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Form **990-PF****Return of Private Foundation**  
or Section 4947(a)(1) Trust Treated as Private Foundation

OMB No 1545-0052

**2016**Department of the Treasury  
Internal Revenue Service

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For calendar year 2016 or tax year beginning , and ending

Name of foundation <b>The Rodney Fund</b>		A Employer identification number <b>38-3030437</b>
Number and street (or P.O. box number if mail is not delivered to street address) <b>19100 W. Eight Mile Road</b>		B Telephone number (see instructions) <b>248-723-9790</b>
City or town, state or province, country, and ZIP or foreign postal code <b>Southfield MI 48075-5792</b>		C If exemption application is pending, check here <input type="checkbox"/>
G Check all that apply: <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return <input type="checkbox"/> Initial return of a former public charity <input type="checkbox"/> Final return <input type="checkbox"/> Amended return <input type="checkbox"/> Address change <input type="checkbox"/> Name change		D 1. Foreign organizations, check here <input type="checkbox"/> 2. Foreign organizations meeting the 85% test check here and attach computation <input type="checkbox"/>
H Check type of organization <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Section 501(c)(3) exempt private foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trust <input type="checkbox"/> Other taxable private foundation		E If private foundation status was terminated under section 507(b)(1)(A), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
I Fair market value of all assets at end of year (from Part II, col (c), line 16) ► \$ <b>7,941,997</b>	J Accounting method <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cash <input type="checkbox"/> Accrual <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify)	F If the foundation is in a 60-month termination under section 507(b)(1)(B), check here <input type="checkbox"/>
(Part I, column (d) must be on cash basis)		

Part I Analysis of Revenue and Expenses (The total of amounts in columns (b), (c), and (d) may not necessarily equal the amounts in column (a) (see instructions))		(a) Revenue and expenses per books	(b) Net investment income	(c) Adjusted net income	(d) Disbursements for charitable purposes (cash basis only)
Revenue	1 Contributions, gifts, grants, etc., received (attach schedule)	515,000			
	2 Check <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> if the foundation is not required to attach Sch. B				
	3 Interest on savings and temporary cash investments	177,353	177,353	177,353	
	4 Dividends and interest from securities	24,364	24,364	24,364	
	5a Gross rents				
	b Net rental income or (loss)				
	6a Net gain or (loss) from sale of assets not on line 10 Stmt 1	-35,249			
	b Gross sales price for all assets on line 6a 658,826				
	7 Capital gain net income (from Part IV, line 2)		0		
	8 Net short-term capital gain			0	
	9 Income modifications				
	10a Gross sales less returns and allowances				
b Less Cost of goods sold					
c Gross profit or (loss) (attach schedule)					
11 Other income (attach schedule)					
12 Total. Add lines 1 through 11	681,468	201,717	201,717		
Operating and Administrative Expenses	13 Compensation of officers, directors, trustees, etc	20,000			
	14 Other employee salaries and wages				
	15 Pension plans, employee benefits				
	16a Legal fees (attach schedule) See Stmt 2	649			
	b Accounting fees (attach schedule) Stmt 3	7,200			
	c Other professional fees (attach schedule)				
	17 Interest				
	18 Taxes (attach schedule) (see instructions) Stmt 4	2,074			
	19 Depreciation (attach schedule) and depletion				
	20 Occupancy				
	21 Travel, conferences, and meetings	1,925			
	22 Printing and publications				
23 Other expenses (att sch) Stmt 5	3,500				
24 Total operating and administrative expenses. Add lines 13 through 23	35,348	0	0	0	
25 Contributions, gifts, grants paid	520,945			520,945	
26 Total expenses and disbursements. Add lines 24 and 25	556,293	0	0	520,945	
27 Subtract line 26 from line 12:					
a Excess of revenue over expenses and disbursements	125,175				
b Net investment income (if negative, enter -0-)		201,717			
c Adjusted net income (if negative, enter -0-)			201,717		

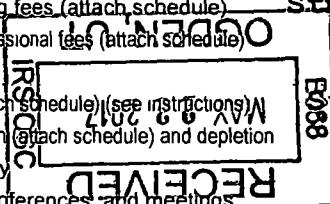
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<b>Part II Balance Sheets</b>		Attached schedules and amounts in the description column should be for end-of-year amounts only (See instructions)	Beginning of year	End of year	
			(a) Book Value	(b) Book Value	(c) Fair Market Value
<b>Assets</b>	1	Cash – non-interest-bearing	299,957	141,428	299,957
	2	Savings and temporary cash investments			
	3	Accounts receivable ▶ <b>113</b>			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶		113	
	4	Pledges receivable ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶			
	5	Grants receivable			
	6	Receivables due from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons (attach schedule) (see instructions)			
	7	Other notes and loans receivable (att. schedule) ▶			
		Less: allowance for doubtful accounts ▶ <b>0</b>			
	8	Inventories for sale or use			
	9	Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	1,082	123	1,082
	10a	Investments – U.S. and state government obligations (attach schedule)			
	b	Investments – corporate stock (attach schedule) <b>See Stmt 6</b>	6,640,958	6,925,508	6,640,958
	c	Investments – corporate bonds (attach schedule)			
<b>Liabilities</b>	11	Investments – land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach sch.) ▶			
	12	Investments – mortgage loans			
	13	Investments – other (attach schedule) <b>See Statement 7</b>	1,000,000	1,000,000	1,000,000
	14	Land, buildings, and equipment basis ▶			
		Less: accumulated depreciation (attach sch.) ▶			
	15	Other assets (describe ▶)			
	16	<b>Total assets</b> (to be completed by all filers – see the instructions. Also, see page 1, item I)	7,941,997	8,067,172	7,941,997
	17	Accounts payable and accrued expenses			
	18	Grants payable			
<b>Net Assets or Fund Balances</b>	19	Deferred revenue			
	20	Loans from officers, directors, trustees, and other disqualified persons			
	21	Mortgages and other notes payable (attach schedule)			
	22	Other liabilities (describe ▶)			
	23	<b>Total liabilities</b> (add lines 17 through 22)	0	0	
		<b>Foundations that follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 24 through 26 and lines 30 and 31.</b> ▶ <input type="checkbox"/>			
	24	Unrestricted			
	25	Temporarily restricted			
	26	Permanently restricted			
		<b>Foundations that do not follow SFAS 117, check here and complete lines 27 through 31.</b> ▶ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			
	27	Capital stock, trust principal, or current funds			
	28	Paid-in or capital surplus, or land, bldg, and equipment fund			
	29	Retained earnings, accumulated income, endowment, or other funds	7,941,997	8,067,172	
	30	<b>Total net assets or fund balances</b> (see instructions)	7,941,997	8,067,172	
	31	<b>Total liabilities and net assets/fund balances</b> (see instructions)	7,941,997	8,067,172	

**Part III Analysis of Changes in Net Assets or Fund Balances**

1	Total net assets or fund balances at beginning of year – Part II, column (a), line 30 (must agree with end-of-year figure reported on prior year's return)	1	7,941,997
2	Enter amount from Part I, line 27a	2	125,175
3	Other increases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	3	
4	Add lines 1, 2, and 3	4	8,067,172
5	Decreases not included in line 2 (itemize) ▶	5	
6	<b>Total net assets or fund balances at end of year</b> (line 4 minus line 5) – Part II, column (b), line 30	6	8,067,172

**Part IV. Capital Gains and Losses for Tax on Investment Income**

(a) List and describe the kind(s) of property sold (e.g., real estate, 2-story brick warehouse, or common stock, 200 shs MLC Co.)		(b) How acquired P – Purchase D – Donation	(c) Date acquired (mo., day, yr.)	(d) Date sold (mo., day, yr.)
<b>1a N/A</b>				
<b>b</b>				
<b>c</b>				
<b>d</b>				
<b>e</b>				

(e) Gross sales price	(f) Depreciation allowed (or allowable)	(g) Cost or other basis plus expense of sale	(h) Gain or (loss) (e) plus (f) minus (g)
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b>			

Complete only for assets showing gain in column (h) and owned by the foundation on 12/31/69

(i) FMV as of 12/31/69	(j) Adjusted basis as of 12/31/69	(k) Excess of col (i) over col (j), if any	(l) Gains (Col (h) gain minus col (k), but not less than -0-) or Losses (from col (h))
<b>a</b>			
<b>b</b>			
<b>c</b>			
<b>d</b>			
<b>e</b>			

<b>2</b> Capital gain net income or (net capital loss)	<div style="border-left: 1px solid black; border-right: 1px solid black; padding: 5px;">           If gain, also enter in Part I, line 7            If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 7         </div>	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Net short-term capital gain or (loss) as defined in sections 1222(5) and (6) If gain, also enter in Part I, line 8, column (c) (see instructions) If (loss), enter -0- in Part I, line 8		<b>3</b>	

**Part V. Qualification Under Section 4940(e) for Reduced Tax on Net Investment Income**

(For optional use by domestic private foundations subject to the section 4940(a) tax on net investment income.)

If section 4940(d)(2) applies, leave this part blank.

Was the foundation liable for the section 4942 tax on the distributable amount of any year in the base period?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If "Yes," the foundation does not qualify under section 4940(e). Do not complete this part.

**1** Enter the appropriate amount in each column for each year; see the instructions before making any entries

(a) Base period years Calendar year (or tax year beginning in)	(b) Adjusted qualifying distributions	(c) Net value of noncharitable-use assets	(d) Distribution ratio (col (b) divided by col (c))
2015	<b>447,610</b>		
2014	<b>814,125</b>		
2013	<b>807,997</b>		
2012	<b>944,109</b>		
2011	<b>1,047,195</b>		

<b>2</b> Total of line 1, column (d)	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b> Average distribution ratio for the 5-year base period – divide the total on line 2 by 5, or by the number of years the foundation has been in existence if less than 5 years	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b> Enter the net value of noncharitable-use assets for 2016 from Part X, line 5	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5</b> Multiply line 4 by line 3	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b> Enter 1% of net investment income (1% of Part I, line 27b)	<b>6</b>	<b>2,017</b>
<b>7</b> Add lines 5 and 6	<b>7</b>	<b>2,017</b>
<b>8</b> Enter qualifying distributions from Part XII, line 4 If line 8 is equal to or greater than line 7, check the box in Part VI, line 1b, and complete that part using a 1% tax rate. See the Part VI instructions.	<b>8</b>	<b>520,945</b>

**Part VI. Excise Tax Based on Investment Income (Section 4940(a), 4940(b), 4940(e), or 4948 – see instructions)**

<b>1a</b> Exempt operating foundations described in section 4940(d)(2), check here <input type="checkbox"/> and enter "N/A" on line 1 Date of ruling or determination letter. <b>(attach copy of letter if necessary—see instructions)</b>			
<b>b</b> Domestic foundations that meet the section 4940(e) requirements in Part V, check here <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> and enter 1% of Part I, line 27b		<b>1</b>	<b>2,017</b>
<b>c</b> All other domestic foundations enter 2% of line 27b. Exempt foreign organizations enter 4% of Part I, line 12, col (b)			
<b>2</b> Tax under section 511 (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>3</b> Add lines 1 and 2		<b>3</b>	<b>2,017</b>
<b>4</b> Subtitle A (income) tax (domestic section 4947(a)(1) trusts and taxable foundations only. Others enter -0-)		<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Tax based on investment income.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. If zero or less, enter -0-		<b>5</b>	<b>2,017</b>
<b>6</b> Credits/Payments			
<b>a</b> 2016 estimated tax payments and 2015 overpayment credited to 2016	<b>6a</b>		<b>1,082</b>
<b>b</b> Exempt foreign organizations – tax withheld at source	<b>6b</b>		<b>1,058</b>
<b>c</b> Tax paid with application for extension of time to file (Form 8868)	<b>6c</b>		
<b>d</b> Backup withholding erroneously withheld	<b>6d</b>		
<b>7</b> Total credits and payments. Add lines 6a through 6d		<b>7</b>	<b>2,140</b>
<b>8</b> Enter any <b>penalty</b> for underpayment of estimated tax. Check here <input type="checkbox"/> if Form 2220 is attached		<b>8</b>	
<b>9</b> <b>Tax due.</b> If the total of lines 5 and 8 is more than line 7, enter <b>amount owed</b>		<b>9</b>	
<b>10</b> <b>Overpayment.</b> If line 7 is more than the total of lines 5 and 8, enter the <b>amount overpaid</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>123</b>
<b>11</b> Enter the amount of line 10 to be <b>Credited to 2017 estimated tax</b> <b>123</b> <b>Refunded</b>		<b>11</b>	

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities**

	Yes	No
<b>1a</b> During the tax year, did the foundation attempt to influence any national, state, or local legislation or did it participate or intervene in any political campaign?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> Did it spend more than \$100 during the year (either directly or indirectly) for political purposes (see Instructions for the definition)? <i>If the answer is "Yes" to 1a or 1b, attach a detailed description of the activities and copies of any materials published or distributed by the foundation in connection with the activities</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b> Did the foundation file <b>Form 1120-POL</b> for this year?		<b>X</b>
<b>d</b> Enter the amount (if any) of tax on political expenditures (section 4955) imposed during the year (1) On the foundation <b>\$</b> _____ (2) On foundation managers <b>\$</b> _____		
<b>e</b> Enter the reimbursement (if any) paid by the foundation during the year for political expenditure tax imposed on foundation managers <b>\$</b> _____		
<b>2</b> Has the foundation engaged in any activities that have not previously been reported to the IRS? <i>If "Yes," attach a detailed description of the activities</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>3</b> Has the foundation made any changes, not previously reported to the IRS, in its governing instrument, articles of incorporation, or bylaws, or other similar instruments? <i>If "Yes," attach a conformed copy of the changes</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>4a</b> Did the foundation have unrelated business gross income of \$1,000 or more during the year?		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b> If "Yes," has it filed a tax return on <b>Form 990-T</b> for this year?		
<b>5</b> Was there a liquidation, termination, dissolution, or substantial contraction during the year? <i>If "Yes," attach the statement required by General Instruction T</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>6</b> Are the requirements of section 508(e) (relating to sections 4941 through 4945) satisfied either • By language in the governing instrument, or • By state legislation that effectively amends the governing instrument so that no mandatory directions that conflict with the state law remain in the governing instrument?		
<b>7</b> Did the foundation have at least \$5,000 in assets at any time during the year? <i>If "Yes," complete Part II, col (c), and Part XV</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>8a</b> Enter the states to which the foundation reports or with which it is registered (see instructions) <b>MI</b>		
<b>b</b> If the answer is "Yes" to line 7, has the foundation furnished a copy of Form 990-PF to the Attorney General (or designate) of each state as required by General Instruction G? <i>If "No," attach explanation</i>	<b>X</b>	
<b>9</b> Is the foundation claiming status as a private operating foundation within the meaning of section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5) for calendar year 2016 or the taxable year beginning in 2016 (see instructions for Part XIV)? <i>If "Yes," complete Part XIV</i>		<b>X</b>
<b>10</b> Did any persons become substantial contributors during the tax year? <i>If "Yes," attach a schedule listing their names and addresses</i>		<b>X</b>

N/A

**Part VII-A Statements Regarding Activities (continued)**

	Yes	No
11 At any time during the year, did the foundation, directly or indirectly, own a controlled entity within the meaning of section 512(b)(13)? If "Yes," attach schedule (see instructions)		<b>X</b>
12 Did the foundation make a distribution to a donor advised fund over which the foundation or a disqualified person had advisory privileges? If "Yes," attach statement (see instructions)		<b>X</b>
13 Did the foundation comply with the public inspection requirements for its annual returns and exemption application? Website address ► <b>N/A</b>	<b>X</b>	
14 The books are in care of ► <b>James Rodney</b> <b>19100 W Eight Mile Road</b> Located at ► <b>Southfield</b> MI ZIP+4 ► <b>48075</b> Telephone no ► <b>248-644-0976</b>		
15 Section 4947(a)(1) nonexempt charitable trusts filing Form 990-PF in lieu of Form 1041 – Check here and enter the amount of tax-exempt interest received or accrued during the year ► <b>15</b>		
16 At any time during calendar year 2016, did the foundation have an interest in or a signature or other authority over a bank, securities, or other financial account in a foreign country? See the instructions for exceptions and filing requirements for FinCEN Form 114. If "Yes," enter the name of the foreign country ►		<b>X</b>

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required**

	Yes	No
<b>File Form 4720 if any item is checked in the "Yes" column, unless an exception applies.</b>		
1a During the year did the foundation (either directly or indirectly)		
(1) Engage in the sale or exchange, or leasing of property with a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(2) Borrow money from, lend money to, or otherwise extend credit to (or accept it from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(3) Furnish goods, services, or facilities to (or accept them from) a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(4) Pay compensation to, or pay or reimburse the expenses of, a disqualified person?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(5) Transfer any income or assets to a disqualified person (or make any of either available for the benefit or use of a disqualified person)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
(6) Agree to pay money or property to a government official? (Exception. Check "No" if the foundation agreed to make a grant to or to employ the official for a period after termination of government service, if terminating within 90 days.)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If any answer is "Yes" to 1a(1)–(6), did any of the acts fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4941(d)-3 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here ► <b>N/A</b>		<b>1b</b>
c Did the foundation engage in a prior year in any of the acts described in 1a, other than excepted acts, that were not corrected before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2016? <b>N/A</b>		<b>1c</b>
2 Taxes on failure to distribute income (section 4942) (does not apply for years the foundation was a private operating foundation defined in section 4942(j)(3) or 4942(j)(5))		
a At the end of tax year 2016, did the foundation have any undistributed income (lines 6d and 6e, Part XIII) for tax year(s) beginning before 2016? If "Yes," list the years ► 20 , 20 , 20 , 20	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b Are there any years listed in 2a for which the foundation is not applying the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) (relating to incorrect valuation of assets) to the year's undistributed income? (If applying section 4942(a)(2) to all years listed, answer "No" and attach statement – see instructions.)		<b>2b</b>
c If the provisions of section 4942(a)(2) are being applied to any of the years listed in 2a, list the years here ► 20 , 20 , 20 , 20		
3a Did the foundation hold more than a 2% direct or indirect interest in any business enterprise at any time during the year?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
b If "Yes," did it have excess business holdings in 2016 as a result of (1) any purchase by the foundation or disqualified persons after May 26, 1969, (2) the lapse of the 5-year period (or longer period approved by the Commissioner under section 4943(c)(7)) to dispose of holdings acquired by gift or bequest, or (3) the lapse of the 10-, 15-, or 20-year first phase holding period? (Use Schedule C, Form 4720, to determine if the foundation had excess business holdings in 2016.)		<b>3b</b>
4a Did the foundation invest during the year any amount in a manner that would jeopardize its charitable purposes?		<b>4a</b>
b Did the foundation make any investment in a prior year (but after December 31, 1969) that could jeopardize its charitable purpose that had not been removed from jeopardy before the first day of the tax year beginning in 2016?		<b>4b</b>

**Part VII-B Statements Regarding Activities for Which Form 4720 May Be Required (continued)**

<p><b>5a</b> During the year did the foundation pay or incur any amount to:</p> <p>(1) Carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempt to influence legislation (section 4945(e))?</p> <p>(2) Influence the outcome of any specific public election (see section 4955), or to carry on, directly or indirectly, any voter registration drive?</p> <p>(3) Provide a grant to an individual for travel, study, or other similar purposes?</p> <p>(4) Provide a grant to an organization other than a charitable, etc., organization described in section 4945(d)(4)(A)? (see instructions)</p> <p>(5) Provide for any purpose other than religious, charitable, scientific, literary, or educational purposes, or for the prevention of cruelty to children or animals?</p> <p><b>b</b> If any answer is "Yes" to 5a(1)–(5), did any of the transactions fail to qualify under the exceptions described in Regulations section 53.4945 or in a current notice regarding disaster assistance (see instructions)? Organizations relying on a current notice regarding disaster assistance check here</p> <p><b>c</b> If the answer is "Yes" to question 5a(4), does the foundation claim exemption from the tax because it maintained expenditure responsibility for the grant? If "Yes," attach the statement required by Regulations section 53.4945–5(d)</p> <p><b>6a</b> Did the foundation, during the year, receive any funds, directly or indirectly, to pay premiums on a personal benefit contract?</p> <p><b>b</b> Did the foundation, during the year, pay premiums, directly or indirectly, on a personal benefit contract? If "Yes" to 6b, file Form 8870</p> <p><b>7a</b> At any time during the tax year, was the foundation a party to a prohibited tax shelter transaction?</p> <p><b>b</b> If "Yes," did the foundation receive any proceeds or have any net income attributable to the transaction?</p>	<p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>N/A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>N/A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No</p> <p><b>N/A</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No</p>	<p><b>5b</b></p> <p><b>6b</b></p> <p><b>7b</b></p>	<p><b>X</b></p>
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**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors****1 List all officers, directors, trustees, foundation managers and their compensation (see instructions).**

(a) Name and address		(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation (If not paid, enter -0-)	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
Lawrence Reed	Newman	Director			
185 Peninsula Circle	GA 30263	0.00	10,000	0	0
James M. Rodney	Southfield	Director, Of			
19100 W. Eight Mile Road	MI 48075	0.00	0	0	0
Leigh Rodney	Southfield	Director, Of			
19100 W Eight Mile Road	MI 48075	0.00	0	0	0
Steven Thomas	Livonia	Director, Of			
14082 Woodside	MI 48154	0.00	10,000	0	0

**2 Compensation of five highest-paid employees (other than those included on line 1 – see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each employee paid more than \$50,000	(b) Title, and average hours per week devoted to position	(c) Compensation	(d) Contributions to employee benefit plans and deferred compensation	(e) Expense account, other allowances
NONE				

Total number of other employees paid over \$50,000 0

**Part VIII Information About Officers, Directors, Trustees, Foundation Managers, Highly Paid Employees, and Contractors** (continued)**3 Five highest-paid independent contractors for professional services (see instructions). If none, enter "NONE."**

(a) Name and address of each person paid more than \$50,000	(b) Type of service	(c) Compensation
NONE		
Total number of others receiving over \$50,000 for professional services		

**Part IX-A Summary of Direct Charitable Activities**

List the foundation's four largest direct charitable activities during the tax year. Include relevant statistical information such as the number of organizations and other beneficiaries served, conferences convened, research papers produced, etc.

	Expenses
1 N/A	
2	
3	
4	

**Part IX-B Summary of Program-Related Investments** (see instructions)

Describe the two largest program-related investments made by the foundation during the tax year on lines 1 and 2

	Amount
1 N/A	
2	
All other program-related investments. See instructions.	
3	
Total. Add lines 1 through 3	

**Part X Minimum Investment Return** (All domestic foundations must complete this part. Foreign foundations, see instructions.)

<b>1</b>	Fair market value of assets not used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes		
<b>a</b>	Average monthly fair market value of securities	<b>1a</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>b</b>	Average of monthly cash balances	<b>1b</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>c</b>	Fair market value of all other assets (see instructions)	<b>1c</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>d</b>	<b>Total</b> (add lines 1a, b, and c)	<b>1d</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>e</b>	Reduction claimed for blockage or other factors reported on lines 1a and 1c (attach detailed explanation)	<b>1e</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>2</b>	Acquisition indebtedness applicable to line 1 assets	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>3</b>	Subtract line 2 from line 1d	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>4</b>	Cash deemed held for charitable activities. Enter 1½% of line 3 (for greater amount, see instructions)	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Net value of noncharitable-use assets.</b> Subtract line 4 from line 3. Enter here and on Part V, line 4	<b>5</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Minimum investment return.</b> Enter 5% of line 5	<b>6</b>	<b>0</b>

**Part XI Distributable Amount** (see instructions) (Section 4942(j)(3) and (j)(5) private operating foundations and certain foreign organizations check here ☐ and do not complete this part.)

<b>1</b>	Minimum investment return from Part X, line 6	<b>1</b>	
<b>2a</b>	Tax on investment income for 2016 from Part VI, line 5	<b>2a</b>	<b>2,017</b>
<b>b</b>	Income tax for 2016 (This does not include the tax from Part VI)	<b>2b</b>	
<b>c</b>	Add lines 2a and 2b	<b>2c</b>	<b>2,017</b>
<b>3</b>	Distributable amount before adjustments. Subtract line 2c from line 1	<b>3</b>	
<b>4</b>	Recoveries of amounts treated as qualifying distributions	<b>4</b>	
<b>5</b>	Add lines 3 and 4	<b>5</b>	
<b>6</b>	Deduction from distributable amount (see instructions)	<b>6</b>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Distributable amount as adjusted.</b> Subtract line 6 from line 5. Enter here and on Part XIII, line 1	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>

**Part XII Qualifying Distributions** (see instructions)

<b>1</b>	Amounts paid (including administrative expenses) to accomplish charitable, etc., purposes		
<b>a</b>	Expenses, contributions, gifts, etc. — total from Part I, column (d), line 26	<b>1a</b>	<b>520,945</b>
<b>b</b>	Program-related investments — total from Part IX-B	<b>1b</b>	
<b>2</b>	Amounts paid to acquire assets used (or held for use) directly in carrying out charitable, etc., purposes	<b>2</b>	
<b>3</b>	Amounts set aside for specific charitable projects that satisfy the		
<b>a</b>	Suitability test (prior IRS approval required)	<b>3a</b>	
<b>b</b>	Cash distribution test (attach the required schedule)	<b>3b</b>	
<b>4</b>	<b>Qualifying distributions.</b> Add lines 1a through 3b. Enter here and on Part V, line 8, and Part XIII, line 4	<b>4</b>	<b>520,945</b>
<b>5</b>	Foundations that qualify under section 4940(e) for the reduced rate of tax on net investment income. Enter 1% of Part I, line 27b (see instructions)	<b>5</b>	<b>2,017</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Adjusted qualifying distributions.</b> Subtract line 5 from line 4	<b>6</b>	<b>518,928</b>

**Note:** The amount on line 6 will be used in Part V, column (b), in subsequent years when calculating whether the foundation qualifies for the section 4940(e) reduction of tax in those years.

**Part XIII Undistributed Income** (see instructions)

	(a) Corpus	(b) Years prior to 2015	(c) 2015	(d) 2016
<b>1</b> Distributable amount for 2016 from Part XI, line 7				<b>0</b>
<b>2</b> Undistributed income, if any, as of the end of 2016				
<b>a</b> Enter amount for 2015 only				
<b>b</b> Total for prior years 20____, 20____, 20____				
<b>3</b> Excess distributions carryover, if any, to 2016				
<b>a</b> From 2011	641,928			
<b>b</b> From 2012	946,724			
<b>c</b> From 2013	810,621			
<b>d</b> From 2014	814,625			
<b>e</b> From 2015	451,000			
<b>f</b> Total of lines 3a through e	3,664,898			
<b>4</b> Qualifying distributions for 2016 from Part XII, line 4 ▶ \$ <b>520,945</b>				
<b>a</b> Applied to 2015, but not more than line 2a				
<b>b</b> Applied to undistributed income of prior years (Election required – see instructions)				
<b>c</b> Treated as distributions out of corpus (Election required – see instructions)				
<b>d</b> Applied to 2016 distributable amount				
<b>e</b> Remaining amount distributed out of corpus	520,945			
<b>5</b> Excess distributions carryover applied to 2016 (If an amount appears in column (d), the same amount must be shown in column (a) )				
<b>6</b> Enter the net total of each column as indicated below:				
<b>a</b> Corpus Add lines 3f, 4c, and 4e Subtract line 5	4,185,843			
<b>b</b> Prior years' undistributed income Subtract line 4b from line 2b				
<b>c</b> Enter the amount of prior years' undistributed income for which a notice of deficiency has been issued, or on which the section 4942(a) tax has been previously assessed				
<b>d</b> Subtract line 6c from line 6b Taxable amount – see instructions				
<b>e</b> Undistributed income for 2015 Subtract line 4a from line 2a Taxable amount – see instructions				
<b>f</b> Undistributed income for 2016 Subtract lines 4d and 5 from line 1 This amount must be distributed in 2017				<b>0</b>
<b>7</b> Amounts treated as distributions out of corpus to satisfy requirements imposed by section 170(b)(1)(F) or 4942(g)(3) (Election may be required—see instructions)				
<b>8</b> Excess distributions carryover from 2011 not applied on line 5 or line 7 (see instructions)	641,928			
<b>9</b> Excess distributions carryover to 2017. Subtract lines 7 and 8 from line 6a	3,543,915			
<b>10</b> Analysis of line 9				
<b>a</b> Excess from 2012	946,724			
<b>b</b> Excess from 2013	810,621			
<b>c</b> Excess from 2014	814,625			
<b>d</b> Excess from 2015	451,000			
<b>e</b> Excess from 2016	520,945			

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**Part XV** **Supplementary Information** (continued)**3 Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year or Approved for Future Payment**

Recipient	If recipient is an individual, show any relationship to any foundation manager or substantial contributor	Foundation status of recipient	Purpose of grant or contribution	Amount
Name and address (home or business)				
<b>a</b> <i>Paid during the year</i> <b>See Statement 8</b>				<b>520,945</b>
<b>Total</b>			<b>▶ 3a</b>	<b>520,945</b>
<b>b</b> <i>Approved for future payment</i> <b>N/A</b>				
<b>Total</b>			<b>▶ 3b</b>	



**Part XVII Information Regarding Transfers To and Transactions and Relationships With Noncharitable Exempt Organizations**

		Yes	No
<b>1</b>	Did the organization directly or indirectly engage in any of the following with any other organization described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3) organizations) or in section 527, relating to political organizations?		
<b>a</b>	Transfers from the reporting foundation to a noncharitable exempt organization of		
	(1) Cash		<b>X</b>
	(2) Other assets		<b>X</b>
<b>b</b>	Other transactions		
	(1) Sales of assets to a noncharitable exempt organization		<b>X</b>
	(2) Purchases of assets from a noncharitable exempt organization		<b>X</b>
	(3) Rental of facilities, equipment, or other assets		<b>X</b>
	(4) Reimbursement arrangements		<b>X</b>
	(5) Loans or loan guarantees		<b>X</b>
	(6) Performance of services or membership or fundraising solicitations		<b>X</b>
<b>c</b>	Sharing of facilities, equipment, mailing lists, other assets, or paid employees		<b>X</b>
<b>d</b>	If the answer to any of the above is "Yes," complete the following schedule. Column (b) should always show the fair market value of the goods, other assets, or services given by the reporting foundation. If the foundation received less than fair market value in any transaction or sharing arrangement, show in column (d) the value of the goods, other assets, or services received.		

[illegible]

**2a** Is the foundation directly or indirectly affiliated with, or related to, one or more tax-exempt organizations described in section 501(c) of the Code (other than section 501(c)(3)) or in section 527? ☐ Yes ☒ No

b If "Yes," complete the following schedule.		
(a) Name of organization	(b) Type of organization	(c) Description of relationship
N/A		

<b>Sign Here</b>	Under penalties of perjury I declare that I have examined this return, including accompanying schedules and statements, and to the best of my knowledge and belief, it is true, correct, and complete Declaration of preparer (other than taxpayer) is based on all information of which preparer has any knowledge		May the IRS discuss this return with the preparer shown below (see instructions)? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	X <u>Irwin S. Alpern</u> <small>Signature of officer or trustee</small>	X <u>5/5/17</u> <small>Date</small>	Director, Officer <small>Title</small>

<b>Paid Preparer Use Only</b> Print/Type preparer's name <b>Irwin S. Alpern, CPA</b>	Preparer's signature <u>Irwin S. Alpern</u> <b>Irwin S. Alpern, CPA</b>	Date <u>5/5/17</u>	Check <input type="checkbox"/> if self-employed
Firm's name ▶ <b>Irwin S. Alpern, C.P.A., P.C.</b>	Firm's address ▶ <b>31555 W. Fourteen Mile Rd., Suite 210 Farmington Hills, MI 48334-1287</b>		PTIN <b>P00322208</b> Firm's EIN ▶ <b>38-2419927</b> Phone no <b>248-855-1610</b>

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Statement 1 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 6a - Sale of Assets

Whom Sold	Description	Date Acquired	Date Sold	How Received		Cost	Expense	Depreciation	Net Gain / Loss
				Sale Price	Purchase				
Aurico Metals		7/07/15	4/12/16	\$ 8,183	Purchase	8,305	\$	\$	-122
Osisko Gold		4/22/16	4/29/16	99,336	Purchase	91,637			7,699
Osisko Gold		6/20/14	4/29/16	33,112	Purchase	36,300			-3,188
Yellow Metal LTD		12/28/12	6/06/16	1,372	Purchase	779			593
Yellow Pages		12/28/12	6/06/16	143	Purchase	129			14
SPDR Gold TR Gold Shrs		12/31/16	12/31/16	1,680	Purchase	1,680			
146 Del Mesa Carmel, California		5/16/16		515,000	Purchase	515,000	40,245		-40,245
Total				\$ 658,826	\$ 515,000	\$ 653,830	\$ 40,245	\$ 0	\$ -35,249

Statement 2 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16a - Legal Fees

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Professional fees	\$ 649	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$ 649	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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### Statement 3 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 16b - Accounting Fees

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Professional services	\$ 7,200	\$	\$	\$
Total	\$ 7,200	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

### Statement 4 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 18 - Taxes

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
MAR	\$ 20	\$	\$	\$
Property tax	37			
Federal income tax	2,017			
Total	\$ 2,074	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

### Statement 5 - Form 990-PF, Part I, Line 23 - Other Expenses

Description	Total	Net Investment	Adjusted Net	Charitable Purpose
Expenses				
Fees	246			
Office expense	3,254			
Total	\$ 3,500	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0

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### Statement 6 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 10b - Corporate Stock Investments

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Basis of Valuation	Fair Market Value
Marketable securities	\$ 6,640,958	\$ 6,925,508	Cost	\$ 6,640,958
Total	\$ 6,640,958	\$ 6,925,508		\$ 6,640,958

### Statement 7 - Form 990-PF, Part II, Line 13 - Other Investments

Description	Beginning of Year	End of Year	Basis of Valuation	Fair Market Value
GE Cap Assoc - Genwort h	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000	Cost	\$ 1,000,000
Total	\$ 1,000,000	\$ 1,000,000		\$ 1,000,000

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### Form 990-PF, Part III, Line 3 - Other Increases

Description	Amount
Rounding	\$
Total	\$ 0

### Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2b - Application Format and Required Contents

Description
Letter; Purpose of charity

### Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2c - Submission Deadlines

Description
None

### Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 2d - Award Restrictions or Limitations

Description
None

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### Statement 8 - Form 990-PF, Part XV, Line 3a - Grants and Contributions Paid During the Year

Name		Address		Status	Purpose	Amount
Address	Relationship					
Action Institute (AICR)					General funding 501 (c)3	8,000
American for Prosperity					above	8,000
American Council for Economics					above	2,000
Beaumont Foundation					above	25,000
Bill of Rights Foundation					above	3,000
Capital Research					above	7,000
Cato Institute					above	8,000
Committee to Elect Leon D						500
Competitive Enterprise In					above	8,000
Cornerstone School					Above	6,500
Foundation for Econ Educa					above	28,000
FREE					above	9,000
Freedom Works Foundation					above	8,000
Future of Freedom Foundation					above	4,000
Goldwater Insitute					above	62,350
Heartland Institute					above	8,000
Heirs of Republic Foundation					above	500

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Name		Address		Relationship	Status	Purpose	Amount
Heritage Foundation						above	3,000
Independent Institute						above	15,000
Institute for Human Studies						above	19,000
Intercollegiate Studies						above	4,000
Institute for Justice						above	8,000
IZZIT						above	10,000
Judicial Watch						above	4,000
Leadership Institute						above	10,000
Learning about Diabetes						above	40,000
Ludwig Von Mises						above	28,000
Mackinac Center for Public Policy						above	15,000
Mercatus Center						above	22,000
Mists Institute						above	2,095
Moving Picture Inst						above	11,000
National Taxpayers Union						above	6,000
NRW Legal Defense						above	12,000
Praxis FDN						Above	12,000

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Name		Address		Relationship	Status	Purpose	Amount
Reason Foundation						above	9,000
Students for Liberty						above	20,000
The Ayn Rand Institute						above	10,000
The Fund for American Studies						above	6,000
Young Americans for Liberty						above	19,000
Youth on Their Own							40,000
Total							<u>520,945</u>