

Midland Rotary News



President's Message

Hello fellow Rotarians!

It's hard to believe that it's already been two months since Jon's last day as president and my taking on this new role. As the saying goes, time really does fly when you're having fun. Thank you to Jon, our board and all of our members for making the transition so seamless.

As summer draws to a close and the busy fall season gets underway, I'm pleased to announce that we will be bringing back our annual Tridge Walk this month after a three-year hiatus due to the pandemic. This is a favorite tradition for our club and community, and I know many are looking forward to participating.

I also want to take a moment to invite back any members who may have taken a step back from Rotary activities over the summer or in recent years. Whether you've been busy with family, work, or other commitments, we want you to know that your membership is still valued and there is always a place for you here.

Whether you've been here for years, recently re-engaging or joining us now, thank you for your part in our mission.

Yours in Rotary,

Angela Cole

TAKE ACTION: WWW.MIDLANDROTARYCLUB.ORG

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**PAUL HARRIS
FELLOW
RECIPIENTS**

**JENNIFER WEST +1
LARRY WASHINGTON +1
REVA CURRY +3
MATT LAMING**



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in the WORLD**

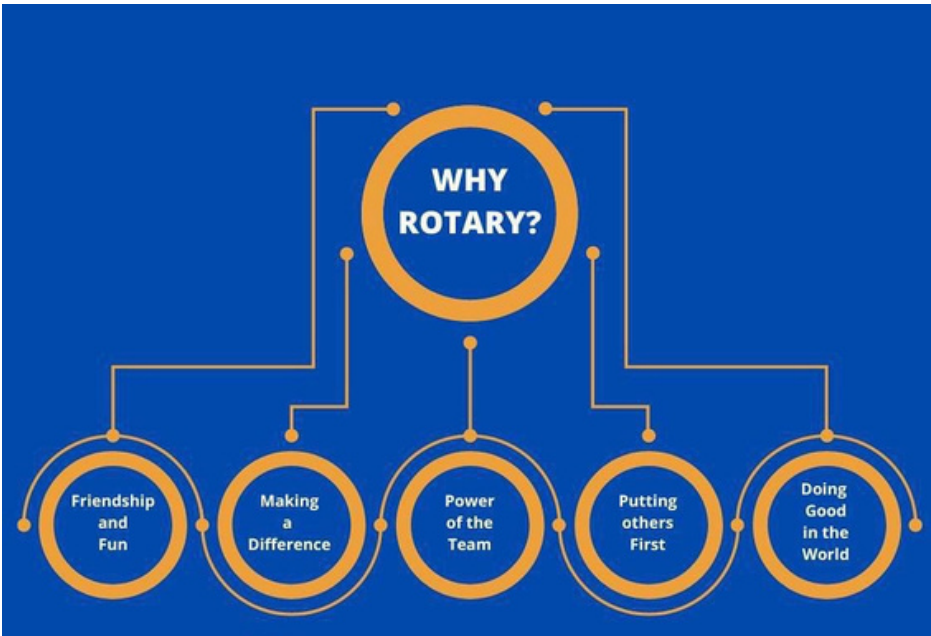
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Facebook www.facebook.com/MidlandNoonRotaryClub/

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Instagram: www.instagram.com/midlandminoonrotary/

Logos/Rotary Global Rewards:
<http://midlandrotaryclub.org>



UPCOMING MEETINGS

Sept. 7

ClubRunner

Sept. 14

Supporting the Environment

Sept. 21

Rotary principles and practice of inclusion

Sept. 28

Freeland Robotics

Oct. 5

Camp Neyati

Oct. 12

United Way

Oct. 19

Floyd Andrick plane crash presentation

Oct. 26

Classification

Nov. 2

Wellbeing Committee

Nov. 9

Saginaw Spirit

Nov. 16

Classification

Nov. 23

Thanksgiving

Nov. 30

Classification

Dec. 7

Classification

Dec. 14

TBD



Thank you, Melina

A big shout-out to Melina Bucci, who always arrives early to make sure the bell and gavel are put out ahead of each meeting. She is truly one of the people who work quietly behind the scenes to make sure our meetings run smoothly!



- Blain Anderson (9/6)
- Melissa Barnard (9/28)
- Becky Church (9/20)
- Missie Freier (9/27)
- Janice Hernandez-Elefanio (9/12)
- Mike Kelly (9/24)
- Jayme LaRose (9/19)
- Tom Matonican (9/3)
- Bonnie McManus (9/22)
- Carolynn Patten (9/4)
- Missy Reed (9/24)



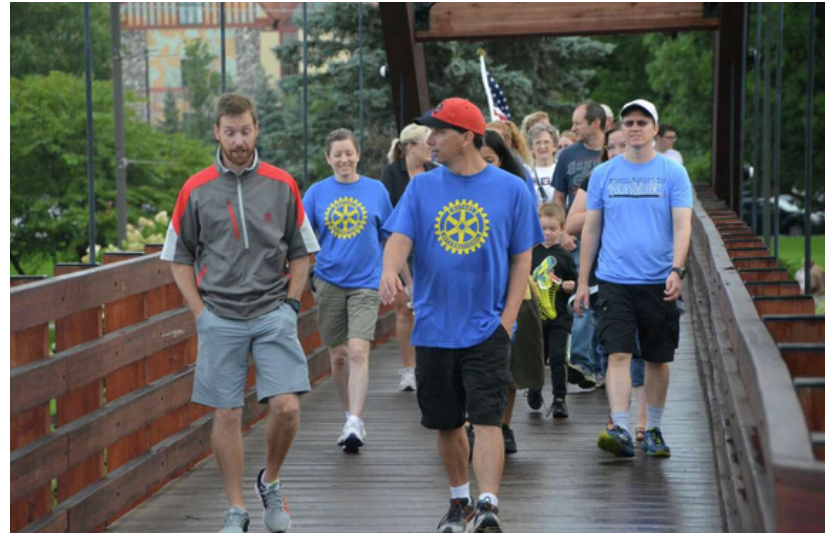
District governor visit

Last month, we had the opportunity to have Rotary 6310 District Governor Melanie McCoy visit! From the “fireball the rabbit” and her history as a Rotarian to her goals for this Rotary year, we love Melanie’s passion for all things Rotary!



EVERY GREAT DREAM BEGINS WITH A DREAMER. ALWAYS REMEMBER, YOU HAVE WITHIN YOU THE STRENGTH, THE PATIENCE, AND THE **P A S S I O N** TO REACH FOR THE STARS TO CHANGE THE WORLD.

HARRIET TUBMAN



Labor Day Tridge Walk set for Sept. 4

The annual Labor Day Tridge Walk, hosted by the Midland Rotary Clubs, is set for Sept. 4, 2023.

“The walk is returning after a three-year hiatus due to the coronavirus pandemic,” stated Angela Cole, president of the Rotary Club of Midland, which meets at noon every Thursday at the Midland Country Club. “We are beyond pleased to bring this beloved tradition back to the community.”

In 1992, Judge Henry Hart and a group of friends started a tradition when they crossed over the Tridge, over the confluence of the Chippewa and Tittabawassee rivers in downtown Midland. This walk sparked the beginnings of the Annual Labor Day Tridge Walk.

The Tridge Walk typically includes music, special guest speakers and family-friendly activities. During the walk, participants traverse the Tridge from Downtown Midland to Chippewassee Park.

The tradition has evolved over the years, and there have been many generous entities that have hosted the event, such as the Salvation Army, the Midland Area Community Foundation, and the Chippewa Nature Center. In recent years leading up to the COVID pandemic, the Midland’s Rotary Clubs have continued the tradition.

This year’s walk begins at 9 a.m. Monday, Sept. 4, at the old farmers market area near the Tridge at the end of Ashman Street. The event will include coffee and donuts, and a performance by the band, Something Neutral.

Volunteers are needed from 7:30 to 10 a.m. Monday. Volunteers do not need to be Rotarians, so please feel free to invite your family and friends to volunteer with you. This is always a fun community event to attend!

Please contact Amanda Oster to volunteer or ask questions by e-mail at amanda.oster14@gmail.com or phone or text at (989) 513-8606. The volunteer sign-up sheet is online here: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044BADAE2BA1F58-tridge>

Learning to Lead: Two programs to watch

By Rod Thomas

Is there someone in the Rotary Club of Midland that is a young professional? Or perhaps someone who shows the traits of or desire to be a future Rotary leader?

It might be you!

Rotary Zones 28/32 "Learning to Lead" is a perfect opportunity to "future-proof" your club and district. We are offering two separate programs in Toronto, and one might be perfect for you or someone in your club:

- The Young Professionals program is for any Rotarian under the age of 40 (or close, we're not checking I.D.) looking to network with other YPs and see Rotary outside of their club/district.
- The Future Leaders program is for any Rotarian, regardless of age, looking to understand what leadership opportunities are available outside of their club.

Here is a taste of what they should expect.

- District Committees and how to become actively involved; honing leadership skills while developing capable committee members for the district.
- The Rotary Foundation: developing grant projects; learning how to access TRF District Grants and Global Grants; understanding DDF Rotary Direct
- Finding your voice in an organization of leaders through our Toastmasters alliance
- Communicating Across Generations - we have 5 different generations working together - we will learn to communicate better with each other.
- Meet Rotary senior leaders and be inspired by their journey in Rotary leadership

Please take a moment to consider whether you or someone in your club might benefit from this opportunity, then help them with the resources they need to attend. Your payback will be a more vibrant, engaged Rotarian ready to contribute more fully!

These programs begin Thursday, September 28th and conclude Sunday, October 1st. Registration fee is \$575.00 (Canadian dollars), and the daily hotel rate at the Delta Hotels by Marriott Toronto Airport & Conference Centre is \$175.00 (CAD) plus tax.

Some clubs or districts may offer assistance to attend the conference; please check with your Club President or District Governor. Register today at the Zone 28/32 website or use this link:

<https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50077/page/2023-learning-to-lead>

Thanks for helping us spread the word about this terrific opportunity for Rotary's young professionals and future leaders!

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Won't you be my neighbor?

Did you or your children grow up with this song?

*"It's a beautiful day in this neighborhood,
A beautiful day for a neighbor.
Would you be mine?
Could you be mine?..."*

*Won't you please,
Won't you please?
Please won't you be my neighbor.*

— Fred Rogers



Sharon Mortensen

This song comes to mind as Midland County prepares to celebrate Neighboring Week later this month. This annual celebration helps to bring people together whether in their physical neighborhoods, their workplaces, or other places they may gather.

As a Fred Rogers' fan, I'm currently reading *The Good Neighbor*, a biography written by Maxwell King. The book underscores the kindness and belief in connection reflected by Rogers in his show and his career. One of Roger's quotes is: "There are three ways to ultimate success: The first way is to be kind. The second way is to be kind. The third way is to be kind." A good neighbor shows kindness.

Neighboring Week is about showing kindness, connecting with others, taking time to get to know those in our community, and building places where all people feel included and experience a sense of belonging.

It's interesting that Fred Rogers posed the question, "please won't you be my neighbor," implying that we can choose to be a neighbor to others. As we think about diversity, equity and inclusion, let's start by asking others to be our neighbors.

One quality of being a good neighbor is inviting and including others in your life.

Rogers also said, "In times of stress, the best thing we can do for each other is to listen with our ears and our hearts and to be assured that our questions are just as important as our answers." It's safe to say that we live in a stressful world, and many are facing challenging and difficult circumstances. Being a good neighbor is taking the time to listen to others. Another part of being a good neighbor is helping those outside our normal circle of friends and neighbors. When asked "who is my neighbor," Jesus used the illustration of the good Samaritan. The Samaritan made a choice to extend himself and help someone in need, someone outside his traditional circle of neighbors.

This year, Rotary International President R. Gordon R. McNally is encouraging Rotary members to create a culture of care, both within Rotary and around the world, by making mental health a priority. In a caring culture, leaders and members focus on helping each other thrive. His encouragement leads us to look at how to be a good neighbor inside and outside our clubs.

As Neighboring Week approaches, we can all celebrate the importance of being good neighbors to one another as we show kindness, invite and include others in our lives, take time to listen, and help those outside our normal circle of neighbors. Let's build a greater culture of care as we ask the question, "please won't you be my neighbor?"

Fun for all had at District Loons night

Mother Nature didn't ruin the fun during our District Night at the Great Lakes Loons on Aug. 29, 2023.



Rotarians serve up fun at River Days

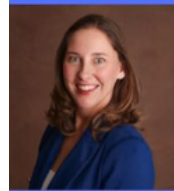
As is tradition, Rotarians served up some burgers and beverages at this year's River Days Festival.



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"THE IMPACT OF ROTARY IS A TESTAMENT TO THE POWER OF INDIVIDUALS COMING TOGETHER WITH A SHARED VISION, CREATING A RIPPLE EFFECT OF POSITIVE CHANGE THAT TRANSCENDS BORDERS AND TRANSFORMS LIVES." -Aaron Sines



GET TO KNOW THIS
ROTARIAN
KIM BENNETT



ORIGINALLY FROM: Romeo, MI; Home of the bulldogs and Kid Rock

SPONSOR: Kristin Stehouwer

OCCUPATION: Safety Director at Moltus Building Group

CURRENTLY READING: *Rock, Paper, Scissors* by Alice Feeney

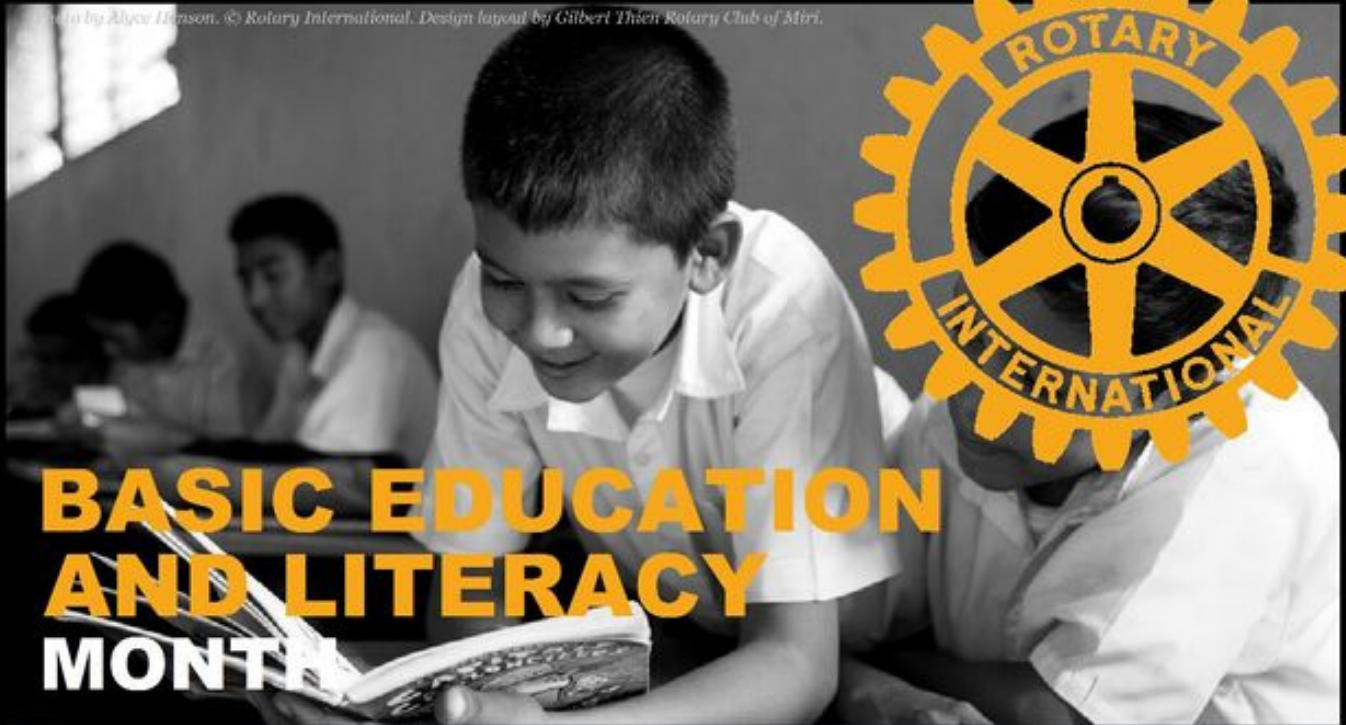
FUN FACT: We used to live in Midland County, moved away for almost ten years, and now are happy to be back. My husband and I both hold degrees from Northwood University

WHY I JOINED ROTARY: I am a past Rotarian in Howell, MI and wanted to continue the fellowship with my new local chapter

WHAT I'M MOST LOOKING FORWARD TO IN ROTARY: Meeting new people and making connections all while giving back to the community



SEPTEMBER IS



BASIC EDUCATION AND LITERACY MONTH



"Education is a social process. Education is growth. Education is not a preparation for life; education is life itself."

John Dewey



TAKE ACTION: Join Rotary, Get Involved

