



The Bridge

District 6330

June Edition

Tom Robitaille, District Governor

Governor Tom's Message

My Rotarian Friends,

Our "Tour de Rotary" as Heather calls it, is almost over with only our official turnover remaining upon our return from Lisbon later this month.

As the saying goes – it's been a great ride!

Being your District Governor for 2012 – 2013 has truly been an honor and I thank you for allowing me that honor. Heather and I have made dozens of new friends as a result of our club visits and we both have a much better understanding and appreciation of the work undertaken by clubs both in our local communities and internationally. We also became familiar with a lot of very little towns in Southern Ontario and Eastern Michigan.

District 6330 has had a very successful year. Successful not only in the number of projects undertaken but also in the support of the Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus where both targets were exceeded resulting in a record fund raising year. This success is due to your many hours of hard work and commitment – **Thank you very much.**

As we move into the new Rotary year Heather and I wish incoming District Governor Don and Marie and the entire incoming District Team a very successful year.

Wow! I am sure you will agree that Rotary really did "**Shine in Bluewaterland**" over the past weekend.

The golf tournament on Thursday was a huge success (without rain) with over 90 golfers hitting the links. Net proceeds from both the golf and the silent auction will be remitted to the Rotary Foundation Polio Plus.

The feedback received on the conference - Friday through Sunday has been "one of the best ever" and we wish you could have all been there. The program produced inspirational and thought provoking addresses and thus accomplished our goals of advancing the object of Rotary through fellowship, the discussion of matters of importance to Rotarians, Rotary clubs and Rotary International. The various breakouts provided a learning experience, the House of Friendship a wide variety of interesting exhibits and the entertainment Saturday night "blew the roof off". We were extremely pleased and fortunate to have as our RI Representative, Dr. Frederick Hahn and his wife Marjorie. Dr. Fred's vast experience and knowledge of Rotary added to the success of the conference. A big "thank you" also goes out to both the Golf and Conference committees – a job well done!

June – Rotary Fellowship Month

Rotary Fellowships are international, independently organized groups of Rotarians, Rotarian spouses, and Rotaractors who share a common vocation or recreational interest. Rotary Fellowships give their members the opportunity to have fun, make new friends around the world and enhance their experience in Rotary (continued on page 3)



Stratford Rotaract club joins two thriving Stratford Rotary Clubs

Story by: Sarah Hamza

On a warm summer-like evening during the opening week of Stratford's famous theatre Festival, 150 Rotarians tore themselves away from the excitement of watching the plays to join in fellowship in welcoming some of Canada's newest Rotarians.

Led by club President Amanda Hansford, the Stratford Rotaract club joins two thriving Stratford Rotary Clubs and an active Interact Club in working actively to give back to their community and to international friends as yet unknown.



On the evening of May 29, 2013, President Hansford and 25 excited young leaders officially became the founding members of what promises to be a dynamic and engaged Rotaract chapter.



While the club officially launched in May, preparations began over a year prior, and much work has been done to cement leadership and form fellowship among the new club members. Led by Co-Chairs Heidi Spannbauer (Rotary Club of Stratford) and Tyler Canal (Rotary Club of Festival City), and supported by the District Governor Tom Robitaille, the respective Rotary Club Presidents, Dave Blackburn and Dianne Yundt, the young Rotaracters have already begun work on community fundraisers as well as exploring the opportunity for international projects.

I was privileged to attend the evening to inaugurate the new members, and look personally forward to news of their contribution to Stratford. Judging by the calibre of the young men and women that have stepped up to lead, the future of Rotary is bright indeed!

District Conference A Huge Success

The **SHINING STARS** were out this past weekend, with the 2013 District 6330 Conference taking place in Sarnia, Ontario. Rotary International President's Representative, Dr. Frederick Hahn, Jr. opened the session with recollections of his year as RI Director and some thought-provoking poetry.



Ambassadorial Scholar Francisco Reinoso told of the culture, food, sports and dancing in his homeland of Argentina. He told of his work as Air Liaison Officer in Haiti, studying for his Master's degree in Environment and Sustainability at Western University, and his Summer Internship at Cambridge. He also gave us the inside story of how the name Francisco was selected for use by the new Pope!

Especially poignant was the talk by Dr. Bob Scott, concerning our Polio Plus Initiative around the world, and how it created a Peace Paradox. When vaccinators in remote places face local violence, does it mean we should discontinue our efforts?

By changing the dynamics of health care in war-torn areas, are we helping people to find their voice, or bringing outside influences to small villages? It is truly a paradox that we didn't know existed when the polio program was initiated. (Continued on page 4)



Governor Tom's message (continued from page one)

Rotary Fellowships informally began in 1928 when a group of Rotarians with an interest in Esperanto joined together. In 1947, Rotarians organized a group of boating enthusiasts, which became the Yachting Fellowship.

These activities gained more attention and operated over the years as World Fellowship Activities, International Vocational Contact Groups, Rotary Recreational and Vocational Fellowships, and finally, **Rotary Fellowships**.

There are currently in excess of **61 Rotary Fellowships**. To learn about the fellowships currently recognized by RI, go to www.rotary.org/fellowships

Membership

Have you ever thought about **your** Rotary Club as a Business?

Is this company interesting to buy?

Is there a potential for growth?

Who are their targeted clients?

Do they have the best product to offer?

Similarly, compare to your club:

Is Rotary a good brand?

If we were called "The Thursday morning friends", would we be as successful?

Do we have enough to offer?

Interact Club of St. Thomas – The Bingo Project

The Interact Club is sponsored by The rotary Club of St.Thomas. This is the fourth time they have run the Pony Poopin' Bingo project and now have donated \$16,000. to the Children's Hospital.



From the left: Trudy Kanellis, adviser; Rebecca and George Kapogian, \$100. winner; Andrea Fanelli, Children's Hospital Foundation, \$4,500.; Marco Valez, YE to Norway in August; Reed Marshal, communications; Ryan Pepper, President; Jarrod Hodgins, past president; Carleigh Campbell, Treasurer; Jevera Knelsen, president elect; Philip Raven and Jane Pasierbek, \$500 winner; Wayne McKinnon, adviser; Ed and Pam Peitzak, \$1000. winner. Lois Warden and the famous Ernie.

Need a Rotary Make-up? What if I told you that you could do your Rotary make-up from the comfort of your own home?

No matter how committed to Rotary you are, everyone will need a make-up session at some point. Are you looking for an educational, interesting, and convenient way to do a make-up? If so, we have the solution for you. I would like to introduce you to Rotary E-Club of Canada One.

We currently have an archive of approximately on-line 50 programs, packed with inspiring, exciting and interesting programs....any of which you can attend as your make-up. Your make-up is only "a click away".

How do you attend a session?

Either click on this link (<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/8529/Stories>) or you can go directly to our website (www.rotaryclubcanada.ca) and select the "archived programs" link at the top of the page

Select one of the almost 50 programs you would like to attend

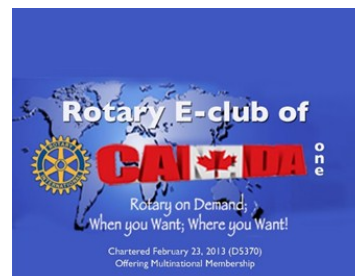
Watch the various videos included in that week's program

Fill in the Make-up Form (located on the bottom of the program)

Make a donation to our e-Club

You're all done!

The make-up typically takes about 30 minutes of time....less than the time it would have taken you to drive to the grocery store and back.



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The St. Clair River cruise was relaxing, the fellowship and food were unsurpassed, and good spirits were enjoyed by all.

The Saturday evening Gala included the auctioning of “teddy bears”, the presentation of awards and awesome entertainment by the Victoria Playhouse.

Next year’s Conference will be in Walkerton ON from June 12-15. See you there!

Some Conference Highlights!



A 25 Hour a Day Man

Paul Correveau must get 25 hours a day out of his wristwatch. He is that busy.

But the St. Thomas resident found time recently for a special St Thomas Rotary honor. As a community leader he was named recipient of a Paul Harris Fellowship. The St. Thomas club has been recognizing community leaders for over six years.

Paul Correveau, second from the right is congratulated after the St. Thomas club honored him as a community leader.



L to R: A/G, Diane Chantler, Pat Martyn, Club Pres., Paul, and District Governor Tom Robitaille.

ROTARY STATS:

530 Rotary Districts
34,533 Rotary Clubs
1,227,189 Rotarians
32 Wiarton Rotarians (we're 75 years old ya know!)
9388 Rotaract Clubs
215,924 Rotaractors (ages 18-30)
14,734 Interact Clubs
338,836 Interactors (ages 12-18)
16 Phoenix Interactors (our very own at PSDS)
8,000 students from 80 countries in Rotary Youth Exchange (including Kristin & Oasis)

Rotarians in Pakistan resourceful in supporting endgame plan

Even before the launch of the [Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan 2013-18](#), Rotarians in Pakistan were hard at work in support of the plan's objectives. They've helped establish five polio resource centers, 10 permanent immunization sites, and two immunization posts on public roads in high-risk areas. These facilities are reinforcing routine immunization against polio, in part by reaching children who would otherwise be missed and changing the minds of parents who initially refuse to let their children be vaccinated.



Rotary Youth Camp "Presqu'île"

Celebrating its 84th year under the Rotary flag, Camp Presqu'île is getting ready for another crazy fun summer. Presqu'île is a residential summer camp for children ages 6-16yrs. Located on the west shore of Georgian Bay boasting over 1000 feet of shoreline/water front. Owned by the Owen Sound Rotary Club and facilitated by the Owen Sound Grey Bruce YMCA, Presqu'île is a staple of youth development for over 500 youth a summer. Offering a low camper to staff ratio, beautiful modern cabins and enough activities to keep a toddler busy. Campers choose their activities daily and enjoy 3 well balanced meals plus two snacks each day.

Activities: Canoeing, Kayaking, Archery, Water Trampoline, Snorkeling, Swimming (Pool and Bay), Arts and Crafts, Camp Craft, Drama, Music, Dance, Ecology, Camp Fires, Paddle Making, Leadership Programs (14-16 yrs.)

Accommodations: Traditional Campers sleep in cabins (10 campers to 2 staff)

Washrooms/showers are just a short walk from all cabins.

Leadership campers sleep in Tent City. 4 campers to a large canvas platform tent. Rest room (port a potti) just a short walk from Tents.

Safety: All staff are hand picked by the Director.

All Life guards are Nation Life Guards are certified.

Low camper staff ratios.

Exceeds Ontario Camps Association Standards.

Follows YMCA Camping Quality Recommended Practices (CQRP)

Campership Programs: We understand that the cost of residential camps is hard for many families, this is why we have kept the cost of camp as low as possible. If families need financial assistance we are proud to be able to help. Please contact us and we can help walk you through the process.

Adopt a Camp Program: A unique program that enables Clubs to send youth from their communities to experience a safe summer camp. Please contact Camp Director to set up an Adopt-a-Camp Program for your club.

Often thought of by participants as their second home, residential camps offer a special experience for it's campers, not only do campers grow in skills (Canoeing. Kayaking...) but they grow as young people. Developing into the future leaders of our country or communities. Camps can be the foundation for so many young people to start their path of life. Given the opportunity who knows what a child can be or do. But without a little help we may never know. Please consider helping a child get to camp.

For more information please contact Camp Director Andy Barnard. (519) 374-5917

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Thought of the Day: True happiness is not made in getting something. True happiness is becoming something. This can be done by being committed to lofty goals. We cannot become something without commitment.

Round the Bay Initiative:

A strong Georgian Bay community supporter provided seven of the original participating Hand Up Rotary Clubs with a total of \$30,000.00 to be used to partially finance new Matching Grant Applications. This resulted in Rotary Hand Up being able to generate an extra \$120,000.00 in program activities than would have been otherwise possible.



Rotarian Jeremy Wentworth-Stanley, DG Tom Robitaille, and PDG Mike Atkins address RC Port Elgin's International night gathering.



The President of the Rotary Club Kincardine, Jennifer White, presents a club cheque to Gord Lequere, Chair of the District 6330 Hand Up committee.

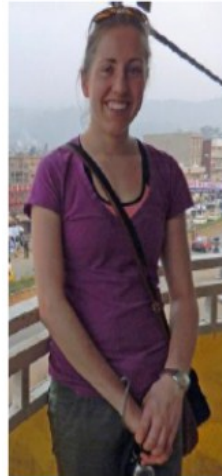
Group Study Exchange Arrives From South Korea

We are pleased to have the Group Study Exchange Team with us from District 3620 in S Korea. The Inbound Team arrived on Saturday June 1 and will be here for the month of June. The Teams first week has been spent touring various venues in Area 5 and attending the District conference.

Pictured: Eun Jeong Kwon, Eun Hwan Park, Young Seon Choi, DG Tom, Team Leader, Young Hee, Yuri Seo and A/G Lawrie Lachapelle.



Brianna Cavan sponsored by: The RC of Wiarton, Ontario



Thanks to Rotary, I had the opportunity of a lifetime this past February! Through The New Generations Exchange (NGE) program, I was able to spend one month in Cameroon, in Western Africa. The NGE program was perfect for me – as a midwifery student at McMaster University I was looking for a way to organize an international placement. The Rotary Club in Kumbo, Cameroon was able to

arrange an internship for me, and the YEO at my home club was able to arrange an internship for the medical student from Cameroon who will come to Canada this fall.

I had an absolutely amazing experience. I lived with a host family and worked with the midwives at the local hospital. Living with a host family was so great. I ate (and attempted to make) the local food, I learned bits of the local dialect, and I got to take part in the day-to-day family life. I cannot even begin to describe how much I learned at the hospital in Kumbo. My clinical skills definitely improved. However, I noticed the biggest improvement in my ability to provide culturally sensitive care and labour support with women who don't speak English – two skills that will be so important when I am a midwife!

I am really interested in working internationally once I have graduated, and having prior experience will be helpful when I am looking for a job! I am so thankful to Rotary for having allowed me to have this experience!

Brianna Cavan