



The Monthly newsletter for
**Rotary International District
6330**

2015-2016 District Governor
Nancy Ottewell

Edition
May 2016



District Governor
Nancy Ottewell
and her husband
and Rotary
partner, George.

District Governor Nancy's Message May 2016

It has been said that "April showers bring May flowers".

While this past month of April has also brought snow as well as rain showers - we know that the month of May will bring some spring flowers for all of us to enjoy!

Plus an opportunity to celebrate our Mothers on Mother's Day! ***Happy Mother's Day!***

And Welcome to **Youth Services** month! Rotary District 6330 has a long history of supporting youth programs in our District and around the world. As we look around our District we see Rotarians in our clubs involved and engaged with Youth.

In our Clubs we can find them: sponsoring students in the Rotary Youth Exchange Program; involved with an Interact or Rotaract Club; sponsoring a Rotary Speech Contest; supporting students to attend Rotary Youth Leadership Program such as seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders & Adventures in Citizenship; sponsoring a Scholarship Program; or simply inviting their younger family members to join the club in a service or fellowship event. Our clubs are engaged in numerous projects devoted to mentoring young people and encouraging and fostering the ideals of Rotary service with this younger audience.

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We can see that most Rotarians are very involved in this Rotary Avenue of Service. How gratifying to be such an important part of a young person's life! We can encourage, inspire, mentor, and provide financial support to give young people the opportunity to become leaders and give back to their communities. And we as Rotarians gain as well. Our involvement offers incredible opportunities to all Rotarians and their Clubs to be more energized and engaged because of our interactions with these young people. We are supporting our future!



District Celebrations:

April 7th – the *Rotary Club of Flint* celebrated **100 years** of Service.

April 30th - the *Rotary Club of Sarnia Bluewaterland* celebrated their **25th Anniversary**.

May 7th - the *Rotary Club of Glencoe* marks their **70th Anniversary**.

Congratulations on the Celebration of these Milestones!

Foundation & Polio: As we approach the end of our Rotary year, please review and consider your Foundation Annual Giving and Polio pledges. Clubs - If there is an amount outstanding please make this a priority and submit to RI this month.

District Membership: - is still on the front burner. Some Clubs are making progress in **Growing** their members - Yay! It is important to have a plan and to ensure all members are engaged and involved. Consider doing meeting make ups; or gathering a group together to participate in Inter- Club visits to get to know your fellow Rotarians. The First Objective of Rotary: 'The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for Service' is a good place to start. In Rotary, membership is at the core of everything and a **Gift** we can share.

Yours in Rotary Service and Friendship,

Nancy

Calendar of District Events

May 07 Rotary Leadership Institute at Kings College, London ON. Levels 1, 2, and 3.
Contact Al Hardy at al@allanhardy.ca to register

May 13th to 15th Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders - Ontario Hall at UWO, London ON

June 9 - District 6330 Conference Foundation Golf Tournament - Legacy Golf Course
June 10 & 11- District 6330 Conference "Rotary Around the Sound" - Owen Sound, ON



District Conference - is just around the corner. Please Come Join Us in Owen Sound on June 9th to 11th for **“Rotary Around the Sound”**

Here is your invitation

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YlaX56evBtU>

- Have you signed up yet? If not - go to the **District website** and **Register today.**
- Please remember that **No registrations** can be accepted after **JUNE 4th, 2016.**
- Conference program and tour information is on the District website.
- **House of Friendship.** “Rotarians at Work – to Be a Gift to the World” If your Club wishes to have a display, please contact **George Gordon:** email - ggordon@bmts.com
- **District Golf Tournament** is at the Legacy Ridge Golf Course on Thursday June 9th
- **Conference Opening** is Friday Lunch at 11:45am
- Check out our **Saturday afternoon tours.** Enjoy our local area and some fun and fellowship as well.
- The **Motorcycle Tours for Polio** take place on Thursday and Saturday afternoon.
- The **Celebration of Life** will be on Friday afternoon. If you have a member who passed away this year please ensure their name is forwarded to me so they are acknowledged.
- **Friday** night is **“Back to the 60’s”** fun evening and **Saturday** night is a **“Semi Formal” Gala** evening



Interact in District 6330

Does your Rotary Club sponsor an Interact Club? If so, you are well aware of just how dynamic, involved, and committed the young people in our district are towards projects assisting others. In recent years our local Interact Clubs have supported many local and international projects. They have put water and latrines into a school in Cameroon, they have supported the Polio Plus Campaign, they have made large financial donations to local hospitals, they have visited with elderly residents in nursing homes, delivered homemade goodies to families in a hospice setting and have loaded many Christmas hampers. They have also raised awareness of global housing, hunger and water issues within their school and communities often in very fun and unique ways. In short, they have very actively supported projects that Rotary also supports.

An Interact club is a Rotary club sponsored organization of young people, ages 12 to 18, whose purpose is to provide opportunity for them to work together in a world fellowship dedicated to service and international understanding and leadership development skills.

An Interact club is organized, sponsored and supervised by one or more Rotary clubs. The Interact Club may be based in either a school or community.

In District 6330 we currently have active school based Interact Clubs located at Norwell District SS in Palmerston, OSCVI in Owen Sound and Peninsula Shores DS Phoenix in Wiarton. There are equally active Interact clubs in Port Elgin, London, St. Thomas, Stratford and Sarnia. Our District also enjoys two current active Interact Clubs on the US side, including Flushing and Genesee Valley Clubs. In addition, we have one dormant club in the district and one in the formation stage.

The clubs are given opportunities throughout the year to get together and share ideas and energy. The fall conference allows Interactors an opportunity to gain and share ideas on both projects and fundraisers.

The formation of an Interact Club can provide an opportunity for Rotary to have a greater visible presence in a community and often also establishes a connection with the parents of the Interactors....who just might be interested in joining Rotary!!! A WIN-WIN situation!!

If you have any interest in learning more about Interact please contact one of the District 6330 co-chairs. Either of us would be thrilled to visit a Rotary Club or committee meeting to speak about the benefits, expectations and process of sponsoring an Interact Club.

Ontario: Pat Cavan patriciacavan@gmail.com 519-373-1087

Michigan: Mike Wallace mike.wallace@flushingvision.com



Stratford club spearheads clean water project

Diane Sewell, Rotary Club of Stratford

The Rotary Club of Stratford has come up with a way to quickly get potable water to disaster areas around the world, most recently to Ecuador.

Aquaboxes, as they're called, are capable of supplying a family of five with clean drinking water for up to a year. Each box, which costs \$50 to build, consists of two buckets and four self-disinfecting silver-impregnated ceramic cartridges, which act as filters and are cleanable and reusable.

Very simply, the dirty water goes into the top bucket, then it's filtered into a lower bucket where it stays until needed. The filter system kills 99.9 per cent of bacteria, including E. coli, Coliform, fecal Coliform, Giardia and Cryptosporidium.

"Since 2006, we've built over 6,800 Aquaboxes capable of filtering close to 29 million liters of water," says Walter Bathe, Chair of Stratford's Aquabox Committee. "We try to keep a supply of them on hand to ship to disaster zones around the world as needed, which is why we have another build planned for June."

Aquabox was originally launched as a charity in 1992 by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth in Derbyshire, UK, with support from Rotary International in Great Britain and Ireland. Stratford Rotary Club member Jim Scott heard about the Aquaboxes in 2005 and persuaded his club to launch a program of its own in 2006.

So far, the Stratford Aquaboxes have been sent to 10 countries, including Nicaragua, Haiti, The Philippines and Nepal. Aid agency GlobalMedic out of Toronto handles the distribution.

Stratford's Aquabox Committee will be making a presentation on the project during the District Conference in Owen Sound June 9-11.



Members of the Rotary Club of Stratford and volunteers building Aquaboxes.

Youth Exchange Program

Claire Austin Sherwin, Chair D6330 Youth Exchange Program

Peace, Goodwill and Understanding.

Perhaps no Rotary program has been as instrumental in achieving these goals as the year-long Youth Exchange Program. Students who participate are able to experience a new culture, learn a new language, and make friends in their host countries and with other Rotary exchange students from around the world.

Our District has been active in the program, since it was adopted as a “worthwhile” program by RI in 1972. Most of our clubs have, at one time or another, sponsored and hosted exchange students. My club, the Rotary Club of St. Marys, has been active in the Program right from the start; in the intervening years, we have been involved in 118 year-long exchange experiences, both in-bound and out-bound, and our students have gone to, and come from, more than 20 different nations. There are several other clubs in our District that have been just as active in the program.

With approximately 35,000 Rotary Clubs world-wide, just imagine if every club had sponsored an out-bound student and agreed to host a student from another nation in every year since 1972; that would have been over three million exchanges!!! Ask yourself, wouldn't the world be a better place, filled with peace, goodwill and understanding, if that had happened?

Even if every club in District 6330 had done the same, we would have been involved in more than 5,000 exchange experiences in one District alone!

2022 will mark the 50th Anniversary of the Youth Exchange Program. Many of the students who participated in the program in the early years will be retired now; most will have families of their own and, perhaps even children who have gone on to participate in the program themselves; many may actually now be Rotarians!

It's time to schedule a Reunion and invite all of our past exchange students, whether they were out-bounds or in-bounds from other nations, to come home to District 6330 in 2021. Let's create a United Nations in our District for a grand celebration of all that's best and brightest about our exchange students.

If your club has been active in the Youth Exchange Program, please forward your records to me at d6330Rotaryyep@gmail.com . If you have e-mail or FaceBook addresses or contact information, please have them join [D6330 Rotary Youth Exchange](#) on Facebook.

Re-connecting with Rotary Scholarship Alumni

Johnna Johansen, Rotary District 6330 Alumni Chair, Rotary Club of Sarnia

This month we feature: **SEAN TOAL**, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Flushing, Michigan, US

I studied in 2013-2014 at University of Oxford for a Masters of Science in Latin American Studies.

The scholarship year changed me greatly. I am an Army officer and much of my training before the scholarship caused me to look at issues from a strategic standpoint. Studying among civilians in a different country augmented my world view. It gave me exposure to how people outside the United States can view our military's actions in ways we never intended. The United States seeks to promote democracy and curb drug traffic from Latin America and I was able to learn about these complex subjects from well-qualified, diverse professors and students. I am extremely thankful to District 6330 for this opportunity.

Currently I am living in Fort Rucker, Alabama and attending flight school for the U.S. Army. I will become qualified to fly the UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter and the C-12 airplane. As an aviation officer, my role will be to support various Army units with aviation assets under my command. I should finish flight training in summer 2016 and my follow-on assignment has not been determined at this point. I hope to be assigned to Europe, Latin America, or East Asia.

I would enjoy giving a Skype interview although my schedule during the week is very busy and my home internet connection is poor. For the District conference, I've marked the dates in my calendar. I will have a break after finishing flight school and before reporting to my first unit. This break may fall perfectly around that weekend but I don't know the dates this far out. I should know by March whether or not I can make the conference. -Sean Toal

Update on the Ecuador and Japan Earthquakes

Ken Fraser, Chair of ShelterBox Canada

Member and Past President - The Rotary Club of Calgary Fishcreek

District 6330 has been directly affected by the recent earthquakes in Japan and Ecuador.

The Japan Group Study Exchange Team who visited our District in 2011 are from Kumamoto Japan which has recently been hit by severe earthquakes. Many of our District Rotarians have kept in touch with the team leader. It appears all are safe.

From Ecuador, word has been received that Daniela (Dani) Cimera, who was a Rotary Inbound student in 2008-09 and hosted in St. Thomas, perished in the earthquake in Ecuador. Our thoughts and condolences extend to her family and all families who are suffering the loss of loved ones.

Ways we can help:

1) From District 7790

District 7790 has put together a Relief Fund which is managed by the Quebec-Charlesbourg Rotary Club Foundation. District 7790 have been involved since 2003 in doing projects in the city of Pedernales, the city that was the most devastated by the earthquake in Ecuador. Tax receipts are available for Canadians for donations over \$25. The money will be used under the guidance of the mayor office. It could also be used to repair what we did previously, such as the water system, the school cancha etc. Every single penny will be sent to Ecuador. If you want to join us in those efforts you can send your check to: ***Rotary Club Quebec-Charlesbourg, C.P. 34125, Quebec City, Canada, G1G 6P2. Make your check payable to Rotary Charlesbourg Foundation with the note: Relief Ecuador.***

2) From Shelter Box

As the death toll rises and flooding causes mosquito born disease fears to grow, ShelterBox is talking to government officials and local Rotary Clubs in Ecuador about how, and where, to respond most effectively to shelter needs. A ShelterBox response team is assessing the need in country and specifically in the area of Portoviejo. As in many ShelterBox responses, local Rotary Clubs have been crucial in organizing transport, warehouse space, and finding the right contacts.

With thousands instantly made homeless, and many families still sleeping in the open or in hastily commandeered shelters, the need is great. ShelterBox is working hard to help 2,000 vulnerable families by providing Shelter Kits which allow families to repair and rebuild, as well as various other essential aid items such as solar lights, mosquito nets and water filtration systems.

Canadian ShelterBox Response Team Member and Rotarian, Claire Noseworthy (The Rotary Club of Kenora) is on standby to be deployed as part of the next team into the country. As the damage caused by this earthquake was severe, ShelterBox will likely be in Ecuador for some time ensuring that the most vulnerable are taken care of.

ShelterBox Canada Executive Director, Stephanie Christensen, recently returned home after being in Fiji responding to Cyclone Winston. Christensen says, "Having just returned from delivering ShelterBox aid Fiji, where I witnessed the devastation caused by Category 5 Cyclone Winston, I know how important ShelterBox aid is to families who have lost everything. ***“When ShelterBox aid is delivered, you can see the relief on the faces of our beneficiaries - ShelterBox doesn't just provide shelter and supplies, we provide a fresh start.”*** This would not be possible in Fiji, Ecuador or anywhere else around the world without the help of our donors and Rotary."

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ShelterBox is an official Project Partner of Rotary International. It is the best Rotary-way to impact the lives of families affected by disasters around the world and in Ecuador. Tax receipts are issued for all donations over \$20. A club can aggregate member contributions, just list names, address and amount donated for each donor.

We would like to thank all the districts and clubs who have donated so generously this year as natural disasters and conflict are on the rise. The kindness of Rotarians here at home and around the world makes our work possible.

You can help us to help the desperate families in Ecuador and around the world by donating to ShelterBox Canada and encouraging the clubs in your district to contribute. We cannot do it without your help. Donate today online at www.shelterboxcanada.org, by phone **1-855-875-4661**, or by mailing a **cheque to 159 Jane Street, Office 2, Toronto ON, M6S 3Y8**.

From all of us at ShelterBox Canada, thank you so much for your ongoing support.

Yours in Rotary,
Ken Fraser, Chair of ShelterBox Canada
Member and Past President - The Rotary Club of Calgary Fishcreek

As Canadian as a Dictionary

Brian Grebow, Railway City Rotary Club

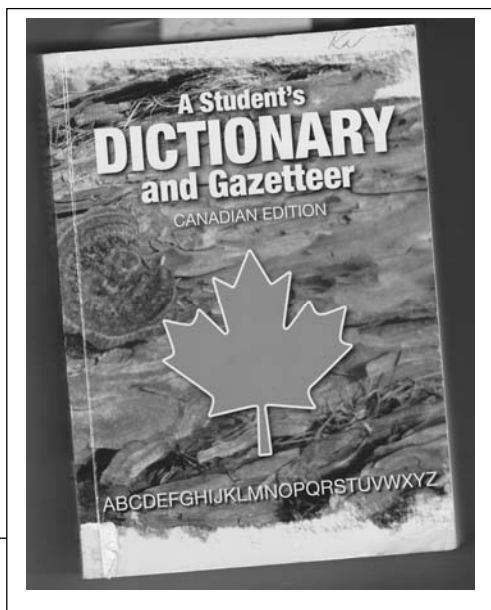
If the name Peter Gzowski still perks your ears and you can remember back to 1972, then you probably recall Peter's CBC radio contest that asserted that we needed a national simile. The Americans had "as American as *apple pie*" and we had no equivalent—nothing that was "as Canadian as."

Well, we here in District 6330 have an opportunity to update the Canadian comeback by suggesting short response phrases that will be used for the front and back cover of the upcoming revision to *A Student's Dictionary and Gazetteer* (Canadian Edition) published by The Dictionary Project. St. Thomas Railway City Rotarian and graphic and book designer Brian Grebow and his small committee are collecting these responses and the best will be featured on the covers of the dictionary.

So, if you have a brief response to the phrase "as Canadian as", send it to kenwilmott@ca.inter.net. Please send no more than five responses per person. The deadline for all submissions is May 31, 2015.

You should also know that giving a copy of this dictionary to students is a great, inexpensive and easy way to do a literacy service project. Many Rotary clubs have provided free copies of this dictionary and gazetteer to grade three children and to those who are learning English as a second language. It is a valuable resource for those who want to learning about Canada. Students become real proud, real quick of being Canadian. Visit www.TheDictionaryProject.org website for more information about the dictionary's content and prices.

By the way, the contest response that won back in 1972 was "as Canadian as *possible under the circumstances*." Heather Scott, a seventeen-year-old summer music school student who heard of the contest and immediately came up with the phrase that has since become so famous, submitted it.



District News

WIARTON ROTARY HOSTS 5TH ANNUAL "MAPLE MAGIC"

The Wiarton Rotary Club boasts tremendous participation from its members. Situated in a less "affluent" part of District 6330, Wiarton Rotary is very dependent upon fundraisers for its success and its re-investment in our community and around the world.

One of our major fundraisers (which has also become a community tradition) is the annual Maple Magic - held on 2 consecutive weekends at the end of March. From modest beginnings in 2011, this event has grown to host over 1700 guests. To keep attracting people, the event adds a new attraction or two each year but always focuses around incredibly good secret recipe pancakes and sausages and fresh "right from the maple bush" maple syrup.

For the 5th consecutive year, the event was held at The Regal Point Elk Farm - owned by Rotarian Eric Robinson and his wife Dale.

In order to make it work, Rotarians, family members, inbound and outbound exchange students, Interact Club members, neighbours, Miss Teenage Bruce Grey and, of course, Wiarton Willie all pitched in to help. It takes allot of people to organize and carry out organizing, building & then dismantling the temporary Maple Magic site. Then there was the parking, loading & unloading of the tractor pulled wagons, greeting & directing guests, collecting food monies and donations, mixing batter, cooking the hundreds of pancakes & sausages, serving and cleaning in the heated dining hall, running the Elk Tour and the daily log sawing competitions, giving tours of the ultra-modern maple syrup making facilities, acting as trail masters for the various themed hikes, and directing people to the ReMax hot air balloon.

There was something for everyone as evidenced by the hundreds of kids who swarmed all over the mountain of hay known as Mt. Haymore and the 90 year old visitor who, with the help of a couple of people, rode up in the hot air balloon to view the entire site from the air (along with some 120 other "balloon riders").

We would encourage other Rotarians to visit Maple Magic in 2017 to see how it all works.

Thanks to everyone involved and most of all thanks to our guests - without whom, it would have been a pretty lonely gathering of just Rotarians!



District News

More scenes from the **WIARTON ROTARY CLUB'S 5TH ANNUAL "MAPLE MAGIC"**



Polio Watch

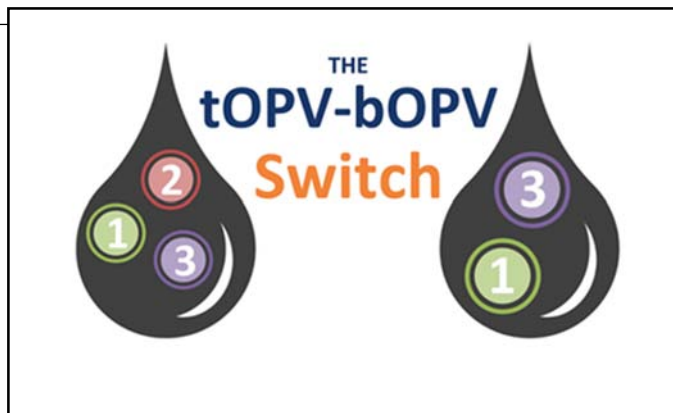
Joan Fisher, District Polio Co-Chair

The world is in the midst of the largest globally synchronized project in the history of vaccines. Between 17 April and 1 May 2016, the 155 countries in the world using the oral polio vaccine (OPV) will switch from the trivalent vaccine (tOPV), which protects children against all three types of the virus, to the bivalent vaccine which protects children against types one and three. Since type two wild polio virus has been declared eradicated, this is the next vital step in securing a polio-free world. By phasing out a vaccine that includes immunization against a dead type of virus, further reduces the chances of rare outbreaks of vaccine-derived polio.

Prioritized depending on the assessed level of polio outbreak risk, as of 2 February 2016, these same countries have introduced the inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) into their regimen. One dose of IPV helps boost immunity against all strains of polio and ensures that children have some baseline immunity against type two following the switch. All countries are expected to introduce IPV by the end of 2016.

Added to this phase of total eradication is the recent announcement by the Canadian government to invest \$40 million over the next 3 years in the elimination of polio in Pakistan. This is a clear endorsement by the recently elected government to continue the financial support of eradication that had been promised by the previous government.

With Rotary's dedication to end polio, along with our partners of the World Health Organization, UNICEF and the Centre for Disease Control, we are poised to eliminate only the second disease in history. For current information on the progress towards eradication go to: www.polioeradication.org.



District Membership Committee welcomes – Pat O'Connor, of the Southampton RC to the role of – **Area 1 Membership Representative**. Pat has served as Director for International Services and Vocational Services as well as Chaired many club committees including the annual Dinner auction gala, Canada Day BBQ celebration and the annual Golf Tournament. Pat is also involved in the clubs promotion and publicity activities. Pat is currently completing his second term as club President.

Pat joins existing Membership Representatives:

Area 2	Sterling Snelgrove	Area 5	Peter Davis
Area 3	Deb Stacey-Rivers	Area 7	Sandra Murphy
Area 4	Geoffrey Faul		

The Membership Committee is seeking Representatives for Areas 6, 8 and 9. If you are interested in joining the MEMBERSHIP TEAM in their efforts to grow membership in the District or for addition information/details of the position, please contact Tom Robitaille, Membership Chair at 519 869 8894, email thr@cogeco.ca

Membership

Thomas Robitaille, District Governor 2012 – 2013

MEMBERSHIP

RETAIN TO GAIN – WHAT DO MEMBERS WANT?

Your club – every club – has experienced this: you bring in a new member full of excitement and enthusiasm. Within a year or two the member quits, never having gotten involved in the club. And this is repeated many times throughout the Rotary year. What happened? And more important, can it be stopped? Fortunately when you understand the answer to the first question, the answer to the second is “YES!” Thanks to surveys we now know why members leave, and the answer is no surprise: members leave when they no longer obtain from Rotary that for which they joined. Why do people join Rotary? It differs by member but the most common are to give back to their community (service), to network, to obtain professional development, and to meet new friends. All of these are perfectly legitimate goals for Rotary membership. I think that we in Rotary sometimes fail to understand the full breadth of our great organization. Yes, Rotary is a “service organization” but “service” is much broader than most members think.

We have Five Avenues of Service (Community, International, Club, New Generations, and Vocational Service) and they are co-equal in importance. Too many times we assume everyone joins one reason – usually, community service. I even read an article in The Rotarian in which a long time member was quoted as saying he joined for the “wrong” reason (networking) and stayed for the “right” reason – community service. I completely disagree that networking is not a valid attraction to Rotary. In fact, most young people join for Vocational Service (professional development and networking), and leave when their clubs provide too little in this Avenue to keep them interested! They never have a chance to learn about the other Avenues of Service that make Rotary membership a lifetime adventure! Networking was the hook that brought me in, as it is for most younger members. As it was for Paul Harris himself, who started Rotary to network and make friends! Let’s embrace it as a valid entre’ into Rotary.

Job 1 is to find out what current members want from Rotary. Not what the club is traditionally – that is what past members made it. The old days of making members fit into our box is gone. The world has changed and Rotary and our clubs need to change with it so we can bring in our future members. We need to know what current members want and then we need to have the courage to implement changes to make those members happy.

After all, today’s and tomorrow’s members are the club’s customers! How do you find out what members want? Ask them! **Do club surveys**, or discuss it in club assemblies. Do member focus groups. Surveys need not be long or complicated. A few simple questions are all that is needed. People have limited time. They will only join and remain organizations if they perceive the value to be worthy of their time expenditure. Source: Brent Rosenthal PDG D 6690

Each One



Bring One

Music in the Movies

Ronald Wyvill, Rotary/MAFY/TAAFY Committee Chair
Past President, Rotary Club of Markdale

Rehearsals are underway for the 9th annual **MAFY** spring concert – **Music in the Movies**. The **MAFY Band** (Markdale Arts for Youth) will be joined once again by the **TAAFY Band** (Totally Awesome Arts for Youth) and the **Georgian Sound Big Band**. The **MAFY Choir** will also perform. In addition the **Grey Highlands Secondary School Concert Band** and **St. Mary's High School Band** will be putting in an appearance. **Georgian Sound Big Band**, one of Canada's top Swing Bands will perform with **MAFY** and **TAAFY** and provide music for dancing. Consisting of grade 5 to 8 students, **MAFY** hails from Beavercrest Community School in Markdale and **TAAFY** from Holland-Chatsworth Central Elementary School. **Music in the Movies**, takes place at 7:30 pm on May 27 at Grey Highlands Secondary School in Flesherton. Freewill offering.

See attached poster!

Ron, 519-986-3707, rdwyvill@everus.ca



Genesee Valley Rotary Club Sponsors Fourth "Bake Fresh Friday"

Sharon Fouts, Genesee Valley Rotary Club

Genesee Valley Rotary Club recently sponsored the fourth year of an event entitled "Bake Fresh Friday". The baking day idea was initiated by the club members who then collaborated with Mott College and the largest homeless shelter in Flint to design the project. This year, the students from the Baking and Pastry Arts Program at Mott Community College spent March 18th baking delicious treats for Carriage Town Ministries, the Flint shelter. Students partnered with residents of the shelter for the day of baking, helping the residents learn some baking techniques. At the end of the day, dozens of pies, rolls, cupcakes, cakes, and brownies were available for the shelter to use in feeding the 120 persons that the shelter feeds each day. District grants and funding from Genesee Valley Club provided the necessary ingredients and supplies for each of the four years of the project.



Dear Council on Legislation delegates, District Governors, District Governors-elect, and regional Rotary leaders,

Congratulations! The 2016 Council on Legislation was by all accounts a great success, thanks to the strong commitment, diligence and hard work of its delegates in carrying out the Council's critical role in Rotary's governance.

The Council took a number of forward looking decisions on membership and meeting flexibility and other items, including increasing annual per capita dues by US\$4.00.

Nine out of ten Rotarians have asked Rotary to provide more services, and it was clear to the Council, based on the five-year financial forecast presented by the RI Board, that without the dues increase, service to clubs and districts would have to be decreased. As a result of the Council's action, dues to RI will increase by US\$4 per year in each of the years 2017-18, 2018-19, and 2019-20. The increase will enable us to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, add programs and services, and make other advancements to help clubs grow their membership and better serve communities.

Please find more information [here](#) about the dues increase, why it was needed, and the impact it will have in supporting our organization's work at all levels in the years ahead. I encourage you to share this information with Rotarians in your club, district, and region. You can also read a [wrap-up](#) of the Council's actions on rotary.org

Sincerely,
John Hewko
General Secretary

ONE ROTARY CENTER

Swinging for Kids Charity Golf Tournament Supporting Rotary Club & YMCA

Rotary



Friday, August 19, 2016

Shot-gun start 1pm

Entry Fee: \$110

Registration & Lunch 11:45am

Complimentary lunch provided by Piller's

Includes:

18 Holes of golf
golf cart

contest prizes

roast beef dinner

\$50 tax receipt



The Rotary Club of Goderich and YMCA are partnerd on a number of initiatives
supporting our community, including:

Playgrounds at YMCA and Rotary Cove Beach, Celebration of Youth awards,

Strong Kids annual campaign

Send entries to:

GODERICH SUNSET GOLF CLUB

33937 Golf Course Rd Goderich On N7A 3Y3

Pro Shop: 519-524-8047 Fax: 519-524-2038

Email: golf@sunsetgolfclub.com

www.sunsetgolfclub.com



MUSIC IN THE MOVIES

Friday May 27th, 7-9 pm

featuring

The Georgian Sound Big Band

& the Musicians and
Choir from

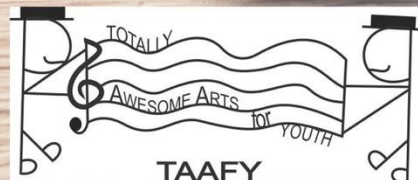
MAFY & TAAFY

GHSS Concert Band

**St. Mary's High
School Band**

**Grey Highlands
Secondary School
Flesherton**

Freewill donation





Trivia Night



**Meaford & St Vincent
Community
Centre**



Friday May 13



**7pm for 7:30pm
start**



**ROTARY CLUB
OF MEAFORD**



Join the fun!



**Prizes and
bragging rights**



FRIDAY MAY 13th, 2016
7:00 PM FOR 7:30 PM START

**A fundraiser in support of the Georgian Bay Secondary
School "Food for Thought" student nutrition program.**

Teams of 8-10 people - \$100 per team
50/50 Draw / Prizes for best theme table
Cash Bar - Bring your own snacks

**Team entry forms will be available online at
www.meafordrotary.ca**

District 6330 Conference -- Owen Sound ON

June 9 to 11 2016

SPEAKER FORUM



RI Rep - PDG Jim Jeselnick is from Chesterton Indiana. He is our Conference RI Representative. Jim has been a Rotarian since 1990 with the Chesterton-Porter Rotary club. He has served in many roles including the Polio Plus campaign, the 6540 District Chairman for Home Hospitality Events, and an EREY coordinator. Jim has been married to Mary Kay for 43 years. They have three children and seven grandchildren. Jim and Mary Kay currently own & manage four professional office buildings in Chesterton. In his spare time, Jim enjoys golfing, reading, and traveling. We look forward to PDG Jim being part of our Conference as the RI Representative.



Susanne Rea Polio survivor Susanne Rea, past president of the Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise in Queensland, Australia dreamed up The World's Greatest Meal. This is where clubs and individuals can hold their own meal events and donate the proceeds to PolioPlus. Susanne has travelled the world sharing her ideas and experiences in the PolioPlus campaign. On Friday evening June 10th; we host one of the World's Greatest Meal. Susanne Rea will share her passion and the evolvement of the World's Greatest Meal to 'End Polio Now'.



Larisa Yurkiw is one of the top 3 downhill ski racers in the world, an accomplished entrepreneur -- and the first global athlete to combine these two skills in what has become known around the world as "**Team Larisa.**" An Owen Sound native - her voyage took her from a tiny ski hill in Collingwood, Ontario to the Sochi Olympics of 2014. Larisa's story of grit and determination, resilience and courage took place in the elite world of international ski racing, where she competed and won -- on her own terms -- against the world's best.



Shawn Casemore has been helping CEO's and Executives empower their organizations. His experience includes consulting to organizations such as Pepsi Co, CN Rail, Tim Hortons, and Winmar Corporation. As author of "**Operational Empowerment: Collaborate, Innovate and Engage to Beat the Competition**"; Shawn will address the key distinctions between the 3 predominant generations today. He will offer insights and ideas on how these generations can work together to be more engaged, and present ideas how to improve inter-generational communication and interactions



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Allen Smutylo From 2001 to 2010 Allen Smutylo traveled to Ladakh, to document the legendary and wildly independent Tibetan Buddhist nomads of the Himalaya. At 15,000', in one of the harshest environments on earth he found a deeply spiritual, compassionate and archaic culture that has a surprising relevance for our own society. His book, *Wild Places Wild Hearts – Nomads of the Himalaya* has won the Best Travel /Adventure Book Award. With Allen's stories, photographs and artwork, the audience will marvel at these extraordinary people.

David Sweetnam is an entrepreneur who has spent his career in environment and high tech industries. He and his team designed and manufactured high-tech atmospheric monitoring instruments which have had a significant impact in reducing harmful emissions. David is the Executive Director and Georgian Baykeeper of Georgian Bay Forever. Their mission is to preserve, protect and enhance the aquatic ecosystems of Georgian Bay. David will be sharing the involvement of this organization and the impact of their studies on the waters of Georgian Bay.



Michael Den Tandt is a political commentator with the National Post and Postmedia News; and a regular contributor to Sirius XM Radio, CBC Radio and TVO. He has worked in Canadian newspapers, primarily as a political writer and editor, for the past 25 years. His work appears in more than 40 Canadian daily newspapers. Den Tandt has roots in Grey County, and divides his time between Owen Sound and Ottawa. He will be speaking to the changes in the media industry and its impact on democracy.

Alan Mallory is an international speaker, author and professional development coach. As a mechanical engineer and project manager Alan travelled all over the world. But his true passion is in working with people to reach new heights in the way we think and the actions we take. In 2008 Alan Mallory and his family took on the challenge of climbing Mount Everest. After an incredible self-guided expedition which challenged the mental, emotional and physical limits of their entire beings; they set a world record. Alan's dynamic presentation focuses on the passion, resilience and commitment involved in overcoming major challenges in order to achieve a united goal.

