



Rotary Club Of Houghton Lake, MI – USA

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Club Report

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ROTARY CLUB OF HOUGHTON LAKE

Background

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake was chartered in February of 1987.

Current Rotary Club of Houghton Lake members Charlie Berg, Jim Deamud, Dick Follrath, Darrell Milner, Tom Moreau, and Randy Seymour were charter members of the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake when it was formed in July of 1986.

Over the years, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has played a vital role in many community projects. Two of the largest projects of the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake have been the development of the Happy Landings Playground and the Denton Township Soccer Fields. More than \$40,000 was invested in these endeavours. We have also completed development of the public park in Denton Township, our largest project to date with over \$95,000 invested and are now contributing to the public parks in Markey and Roscommon Townships along with the Graham/MacDonald Memorial Sports Complex. The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has provided thousands of dollars to local college-bound high school students. Funding is derived from member contributions and the community's support of Rotary activities.

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake meets Monday at 12:15 pm at Coyle's Restaurant with a current active membership of thirty five (35) members.

Consistent with Rotary International philosophy, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake, in addition to conducting weekly meetings, has major initiatives in Club, community, vocational, and international activities. Examples of each will be presented later with an explanation of how individual members have played a key role in meeting Club objectives. Our Rotarians are recognized as leaders within the Houghton Lake community.

More information about the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake (including an archive of our weekly bulletin "The HL Rotarian") can be found on the Internet at www.hlrotary.org.

2009-2010 ROTARY MEMBERSHIP

Kim Akin-PE	Debbie Banks-PP	Charlie Berg
James Deamud	Allison Docherty	Dick Follrath
Paula Fuller	Sindy Fuller-P	Jeff Gaberdiel
Bob Gandolfi-PP, PDG	Gary Gandolfi-PP	Rick Hacker
Koreen Hobbs	Pete Injasoulian	Vickie Kalmbach
Jim Kent-H	Rhonda Lamberg	Denise MacKenzie-PP
Dan McGregor	Tom McNamara-PP	Darrell Milner-PP
Tom Moreau-PP	Bill Oliver-PP	Bob Pacella
Patrick Sawhill	Randy Seymour-PP	Anita Sheppard
Bert Sisson	Barb Souder-PP	Phillip Spicer-PP
John Stark-PP	Paul Tice	Judy Tyo
Jim VanSice		

Long Term (5 year) Plan

This plan was established in July 2008, following a Vision Facilitation Exercise carried out in May 2007. It reflects input from the Club on the output of the Vision Facilitation and was agreed prior to our annual plan being finalized.

1. Membership
 - a) Increase net membership by 10% each year
 - b) Implement orientation and induction program for new members
2. Become most visible organization in the community as judged by community and media
3. Hold at least 2 successful fundraising events each year raising at least \$27,000 net
4. Implement a program for continuity of leadership
 - a) Maintain rolling 5 year plan and insure annual plans coordinate
 - b) Put in place 'How To' Manuals for all events
5. Achieve 75% meeting attendance
6. Support Rotary Foundation
 - a) EREY - \$100 contribution by every Rotarian to the Foundation every year
 - b) 3 year commitment to \$1000 contribution by Club every year to PolioPlus
 - c) Support Clean Water Project
7. Focus on programs to promote youth development
 - a) STRIVE
 - b) Scholarships
 - c) Food Projects
 - d) Bike Rodeo
 - e) Interact
 - f) Life Leadership
 - g) Inbound and Outbound Exchange Students
 - h) Park project enhancement and expansion
 - i) Career Day/Youth Development
8. Support the significance of the family
 - a) Family/Spouse events

CLUB ADMINISTRATION

The governing body of the Club is the Board consisting of the President, President-Elect, Secretary, Treasurer, Immediate Past President, 2 two-year directors, and 2 one-year directors. There are also chairmen for Membership, Public Relations, The Rotary Foundation, and Local & International Service Projects. With the exception of the two-year club directors, all service director positions are elected for one year. They begin serving in July of each year.

General Meetings

Time: 12:15 pm
Place: Coyle's Restaurant
Day: Mondays

Board Meetings

Time: 11:00 am
Place: Coyle's Restaurant
Day: Second Monday of each month

Meeting locations, times, and dates are periodically reviewed by the membership to assure that meetings are conveniently scheduled. Meals are served, business is conducted, and an informational program is presented. (All in the spirit of great fellowship!)

Cost to Members

Initiation Fee: \$20
Quarterly Dues: \$100

The above represents the routine cost for members.

\$25 Donations to the Rotary Foundation are encouraged with quarterly dues.

CLUB LEADERSHIP PLAN

In 2006 our Club initiated the New Club Leadership Plan. Each area has a chairperson and Club members meet the last regular meeting of each month during "Club Assembly" to plan and discuss projects.

2009-2010 ROTARY CLUB OFFICERS and CHAIRMEN

Club Administration

President	Sindy Fuller
Past President	Denise MacKenzie
President Elect	Kim Akin
President Nominee	TBD
Secretary	Barb Souder
Treasurer	Bert Sisson
2 yr Directors	Darrell Milner, Jim VanSice
1 yr Directors	Tom McNamara, Judy Tyo
Sgt. At Arms	Denise MacKenzie

Membership

Club Historian	Kim Akin
	Gary Gandolfi

Public Relations

Rotary Awareness Day	Gary Gandolfi
	Kim Akin

The Rotary Foundation

Barb Souder

Service Projects - Local

<u>Fund Raising</u>	Tom Moreau
Poker Room	Sindy Fuller
Auction	Bill Oliver, Denise MacKenzie, Anita Sheppard
Raffle Tickets	Bob Pacella
Dinner Theatre	Sindy Fuller, Vickie Kalbach
Camel Race	Judy Tyo, Paula Fuller

Community Projects

Adopt-A-Highway	Vickie Kalmbach
Bike Rodeo	Tom Moreau
Rotary Park	Tom McNamara
Citizen of the Year	Tom Moreau, Jeff Gaberdiel
Vocational Award	Tom Moreau, Jeff Gaberdiel
Spouse Appreciation	Randy Seymour

School Projects

Life Leadership	Darrell Milner
Career Day	TBD
Scholarships	Dan McGregor
S.T.R.I.V.E.	Anita Sheppard, Bill Oliver
Interact	Bill Oliver, Gary Gandolfi

Service Projects - International

WCS	TBD
Youth Exchange	Debbie Banks
	TBD

MEMBERSHIP

Membership

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has a current active membership of 35. In 2009-10 we have a two stage approach to seeking new members. First, we will be holding our second Rotary Awareness Day, which will have a joint objective of membership and PR. Second, we will continue to use 'Be Our Guest' business cards at all of our fund-raising events to invite prospective new members to come to one of our weekly meetings.

2009-10 Goal: Increase active membership by a net 3 active members.

Rotary Awareness Day

Rotary Awareness Day is designed to help our club gain new members as well as, keep our community aware of what our club accomplishes. Current Rotarians compile a guest list of community leaders to invite to a lunch meeting. We have a presentation that shows our guests what a wonderful club we have and all the contributions we make. Our first Rotary Awareness Day was held in 2008 and was well attended. We will continue our Rotary Awareness Day again in 2009.

2009-10 Goal: Gain 5 new members

Interact Student Guests

Each week (during the school year), two Interact students join Houghton Lake Rotarians at the regular luncheon meeting at Coyle's restaurant. This helps to keep the lines of communication open and awareness of the activities and projects of each Club. Rotarian Bill Oliver has chaired Interact for several years.

2009-10 Goal: 100% Interact member participation.

Spouse Appreciation Night

Rotary Club of Houghton Lake will hold a "Spouse Appreciation" night to reward our spouses for all that they do and all the time we as Rotarians spend away from our families on Rotary business. This function is scheduled for the week of Valentines (2nd or 3rd Monday of February). The evening activities will include a social hour followed by dinner and formal entertainment. This function is partially funded by the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake with the goal being 100% attendance by all Rotarians accompanied by their spouse or significant.

2009-10 Goal: 100% member and spouse attendance and a good time.

Rotarian of the Year

At the end of each year, the Club President, with input from the Club, chooses the Rotarian they believe has most demonstrated 'service above self' as a tribute and thank you to the many hours that person volunteers to Rotary and other organizations. In 2009 this award went to Rotarian Stacey Barnes who has Chaired the S.T.R.I.V.E. program since its inception, chaired the 2009 Career Day, and actively participated in most all Rotary projects.

2009-10 Goal: Seek Club input for the 2010 Rotarian of the Year award

PUBLIC RELATIONS

Weekly Bulletin / Newsletter

Each week, Rotarian Judy Tyo publishes the Club bulletin "The HL Rotarian". The Houghton Lake Rotarian contains a recap of the previous week's program, Rotary International news, Rotary Club and Interact membership, and project information. Archives of the bulletin are available on the Club web site at www.hlrotary.org.

2009-10 Goal: To publish an informative & entertaining weekly newsletter that is sent by e-mail to all members prior to the weekly meeting.

Weekly Program

The weekly program schedule is maintained by Rotarian John Stark. The weekly program has had a facelift this year. The programs are interviewed and scheduled by a committee headed by John Stark. Our club members are encouraged to find interesting and informative speakers. They then submit the speaker to the committee who contacts the individual to interview and schedule the program. When the program is complete, the committee meets and grades the presentation for future interesting programs. The Program for the next three weeks is published each week in the HL Rotarian.

2009-10 Goal: We feel interesting, entertaining and informative programs directly impact both membership and attendance.

Club Web Site

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has maintained a web site at www.hlrotary.org since 1998. Rotarian and Webmaster Gary Gandolfi keeps the web site updated with Club membership, project information, Club history, an archive of the Houghton Lake Rotarian bulletin/newsletter, and critical project documents for availability to Club members.

2009-10 Goal: Keep the Club web site up to date and accurate.

SERVICE PROJECTS - LOCAL

FUNDRAISING

Annual Auction

The largest fund-raiser for the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake is the annual Silent Auction held in the spring. The first Silent Auction took place in 2000 and each year it has raised over \$20,000 to help support The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake's various community and world projects. The 2009 Houghton Lake Rotary Silent Auction was held Saturday, May 18, 2009 at the Houghton Lake Quality Inn with a Hawaiian Luau theme. Rotarians are expected to procure a minimum dollar amount of auction items and assist in the set-up, operation, and clean up of the auction. This past year's event raised over \$17,000 for the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake. The next Auction is scheduled for April 28, 2010 and will move location to the Knights of Columbus Hall in Prudenville, MI. The theme will be 'Rock 'N Roll'.

Rotarian Bob Pacella secures the raffle licenses and arranges for the printing of the tickets for this event and the Dinner Theatre, distributes them to Club members, and collects the money.

2009-10 Goal: 100% member participation. Raise \$25,000.

Dinner Theatre

The past two years we've held an interactive Dinner Theatre performed by the Kirtland Community College Players. This event offers an evening of fun, entertainment, fund raising, and good food. The 2010 Dinner Theatre (Agatha Christie's "The Mousetrap") will be held November 7th, 2009.

2009-10 Goal: Good member and community attendance. Net profit of \$ 5,000.

Poker Room

Through the Michigan Charitable Gaming Commission we held four Millionaire Parties at the Limberlost Poker Room. Each Party consists of four nights and eight Rotarians working the event. The net profit is split with the Poker room. The four parties raised a total of \$4680. Now that our initial agreement with the Poker room is fulfilled the Club has decided that the amount raised does not warrant the time commitment necessary. We have chosen not to do this type of fundraiser in the near future.

2009-10 Goal: Discontinue the Poker Room project.

Camel Race

This was a new fundraising event in 2008-9 a joint project with the Kiwanis Club of Houghton Lake. Our 50/50 split with the Kiwanis club was \$3355.73. Rotarian Judy Tyo and the camel race committee worked with counterparts in the Kiwanis Club to plan and execute the event. This fun event involves local businesses who sponsor 'camels' which they name and decorate and then race at the event that will take place in May 2010. Visitors to the event purchase 'camel bucks' that they use to bet on which camel will win the races. Proceeds from the event will be used for projects that support Houghton Lake youth.

2009-10 Goal: Raise a net total of \$6,000 and build a good working relationship with the local Kiwanis Club.

COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Adopt-A-Highway

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake is an active Adopt-A-Highway sponsor for the section of M-55 running from US-127 to Federal Avenue in Houghton Lake. Rotarian Vickie Kalmbach maintains communication with MDOT and distributes the schedules and vests to Rotarians three times a year.

2009-10 Goal: 100% member participation.

Citizen of the Year Award

Each year, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake recognizes a person in our community who exemplifies the Rotary motto "Service Above Self". Rotarians submit candidates with a description of why they would make a great "Citizen of the Year". The Rotary board approves a list of candidates. A Club committee selects the recipient who will receive a plaque to recognize this prestigious award. The 2009 Rotary Club of Houghton Lake Citizen of the Year was Jim Bebo.

2009-10 Goal: Award a local Citizen of the Year.

Vocational Service Award

Each year, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake recognizes a person in our community for "Outstanding service to his or her vocation and community". Rotarians submit candidates with a description of why they would make a great example of their vocation. The Rotary board approves a list of candidates. A Club committee selects the recipient who will receive a plaque to recognize this prestigious award. In 2009 the committee selected four Vocational Service Award winners; Rick MacKenzie, Father Tony Cureton, Sindy Fuller and husband and wife Don & Illeene Bartholomew.

2009-10 Goal: Select and present a local vocational service award.

Rotary / Interact – Houghton Lake Area Bike Rodeo

In 1998, The Houghton Lake Area Bike Rodeo was at risk of cancellation. The acting Bike Rodeo coordinators could no longer devote the time needed to continue the annual event. The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake and the HLHS Interact Club agreed to co-sponsor the Houghton Lake Area Bike Rodeo to continue this important community service. The Bike Rodeo teaches children in grades K-5 the importance of bike safety. In addition, we have experts that inspect the children's bikes for repair or adjustments, we register bikes with the Sheriff's Department, fingerprint/ID children with the State Police, and provide helmets to children who do not have one or have a helmet that no longer fits properly. We provide gifts, prizes as well as an obstacle course for the children to enhance their safety and riding skills. Other area service Clubs such as the Kiwanis, Lions, as well as many community volunteers support this project each year.

2009-10 Goal: Sponsor another successful Houghton Lake Area Bike Rodeo.

Houghton Lake Rotary Fund

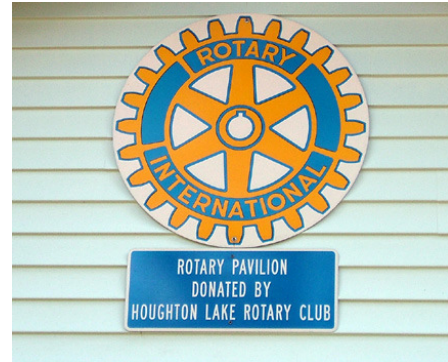
In 2000, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake established a permanent endowment fund through the Roscommon County Community Foundation. Currently the endowment has a balance over \$42,000.00. Distributions were made in 2006 of \$4,254.00 from the interest earned from the fund. An Advisory Committee made up of Houghton Lake Rotarians made the recommendations to the Club for the distribution. The club aim now is to grow the fund so that our charitable giving is not susceptible to changes in fundraising success. Annual donations from the club will shift from the club bank account to the RCCF (subject to board approval)

2009-10 Goal: Increase the RCCF fund to make club charitable giving independent of the budget.

Rotary Park Projects

After Rotary spent 6 years and a lot of money developing a Soccer complex we thought that a nice place to picnic and play would enhance the work that had already been done at the Soccer fields. After obtaining approximately 17 acres from the State of Michigan the Club embarked on an ambitious project to establish nature trails, playground areas, parking and a 40 X 80 picnic pavilion with picnic tables and grills. Phase 2 of this project included electricity, well, and restrooms. We have invested \$95,000 to complete phases one and two and three of the project. Phase 3 completed parking, established nature trails, and installed playground equipment. Future projects may focus on acquiring 50 additional acres from the State of Michigan.

In 2008, The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake partnered with Markey Township to develop a picnic pavilion at Truman Gardner Park, by donating up to \$6,000. The new pavillion is 30' X 60' with a cement floor and carries prominent signage for the Rotary brand. It is known as "The Rotary Pavillion at Truman Gardner Park"



In 2009 the Club's Park Committee, headed by Rotarian Tom McNamara, provided \$8000.00 to Roscommon Township to build an additional Pavilion at the Lakeside Park that is branded to bring additional focus on Rotary.

The Club also provided funding for a T-ball field at the developing Graham/MacDonald Memorial Sports Complex as part of our long term Park development program. This T-ball field also carries the Rotary brand.

2009-10 Goals:

1. Complete the mapping of the hiking trails at the Rotary Park in Denton Township that will include distance markings from point to point. Two of the more prominent trails will be named after Rotarians who were very active in our Club, but are no longer with us.
2. Fund and install signage at the Rotary Park in Denton Township showing the overall layout of the Park and all of the trail system.
3. Partner with Kirtland Community College to do a Botanical survey of the Rotary Park and provide and install additional signage for educational purposes.

SCHOOL PROJECTS

Career Day

For many years, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake sponsored a Career Day at Houghton Lake High School bi-annually. Students were surveyed weeks in advance for career interests. Based on the results of the survey, career presenters were found to talk to students about their respective career. In 2009, we are teaming with Kirtland Community College and the Houghton Lake High School to widen the scope of the career day.

2009-10 Goal: Bi-annual project – to be held again in 2011

Essay Contest

New for 2009/10 we are planning an essay contest with the topic of the Four Way Test focused at 3rd/4th grade students in both the local community and parochial schools. The aim of the contest is to familiarize students and their parents with the great work that Rotary does.

2009-2010 Goal: To coordinate essay contest with local schools

Student Scholarships and Awards

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake will present \$5,250 in scholarship money to graduating Houghton Lake High School students. These scholarships are awarded based on academic achievement combined with community service. One scholarship is given for participation in the Interact Club. The Miss Houghton Lake Spirit recipient who is chosen by her peers is awarded \$250. We have increased our scholarship and award budget in 2009.

2009-10 Goal: Award \$5,250 to 2010 HLHS graduates.

STRIVE

STRIVE is a program that recognizes and rewards students, academically ranked in the lower one-third of the senior class, who demonstrate their desire for success by achievement in three areas: academics, attendance and attitude. To be eligible, students must be in their senior year at Houghton Lake High School, receive a Strive invitation, and fill out a commitment form. Rotary representatives hold regular meetings with STRIVE scholars to provide information, discuss areas where they need assistance, and recognize achievement. Strive scholars can receive cash incentives when completing a marking period with passing grades.

The top three scholars will also receive scholarships. The third most improved scholar will receive \$250, the second most improved will receive \$500, and the most improved will receive a scholarship of \$750.

2009-10 Goal: Improve the academic standing of twenty underachieving students and award three scholarships.

Life Leadership Conference

Rotary District 6290 conducts a Rotary Leadership Conference for youth. This four-day conference provides a unique opportunity for selected youth to participate first hand in stimulating discussions in the area of trust, integrity, attitudes, and leadership qualities.

Attendees are selected on the basis of academics and service activities. For the 2009 LLC, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake sponsored two student conferees.

2009-10 Goal: Send at least three students to the 2010 LLC.



INTERACT

The Houghton Lake High School Interact Club is sponsored by the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake and was chartered on May 5, 1995.

Interact was launched by the Rotary International Board of Directors in 1962. Interact Clubs provide opportunities for boys and girls of secondary school age (14-18) to work together in a world fellowship of service and international understanding. Every Interact Club must be sponsored and supervised by a Rotary Club and must plan annual projects of service to its school, community and in the world.

"Interactors" develop skills in leadership and attain practical experience in conducting service projects, thereby learning the satisfaction that comes from serving others. A major goal of Interact is to provide opportunities for young people to create greater understanding and goodwill with youth throughout the world.

The Houghton Lake High School Interact Club has sponsored a child in India from the Club's charter in 1995 through present. The HLHS Interact Club co-sponsors the Houghton Lake Area Bike Rodeo among other projects.

2009-2010 HLHS INTERACT OFFICERS

President	Morgan Fuller
Past President	Molly Collins
President Elect	Libby Whittington
Secretary	Roxie Chenette
Treasurer	Meredith Sny
Senior Director	Jill Orzechowski
Junior Director	Libby Whittington
Sophomore Director	Kelly Julin
Freshmen Director	TBD

LOCAL ORGANIZATION SUPPORT

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake annually supports many local community service organizations with funds and/or volunteer support. Supported local organizations include:

Artesia Youth Park

Bobcat Boosters

Children's Bereavement Network

Community Thanksgiving Dinner

Habitat for Humanity

Houghton Lake Ambassadors of Music

Houghton Lake Community Schools

Lions Club Halloween Party

Northern Lakes Community Mental Health

Project HOPE

Relay For Life (American Cancer Society)

River House Shelter

Roscommon County Community Foundation

Ryan McDonald Memorial Fund

Tip Up Town USA

UPS Ed Charities

Wertz Warriors

2009-10 Goal: Maintain support for local organizations.

SERVICE PROJECTS - INTERNATIONAL



Rotary International Foundation Support

Each July, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake makes up to a \$1000 donation to recognize the outgoing Club president as a Paul Harris Fellow. Rotarians are encouraged to add a \$25.00 donation to the Rotary Foundation when paying their quarterly dues.

2009-10 Goal: Sponsor another Paul Harris Fellow.



Inbound Exchange Students

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has sponsored nine long-term and four short-term inbound exchange students. Our 2008-09 inbound student, Melanie Ruttkowski, was from Germany.

2009-10 Goal: With support from District, educate the Club so that it understands the full implications of hosting an inbound student to better prepare for future students.



Outbound Exchange Students

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has sponsored three short-term and three long-term outbound exchange students. Trisha Ancel was the Club's first outbound long-term exchange student in 1999. Trisha visited Brazil during her one-year exchange. In 2009-10 the Club is sponsoring Leah MacKenzie as the long-term outbound exchange student who has travelled to La Ligua, Chile.

2009-10 Goal: Work with the school to continue to develop interest in the Rotary outbound exchange student program.



Polio Plus

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has met and surpassed the District 6290 request for support.

2009-10 Goal: Continue to support Rotary Polio Plus and the Bill and Melinda Gates matching grant challenge.

Biosand Water Filter / Seabrook Challenge

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has been an active contributor to the District 6290 Biosand water filter projects and Lab in a Suitcase projects. In 2006-07, 19 Houghton Lake Rotarians participated in the Seabrook Water Challenge and we continue to strive for 100% member participation. This year, the Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has budgeted \$2,500 for WCS projects. In February 2006 and 2007, Rotarians Debbie Banks & Bob Gandolfi travelled to the Dominican Republic for the Thirsting to Serve Water Filter program. In February 2008 Rotarian Debbie Banks returned to the Dominican Republic. She carried with her 170 pairs of shoes that were donated from the local Wal*Mart, which is managed by Rotarian Jim VanSice. These shoes were given to the children at the school where we provide breakfast.

2009-10 Goal: Continue to support Rotary Clean Water programs.

Dominican Republic - School Breakfast Program

When Rotarians Debbie Banks and Bob Gandolfi were in the Dominican Republic, they were introduced to a small public school for children with no other access to education. The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake joined four other Rotary Clubs to provide breakfast for the 120 students in 2006 and 2007. Each Club will sponsor breakfast for one day of the week at a cost of \$ 1,560.00 / year. For some students, this will be the only meal they receive each day.

In 2008 another school was opened in the neighbourhood, with 110 students attending. Debbie recruited additional Rotary Clubs to sponsor breakfast for the new school.

2009-10 Goal: Continue sponsoring the D.R. School Breakfast program.

HydrAid™ Plastic BioSand Water Filter Matching Grant 65421

In October 2007, Rotarian Debbie Banks was asked by Jim Bodenner and PDG Don Moss to oversee the writing of a TRF (The Rotary Foundation) matching grant to provide 2250 HydrAid™ Plastic BioSand water filters for the Dominican Republic. The grant is a collective effort sponsored by 3 countries, 5 Rotary districts and over 30 Rotary Clubs in the U.S., Canada and the DR. The Rotary Foundation approved this grant in the amount of \$148,371. Rotarian Banks is the Chairperson of the local committee consisting of Rotarian Denise MacKenzie. Rotarian David Crow is the chairperson of the host country committee in District 4060 in the Dominican Republic. Rotarians Alexandra Martinez de Adams and Cesar Cruz make up the host committee.

The 2250 filters (a sea container) were delivered to the DR in November 2008. Distribution was just completed in September 2009. Some additional money is left over and permission has been granted from TRF to purchase an additional 250 filters with this money. Final reports will be submitted to TRF over the next few months to close out this grant.

2009-10 Goal: Monitor MG65421 and submit final reports to TRF.

Ambassadorial Scholarship

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake sponsored Ambassadorial Scholarship candidate Sean Swider who achieved designation as District alternate in 1998.

2009-10 Goal: Identify and select a new Ambassadorial Scholarship candidate.

Group Study Exchange

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has yet to sponsor outbound GSE members or host an inbound GSE team.

2009-10 Goal: Investigate involvement in hosting an inbound GSE team and publicize information on outbound GSE teams for possible community involvement.

International Disaster Support

The Rotary Club of Houghton Lake has stepped up to support many disaster relief programs both sponsored by Rotary International and by other organizations.

2007-08 Goal: Support Rotary disaster relief programs when needed.