

Governor Tom's Message



Here we are in April – what happened to spring? April showers and May flowers we can only hope. Time to put away the snow blower and bring out the BBQ—well maybe. By the time you read this News Letter our GSE Team will

have left (April 4) for District 3620 in S. Korea, led by PDG Tanya and they will be returning on May 3. PET's training (April 5/6) lead by our District Trainer PDG Michael will have been completed. As a result we now have 61 eager Presidents Elect working with their incoming Boards developing the Planning Guide for an Effective Rotary Club, annual budget and setting club targets. While the Rotary year runs July to June, planning should be well underway now.

Rotary is rapidly moving into the age of reporting, tracking and the dissemination of information electronically. The District recognizes this and is working with clubs to ensure they are aware of the tools available and know how to use them. An example is the information tool; "Rotary Club Central".

April—Magazine Month

Rotary Magazines: Getting the word out

April is Magazine Month, a time to celebrate the global network of Rotary's official magazines, which provide valuable information to 1.2 million Rotarians

Established in 1911, THE ROTARIAN is the official magazine of Rotary International and is circulated worldwide. Each issue contains feature articles, columns, and departments about, or of interest to, Rotarians. Seventeen Nobel Prize winners and 19 Pulitzer Prize winners – from Mahatma Ghandi to Kurt Vonnegut Jr. – have written for the magazine. (continued on page 3)

Walkerton Dunkeld Restaurant Destroyed by Fire

The Rotary Club of Walkerton lost its meeting place when the historic Dunkeld Restaurant was lost in a fire. The club lost all of its banners, electronics, and paraphernalia in the fire which leveled the building. The club now meets at the Walkerton Legion Br. 102. Fortunately there were no injuries. Club losses estimated in excess of \$10,000 are insured.



Rotary On The World Stage

ROTARY'S RANKING... In 2012, The Rotary Foundation earned a grade A+ from the American Institute of Philanthropy, a top rating of four stars from Charity Navigator, and full accreditation from the Wise Giving Alliance of the Better Business Bureau, based on the previous year's results. In fiscal 2012, only 2 percent of Foundation expenditures went to administration expenses and 8 percent to fundraising. The Foundation directed 90 percent of its spending to programs, far exceeding the benchmark of 65 percent that independent charity-rating services view as a measure of high efficiency.

St. Thomas Rotary and Interact clubs hold Joint Meeting

For the ninth year running, the St. Thomas Rotary club hosted the joint meeting which was co-chaired by club Pres. Pat Martyn and Ryan Pepper Pres. of the Interact club. In attendance were Rotarians from six other clubs, a representative from the Fanshawe Rotaract club along with Jennifer Roy and Elizabeth Harris, District Chairs for Interact and Rotaract respectively. In addition to being brought up to date on the activities of the Interact club two Rotarians were presented with multiple PHF—Ron Summerville PHF + 3 and Paul Nicli PHF + 7. Congratulations Ron and Paul.



Pictured: Ron Summerville, A/G Diane Chantler, Paul Nicli and DG Tom Robitaille



Pictured: Ron Summerville (advisor), the St. Thomas Interact club and Trudy Kanellis (advisor)

Polio Update – World Health Organization

New wild polio cases reported in the last week in March: 5

Total number of cases in 2012: 223
Total number of wild cases in 2012 YTD: 33

Total number of wild cases in 2013 YTD: 16

Endemic Country Headlines – last week in March

Afghanistan: No new cases: The total number of WPV cases for 2013 remains 1.

Nigeria: Five new cases: This brings the total number of WPV cases for 2013 to 10.

Pakistan: No new cases: Total cases for 2013 is 5. Security situation continues to be monitored closely and immunization activities continue to be implemented.

The recent Polio Challenge "3 for 1" generated \$ 2,270,000 which when matched with CIDA and the Gates Foundation totaled \$ 6.8 million

PDG Tanya Wolff in her recent marathon and a half raised \$ 6,675. which when matched totaled \$ 20,025.

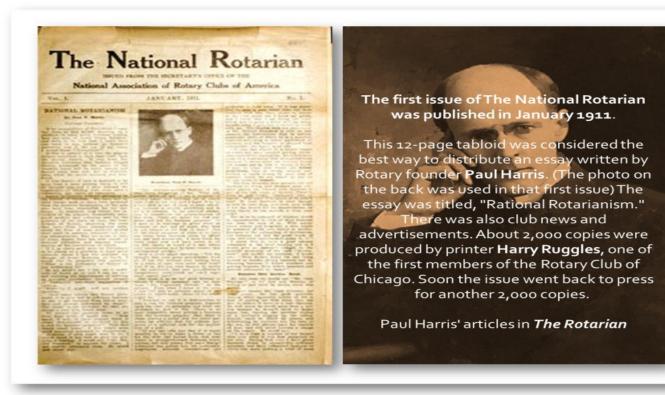


"Having leadership skills does not alone assure good Rotary leadership. An effective Rotary leader must ALSO have Rotary knowledge, perspective about where Rotary has been, where it is now and a vision of what Rotary can be."

Next RLI Seminar - Saturday May 4, 2013, King's College, Epworth Avenue, London ON 8:30 am to 4:00 pm

To Register: Email to al@allanhardy.ca, and specify Part I, Part II, or Par III, indicating that you will bring your cheque payable to "RLI District 6330" with you to the seminar.

For more information visit www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org or contact—Allan Hardy, PDG, H: 519 432 8168, C; 519 434 1334

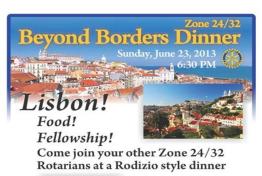


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<u>The Rotary World Magazine Press</u> consists of 32 magazines from Africa, the Americas, Asia, Australia, and Europe that inform, inspire, and entertain in 23 languages. In addition to <u>The Rotarian</u>, Rotary's English-language flagship publication, it offers magazines such as *Vida Rotaria* (Argentina), *Rotary in Bulgaria*, and *The Rotary-no-Tomo* (Japan).

The RI Bylaws require all club members to subscribe to *The Rotarian* or a Rotary regional magazine. Rotary leaders, District Governors, and club Presidents are encouraged to support magazine editors in their country or region by submitting story ideas, promoting readership, encouraging timely subscription payments, and assisting with other communication efforts.

There is also an international supplement edition which started in the 2008-09 Rotary year. The eight-page supplement, is produced for all official Rotary magazines, and highlights Rotary's work on the global stage. This supplement will help promote a unified and global image of the organization and show how collaboration of editors from different parts of the world can help put together a tool for communicating the strength and appeal of Rotary International.



All you can eat service – waiters continuously bring a variety of dishes to your table throughout the meal. A wide assortment of meat plus a colossal salad bar!



Restaurante Bufalo Grill • Rossio Dos Olivais Parque das Nacoes (near the Convention Centre) \$65.00/person Food, wine, beer all included!



Tickets online at www.RotaryZones24-32.org

District 6330 Group Study Exchange Team

Departed for South Korea on April 5.

Sign up here and follow the team's blog: http://

gsesouthkorea2013.tumblr.com/

In their "Peace Through Service" theme coloured casual uniform shirts are: (left to right)



Colin Easton; representing the Rotary Club of Walkerton, GSE Co-Chair Wendy Jennings, Kyle McCree; representing the Rotary Club of Flint, District Governor Tom Robitaille, Natalie Pruett; representing the Rotary Club of Flint, GSE Co-Chair and alternate Team Leader Jeff Bennett, Team Leader PDG Tanya Wolff and Erika Engle; representing the Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg.

More about GSE: http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/MakeConnections/GroupStudyExchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx

Foundation News: THE ROTARY FOUNDATION HUMANITARIAN GRANT PROGRAMS. Part 3 of 3

Effective July 1 2013 District 6330 clubs will have three types of humanitarian grant available to them. To participate in any TRF Grant clubs must be qualified each year by completing and filing with the district a Memorandum of Understanding.

DISTRICT GRANTS replace the previously named District Simplified Grants. For a full description and applications please go the district web site or contact DGSC Ken Wilmott kwilmott@uniserve.com GLOBAL GRANTS replace the previously named Matching Grants. For a full description and applications please go to the district web site or kww.rotary.org

PACKAGED GRANTS, a completely new type of grant format.

PACKAGED GRANTS: These new grants provide clubs and individual Rotarians an opportunity for International Humanitarian aid without the hard work of finding and designing a specific project. Focused largely around Vocational Training Teams the packaged grants to some extent replace the previous Group Study Exchange program. They can also be used for scholarships. For a full description of Packaged Grants and complete details of the application process please go to www.rotary.org

PACKAGED GRANTS: Newly available to clubs commencing July 1 2013 and will provide clubs an opportunity to work with The Rotary Foundation's strategic partners on predesigned projects and activities funded entirely by the World Fund.

Clubs must complete and file with the district a signed Memorandum of Understanding for each Rotary Year.

Because all the initial work of finding a strategic partner and designing the general framework of the project has already been done, Rotarians can focus their talents and energies on implementing the project. Participation could include:

- * Assessing community needs and identifying beneficiaries
- * Promoting and publicity of the project

- * Providing technical expertise or direct service
- * Monitoring and evaluating the project

Requirements for participation in a packaged grant vary depending upon the project needs and objectives. Initially The Rotary Foundation has teamed with four strategic partners:

Aga Khan University. Training Health Educators. Vocational Training Teams in Kenya, Tanzania and Uganda. Award \$20,000 to \$50,000. Mercy Ships. VTT and Medical Services Teams to perform and assist in life changing surgeries.

Award \$20,000 to \$50,000.

Oikocredit. Collaborate with microfinance institutions to develop and carry out targeted training programs in India, Uruguay and Philippines. Award \$20,000 to \$50,000.

UNESCO-IHE. Scholarship for Water and Sanitation Professionals. MSc degree program at UNESCO-IHE Delft, The Netherlands. Award E25,000

New strategic partners are expected to be added to this list so clubs and Rotarians interested in participating should check www.rotary.org for an up-to-date listing. Proposal and application forms available at www.rotary.org

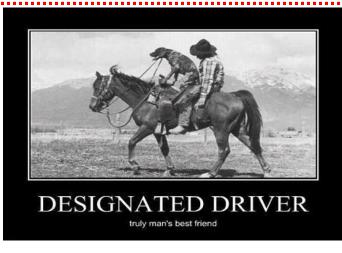
As with other TRF Grants this is a two-stage process. Clubs and individual Rotarians should familiarize themselves with the application process and The Rotary Foundation Grant Terms and Conditions before submitting a Packaged Grant proposal.

Rotary - Polio Eradication

This past February Rotary celebrated its 108th anniversary and marked a year of both achievements in the fight to eradicate polio and a stepped-up commitment to finish the job. You can help by learning how to use advocacy to encourage governments to fund the vital work of polio eradication.







The purpose of life is to live it, to taste experience to the utmost, to reach out eagerly and without fear for newer and richer experience.

(Eleanor Roosevelt)

Rotary Club of Stratford Charitable Foundation Give the gift of clean water - a gift of life

Six Rotary Club of Stratford volunteers leapt into action this week to help Haiti combat a cholera outbreak, shipping 295 Aquabox water purification kits to the Caribbean nation.

Aquabox committee chair Jim Scott said he was in touch with World Vision worker Alana Mascoll offering the club's help before she left on a mission to Haiti. He heard back two days later there was a desperate need for the kits.

"According to Ms. Mascoll they're still taking water out of the ditches and streams down there and drinking it, and this is why the cholera is giving them so much trouble. And this is why they're so grateful to get this latest shipment of Aquaboxes," Scott said.

The Rotary club had 295 of the kits pre-assembled and in storage ready to be deployed. The volunteers quickly loaded the entire lot into a transport on Tues-

day to be trucked to World Vision's facility in Mississauga before being shipped to Haiti.

Scott said the club has now assembled and shipped more than 4,300 Aquaboxes. More than 2,000 have gone to Haiti since the country was devastated by an earthquake in January 2010.

"I can't guarantee we (Rotary and contributors) have saved anybody's life, but I bet you we have," Scott said. "That's a pretty safe guess."

The Aquaboxes are a project unique to the Stratford club, which tries to keep a supply of them on hand to ship to disaster zones around the world. One box is enough to keep a family of four supplied with 10 cups of drinking water each daily for four months. Seventy-five litres of unpotable water from a creek or pond can be made drinkable in two hours using the kit's filters and chlorine tablets.

The smallest of the Aquaboxes – Rotary has kits of varying capacities -- is capable of purifying 1,200 litres of water. So far, enough kits have been sent to Haiti to produce over one million litres of safe, drinkable water.

According to the Centre for Disease Control, an epidemic of cholera has been ongoing in Haiti since October 2010. Haitian health officials have recorded 635,980 cases and 7,912 deaths as of Dec. 31, 2012. Cholera is a bacterial disease that can cause diarrhea and dehydration. It is most often spread through the ingestion of contaminated food or drinking water.

The latest Aquabox shipment cleaned out Rotary's stock and the club must now fundraise to create more.

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• Aquabox Brochure & Donation Forms

Membership Update

	Area	AG	Start	End Mar	Trend	3% Goal	Achiev ed
			July 1	31	Jan- Mar		
	1	Tony	138	143	+5	142	V
	2	Walt	158	155	-3	163	Χ
	3	Stan	301	306	+5	310	Χ
	4	Diane	269	259	-10	277	X
	5	Lawrie	217	207	-10	224	Χ
	6	Alice	190	183	-7	196	X
	7	Jeff	397	385	-12	409	Х
	8	Nancy	156	152	-4	161	Χ
	9	Jim	125	123	-2	129	Χ
	TOTAL		1951	1913	-38	2011	

District Membership Summary

- 1. Growth of 58 members is RI goal
- 2. Current situation is decline of 38 members

Result is short by 96 to goal

Area to Area Challenge Summary:

- 1. Area 1 achieved net 3% growth
- 2. Area 3 made a valiant attempt
- 3. Clubs to be recognized
- a. Area 1: Wiarton +5
- b. Area 3: Stratford +7

Area 4: London-South +7

Congratulations to AG Tony and the Area 1 clubs!

Congratulations to our 3 clubs with superior net growth!

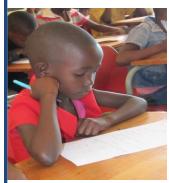
It is easy to find new members

just invite someone you would like to work with to join you for a Rotary meal and they will see for themselves Imagine the possibilities with a growing Rotary District....

DISTRICT GOVERNORS CHALLENGE—

MONTHLY WINNER FOR MARCH-

Jamie Pole—Sarnia Rotary Club Congratulations Jamie!



It's painful to see rural schools in our area close. It severs one of the arteries of a small community. With Canada's level population and declining enrollment, it's a reality that we'll have to face for the next generation. School boards can no longer continue to support partly filled classrooms and provide all the services that our high-tech education system demands. What's heartbreaking though is to see surplus unneeded school supplies sold for scrap or worse yet, dumped in a landfill.



In 2008, Grand Bend Rotarian, Peter Twynstra, led a group of local residents and Rotarians on a sightseeing trip of South Africa: a country he knows well because of his career in the edible bean industry, which involved shipments of beans and other agricultural products to many countries overseas. He grew extremely fond of South Africa and has used that expertise to lead several groups of interested travelers there. While in South Africa, the first group of visitors had an opportunity, through a local Rotarian, to visit one of the rural schools in Mpumalanga Province in northeastern South Africa.

This school was staffed with enthusiastic teachers and full of eager "learners", as the students are called there. The problem was that teaching aides, like blackboards, computers, and even desks and chairs, were not to be found. The group was taken by surprise with the lack of basic supplies that we take for granted here, but a spontaneous collection provided some funds the teacher could use to buy much needed pencils, books and other items.

Not long after the group's return home, one of the participants was horrified to see perfectly good desks being thrown into a dump-ster behind a school which had recently closed in the area. She implored Peter to find a way to get these supplies over to the South African school that they had visited. This is how 'Literacy Project' came to be, but, at first, the school boards were reluctant to change their method of dealing with the surplus items. In fact, they were hiring summer students to cut the covers off books so that the paper could be recycled. After much pleading and promises, the first container of surplus school supplies, including about 20,000 books, was loaded in the Spring of 2009 and shipped to the very school in South Africa where the tour had visited. Needless to say, the teachers and learners were overjoyed with all of the bounty. The books, especially created opportunities for reading that hadn't existed previously.

It also created local problems: other schools in the area heard of their good fortune and wondered when their containers would arrive. Also, because of the random nature of the surplus there's often a mismatch between the numbers of desks and chairs, too much of one item and not enough of another. By the time the third container rolled around, contact had been made with the Rotary Club of Middleburg, South Africa and a Rotarian by the name of Charles Deiner, who is the sparkplug for this vibrant club of about 40 members. Charles has been to Canada on a number of occasions and has spoken to several of the area Clubs about his Club and its projects.

His Club agreed to take on the role of receiving the sea containers at their arrival in Durban, unloading them at a warehouse in Middleburg and redistributing them to a number of schools in need. Indeed this action has solved many of the early problems and provided some continuity, as well as checks and balances to make sure the supplies are getting exactly where they're needed most. In fact, Charles and his crew catalogue all of the equipment and furniture as it arrives so that they can keep track of where it's gone.

Over the years, the project has expanded to include the Thames Valley School Board in the London area and the Avon Maitland School Board in Huron and Perth counties. Local transport has been provided by Hensall Global Logistics which has been very generous in bending the normal tight shipping rules and providing us with extended payment terms. (Story will be continued in the May issue of "The Bridge".

For more information about how your club can get involved, please contact Brian Hall at 519 238 8892 or bh@waypointfinancial.ca or Peter Twynstra at 519 293 3998 or ptwyn@execulink.com

District Events

April 12 St. Thomas—Keynote Concert - Friday, Salvation Army building 380 Elm St. 7 pm admission - donation

April 17 Watford—Charity Banquet – Wednesday 6:30 proceeds to support Polio Plus—Tickets \$25.

April 26 Port Elgin – International Night and Dinner – Friday, Rotary Hall 600 Tomlinson Dr.

Cash Bar 5;15 pm, Int'l Exchange 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:45, Cameroon Projects 8:00 pm Tickets \$50.

May 2 Burton—Five Grand Feast & Raffle—Thursday 5:30 pm IMA Brookwood Golf Course—Dinner for 2 \$125.

May 4 St. Thomas - Perch Fish Fry Saturday 5 – 8 pm, Caso Station, 750 Talbot St.

Entertainment/Silent Auction

\$25 Adults \$12 Children

A Really Good Story

By now I am sure a number of you may have already read the following story. It is a good story however and we thought it worth repeating here for those of you who might have missed it.

You never know how Rotary presence is going to be seen

On Saturday March 16, 2013 at the World Skating Championship in London ON, a mature woman and her daughter approached the Rotary display at the Rotary Square. Conversations between the women and the local Rotarians developed. Towards the end, the woman's daughter indicated that the woman was actually Tenley Albright. Tenley shared her story and the Rotarians have recounted it for us. Enjoy!

Tenley Albright

1952 Olympic Silver Medalist
1956 Olympic Gold Medalist
US Champion 1952-1956
North American Champion 1953 & 1955
World Champion 1953 & 1955

Tenley contracted Polio at age 10 and was unable to walk. She was in isolation and not allowed to interact with anyone—not even her family during her illness, because at this time, no one knew how polio was contracted or spread. Her father brought a ladder to the hospital and would climb the ladder and "visit" her from her second floor window. After her illness, Tenley was unable to walk. The doctors told her to visualize walking even before she started physical therapy. They recommended skating to her as a way to build more muscle mass, which is how she got into figure skating.

In 1956, while training for the Olympics, Albright fell due to a rut in the ice and cut her right ankle joint to the bone with her left skate. The cut was stitched by her father, a surgeon and she was not able to practice for the 10 days prior to the competition. During these 10 days she spent her time visualizing her routine. On the 10th day, she competed at the 1956 Winter Olympics in Cortina where she skated a perfect routine and became the first American female skater to win an Olympic gold medal.

She graduated from Harvard Medical school in 1961 and became a prominent surgeon. Tenley is a member of the board of directors for the Bloomberg Family Foundation which pledged to donate \$100 million in the fight against Polio.

The local London Rotarians painted her pinky purple and she was going to share her purple pinky and her story about meeting us and how Rotarians are still fighting and raising money to end Polio at the next Bloomberg Family Foundation Board of Directors meeting.

ROTARY SHINES IN 2013

Show your Pride in District 6330 and support the Eradication of Polio

High quality Performance knit Polo shirts complete with Rotary and District 6330 logos. Orders can be made beginning at PETS. Telephone orders are welcome at CRS Marketing at 1-866-550-0455 (in Canada) and 1-905-849-9747 (in U.S.A). Please ask for the District 6330 shirt.

Cost: \$45.00 plus applicable taxes. **\$10 from each shirt** will go to Polio. Available in 2 colours: night w/light nautical blue/white (846) & white w/grey lustre/black(701)

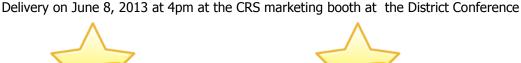


Sizes S M L XL XXL 3XL



Ladies

Sizes S M L XL XXL







Rotary club of London Hyde Park

Coffee for Polio Fundraiser







The Rotary club of London Hyde Park has initiated a fundraising project to help address the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI) urgent global appeal to meet the anticipated US\$140 million funding gap for 2013. Club Secretary, Kevin Webb, stated that "Rotarians started the fight to eradicate Polio and we will be there at the end. We will do our part." The RC of London Hyde Park has partnered with the Coastal Coffee Company (http://coastalcoffeecompany.ca/) to implement a "coffee for polio" fundraising initiative to support the GPEI. By purchasing the organic, fair trade freshly roasted coffee, Canadians will be helping Rotary's Polio eradication campaign - one cup of coffee at a time.

The GPEI 2013 budget is estimated at US\$ 1.053 billion for core costs, and certification/containment of which US\$ 917 million has been committed or pledged resulting in the February 14, 2013 urgent appeal. "All our efforts are at risk until all children are fully immunized against polio – and that means fully funding the global eradication effort and reaching the children we have not yet reached," said UNICEF Executive Director Anthony Lake. We can now make history – or later be condemned by history for failing." Failure to eradicate polio could lead within a decade to as many as 200,000 paralyzed children a year worldwide.

Polio is a crippling and potentially deadly infectious disease caused by a virus that spreads from person to person invading the brain and spinal cord and causing paralysis. Occasionally, the paralysis can lead to death. Because polio has no cure, vaccination is the best way to protect yourself and the only way to stop the disease from spreading. The "Coffee for Polio" fundraiser will also raise awareness among Canadians that only complete eradication will keep Canadians safe from Polio infection. Club President, Morrie Baylor, stated that "Canadians don't think about Polio as we haven't had an outbreak in decades. The global immunization and ongoing surveillance campaign is keeping us safe. We can't falter now when the finish line is so close."

To purchase your bag of "crazy fresh" coffee please contact: Kevin Webb, kwebb@crcid.org Phone: (W) 519-473-2100 (C) 519-851-7638 or Morrie Baylor, mbaylor@arbormemorial.com or you can order on line at coastalcoffeecompany.ca/coffee-fundraisers

75th ANNIVERSARY of WIARTON ROTARY CLUB

The Rotary Club of Wiarton celebrated their 75th anniversary on March 3, 2013, at The Meeting Place. The afternoon event was opened by words from our esteemed President and a letter from Tom Robitaille Rotary's District Governor. MP Larry Miller, MPP Bill Walker, brought certificates of recognition. Our favorite Mayor, John Close passed on thanks from the Town of South Bruce Peninsula for all the work the Club has done Many Rotarians and a few guests then enjoyed appetizers and drinks while browsing the many displays depicting our past achievements. A DVD of pictures of the last 25 years was of interest to many. It was good to welcome past exchange student Sabrina Horne, who was visiting from Ger-



many. It means a lot when past exchange students make a point of visiting Wiarton The DVD will be shown to the club on April 25. If anyone would like to order a copy they are available for \$10.

DISTRICT CONFERENCE

ROTARY SHINES INBLUEWATERLAND

June 6 - 9, 2013, Sarnia, Holiday Inn

- * Golf Tournament at Sawmill Creek GC & Spa
- * Star Studded Entertainment * Dynamic Keynote Speakers -
- * Cruise on the St. Clair river * Partners Program

See YOU there!

