

**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 Note:**

Hello and Happy February, Rotary family!

Another month has passed us again, and though February is the shortest month, I hope you are able to slow down and do something you truly enjoy that adds to your wellbeing. For me these days, my cup will be filled following my son to watch him play on his travel football team. Watching the boys work hard together and exhibit such growth and camaraderie is incredible. It's easy to liken this sce-

nario to our club (*and since it's Super Bowl time!*); We have some seasoned members mingling with newer members who can offer incredible advice and expertise and be that guiding light...we have coaches that guide us with their knowledge and help out fellow Rotarians any way that they can...the fellowship exchanged at meetings and among members in the community inspires us all to be the best player, err, Rotarian we possibly can. Me? Sometimes I'm the coach. Sometimes I'm the loud Mom cheering from the sideline. Either way, I'm here for YOU and I'm here for OUR club and the great work of Rotary as we 'Serve to Change Lives'.

Looking ahead this month, we have many great programs and exciting milestones. We'll hear about workplace mental health, a classification speech From Jen Acosta, and from a speaker that correlates to February's theme, Promoting Peace. With many thanks to Gail Hoffman, you can read more about Katrina Kalcic and this topic on pages 5-6! I invite you to learn more about how Rotary promotes peace by following the link here: [Promoting Peace | Rotary International](https://www.rotary.org/en/promoting-peace). The Midland Rotary Foundation is approaching its first grant cycle of the 2022 calendar year with a deadline of April 1st. The link to the application can be found [HERE](#). Our Scholarship Committee has been hard at work preparing for their application process that will be launching soon, so stay tuned for more details from Reva Curry and her committee! Speaking of, check out page 12 for highlights and updates from many of our club committees!

It is also the time of year that the moment of reflection is taken and the Annual Reports roll out. I encourage you to review Rotary International's report via the link here <https://www.rotary.org/en/annual-report-2021> and ask; What do you want to accomplish in the last five months of this Rotary year? Is there an idea you have or a project you're passionate about that you think would be a great fit with our club? Please reach out and let me know! Finally, I'd like to just offer a big heartfelt THANK YOU! The work of this club and all we do and strive to accomplish is not possible without all of YOU. Thank you for letting me serve you..."Put me in, Coach!".



Yours in Rotary Service,

*Dallas Rau*

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## Upcoming Meetings

- 02/03 Workplace Mental Health
- 02/10 Jenifer Acosta Classification
- 02/17 Peace and Conflict Resolution (*VIRTUAL*)
- 02/24 MyMichigan
- 03/03 Focus on Youth
- 03/10 Wellbeing through Communication & Connection
- 03/17 Creation Coffee
- 03/24 Saginaw Valley State University
- 03/31 Sanford Mural Project

## Rotary Club of Midland Paul Harris Fellow Recipients



*Reva Curry +2*  
*Jon Lynch*  
*Michael J. Flint*  
*Kathy McCready (non-member)*  
*Judy Timmons (non-member)*  
*Steve Wilde +8*  
*Jeanne Lound Schaller +2*  
*Gail Hoffman +2*  
*Tim Dyste +2*  
*Kate Hessling*  
*Sam McKenzie*  
*Jeanne Schaller +1*  
*Dr. Jim Bakeman +6*

**MAJOR DONOR**  
*Dr. Tom Lane*  
*Jim Brozzo*

## 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!

### JANUARY



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**Krista Blaser**  
Sponsored by Kate Hessling  
President/Co-Founder, Coach Crabb  
Community Charities, Applied Training  
Solutions LLC



**Jeremy Rau**  
Sponsored by Dallas Rau  
Senior Field Leader of Capital Projects for  
Gas Transmission Operations, Consumers  
Energy

### NOVEMBER



**Alina Warner**  
Sponsored by Amanda Oster  
President and Health Coach, Wellness  
Within You



**Michael Goad**  
Sponsored by Dick Dolinski  
CEO, Dow Chemical Employees Credit  
Union



**Alan Stottlemeyer (Returning Member)**  
Sponsored by Mark Bone  
Research Engineer, Dow

### OCTOBER



**Amy Conner**  
Sponsored by Dallas Rau  
Business Development Coordinator,  
Brookdale Senior Living Tri-Cities



**Weikang "Ken" Wang**  
Sponsored by Jeff Rekeweg  
Associate Professor, Northwood Uni-  
versity

### SEPTEMBER



**Jennifer West**  
Sponsored by Jenee Velasquez  
Managing Director (GLBR), Greenleaf  
Trust



**Nathan Rapanos**  
Sponsored by Mark Bone  
Realtor/Investor with Broadleaf Invest-  
ments—Century 21



**Jenni Wontorcik**  
Sponsored by Shawn Weiss  
Admissions Director, Brittany Manor



**Katey Brown**  
Sponsored by Sharon Mortensen  
General Practice Director & Therapist,  
Partners In Change

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



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Each One...  
Bring One...





## Reminders and Opportunities for Fellowship and 'Service Above Self'

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).

**Technology**— We have some amazing speakers that are lined up to come and speak to our members each week and we need YOUR help! Come April, we will need a new technology chair to assist with slides and Facebook live. Please let Dallas know if you are interested!

**Committees**—Are you a member of a committee yet or do you want to change your current committee focus?



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### STAY TUNED Rotary Pancake Supper

Rotary Club of Midland will not host our pancake supper in February. Our board is discussing hosting this event later this spring, so keep an eye out for a possible future announcement.

The bulk of the work of Midland Noon Rotary is done by our 17 committees and 23 subcommittees. We are so happy you attend meetings but to **get engaged in the Rotary mission** itself, join one or two of our committees as listed on our website at <https://www.midlandrotaryclub.org/committees>. Once you've picked some that interest you, contact the committee chair through <https://www.dacdb.com>, log in, choose My Club, and then see the committees by clicking in the box in the upper right hand corner. We need you!

**Attendance**—Every one, Bring one! Our lunch buffet has been adjusted for average attendees dining during the meeting. If you sponsored someone and notice they are not attending, please consider checking on them and see how they are doing.

## 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](mailto: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.

## February Is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

### Peace & Conflict Prevention/ Resolution



#### Rotary's Approach:

*We see peace not as an abstract concept but as a living, dynamic expression of human development.*

*Peacebuilding is a cornerstone of our mission as a humanitarian service organization, and it is one of our seven areas of focus — the channels of activity through which our members make their mark on the world. Our programs, grants and fellowships focus on creating environments where peace can be built and maintained.*

*Rotary believes that if concerned citizens work together to create peace locally, lasting change can happen globally.*

To achieve this cornerstone of Rotary's mission as a humanitarian service organization, Rotary International has established four roles in promoting peacebuilding:

#### Rotary and Its Members Are:

- **Practitioners:** Our work fighting disease, providing clean water and sanitation, improving the health of mothers and children, supporting education, growing local economies, and supporting the environment directly *builds the optimal conditions for peaceful societies.*
- **Educators:** Our Rotary Peace Centers have trained over 1,300 peace scholars/fellows to *become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education, and international organizations.*
- **Mediators:** Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinators to reach children who are at risk. The eradication of polio remains the goal of the highest order for Rotary. We can continue to *apply the lessons we have learned in fighting polio to COVID-19 response efforts.*

**Advocates:** Our members have an integral role as respected, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction. We *focus on creating communities and convening groups that are connected, inclusive, and resilient* (Rotary.org, January 31, 2022).

Our Club, starting with Kevin Kendrick's presidency followed by Tawny Nelb's, has strived to serve not only locally, but also globally. This overview would not be complete without the reminder that Rotary International recently approved a Global Grant of \$83,800 to a consortium consisting of four Rotary districts and four Rotary clubs across two states and two continents to support sanitation, solar power, and teaching/learning technology projects for two schools in rural Uganda. What a wonderful example of global collaboration!

Although the global need is tremendous, we cannot ignore the ongoing needs locally. Our Peacebuilding Committee, chartered in 2017-18, is a "meet as needed" committee responsible for (1) Identifying, evaluating, and selecting opportunities for peacebuilding initiatives both locally and globally in collaboration with the Midland Chapter of the Nonviolent Peaceforce *and other like-minded entities* and (2) Aligning projects with Rotary International's priorities, specifically the focus area of Promoting Peace through peacebuilding and conflict transformation.

## February Is Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

### Prior Accomplishments:

1. Youth Voice for Peace – Chartered an Interact Club and offered programming in partnership with The ROCK and its “Discover You” curriculum. Project is on hold given challenges of Covid.

Global Grant for Peace within South Sudan – Aligned with Nonviolent Peaceforce Midland Chapter and NewGen Peacebuilders to work with Rotarians in Juba, SS. Project is on hold given challenges of Covid; e.g., borders have been closed.

### 2021 Accomplishments:

1. Continued our strong partnership with Nonviolent Peaceforce Midland Chapter (NPMC).

In partnership with NPMC, applied for and received designation as an International City of Peace (ICP). Midland will be joining other Cities of Peace around the globe, engaging other peace teams, creating an action plan, implementing on-the-ground work for peace, and engaging through ICP’s program to build a global network of peacebuilders. The goal is to have 1,000 Cities of Peace by 2025. Midland is the 343<sup>rd</sup> ICP. <http://internationalcitiesofpeace.org>

### 2022-23 Goals:

1. Update membership. Those on the original committee will soon receive an email asking if they want to continue their membership – or ask to be removed from the distribution list.

Engage Rotarians in ICP-related events and activities. Since a yearly proclamation affirming commitment and involvement is required by City Council, we will have lots of opportunities to further our peacebuilding efforts locally.

### February 17 Program (via Zoom):



Reinvigorating our Peacebuilding Committee during the month of Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution month is only one tangible thing happening during February. On February 17, we have a peace-focused program. Katrina Kalcic had been selected as District 6310’s 2021 Peace Scholar/Fellow and planned to study at Uppsala University in Uppsala, Sweden. She was then offered a Rotary Global Grant to attend Oxford University’s one-year intensive master’s program. This particular master’s degree will provide the practical skills and knowledge for *her focus areas of delivery of safe drinking water in Uganda and ending violence against women in a broader context.*

Although her plans changed, Katrina wants to remain connected to our district and be a resource for information and connections. That said, if you have specific questions you would like her to address during her program, please email them to [gailhoffmanhome@gmail.com](mailto:gailhoffmanhome@gmail.com).

***“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world: Indeed it’s the only thing that ever has.” ~Margaret Mead***

**~Gail Hoffman, Peacebuilding Committee Chair, District 6310 Peace & Conflict Resolution Champion**



# WE'RE SOCIAL!

Check us out on Facebook:

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



...and Instagram:

[Midlandnoonrotaryclub](https://www.instagram.com/midlandnoonrotaryclub)

...and Twitter:  
[@NoonRotary](https://twitter.com/NoonRotary)



# Rotary Hero Nominations

Do you know of a fellow Rotarian in our club that exemplifies 'Service Above Self' and goes above and beyond? Now is your chance to give that Rotarian the recognition they deserve!

Rotary Hero Nominations are currently being considered! Please send your nominations to Stewards of Rotary Chair, Missie Freier and/or Dallas by February 15th.

The Stewards of Rotary committee will review all submissions and submit one name to the Board for final consideration.

The Rotary Hero is typically honored at the Rotary District 6310 Annual Conference (taking place this year on April 29th and 30th in Traverse City).

*Previously honored include Angela Cole, Gail Hoffman, Ellis (Ned) Brandt, Jim Nigro, and Harry Grether.*

Missie can be reached at [Missief@1stState.Bank](mailto:Missief@1stState.Bank)





# Our 2022-2023 Rotary theme has been chosen!

Shared with permission, by Kevin Kendrick

Every year, the incoming Rotary International President selects a theme for the upcoming year which begins on July 1. This year, Rotary will be celebrating its first ever female President with the ascension of Rotarian Jennifer Jones to that position. President Jones who hails from Ontario, Canada, and is a member of the Windsor-Roseland Club, will be an outstanding leader. Her selection of this year's theme and colors was quite intentional:

Purple, representing our efforts to eradicate polio;

Green, representing our 7th and newest focus area of the Environment;

White, representing Peace, another of our focus areas.

These colors also represented the color of flags and banners used by suffragettes in the United Kingdom in the earliest days of that movement.



District 6310

# Rotary Ski Day

**Wednesday, February 16th, 2022**  
**Nubs Nob - 8:30am in Main Lobby**

**Calling all ski enthusiasts (Downhill and Cross Country)!  
We're excited to announce a day on the slopes or in the tracks  
with fellow Rotarians and guests in beautiful northern  
Michigan at Nubs Nob Ski Resort.**

We have secured a special group rate of \$62 downhill and \$20 XC  
(providing we have 20 or more) for a day of skiing. If you're over  
75 you can ski for free at Nubs!

To order your ski pass please contact Fred Herter from the Saginaw Valley Club at 989-450-5416 or  
send check to Fred at 4210 Firethorn Drive, Saginaw, MI 48603.

**Please order pass before February 7th**

For those interested we're planning to stop for dinner at the Sugar Bowl Restaurant in Gaylord  
afterwards on our way back home.

Transportation will be on your own, however we would encourage carpooling.

Any questions please contact Fred or DG Jeff at 989-550-0235



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Nubs is home to one of Michigan's most challenging downhill resorts,  
however they also have well groomed XC trails (a 2Km and 21Km).



# DISTRICT CONFERENCE 2022

APRIL 29-30, 2022

THE PARK PLACE HOTEL | TRAVERSE CITY

Register here: <https://rotary6310.myeventscenter.com/event/Rotary-District-6310-Annual-Conference-2022-57580>

## Join our District 6310 Annual Conference April 29 and 30, 2022 Park Place Hotel, Traverse City

Conference tickets and hotel reservations are booked separately

**To book your hotel reservations: CALL the Park Place Hotel at 231-946-5000  
USE room block code RD6310**

Rotarians, we would like to invite you to attend our annual District Conference at the Park Place Hotel in beautiful Traverse City, on April 29 & 30, 2022. We hope that you'll consider joining Rotary friends from across our District for fellowship, fun, and food in one of our state's most beautiful locations!

To welcome you to the conference on Friday night you'll enjoy the musical talents of the "Flashbacks", a 6-piece band including some Rotarians from the Pigeon club. After breakfast on Saturday we'll conduct our annual District Business Meeting at which time Rotarians that have passed away during the past year will be honored. Next, you'll have the opportunity to attend 2 of 3 breakout sessions that are sure to expand your knowledge of Rotary, technology and our environment.

On Saturday afternoon we'll invite you to explore the many businesses in the Traverse City area many of which we have secured a special Rotary discount for. Our conference team suggests a tour of the Traverse City Commons, Fustini's, Traverse City Whiskey, or Wine Tasting on the Mission Peninsula.

Saturday evening's final banquet will bring us our very special Keynote speaker, Retired Staff Sergeant, Travis Mills [Keynote Speaking - Travis Mills - Retired United States Army Staff Sergeant and recalibrated warrior.](#) You will not want to miss his powerful story of courage and perseverance.

Don't delay and make your reservations for the conference and hotel accommodations today!!!

To book your hotel reservations call 231-946-5000 using the room block code of RD6310.



## Committee Updates and Highlights

At the January Board meeting, each committee chair/co-chair was asked for an update on their committee and invited them to comment on their needs and goals. We discussed the importance of succession planning within the committee to ensure the good work can continue to be done with minimal disruption should a member need to step away. Below is a summary of some of what was received:

- Tawny Nelb shared that the Salvation Army fundraising efforts continue to be fun - and successful with \$3,610 raised in our 2021 campaign!
- Missie Freier shared that the Stewards of Rotary committee continues to send thoughtful cards to Rotarians who could use a meaningful gesture. Tawny Nelb also provided historical documents to support the current fundraising campaign for the Rotary Foundation and the Midland Rotary Foundation.
- Sharon Mortensen shared that the Grove Park committee they are looking forward to a Spring and Fall cleanup in 2022 and re-engaging in Midtown events, should they start up again.
- Gail Hoffman shared that the Peacebuilding Committee continues its strong partnership with the Nonviolent Peaceforce Midland Chapter and after much hard work and dedication, Midland received designation as an International City of Peace
- Jennifer Chappel shared that the Riverdays planning is typically underway in March and that she is currently looking for a new club member to co-lead the event; Please reach out if interested!
- Carlos Uribe shared that the Midland Blooms committee should be kicking off in spring for a May 21st planting day; Stay tuned for more information on those marigolds!
- Tim Dyste, President of The Midland Rotary Foundation, shared the approvals from their fall grant cycle; Midland Kids First, Caregiving Network, and Mid-Michigan Community Action - and welcomed newest board member, Matt Granzo! Congratulations!
- Brad Duling shared that the Golf Outing in the fall was successful, though the numbers have dwindled. He is looking for someone to step in and chair this awesome event and explore its potential.
- Tom Lane and Dick Dolinski, who co-chair the International Committee, shared the principal achievement for them was the award of the \$83,800 Rotary International grant to support two projects in Uganda. Amazing work!!!
- The Tridge Walk committee, co-chaired by Eric Curtis and Matt Granzo shared that they look forward to the event this year during Labor Day and rallying some Rotarians to assist with giveaways, coffee, and donuts.
- Dallas Rau shared that the Public Image committee continues to grow and evolve, welcoming new members and adjusting roles accordingly. The committee meets bi-monthly and will explore adding new social media channels to reach a broader audience in hopes of engaging current and prospective members.
- Gail Hoffman shared the Wellbeing through Communication and Connection committee has successfully chartered a working committee and partnered with the Midland Morning club. They developed monthly programming that combined learning from the Civility Pilot and the Wellbeing Certificate course recently graduated by many current Rotarians.
- Amanda Oster shared that the Member Orientation and Social committee will reconvene in early 2022 to explore membership responsibilities and is actively seeking new members! A reminder to members who have sponsored a fellow club member to please check in on them and guide their entry into the club so they can be active and engaged members.
- Sam McKenzie and Robbie Waclawski, who co-chair the new Supporting the Environment committee, shared that they are exploring many ideas for a project this Rotary year and welcome input from membership as well!

*Stay tuned for more updates from our fabulous committees—I am so grateful for everyone's hard work and support. The good work of our club could not be accomplished without all of YOU!*