. My first meeting that I attended as a guest was a classification speech - and I remember thinking to myself, “*I hope that by the time I would have to give my speech, I can say I’ve graduated with my Bachelor’s degree.*”. Eight months later, I was enrolled in the Adult Degree Program at Northwood University, knowing I was on track to finalize my BBA in Management in two years - JUST in time for my classification speech!

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*Rotary changes us
and those we serve.
I believe we can change the
world one life at a time.*

Paul Harris



It is my hope that others who are seeking fellowship and ways to serve others and their community find our club and become inspired, just like I did. Is there someone that you think would be inspired by Rotary? Who is that person for you?...we’d love to meet them!

Yours in Rotary Service,
Dallas Rau



Are you ready to engage with some AMAZING people?

The Board of Directors is pleased to announce that we will be returning to **in-person meetings on Thursday, August 5th, 2021** at the Midland Country Club (1120 W. St Andrews Road - Midland, MI 48640)!

Meetings will be held in the same banquet room and a lunch buffet will be available, if you choose, for \$15/person.

Every effort will be made to “stream” the program if feasible and low cost from the Midland Noon Rotary Facebook page via Facebook Live.



Upcoming Meetings

- 08/05 Downtown Development and Events
- 08/12 Myron Greene Classification
- 08/19 Meet our New Members
- 08/26 Midland Mentors
- 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

Rotary Club of Midland Paul Harris Fellow Recipients



*Jeanne Schaller
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 Vosejпка Sponsored by Dave Smith Executive Director, Creative 360	
	April			Terri Johnson Sponsored by Jenee Velasquez President / CEO, Midland Community Centers	January	
		JD Geisler Sponsored by Mark Bone Vice President, Geisler Warehouse	October			Stacey Gannon Sponsored by Sharon Mortensen Vice President, Senior Account Advi- sor, Huntington Private Bank
		Lisa Thompson Sponsored by Eric Curtis Director and Founder Self Love Beauty				Nicole Ford Sponsored by Carly Lillard Chief of Police, City of Midland
March		Ann Manary Sponsored by Michael Beale Midland County Clerk, City of Midland	September		Tony Stamas Sponsored by Sharon Mortensen President & CEO Midland Business Alliance	
		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	

AUGUST IS



EACH ONE BRING ONE

Membership and New Club Development Month



"Members are the most important resources to a Rotary Club"

THE WORLD
NEEDS MORE
#ROTARIANS



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 Please take this [SURVEY](#) to provide your input on the annual Rotary golf outing.

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*). By August 27, 2021, contact Amanda Oster (amanda.oster14@gmail.com) or Jane Johnson and pay \$10/attendee for a game ticket, buffet and unlimited soft drinks. Members of other Rotary clubs are welcome to join, but the fee is \$25/attendee for non-club members.

Our District's gathering will be August 19, 2021. Groups tickets are available for purchase along the 3rd base line. The game will start at 7:05 pm with a fireworks display and it's half-off beer night! Register [HERE](#) by August 16, 2021.



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.

Hello from your Membership and Social Chair, Amanda Oster!

With August being Membership month, we thought it would be a great opportunity to tell you a little bit more about our Membership and our Membership committee. Our Midland Rotary group sits at 183 members strong. We are the biggest club in our district! A quick snippet of what our Membership Committee does is handle all applications that come in, be a main contact for new members, usher them through the red to blue badge process, track all of the above, and my favorite part...planning social events to get together and have FUN! Our membership committee is small but mighty and always looking for new members to join us. Speaking of committees, there are so many you can serve on. If you would like to learn more, get ahold of me or any board member or chairperson and we would love to help you join a committee of your liking! Rotary changes lives through our service, but it also change your own life. It may be through networking, making lifelong friends or even changing the way you live to follow our four-way test of the things we think, say or do. Is it the



truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned? I know it has changed mine! While I am far from perfect, I often find myself stopping and asking these questions before I do something. The last year and a half has been hard on so many. Rotary kept going but was very different than what anyone was used to. We are looking forward to getting back to our in-person meetings! They are so very different than a Zoom call. We have a lot to catch up on and I would like to thank all our members, new and seasoned, for sticking with Rotary through the pandemic. I promise our new members that you will enjoy being in person at our meetings and connecting with other members. In person acts of service are a tremendously fun time as well! A couple important dates I'd like to also include is our in-person meeting on August 19th. We will be having our new members that can attend tell us a little about themselves, awarding red and blue badges and recognizing those that have made their classification speeches in the last couple years. September 18th is our club's annual Loons outing! Game time is 7:05pm and the gates and buffet open an hour before. For just \$10 per person, you get you ticket to the game with our own special Rotary area in the Northern Lights Pavilion, a summer buffet dinner and unlimited soft drinks. This is a family friendly event, so we welcome any guests. Please RSVP at your earliest convenience to amanda.oster14@gmail.com or give me a call/text to 989-513-8606.

I look forward to seeing you all very soon! I have missed you!

Amanda Oster, Membership and Social Chair



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.



July Programs Overview

Jul 1—HELPS International, based in Dallas, TX and Guatemala City, Guatemala, has been supportive of a private elementary school in the highlands of Guatemala, following the civil war in the 80's. Local retired teacher, Cheryl Weeks-Rosten, has made over 50 trips promoting teacher in-services and student scholarships . A related project has been the production of books for emerging readers, in Ixil (ih-SHEEL), a Mayan language, by the indigenous teachers themselves. At the July meeting, Cheryl will speak about the process and importance of children's books in an oral culture.

Jul 8 —A meeting favorite, we had a classification speech and were able to learn more about member, Kevin Scorsone and his rich, family history. We learned of his love of family, sports, and travel. Working at Tri-Star Trust, Kevin enjoys the organization's focus on a higher purpose to build genuine, caring relationships that strengthen families and transform our community. Kevin is sponsored by Matt Granzo.

Jul 15—We heard from Chris Mundhenk, President and General Manager of the Great Lakes Loons. He spoke about the effects of the pandemic on the sport of baseball, the franchise, and ways they are preparing their team to welcome back a full crowd to cheer on our local team!

Jul 22— Fellow Rotarian, Beverlee Wenzel, presented on the Discover You: Youth Voice for Peace program and Rotary's involvement as practitioners, educators, mediators, and advocates. The Discover You program teaches youth to embrace their future and works to build their confidence through courage and connection. Some of the key skills the program focuses on is non-violent communication, team building, growth mindset, strength based, forgiveness, resilience, and universal declaration of Human Rights. Rotary can continue to be involved through In-teract, Youth Exchange, and Global Connections.

Jul 29—Allison LaPlatt, Volunteer Resources Specialist from Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) shared the mission of MADD, which is to end drunk driving, help fight drugged driving, support the victims of these violent crimes and prevent underage drinking. This grassroots organization understands that life is forever changed following a substance impaired driving crash and victims and survivors are often left bereaved, injured and emotionally and financially devastated. To support victims and survivors with the challenges they face, MADD Victim Services offers emotional support, information and education, advocacy and referrals at no cost.

Driving Out Stigma at the GLBI —By Ron Beacom

The Midland County chapter of NAMI, the National Alliance on Mental Illness, was fortunate to be one of the non-profits selected to benefit from the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational (GLBI). I serve as the chapter president. NAMI is the nation's largest grass-roots mental health organization dedicated to building better lives for the millions of Americans affected by mental illness. In Midland, our volunteers provide support groups and the Family to Family educational program.

Each non-profit selected by the GLBI was assigned two teams to support. In return, the non-profit receives \$2,250 per team, so a minimum of \$4,500. That's a substantial amount of money for our NAMI chapter. If a team plays well, that amount could go up. The amount could also increase based on the support we provide in person and on social media. Our teams were Caroline Masson paired with Austin Ernst and Lauren Kim paired with Andrea Lee.



To show our support, we first had t-shirts made with our logo on the front on a field of green, the mental health awareness color, and a golf-related slogan on the back, "Driving Out Stigma." The non-profits were encouraged to give gift baskets to our golfers so we purchased two baskets from Heather-n-Holly in downtown Midland that included items from two other shops. Our thinking was to give them things they can eat and drink (wine and snacks)!

When the week started, fellow board member, Lois Pittsley (a Dow retiree), and I attended the Monday evening gathering at the Country Club with other non-profits and participants in Tuesday's pro-am. On Wednesday, our two teams had afternoon tee times. We were out in force in our green shirts. We hadn't met our teams yet but Caroline Masson apparently figured things out on her way to the third tee, thanking us for coming out. About an hour later, Kim & Lee teed off on #10. Some green shirts also followed them. Our Team NAMI Midland was made up of board members, family members, and friends over the course of the week. Credit goes to Jason Evans, the son of one of our board members, who showed me how to Instagram. The GLBI was a great, bonding experience for Team NAMI Midland.

We reported on social media from different holes over the course of each round. Our golfers were more than willing to have their picture taken with us at the end of the round. We were out early on Thursday, round 2, with tee times of 7:13am and 8:31am. Unfortunately, Kim/Lee weren't able to make the cut after the first two rounds. Masson/Ernst made the cut but they were the first team to tee off in Friday's third round. They played without a second twosome so their round was done in well under three hours. We enjoyed getting to know Austin's fi-

ance', Jason, while he followed along all week. His job allows him to travel and work from their hotel room. He said they enjoyed the tournament and spending time in Midland. We also heard from two hawks who apparently live between the 8th and 9th fairways.



Masson/Ernst played a great final round on Saturday, shooting 8 under for the day, tied for the second best score. Overall, they finished tied for 25th. After they wrapped up, Jim Fitterling, Dow CEO, graciously agreed to have his picture taken with our group and golfers. We got a fist bump from one of their caddies, thanking us for our support. We had at least one green shirt present at every one of the 72 holes Masson and Ernst played. We also posted close to 50 Instagram messages and near the same number of Facebook posts over the four days. The event gave NAMI Midland, the Dow GLBI, the LPGA and our community some great visibility. We're beyond grateful for the support we've received.



A POTENTIAL 2022 PEACE FELLOW!

Rotary Peace Centers

Midland Rotary recently had another opportunity for district endorsement of a potential 2022 Peace Fellow!

On May 11, Seth Davis from the Rotary Club of Alma, Michigan (District 6310) contacted Gail Hoffman about his desire to become a 2022 Rotary Peace Fellow. Gail reached out to District leadership including Randy Ettema, Cheryl Peterson, and Eileen Jennings and to our District Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee, including Peace Fellow Asha Ashokan, Jeanne Schaller, Georgene Hildebrand (Alpena Rotary), and Lynne Mischley (Morning Rotary) to begin the process for district endorsement.

Seth is a 2018 graduate of Alma College and has been working with a United Nations-affiliated organization called Community Systems Foundation. They work directly with the UN and national governments around the world to provide technology and tools to better use data for decision-making.

Seth began working in February to build an application for a Rotary Peace Fellowship. He sought guidance from members of the Alma Rotary Club and received wonderful support from them, including a club recommendation. He submitted his application to Rotary Peace Centers by the May 31 deadline. We were notified on June 1 that he met the eligibility requirements.

The next step in the endorsement process was an interview with Seth. The interview committee consisted of district leadership and the District Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee. During the June 16 interview, Seth impressed the committee with his thorough, thoughtful responses to the questions asked. He received unanimous support for district endorsement from the interview team, and his endorsed application was sent to the Rotary Peace Centers before the July 1 deadline.

On June 21, we received notification that Seth's application had been received and was ready to move forward: Each year, between July and October, the Rotary Peace Centers Committee, comprised of appointed Rotarians and university representatives, screens endorsed and qualified applications and selects fellowship finalists. Districts and their candidates are notified of the results by November.

If selected, Seth would then apply for university admission to one of the recognized Peace Centers that offer master's degrees. His first choice is University of Queensland in Australia; his second choice is International Christian University in Japan. His academic and professional careers have focused on understanding the intersections between politics, religion, and development. He hopes to study extreme religious nationalism and how it affects vulnerable communities in the United States and abroad.

Seth's plans after completion of the fellowship are to further support human development by enabling national governments around the world to more efficiently use their data to make evidence-based decisions. He believes the Rotary Peace Fellowship will provide the tools necessary to integrate peacebuilding and conflict resolution techniques into national policy and high-level decisions.

In the next three-to-five years, Seth's goal is to work with an organization specializing in the use of data to help community leaders and the general public better understand emerging cultural, religious, and peace trends in the country. His long-term goal is to be a foreign policy advisor with a congressional representative.

~Gail Hoffman

District Rotary Peace Fellowship Subcommittee Chair, District 6310 Peacebuilding & Conflict Resolution Champion

SPIRIT OF ROTARY

This annual award is presented on behalf of the Midland Rotary Club to a non-Rotarian under the age of 40 who leads a life of service above self and demonstrates leadership potential. Qualifying nominees actively support the Midland community, live a life consistent with the Rotary motto of 'service above self,' and exemplify the Rotarian Four-Way Test:

1. Is it the Truth?
2. Is it Fair to all concerned?
3. Will it build Good Will and Better Friendships?
4. Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?



Nominees must receive the endorsement of a member of the Midland Rotary Club. Please submit 2021 Spirit of Rotary award nominations before August 20, 2021 by following the link here: [2021 Nomination Form](#)

Please contact Corey Ferris with any questions (corey.ferris@hantzgroup.com)

[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](#).

REGISTER TODAY
[AT CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG](https://www.convention.rotary.org)

Houston, Texas, USA
4-8 June 2022



Rotary District 6310 Happenings

An excerpt from our July 2021 District Dispatch; “Approximately 75 Rotarians gathered at Zehnder’s of Frankenmuth on Friday, June 18th, for the ceremonial Passing of the Gavel event. Beginning with new District Governor Jeff’s father, Past District Governor Ted Leipprandt, ten Past District Governors (and one soon to join their ranks) passed the gavel down to the 2021-2022 District Governor Jeff Leipprandt. The special gavel was handcrafted by Jeff’s father, Ted. Thank you to photographer and Assistant Governor Dr. Tom Lane for capturing the event in the photos that follow. If you missed the event, you can view the recording on our district website. Click here to view a video message from our District Governor, Jeff Leipprandt: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p6ROxHsZJFA>



2020-2021 District Governor Randy Ettema presenting gavel to 2021-2022 District Governor Jeff Leipprandt

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.](#)