**Service above self**

Fenton Rotary gives back more than $1 million to community

The Fenton Rotary is an organization that continues to give back to the community for more than 34 years. When the Fenton Rotary Club learned about the State Road Elementary School initiative to hire a new school employee with long hair, wet nose and four legs we knew this was something we wanted to be involved with.

Principal Barry Tiemann brought this idea to the schools a few years ago after modeling a similar program in Brighton, which had a therapy dog for the kids. It has been shown that dogs bring a warm, calming environment to people, and to the classrooms where students feel more relaxed and comfortable. Students who have anxiety feel more confident reading out loud to a therapy dog, and that they reduce stress in students helping to improve their attention spans and academic performance.

Partnering with several local leaders including Dr. Nicole Wax, The State Bank and Rotary, Fenton schools were able to raise $8,000 for the purchase and training of Fenton’s most friendly four-legged school employee.

We are so fortunate as a local group to take part in projects with this type of long-term community value that we hope to continue this program for many years to come.

Along with collaboration with local leaders and businesses, the Fenton Rotary is also able to provide annual scholarships to Fenton, Lake Fenton, and Linden schools. With the help from The Home Depot Foundation, from which we received another Charitable Giving Grant, we can continue building ramps for local veterans and residents in need.

Shown above is the winner of the Fenton Rotary Rubber Ducky Race held at the Fenton Freedom Festival on July 4, 2018. The proceeds of this annual event are spent on Rotary projects in the Fenton area. See details on page 7.

**What makes us different?**

**Our distinct point of view and approach gives us unique advantages:**

- **We see differently:** Our multidisciplinary perspective helps us see challenges in unique ways.
- **We think differently:** We apply leadership and expertise to social issues—and find unique solutions.
- **We act responsibly:** Our passion and perseverance create lasting change.
- **We make a difference at home and around the world:** Our members can be found in your community and across the globe.

**How do we work?**

Our impact starts with our members—people who work tirelessly with their clubs to solve some of our communities’ toughest challenges. Their efforts are supported by Rotary International, our member association, and The Rotary Foundation, which turns generous donations into grants that fund the work of our members and partners around the world. Rotary is led by our members—responsible leaders who help to carry forward our organization’s mission and values in their elected roles.

**How did we get here?**

We’ve been making history and bringing our world closer together for over 100 years. Since forming in 1905, we’ve taken on some of the world’s toughest challenges and helped a wide range of international and service organizations—from the UN to Easter Seals—get started.
From the
OUTGOING
PRESIDENT

NOAH MORGAN

It has been a true honor and
devotion serving as the president
of the Fenton Rotary Club. I
joined the Rotary prior to mov-
ing to Fenton in 2011. I have met
some amazing families and
developed personal relationships with lead-
ers here in our community. We
ever fail to be a part of this community.

The Fenton Rotary Club makes an-
nual scholarships to local high
school students, supports
local little league programs,
and hosts senior picnics.

I believe it would be beneficial to join a
Service club!

As I looked around, I was extremely
happy when a group of business owners
asked me to be a part of the Fenton Rotary
Club that was forming in our community.

That is how the story begins!

The Fenton Rotary Club is now 34
years old and so much has happened. The
club has been an integral part of Fenton.

Did you realize that for the past 33 years
we have provided Christmas gifts to
needy children in our community? Did
you know that the Rotary Club was the
founder of the Rubber Ducky Race and
the parade on the Fourth of July each
year? Did you know that the Rotary Club
now builds ramps for the handicapped,
provides a day at the lake for senior citi-
zens and another day on Lake Fenton for
inner city kids? The above mentioned are
just a few of the programs that Rotarians
provide for our Fenton and Linden commu-
nities. We are a very active group.

This coming year I will be blessed to
be the President of the club for the sec-
time. The first time was way back in
1988-89. So, I have plenty of experience
and a great group of Rotarians to plan
and work with. As you can imagine there
is plenty to do in our community and
many hands make light work.

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I feel good about our community, our
schools, and our workplace. I believe in
Service Above Self, the Rotary motto.

Please join us any Tuesday morning at
Spring Meadows golf club. We meet at
7:15 AM and I would be happy to have
you as my guest for breakfast, I’ll even
pick up your tab. We have great speakers
each week, featuring business owners,
politicians, and you name it, they may be
the program of the day.

Hey, if you are interested in joining the
club, attend a few meetings and decide to
get involved with 1.2 million Rotarians
worldwide. Check us out at Rotary.org

Oh, by the way, Rotary was the first
service club founded in Chicago by five
business leaders way back in 1905.

Sincerely,
Robert Reynolds
Community Service has always been 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 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.

**Fourth of July river cleanup:** Each summer the 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 July 4th. 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 toward 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 Fourth 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.

Join us on Tuesday mornings
We meet at Spring Meadows Country Club at 7:15 a.m. Tuesday mornings.
Please feel free to join us for breakfast and a presentation if you are interested in getting involved with Rotary.
We ask that prospective members attend three meetings to learn about us to determine if we are a good fit.

100 Years of doing good in the world
Arch Klumph’s idea for an endowment fund dedicated to “doing good in the world” planted the seed of The Rotary Foundation in 1917. Thanks to his vision and staunch advocacy, and the extraordinary generosity of Rotary members worldwide, that fund has become one of the world’s leading humanitarian foundations. Learn about the people and events that have made our foundation a powerful force for good.
The Fenton Rotary Club’s Veterans Day Breakfast annually recognizes our local veterans. We are proud to honor our servicemen and women of the United States military. We are blessed for the sacrifices these honorable individuals have made and continue to make to protect our country, its people and our freedom. Our country has faced many challenges to uphold the values and principles of the constitution, and our country has rallied bravely whenever those rights have been threatened. Today we remember those who put their lives on the line for the future of others.

The Fenton Rotary club works throughout the year to improve and give back to our community, and our annual Veterans Day Breakfast is very special to our club. Too often this day of remembrance comes and goes without enough appreciation and recognition to our Veterans. This is our way to say “Thank You” for all you have done to make our country and community free. Our breakfast is held at Spring Meadows Country Club in November each year. This year will be our seventh annual breakfast. If you are a veteran and would like to attend please email us at scottward28@gmail.com.

You are our Heroes.

Sincerely,
Scott Ward
Veterans Breakfast Chairman

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Through the Fenton Rotary’s Rubber Duck Regatta Race, which will be held on July 4th at the Fenton Freedom Festival following the parade, we annually raise more than $20,000 that is given back to the community through our various service projects. Over the last 30 years the Fenton Rotary has given back more than $1 million to the community through the generous support of our community. We promote service above self and are an organization that is built for networking and growing business and community value.

Over the years some of the members Fenton Rotary Club have participated in international projects to Guatemala and Mexico to help with clean water projects, globally with the eradication of polio efforts and hosted local exchange students from across the world.

We welcome business leaders and up and coming employees from organizations to join us for breakfast on Tuesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. at Spring Meadows Country Club in Linden to learn more about what we do, to get involved and to give back in the community.

We recognize that life is busy, and families, kids, and work can all get in the way of giving back but there is nothing that feels greater than helping someone in need. Our attendance policy is flexible around the needs of your family and work schedule as we are committed to growing our organization and develop future leaders. One of our former members and community members, Nick Popa, says it best when asked about Rotary, “I wish I would have gotten involved a lot earlier in my life.” There is never a better time than now to give back.

— Noah Morgan, 2018-2019 President
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 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 and 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 that support our six causes. With donations 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.

Vocational Committee

Scholarship Program – Each year we grant $1,000 to a student who best demonstrates the Rotary creed “Service Above Self at Fenton, Lake Fenton, and Linden.

Leaders for Tomorrow – Each year we sponsor a group of students, typically sophomores or juniors from Fenton, Lake Fenton and Linden to attend a leadership program held in Canada.

Debate Club – We are the main sponsor for our local debate club that includes students ranging from fourth through eighth grade from our area local schools. Our sponsorship includes various Rotarians coaching and judging, along with $3,500 in grants provided to the various individual team winners.

Literacy Program – Our Fenton club has combined financial resources with other Rotary Clubs in Genesee County and the Flint Public Library to provide books for children in need in Flint. Over 9,000 books have been distributed through the Salvation Army and Hurley Pediatric Clinic.
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Northern Window
Once again the Fenton Rotary will be floating up to 3,000 ducks down the Shiawassee River!

Winning duck will win forever bragging rights and a cool $1,000!

We hope to see you and your family at the Freedom Festival on the Fourth of July.

Join us at the millpond in downtown Fenton following the parade for our Rubber Duck Regatta.

The entire proceeds of this event are spent on Rotary projects in the Fenton area.

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