(From left) Noah Morgan, Greg Dean, Scott Tarkleson, Kris Carlson, and Brad Alvord pose on a ramp, which they just built. Volunteers not pictured include Tracey Boettcher, Kelli Auckland, Christine McDunnough, David Dixner, Nick Schulz, Tom Bertchy and Brent Lavanway.

Community Service

Community Service has and will always be a prominent passion of the Fenton Rotary Club. Fundraised dollars are used to support local organizations and area residents in need. Club members donate their time and resources to help better our community and help change the lives of residents in need. Below is a list of programs and organizations that we support:

Angel Tree: Every Christmas, the Rotary Club works with local schools and support organizations to help provide Christmas to area youth in need. Rotary members take part in the identification, organization, purchasing, wrapping, and the delivering of gifts to local families in time for Christmas morning.

Bush Park: In 1998 the Fenton Rotary Club adopted Bush Park, and to this day it continues to provide improvements and host events for local youth. Kayak boat launches, concrete bridge railing improvements, Tot-Lot maintenance and upkeep, split-rail fence replacement, and the installation of a new steel bridge to the Bush Park Island highlight a few of our more recent improvement projects. Each winter we also sponsor our “Christmas in the Park” event, where members sponsor Christmas trees for decoration by local school children, and provide lunch while they wait to see Santa.

4th of July river cleanup: Each summer

The Home Depot Foundation offers nonprofit 501(c) organizations using the power of volunteers to improve the physical health of their community. Grants are given in the form of The Home Depot gift cards for the purchase of tools, materials, or services. The Foundation’s goal is to provide grants and volunteer opportunities to support the renovation, refurbishment, retrofitting, accessibility modifications, and/or weatherization of existing homes, centers, schools and other similar facilities.
Rotary Club membership criteria

Who are we?
We are 1.2 million neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world.

Our differing occupations, cultures, and countries give us a unique perspective. Our shared passion for service helps us accomplish the remarkable.

From college scholarships to our renewed Peace Fellowship, Rotary supports the educational aspirations of thousands of future leaders.

called One World Water Project to supply clean water filters to areas in need throughout Guatemala.

The Foundation is also supported by generous contributions made possible through the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation which has committed to matching $450 million to help eradicate polio. It can save a life. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. Our partners make donations go even further. For every $1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed $2.

With over 1.2 Million members around the world, the Rotary Foundation has been recognized by the United Nations as the third largest non-government organization Worldwide. Our 35,000 clubs carry out sustainable service projects which support our six causes. Each donation like yours, we’ve wiped out 99.9 percent of all polio cases. Your donation also trains future peacemakers, supports clean water, and strengthens local economies. To contribute or learn more about the Foundation please get involved with our local club. The Foundation is always looking for good people who want to make a difference.

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My Rotary family is just that to me — my second family. I truly hope I can live up to the previous president’s success, and make a difference in our community. I feel truly blessed to be able to have this experience and look forward to a great year in serving the community. I personally would like to invite you to one of our breakfast meetings held at Spring Meadows on Tuesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. to learn more about what we do and help you also get involved in what has changed my life.

All the best in 2017-2018,

Tracy Boettcher

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From the outgoing president
Tom Bertschy

It is a true privilege and honor to be serving as the president of the Rotary Club of Fenton. All of our members have the heartbeat for Rotary, and what it means to serve as Rotarians in the Fenton and Linden communities.

Our main fundraising efforts, Rubber Ducky Regatta and $4 Grand Feast, allow us to give back to these communities by providing funds for scholarships, debate club champions, ramp build projects, while also supporting young adults to become better leaders for tomorrow and entertaining some of our senior citizens to a day on the lake.

Although our focus is here within our communities, our efforts don’t stop there as Rotary is a global organization. We also provided funds to send young adults from our area to help those in need of clean water in such places as Guatemala. Our International Foundation works to eradicate polio throughout the world. This is a small indication of our dedication to our community and global humanity, but it is ONLY because of your continued support.

Thank you to all that support the Fenton Rotary and to those who serve in the betterment of our community. It has been an honor and privilege to serve on your behalf here in the community.

Sincerely,
Tom Bertschy

From the chairperson
Robert Reynolds, Past District Governor

Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Foundation was founded in 1917 with a donation of $36.50. During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent $3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With the simple goal to help make lives better in communities and around the world the foundation is a global outreach of all Rotary clubs including our Fenton club.

Fenton Rotarians have contributed over $300,000 since 1988 to support global projects. These projects include water supply to 12 villages in Guatemala, building orphanages in India, support to help eradicate polio from the World, placement of a clean water well in an orphanage in Africa and we are currently supporting a local program

 Rotary International is the world’s first service-club organization. With more than 1.2 million members, Rotarians serve their communities through volunteer efforts. Its members are a network of business and professional leaders who are devoted to the Rotary’s motto, “Service Above Self.” Prospective members can apply through a local Rotary Club or can be invited to join by a current member.

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Each summer Fenton Rotary Club makes a donation to the Fenton Freedom Festival event. Rotarians also have a long standing tradition of holding our annual Rubber Ducky Regatta event on the 4th of July. Preparation for this event includes a yearly river cleanup that removes debris and fallen trees from the downtown river bed and banks.

Handicap accessible ramps: The Fenton Rotary Club identifies local residents who are confined to their homes and are in need of an accessible route. Club members field verify the conditions, design a ramp plan that satisfies the residents’ needs and meets code, work with local lumber yards to secure materials, and hit the jobsite with tools to construct a fully accessible ramp for those in need.

Little League: Each year the Club supports the Fenton, Lake Fenton, and Linden Little League organizations. Funds go towards facility improvements and registration fees for those participants in need of assistance.

Project Graduation: The Club supports our local graduation senior classes as donations are made to the associated Fenton, Lake Fenton, and Linden Project Graduation events.

Seasonal floats: Community Service participates in Jinglefest and 4th of July events by constructing and entering a float into the holiday parades.

Senior Picnic: Each summer Fenton Rotarian’s host a picnic for local senior communities at the Lake Fenton Sailing Club. This event provides lunch, singing entertainment, and pontoon rides on beautiful Lake Fenton.

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This event started some 25 years ago by the Rotary Club has made the festivities on the 4th a great event. 3000 Rubber Ducks race to the finish line. Ducks of all colors decorate the river and the fastest 15 ducks win big money. The entire proceeds of this event are spent on Rotary projects in the Fenton area.

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