

FEBRUARY - WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

In honor of the first Rotary meeting that occurred on February 23, 1905, Rotary International has designated this day as "World Understanding and Peace Day" and has selected February as "World Understanding Month."

Paul Harris' vision for Rotary as an organization was to promote goodwill among nations, as he wrote, **"the hearts of men must be so touched and molded that mutual understanding and goodwill will take the place of fear and hatred"**. In World Understanding Month, we do well to remember these words – and to remember as well that in all of our service, we reach for the larger goal of fellowship, understanding, and peace.

Ideas for honoring this theme at your club include arranging **international speakers** and inviting **youth exchange students and/or international scholars** from nearby schools and universities to your meeting. Other possibilities include featuring **former Group Study Exchange team members**, arranging discussions on international issues, or presenting entertainment with an International cultural or artistic theme.

This is also a great time for your club to launch an international community service project, make contact with a Rotary club in another country, look into a **Rotary Fellowship Exchange**, or encourage support for Polio Plus as a way of honoring the theme. Participating in a Friendship Exchange also is an ideal way to celebrate World Understanding and Peace Day on February, 23rd Rotary's anniversary. And Rotarians now have a new resource to help locate an exchange destination. As February is World Understanding Month it could be a good time to think of the international service provided by Rotarians, clubs, and districts. **Rotary International** offers a broad range of humanitarian, intercultural, and educational programs and activities designed to improve the human condition and advance the organization's ultimate goal of world understanding and peace.




The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?



A Message from Governor Don

February is already here and this month we celebrate World Understanding Month in Rotary. It is time for us to reflect on what our clubs have been doing in World Community Service projects and to feel good about helping others less fortunate. Our Presidents-

Elect are starting their planning process for their Rotary year starting in July! Has your club given any thought as to how you will split your service projects between local and international projects? Recognizing that while we are blessed in Canada and America and we should share our wealth with those less fortunate, I feel that in order to grow and attract new members to our club, we have to build a stronger presence in our own community. Many smaller clubs believe that in order to survive, they have to do only local projects.

DG Don's message continued on Page 9

News you might like to share



PHOTO CONTEST



Click Enter to win and for more information

Let's show off Rotarians!

Dear Governors,

I hope you and your family had a great Christmas and New Year holiday. The next 6 months is an opportunity to focus on meeting your district, membership and Rotary Foundation goals. The Zone Coordinator team is ready to work with you and your district leadership team to meet your objectives. Just ask, if you need their support.

I want to start 2014 across Zones 24-32 with a little fun and something to offset the winter blues. We are going to have a Zone 24-32 photo contest. This is an opportunity for the Rotarians in your district to boast, with photos, all the Rotary service projects and fellowship events that have been held or will be held this Rotary year. How have the clubs in your district "Engaged Rotary and Changed Lives"?

To make the photo contest a success I need your help. You will shortly receive details about the contest and there will be information on the Zone website and Zone Face Book page. This will include the rules and a link to submit photos online.

I need your help to share this information with your clubs and fellow Rotarians. We want to ensure that we include your district's Interact Clubs and Rotaract Clubs. You are the connection to these clubs.

The contest will focus on photos that show one of the Five Avenues of Service:

- 1) Community Service
- 2) Vocational Service
- 3) Club Service
- 4) International Service
- 5) Youth Service or New Generations

Each member of a Rotary, Interact or Rotaract club in Zone 24-32 may submit up to three photos. The most important rule of the contest is "have fun".

The prizes are simple - boasting rights as one of the best Rotary photographers in the zone, a certificate and the winning photos in each of the 5 Avenues of Service posted on the Zone website and hopefully your district site.

The Zone 24-32 RPICs (Rotary Public Image Coordinators) will be the contest judges. PDG Chris Offer, District 5040 will coordinate the contest.

Details of the contest are on the way. I hope I can count on your support to share this information with your clubs and encourage them to participate.

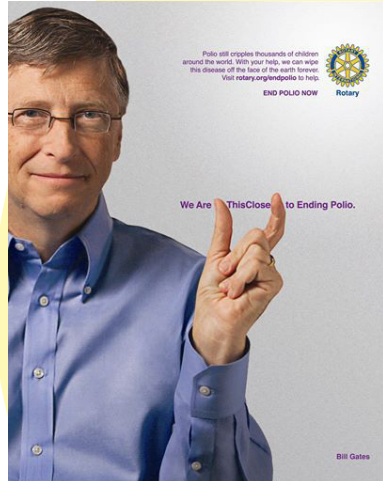
Yours in Rotary service,

Bryn
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District PolioPlus wall of Commendation



Nancy Khan, Rotary Club of Kincardine donated \$1500 to the PolioPlus foundation which translated into \$4500 after the Bill Gates matching grants are applied.



Brian Hall, Rotary Club of Grand Bend is the club's Foundation chair and the driving force behind their Polio Plus initiatives that have raised a grand total of \$70,896

The Rotary Foundation Cadre of Technical Advisers

In an effort to keep Rotarians informed of the cadre's activities, we are continuing distribution of Tech Talk, the cadre's quarterly newsletter, to all district governors.

If you know of any Rotarians in your district who would make great cadre members, I encourage you to forward them the attached cadre registration form.

I appreciate your assistance in sharing this information with the Rotarians in your district. If you have any questions about the cadre, please do not hesitate to contact me.

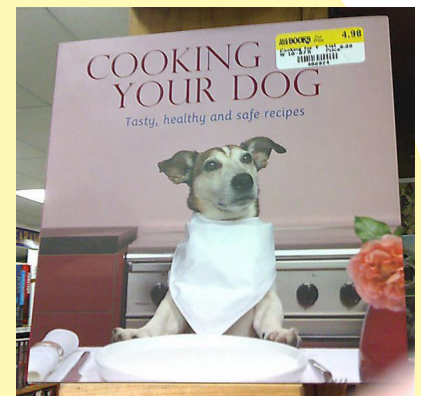
Sincerely,

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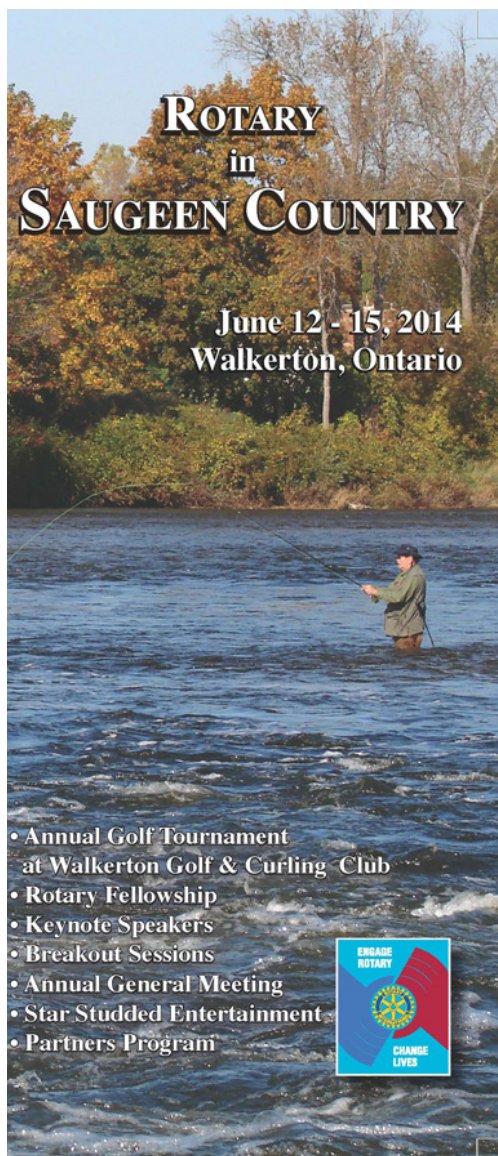
Be careful where you place the price tag!

WISE WORDS

Give a person a fish and you feed them for a day. Teach a person to use the Internet and they won't bother you for weeks, months, maybe years.

Happening In The District....

District Conference 2014



Check out the District Conference
[click here to register](#)

District Governor's Challenge Draw

The first draw (of 3) took place on Friday, January 10th from the DG Challenge entries I had received as of January 9th. The winner of the first draw for the equivalent of the meals for the Saturday at the District Conference on June 14th is **Shirley Bonneveld** (Walkerton).

The number of entries is very LOW! Please encourage your clubs to have their members complete the challenge and submit their names before the next draw in February.

DG Don

Progress report on the Slave Lake fire

On May the 14 & 15th in 2011 in the town of Slave Lake and the surrounding communities there was a natural disaster of colossal proportions. 433 single family homes, 6 apartment buildings, 3 churches, and 11 businesses were destroyed by fire. 9,000 people evacuated. That was taken from the preface of the book "The Sky Was On Fire" written after the fire in Slave Lake Alberta in 2011.



In May of 2011 District 7820 was holding its conference in St. Johns Newfoundland. The District Governor Mark Brown had asked Jackie Hobal, the DG from District 5370, to speak at the Conference. When the news of the Slave Lake fire was received DG Jackie who lives about an

hour from Slave Lake went home to see what Rotary needed to do. Mark Brown, the DG of 7820, asked all of the Districts in zone 24 to help the Slave Lake community.

I am proud to say clubs in our district donated \$19,430.00 to help. We were in touch with DG Jackie and the Rotary club of Slave Lake to find out where the money should be directed. The Slave Lake Rotary club had supported the library that was burnt down in the fire. It was decided that the money raised would go to help cover the cost of items not covered by insurance in the new library.

When I visited Slave Lake this spring (2012) it just happened to be the first opening of the library and I was given a tour. The library is called "The Rotary club of Slave Lake Public Library". The library is state of the art filling the needs of all the people in the area.

In my year as your DG the Rotary theme was "Building Communities, Bridging Continents". We in District 6330 helped rebuild the community of Slave Lake by helping to rebuild the library. We also helped the people of Slave Lake know that they were not alone.

If you are ever in Slave Lake do a makeup, the Club meets at the Holiday Inn Express 7:00 AM on Tuesday. They will treat you royally with western hospitality. Also visit the library and see what District 6330 helped in a small way to rebuild. It will make you proud to be a Rotarian.

I have included some pictures of the library that was only 18 months old on fire in 2011 and pictures of the new library in June 2013.

Michael

Michael Atkins DG 2010-2011 6330



District Governor's "Engage Rotary" Challenge

[Click here for DG Challenge form](#)

The form does not have to be sent, but should be retained by the Club President.

CLUB NEWS

Rotary Club of St. Thomas

Something to share from the Rotary Club of St. Thomas
Happy Fines or Happy Dollars – **Donations of \$5 to The Rotary Foundation – Annual Programs Fund** – credited to the donor in celebration of something good in the donor's life. This practice started in this club in 1985 to raise funds for polio eradication at the suggestion of Darwin Lowe, a member of the club and a polio survivor.

Rotary Club of London

Following the January 13, 2014 meeting of the Rotary Club of London, Fanshawe Rotaract member Susan Chlipala took orders for fair trade coffee to help finance her group's 'Alternative Spring Break' trip to Haiti. She and 7 other students will spend their March break working in Haiti instead of frolicking on warm sunny beaches. RCL helped her exceed her expectations of the clubs support and she will be back next week to sell to them again. She can also take orders if you would like to place them.



(Editor note : Any stories or items about Rotaract or Interact Clubs please send them to The Bridge to be published. The Presidential Citation, "Support New Generations programs" includes "Clubs sponsor a new Rotaract or Interact club or support an existing one".)

Rotary Club of Walkerton and the Rotary Club of Thornbury - Clarksburg sponsored a GSE Team Members

"GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE experience helps change lives..."

Barbara Robins, Rotary District 6330
Alumni subcommittee chair

All the members of the Group Study Exchange Team returned from Cheongyang, South Korea after a life changing experience. The Team left on April 4th 2013 under the leadership of Tanya Wolffe and returned on May 3rd 2013. Two of the Team were highlighted last month and these are other two members of the Team. Erica Engle sponsored by the Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg and Colin Easton sponsored by the Rotary Club of Walkerton. Following are some of their comments of their trip.



Erica Engle:- excerpts from their Rotary Report

Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg
"My GSE Experience to South Korea Rotary District 3620 allowed me to leave North America for the first time and broaden my personal and professional outlook on the world in which we live. This was a life changing experience that opened my eyes to a new culture, language and way of doing business"

"Korea also allowed me to fully appreciate how different our lives in North America are from most of the citizens of the world. While we were in South Korea there was a very tense political standoff between North and South Korea. What amazed me was how relaxed and unconcerned the Korean people were with this situation. Most of the world routinely lives with fear of famine, disease, war or some other calamity that is largely foreign to most people in North America. This is something that I no longer take for granted."

"All of these lessons combined to change the way I look at problems and challenges in my community. I am very thankful to the Rotary Foundation and all of the Rotarians in my District for making this experience possible for me."

Taken from the Blue Mountains Courier-Herald



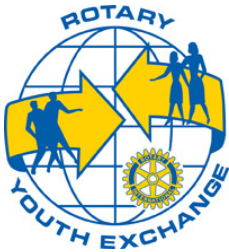
Colin Easton:- excerpts from their Rotary Report

Rotary Club of Walkerton
"This past year, seven years after my teaching experience, (in Korea)I was accepted into the Rotary Group Study Exchange to South Korea. The first night in Korea with the GSE we slept in a Pension on solid wood beds with a thin mattress; it was little more than what we would use as a thick comforter. Although I knew that Korean's traditionally slept on the floor, I had never ventured to sleep this way myself and this first night set the tone for the entire exchange."

"During the GSE, we visited many Korean families and had time to talk to them about their lives. For me this was not a culture to be studied, rather the focus became getting to know people and through them learning about their culture."

"What I learned through GSE is that there are so many different ways to experience a culture and, in turn, the world. I gained a new perspective on my teaching year, and a new focus for my future traveling experiences. I wish to gratefully thank the Rotary Club of Walkerton, all the clubs in District 6330 and 3620, and Rotary International for this amazing opportunity.."

These are just a few comments and the Team will be giving a full presentation at the Conference in Walkerton.



Rotary Youth Exchange

changed my life the most'.

Anne Stokes

14 January 09:40

This was on my newsfeed, posted by a Canadian girl who was in Brazil with me. Made me smile. Hope the beginning of 2014 is fantastic for all of you. Thank you Rotarians!

"Can we all take a moment to recognize how awesome Rotary is? They send kids across the world on exchange just because they think it's a good cause. Like out of the goodness of their hearts they take people like me and help us discover the world. How cool is that? And the program they have for getting completely rid of polio? It's not even an issue for most of us and Rotarians still take it upon themselves to contribute however they can. Then there is stuff like Rotex, RYLA, Rotaract, Interact and all the community projects Rotary contributes to. Nobody is a Rotarian because they have to be. All these people just want to do good things everyday for complete strangers. I feel truly blessed to be a part of this community".

To all the Clubs in District 6330
(who do not already sponsor a Youth Exchange Student or could sponsor another student)

Support the New Generation Program and get into the Rotary Youth Exchange Program.

Information for the program is available on the 6330 website and the RI website

Your District Governor Don Moore has been a leading advocate of Rotary Youth Exchange for many years and encourages clubs to join the program.



When is the time to get people involved in Rotary?

As we all know, this time is when they are young and through education.

Our RI President Ron Burton has the vision to Support New Generations programs. "Sponsor or host at least one Youth Exchange Student."

Rotary Youth Exchange is a great opportunity to cultivate a future Rotarian, plus give a student a picture on respecting other peoples' culture and help in making this world a more peaceful place to live.

Ask any past Youth Exchange Student about their experiences on the program and 99% of them will tell you it has been the most wonderful time of their life!

Host a student from another country and learn about their culture and teach them yours. You will not regret a minute of the bonding and friendship you will have for many years. Kincardine had a student from Denmark in 1984 and he calls his Host Parents every Christmas Eve. 30 years later his Host Parent (Honourary Rotarian) is in his late eighties.

A high percentage become Rotarians later in life, some join Rotaract, some take advantage of the Rotary education opportunities but all remember the important lesson of friendship around the world which promotes peace.

Quotes from former Youth Exchange Students

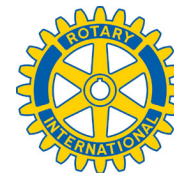
'Thanks for making me part of this huge family, Rotary'.

'I'm writing this to share with you a bit of all I have learned in the most fulfilling year of my life in Canada'.

'First of all I want to thank again to all of the people of good will that make this exchange programs possible and that provide help all over the world through Rotary organization, with the purpose of turning the world into a better place to live. I will join Rotary when I am able to'.

'I will never regret the decision to go on exchange. I will never be able to thank enough my sponsoring Rotary Club in Slovakia that believed in me and sent me representing my country for a year overseas. The world is small but with the opportunity of Youth Exchange that Rotary has for us, the whole world is even smaller, a lot more familiar and a lot more like HOME'.

'The wonder called Rotary is an organization that connects everything and everybody. It will never stop surprising me how generous people can be in concern with others who need the help. There is far more than an exchange program even though this one



Great News on the Polio Front



"India is polio free" (written in Hindi) illuminates Jodhpur Sojati Gate in Rajasthan, India.

Photo Credit: Courtesy of the India PolioPlus Committee

Throughout India and around the world, Rotary clubs are celebrating a major milestone: India has gone three years without a new case of polio. The last reported case was a two-year-old girl in West Bengal on 13 January 2011.

To mark this historic triumph -- reached after a decades-long battle against polio -- Rotary clubs illuminated landmarks and iconic structures throughout the country with four simple but powerful words, "India is polio free."

The three-year achievement sets the stage for polio-free certification of the entire Southeast Asia region by the World Health Organization. The Indian government also plans to convene a polio summit in February to commemorate this victory in the global effort to eradicate polio.

The challenge now is to replicate India's success in neighboring Pakistan, one of three remaining polio-endemic countries, along with Afghanistan and Nigeria.

Rotary leaders in India are working with their Pakistani counterparts to share best practices and lessons learned during India's successful anti-polio campaign. Rotary was particularly effective in obtaining the support of influential religious leaders in India's Islamic communities. Pakistani Rotary leaders are playing a similar role to counter rumors and misinformation about polio vaccinations that keep some Muslim parents from immunizing their children.

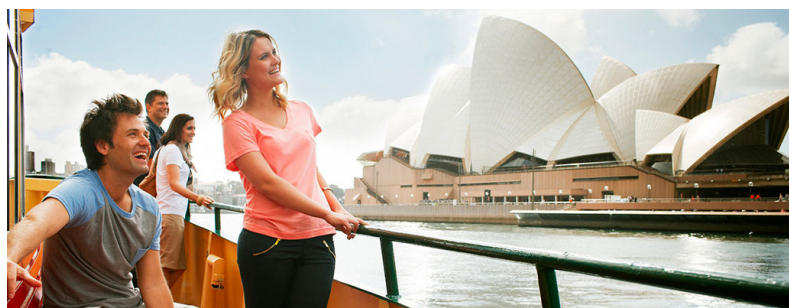
Meanwhile, National Immunization Days continue in both countries. During these large-scale drives, Rotary volunteers join health workers to vaccinate every child under age five against polio.

"We must now stop polio in Pakistan to both protect Pakistani children and to safeguard our success in India and other countries where we have beaten this terrible disease," says India PolioPlus Committee Chair Deepak Kapur. "Until polio is finally eradicated globally, all unvaccinated children will remain at risk of infection and paralysis, no matter where they live."

By Dan Nixon
Rotary News
13-JAN-2014



Rotary member Terry Caster and his wife, Barbara, gave \$1.1 million to Rotary to help eradicate polio.
Photo Credit: Alyce Henson/Rotary International



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If we use Rotary to build a better local community, we should be able to attract more Rotarians. If we attract more Rotarians and increase interest in Rotary we will have more Rotarians, more energy and funds to complete international works. It's a win-win for all of us! We should always be looking to attract new people to our clubs! I hope you are all R.E.D.! Our younger members want to make a difference in the world, be heard, and feel like they are contributing. We know they live in a fast world, moving at a fast pace and they wonder why everyone is not moving like they are. While our senior members talk about their latest cruise, these younger members are talking career and family issues. There is a disconnect between generations and it should not be occurring in the Rotary club. Part of this disconnect is easy to solve. You did it when you changed from a print newsletter to a digital one. You are doing it by changing from a social hour at the local pub to a family-night activity at the local pizza house. You do it by changing from projects relating to the local senior centre to working at a crisis centre for moms. Don't get me wrong, all the projects taken on by your Rotary club are important, but you need to think about a variety of age-related projects.

Have you completed your District Governor's Challenge? Be sure to fill it out and give to your club president. Your name will be entered into our next two draws in February and March. A copy of the DG Challenge can be downloaded from www.rotary6330.org.

I hope everyone has created your account on www.rotary.org. It is quite simple to do. If you have not, your club secretary should be able to assist you. Contact your Assistant Governor

ROTARY BANTER

Only Men will Understand!

A wife asks her husband, "Could you please go shopping for me and buy one carton of milk and if they have avocados, get 6."

A short time later the husband comes back with 6 cartons of milk.

The wife asks him, "Why did you buy 6 cartons of milk?"

He replied, "They had avocados."

If you're a woman, I'm sure you're going back to read it again! Men will get it the first time.

Only Women will Understand!

Wife bought a dozen underwear of the same colour for her husband. He said - "Why the same colour? People will think I never change my underwear!"

She yelled back ... "WHICH PEOPLE?"

Getting Old in Florida

Morris, an 82 year-old man, went to his doctor in Estero to get a physical. A few days later the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. After a couple of days, the doctor spoke to Morris and said, "You're really doing great, aren't you?" "Just doing what you said, Doc: 'Get a hot mamma' and 'be cheerful'," Morris replied.

To which the doctor replied, "I didn't say that, Morris. I said, 'You've got a heart murmur, be careful!'"

if you still need help! By visiting Rotary Showcase you can see what kinds of things are being done in the Rotary world by clubs everywhere. I hope you will visit this website often.

Have you thought about attending the Rotary International Convention in Sydney, Australia? At a convention, for about four days, we see the world of Rotary as Paul Harris imagined it. It is a world where men and women from all over the globe come together to build peace, to serve others, and to enjoy the fellowship of Rotary. Rotarian George Gordon from Hepworth-Shallow Lake is our District RI Convention Chair. If you have questions, contact George at ggordon@bmts.com

I received word last week that our RI President's Representative for our District Conference in June will be PDG Elizabeth Usovicz from District 6040 in Kansas. We are looking forward to showing PDG Elizabeth our hospitality and what it is like to belong to an international district in Rotary!

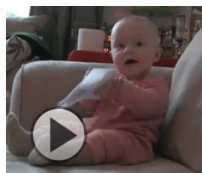
Don't forget. If you have items to contribute to The Bridge, send them to Editor John Hill at vesitrix@gmail.com. If you have members in your club who do not have an email address, print a copy for them so they don't miss out on what is happening in District 6330!

District Events

PrePETS - Areas 1, 2 & 8
Masonic Lodge Hall Hanover
Feb 11, 2014 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM

PrePETS - Areas 3, 4 & 5
Superstore 825 Oxford Street East London
Feb 12, 2014 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM

PrePETS - Area 6, 7 & 9
Port Huron Hospital - Duffy Room
Feb 13, 2014 07:00 PM - 09:00 PM



When you quit laughing, you quit living..

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