



# The Bridge

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## A Message from Governor Don



My Rotary Friends and Friends of Rotary, the journey has begun! Becoming your District Governor on July 1st, 2013 is truly an honour and privilege! I had a funny feeling on July 1st that it wasn't only Canada Day! Thank you for giving me this opportunity to serve you and Rotary.

I am so looking forward to my Club visits which begin on August 19th. It's going to be a busy three months even with some interruptions for the Zone Institute in Cherry Hill, New Jersey in September! I especially want to wish all of my Club Presidents the greatest success! Without their leadership our District would not thrive. It is because of our club leaders that Rotarians become engaged and change lives!

Marie and I were so pleased to have PDG Tom and Heather join us in Walkerton for our official change-over ceremony. We were also pleased to have DGE Doug Barnard, DGN Nancy Ottewell, and District Trainer Michael Atkins and Marg join us as well. Walkerton Rotary always loves having visitors come to our meetings.

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## September is New Generations Month

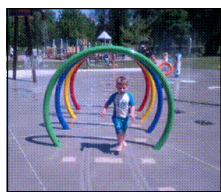
Next month Rotary celebrates its Fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations. This is an opportunity for our clubs to focus on programs and activities that benefit youth in our communities.

Every year, thousands of talented and dedicated young people, ages 12-30, have an incredible experience in a New Generations program.

Rotaractors and Interactors participate in service programs in communities at home and abroad. Rotary Youth Exchange allows them to explore new cultures. Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants learn skills that will help them succeed as future community leaders.

In addition to Rotary's structured programs, many clubs undertake local projects that benefit youth in their own communities. .

We contribute to sports teams, literacy programs in schools and we often provide funds for play space for children in the community. Strathroy, for example, has a lovely new waterpark which is pictured here. And the Tara club has put in a beautiful playground.



In our district, clubs are beginning to take on the Don't Meth with Us program

Ideas for September: bring in a speaker to address New Generations programs..take on a new project in your community...start an Interact or Rotaract program...participate in Youth Exchange or sponsor someone to go to RYLA. And, after September, send us pictures of your event.

## ROTARY OFFERS \$30,000 GLOBAL GRANT SCHOLARSHIP FOR INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE-LEVEL STUDIES

Applicants are being sought for a Global Grant Scholarship from Rotary District 6330 for the 2014-15 academic year. Worth \$30,000 annually, this exclusive scholarship will help fund a graduate-level student from District 6330 (Southern Ontario and Western Michigan) to pursue educational and service dreams, generating impact in one or more of the Rotary foci:

- ◆ Peace and conflict prevention/ resolution
- ◆ Disease prevention and treatment
- ◆ Water and sanitation
- ◆ Maternal and child health
- ◆ Basic education and literacy
- ◆ Economic and Community Development

More Information and the Global Grant Scholarship Application form are available on the District 6330 web site – [www.rotary6330.org](http://www.rotary6330.org).

Qualified candidates must submit their completed application to their local Rotary Club for review and support by **October 31, 2013**.

Interviews for District 6330 finalists will be conducted on a Saturday in **December, 2013**, or early **January, 2014, in Sarnia, Ontario**.

The successful candidate will then make a formal application to the Rotary Foundation. If approved, the scholar should be ready to start his/her studies in September, 2014.

Johnna Johansen

Rotary District 6330 Scholarship Chair

St. Thomas Rotary Club:

# ***Rotary Youth Exchange Program***

## ***Enriches Young Lives***

As part of the Central States Rotary Youth Exchange program, the Rotary Club of St. Thomas has hosted an inbound student every year since 2004. They have hosted students from Japan, Brazil, Germany, Ecuador, Thailand and Mexico. During that same time the club has sponsored 10 outbound female students in such places as Thailand, Poland, Brazil, Peru, Belgium, France, India and Chile.

Last year Marco Valdez-Balderas' family hosted a Rotary Exchange inbound student from Brazil. Now he will be the first male outbound student to be sponsored by the club. He is being hosted by the Rotary Club of Langesund (D2290) in Norway close to the City of Skien. Now 18 years old, Marco was born in Mexico and came with his parents to Canada in 2000; he has already learned a new language and adjusted to a new culture. Fluent in Spanish and English, he also speaks conversational German and French. He is a good student at St. Joseph's Catholic High School in St. Thomas and he loves to play hockey. Marco plays piano and his first contact with the Rotary club was at the annual Rotary Music Festival. His mother, Adriana is the newest member of the Rotary Club of St. Thomas.



17 year old Sigrid Sagabraten is being sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nesbyan (D2310) in Norway. A good student at school, her passion is dance – dance of any and every kind. She has already been in touch with three dance schools in St. Thomas so that she can continue her dance instruction during her exchange year. She loves the theatre and expects to follow a career in dancing. Ingrid's command of English is very good; she has exchanged many emails with the people she will be meeting in Canada. She will continue her studies in English and learn about our Canadian culture as she lives with three host families during the year.

The Rotary Club of St. Thomas considers it a privilege to sponsor and host such fine students and does its best to ensure that for each student, their exchange year is the best year of their life!

Malcolm Rust  
Youth Exchange Officer  
Thursday, August 08, 2013



# Club News

## Rotary Needs Your Help with the International Plowing Match

This year the International Plowing Match and Rural Expo is being held in Perth County, just east of the town of Mitchell. It takes place between September 17th and 21st and marks the 100th Anniversary of this event which is so important to rural Ontarians. Many families make a point to attend every year.

The Plowing March kicks off with a Parade and Opening Day Ceremonies on the 17th. The 21- member OPP Golden Helmets Precision Motorcycle Riding Team will be taking part in the parade. On the 19th the Canadian Snow-birds will be performing. Other attractions include banquets, concerts, interesting exhibits and competitions. For more information their website address is <http://www.ipm2013.org>.

Perth County Rotary Clubs are very involved in the event. Bert Vortenbosch of the Mitchell club is the chairman for the Plowing Match and David Williams from the Mitchell club and Charlene Gordon from the Stratford club are helping to coordinate volunteers. Charlene has sent the following message and appeal:

Hello everyone.

Volunteer training for the International Plowing Match (IPM) will be held:

- \* Saturday, September 7 from 9-noon at the IPM site in the Volunteer Tent located just outside the Tented City at the south west corner. (see agenda below for more details.)
- \* Tuesday, September 10 from 6-9 pm at the IPM site in the Volunteer Tent located just outside the Tented City at the south west corner.

Finally, ***we still need more volunteers*** for every day except Wednesday, September 18th. If you can help, please sign up on Clubrunner or speak to Charlene Gordon or Bert Clifford.

Thanks  
Charlene Gordon  
519 273 5126

Date	Shift	# of Volunteers Still Needed
Tuesday, September 17	Early shift (11:30 am)	4
Thursday, September 19	Early shift	7
	Afternoon shift	4
Friday, September 20	Early shift	1
	Afternoon shift	3
Saturday, September 21	Early shift	1
	Afternoon shift	4

# 6330 Coming Events

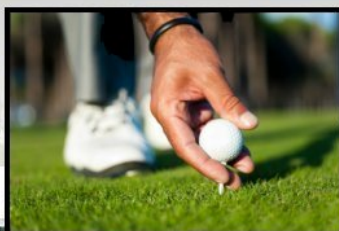
These are just a few of the events coming up in our District in the next couple of months. If you would like to include your event in the next Bridge send us a copy of your poster.



***CHALLENGE YOURSELF WITH A RUN THROUGH  
BEAVER VALLEY APPLE COUNTRY...Sunday, Oct 20,  
2013***

The Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club is pleased to host this year's Blue Mountains Half Marathon and proceeds will go to Children/Youth and Health Care projects in our community.

Register online: <http://bluemountainmarathon.com>



***Sarnia Rotary Club  
ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT  
Monday September 16th, 2013  
12:00 noon***



**Rotary Club of Stratford  
Charitable Foundation**

**DRAGON BOAT FESTIVAL  
2013**

**September 14, 2013**



# Happening in the District...

## 2016-2017 District Governor Nominations

Nominations for District Governor for 2016-2017 are now being accepted. All clubs are invited to submit their nomination for District Governor for the Rotary year 2016-2017.

Please send your nomination to: PDG Tom Robitaille, Nominating Committee Chair at 3048 Maidstone Cres., Bright's Grove, Ontario, N0N 1C0. Nominations may also be emailed to **thr@cogeco.ca**.

Please note that nominations must be received on or before October 31, 2013.

Club nominations must be in the form of a resolution adopted at a regular meeting of the club naming the nominated candidate. The resolution must be signed by the club Secretary and the club can nominate only one of its own members. Please refer to the 2010 Rotary "Manual of Procedure, RI bylaws, Article 13 (pages 216-220).

Qualifications and responsibilities for Governor Nominees can be found in the Manual of Procedure, pages 28-33.

Please Note: The sequence for the years prior to being the 2016-2017 District Governor is:

2013-2014 District Governor Nominee Designate

2014-2015 District Governor Nominee

2015-2016 District Governor Elect

## Rotary Leadership Institute

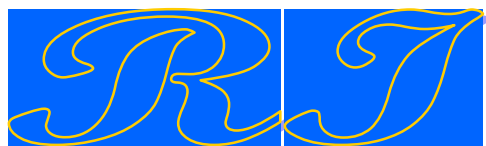


The next D6330 Rotary Leadership Institute seminar, Part I, Part II & Part III, will be held in Owen Sound ON., Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> 2013 at the Owen Sound Collegiate and Vocational Institute. To register: (Pre-registration only) Email to [al@allanhardy.ca](mailto:al@allanhardy.ca) and specify Part 1, Part 11 or Part 111, indicating that you will bring your check, payable to "R.L.I. District 6330", with you to the seminar.

**Registration Deadline:** Register on or before Friday, September 20th, 2013. RLI provides a great opportunity to improve your leadership skills while learning more about Rotary beyond the club level. The seminars are informative, interactive and fun while providing an opportunity to learn not only from the facilitators but also from the experiences of Rotarians from other clubs. For further information, check out the website: [www.rli-shiningwaters.org](http://www.rli-shiningwaters.org).

Please contact [al@allanhardy.ca](mailto:al@allanhardy.ca) if you have any questions or comments.





## British Ophthalmologist Receives Top Foundation Alumni Award



*Photo by Monika Lozinska/Rotary International*

Dr. Harminder Singh Dua, an Indian-born ophthalmologist in Nottingham, England, received the 2012-13 Rotary Foundation Global Alumni Service to Humanity Award at the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal, in late June. He was nominated for the award by District 3030 (Maharashtra, India).

In 1981, Dua traveled from India to Pennsylvania, USA, as a member of a Group Study Exchange team, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Nagpur South, Maharashtra. Recalling the flight that began his trip, from Bombay (now Mumbai) to New York, he said, "Traveling with the sun, we had 24 hours of daylight. Isn't that a wonderful thought: Let there be no darkness. I had unwittingly captured, at least in part, the spirit of Rotary and the spirit for which I would work for the rest of my life."

Dua, who is chair and professor of ophthalmology at the University of Nottingham, Queen's Medical Centre, has treated patients in the United Kingdom, India, and the United States and has shared his skills with students and colleagues around the world. Re-

nowned as an authority on corneal disorders, he performs advanced surgeries.

While living in India, Dua performed thousands of free operations on poor patients with cataracts and glaucoma at free eye clinics sponsored by Rotarians and nongovernmental organizations.

"The poverty and simple lives of the villagers and the huge difference [the] operations made to them, and to the lives of children who had to spend time away from school to guide the people around, was plain to see," he said. "There was no escaping the enormity of their need and our [medical team's] ability to fulfill some part of it."

More recently, Dua is credited with discovering a previously undetected layer of the human eye that is located at the back of the cornea -- a discovery that was reported in the journal *Ophthalmology* in May. Called Dua's layer, it is much thinner than a human hair. Its discovery is expected to make corneal transplant surgery safer and simpler, and to contribute to knowledge about some diseases affecting that part of the eye.

In accepting the Foundation award in Lisbon, Dua said, "If I were to pick one defining period from amongst all the years, it will have to be, without any doubt, my trip to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as a Rotary Group Study Exchange team member. . . . [It] had a profound positive influence on my thinking and actions, and I would like to believe, through me, to so many others -- students, patients and colleagues -- whose lives I have touched."

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## District Governor's Message

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I would ask that EVERY Rotarian in District 6330 login to their profile on the District 6330 website ([www.rotary6330.org](http://www.rotary6330.org)) and make sure that their information is correct. If you don't have an email address, create one on Google or Hotmail. Visit the district website for all kinds of information. The Planning Calendar is there now as well as the schedule of my DG Club Visits. You can also download a copy of my District Governor's Challenge!

I encourage everyone to propose a new member to your club and keep supporting the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus. If you have not considered becoming a Benefactor, there is information in the District Directory about doing just that. Remember that the Rotary Foundation is the backbone of our organization. Your contributions help people all around the world as well as in your own back yard.

Be sure and register for the District Conference, "Rotary in Saugeen Country", which takes place next June in Walkerton! I know you will have a great time and there is always lots to learn! More information will follow on how to register.

Rotarians should keep in mind that the future of Rotary lies in our youth programs. If there is not an Interact Club or Rotaract Club in your community, start one! Have you ever considered a New Generations Exchange? If you are interested, let me know. If your club has never been involved with the Rotary Youth 8 Exchange Program, why not? We have high school students who would love to spend a year

abroad, and we have international students who would love to be hosted in District 6330. Remember, we have a District leadership team who are available to come and speak to your clubs...as RI President Ron Burton suggests, "Just ask".

So my Fellow District 6330 Rotarians and Friends of Rotary...It is time to Engage Rotary and Change Lives! Whose life will you change? It could be your own!

Let there be peace!

DG Don

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Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?

Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?

Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



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