



The CMU Rotaract Club has successfully raised nearly \$4,000 to provide for local and international service projects.

(Photo on left: Three Rotaract students, all from China, dressed in costumes for the Pastabilities Fundraising Dinner.)

The club hosted a pasta dinner in early December 2018 which also featured a silent auction, cake walk, create an ornament table, and a photo booth in downtown Mt

Pleasant. More than \$2,000 was raised for the community Christmas Outreach Project, to make the holidays possible for some of the less fortunate. Rotaractors organized the event, marketed it, sold tickets, obtained sponsors, collected auction items and donations of food, for the Christmas event. They decorated the hall, cooked the pasta and sauces, served food and drinks, and ran all the other side events. The night ended with an hour of cleaning up the Parrish hall. Thanks to all the Rotarians, Rotaractors, Interactors, and community members who participated to make this special event successful. Mt Pleasant Rotarians Eileen Jennings and Peggy Burke, who are the overseers of Christmas Outreach, were pleased to work with the Rotaractors and receive the funds that were raised. Additionally, CMU Rotaractors spent class time painting little wooden cars to put into Christmas stockings for the Christmas outreach project.



Later in December the Rotaractors attended the annual Christmas party at advisor Kathy Beebe's home. There was delicious food, games, and fun, right before leaving CMU for Christmas break. It's always fun to share a "first" Christmas with those from other countries who do not celebrate this holiday. The students from China were very excited and happy to experience the festivities with Rotaract friends.

Photo: CMU Eboard Officers: Julie Dukovich-Pres, Riley McGuire-Volunteer Chair, Nicole Gershauser-Social Chair, Kendra Peffers-Secretary, Dustin Kane-PR Chair, Ben Anderson-Pres. Elect



The annual Raffle Ticket Sales for the big football game to be held in Atlanta was a huge success. Club members were thrilled to learn that a CMU student who had bought a ticket from the club won 3rd prize. To a college student, \$500 at Christmas time is a significant amount. **Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket from us.** Your help is greatly appreciated. This money will be used to fund our international project of mentoring children in the far North woods of Canada. Books and supplies will be purchased for this project. A small tribe in a remote area called Garden Hill requested help as they are experiencing a series of teen suicides. Representative Carla Ives will make a trip there and provide classes for both parents and children in prevention and intervention.



Photo: Carla Ives speaking to children in Garden Hill Canada.