



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

2015-2016 District Governor
Nancy Ottewell

Edition
October 2015



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

District Governor Nancy's Message October 2015

Welcome to October! The leaves are changing colours and the gardens showing some signs of decline. What a magnificent country we live in where we are able to experience the changing seasons!

I am sharing some Reflections of my first 100 days as your District Governor. Hard to believe that amount of time has already passed!! One of the most interesting experiences in those 100 days has been the opportunity to enjoy the Official visit to your Club. What a wonderful time George and I are having as we continue our journey through the District and meet our fellow Rotarians. You have been so welcoming!

Firstly - our District is made up of an amazing group of Rotarians committed to the work of improving the lives in our Local and Global Communities. Both George and I have commented on how busy each club is and the difference you are making in your world. Thank you for all you do for Rotary! Secondly - I feel that Rotary is one of the best venues to bring together the differences in people and create a common ground to serve others and to have fun. What an opportunity Rotary provides for us to build friendships and a sense of community together! Thirdly - this extraordinary organization was built on the dedication and commitment of our founders, and we can carry that vision forward as we create the plans for the future of our clubs.

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And just as I have completed my first 100 days - so have you as Club Presidents and Club members. This is a perfect occasion for all of you to reflect on and review the goals you set and the projects determined at the start of this Rotary year. And to make any adjustments and advancements required to insure that your Club remains healthy, strong, and vibrant. Congratulations to those Rotary Clubs who have grown with the induction of a new member! Membership growth continues to be a pressing issue for our District overall. As I have visited with your Club, I have made note of the value of being a Rotarian. We cannot attract new members to Rotary if we cannot explain how the benefits they will receive far outweigh the costs of time, money, and personal engagement they will be asked to incur.

As Rotarians we recognize World Polio Day on October 24th, which is the anniversary of the birth of Jonas Salk, the scientist that created the vaccine for Polio. On World Polio Day, Rotary spotlights the campaign to end this disease. Please think of some Polio activity that your club could do that day or that week. There will be a live stream event on Friday October 23rd available on <http://www.endpolio.org/worldpolioday/#resources>. You can join up with the World's Greatest Meal at your club meeting or other community event - register at <http://wgmeal.com>. This is an enjoyable way to share and have some fun at the same time. The Rotary Club of Walkerton is one club I know of participating in this. The Rotary Clubs of Area 6 are joining together for a 'Pasta for Polio' Meal on Wednesday October 14th where they serve a pasta meal with entertainment after dinner. All proceeds to Polio. And the good news is every \$1.00 US is matched 2 to 1 by the Gates Foundation to become \$ 3.00!

Our upcoming Foundation meetings dates are: Saturday October 3rd in Mildmay ON; Saturday October 24th in London ON (Polio Day weekend); Saturday November 7th in Imlay City MI. You are encouraged to send two Club members to one of these meetings. Further information is in our Newsletter and on our District website. Another seminar of the Rotary Leadership Institute is being offered in Stratford on Saturday November 14th. Again, details are available on our District website.

I am encouraging you to continue your dedication and commitment to Rotary. You are making a positive difference in your club, in your community, and in our world. Our Rotary Clubs are a "Gift to the World". Let us keep the Rotary spirit of 'Service Above Self' alive in the hearts of all members. Remember that to be in Rotary is to be:

Reaching

Out

To

Achieve

Results!

Y.....In the end, it is up to You!

Continue to "Be a Gift to the World"!

Yours in Rotary Service and Friendship

Nancy





“Ask Jack” – almost anything.....about growing your club!!

Ask Jack to help your club find its way to membership growth. We'll print your membership problems, your tips, your successes and failures, but never your name. Write to “Ask Jack” today at

askjackaboutmembership@ gmail.com and maybe you'll see your query in next month's Bridge!

Dear Jack,

Can you offer any thoughts or tools on how I might better identify the projects, values and interests that really drive my fellow Rotarians?

Jack Answers:

Why not just ask them? No, I don't mean engaging them in casual conversation, although that can also be immensely valuable. A number of clubs in our District have circulated paper and/or e-versions of member surveys. There are a variety of already-crafted surveys in circulation, so you don't have to re-invent the wheel; in fact you can review the various existing versions and craft them to meet your specific needs.

Ask Tom Robitaille (thr@cogeco.ca) to fire out at least one template to you!

This is definitely a terrific opportunity for you!

Run with it...and if you need some help, just Ask Jack.

Global Grant Scholarship

Hala Jawad, Global Scholarship Chair

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

My plan was to visit the Rotary Clubs in the district, and tell you more about the Global Grant Scholarship, and ask you for your help to spread the word. As we do have a dead line for the applications, I thought this way will be a good start. If you are interested and would like more information, please do not hesitate to ask.

Please view link below.

<http://www.rotary6330.org/SitePage/2015-2016-global-grant-scholarship>

Sincerely,

Hala Jawad

Global Scholarship Chair - District 6330

District News

Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise

Karl Olmsted and Autumn MacClaren, Contributors

The Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise has awarded its first Entrepreneurship Grant. The \$1,500.00 grant is designed to support emerging entrepreneurs that have a solid business plan and prospects for growing a successful new venture.

This year's grant was made to Raphael T. Harlan, founder and owner of Raphael's Donuts. Founded in 2013, Raphael's Donuts are oven-baked, naturally sweetened, gluten free and diabetic friendly. The donuts are hand-crafted in an incubator kitchen facility in Linden, Michigan and are available for sale at area farmers markets, fairs and other locations. Learn more about Raphael's Donuts at facebook.com/raphaelsdonuts. Raphael, of Flint, Michigan, was raised by a single foster mother in Detroit, and lives by the mantra "I love everything food."

The grant money will be used for much needed transportation support for the growing business. Raphael stated "that he is delighted by the trust the Club has shown in his business model and blessed to call Sunrise Rotarians friends."

In presenting the grant, Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary Past President, Mike Moorman stated that "Raphael's spirit of entrepreneurship, quality products and passion for marketing were all deciding factors in the award of the grant." Mike thanked the Entrepreneurship Grant Committee made up of Tom Crampton, Dawn Crichton, and Jack Stock for their contributions in conceiving, planning and awarding of the grant. Tracy Joseph, of Flint's Metro Community Development, partnered with the Committee in the reviewing of grant applications and the final vetting of finalist candidates.

This grant is another way that the Rotary International motto, *Service Above Self*, is exemplified on the local level through philanthropic and community service. For more information or details visit flintsunriserotary.org.



(left to right) Tracy Joseph, *Metro Community Development*; Mike Moorman, *Sunrise Rotary Past President*; Raphael T. Harlan, *Raphael's Donuts*; and Dawn Crichton, *Sunrise Rotary Foundation Chairperson*.

District News

Rotary Club of Flushing

Darwin Scherba, President

On September 10th the Rotary Club of Flushing co-hosted the “The View” Newspaper Launch Party along with “The View” Newspaper Group and the Flushing Chamber of Commerce. This party was a huge success and was attended by over 200 local business owners, government officials and local leaders. The Flushing community has been without a local newspaper for several years and we are excited about the opportunity that this brings not only to our community but also for our club. We plan to use The View to promote our community service projects and our fundraising efforts. “The View” will be delivered on a weekly basis to over 10,000 residents and businesses in the Flushing community.

“The View” Newspaper Group sent out a press release on July 9th. John Cote, Public Relations Chair for our Rotary Club read the press release and contacted Wes Smith, Publisher of “The View” and President of the Rotary Club of Lapeer to see if they would like to make a presentation to our club. Wes agreed and the date was set for August 20th. Our Rotary Club wanted to use this opportunity to strengthen our relationship in the community by inviting the Mayor, City Manager, Superintendent of Flushing Schools and other local leaders. Below is a picture that was taken at our Rotary meeting on the morning of 8/20.



(left to right) Wes Smith - Group Publisher and President of Lapeer Rotary Club, Pete Clinton - Advertising Director, Darwin Scherba - President Rotary Club of Flushing, Emily Caswell - Brand Manager.

2014-2015 Financial Assessment Report

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To District 6330 of Rotary International

We have reviewed District 6330 Grants Committee's compliance for the year ending June 30, 2015 with the terms outlined in section 5 of the District Qualification Memo of Understanding dated June 2012. Our assessment procedures consisted primarily of an evaluation of documents, enquiry and discussion related to information supplied to us by the committee.

Our assessment does not constitute an audit and consequently, we do not express an audit opinion of this matter.

Based on the assessment, we believe that the District 6330 Grants Committee is in compliance for the year ending June 30, 2015 with the terms described in section 5 of the District Qualification Memo of Understanding dated June 2012.

Further, the findings of this panel and our recommendations have been forwarded to the District Grants Committee.

Meaford, Ontario
September 3, 2014

Michael Atkins PDG Chair

Marty Lacey, Rotarian

Bill Beatty, Rotarian

Gerry McGregor, Rotarian

Rotary



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to the world**

Polio Watch

Joan Fisher, Rotary Club of London South

A 29-year-old British man recently made medical history when doctors found a rare complication of the polio vaccine he received as an infant mutated into a virulent strain which lived in his intestines for nearly 30 years. Although the man has no symptoms of the virus, he has been secreting a highly contagious form of the virus in his stool. In a recent study of his case, researchers called the discovery a "worrisome new development in the polio end game" and expressed concern that his case may not be isolated.

This individual received the mandatory full course of oral vaccinations of the weakened polio virus in the form of a sugar cube at five, seven, and 12 months, followed by a booster at seven years of age. According to a secondary news source, a non-related health condition suppressed his immune system and prevented his body from destroying the virus. This resulted in the polio virus being able to live in his body his entire life and was present in a large quantity in his stool.

Referred to as 'viral shedding', the presence of a virus in bodily secretions has the potential for disease transmission and transfer. Although this type of behaviour has often been noted in research, most commonly in the case of the herpes virus, this case marks the longest period of viral shedding that doctors have ever observed.

The oral form of the polio vaccine the man received stopped being used in Britain in 2004, when the country switched to an injectable form of the vaccine. *Live Science* reported that 73 other cases of people with immune problems who had the polio virus replicate in their intestines for prolonged periods have been documented, with the possibility of others. Although the man poses no threat to those who are fully vaccinated against the virus, if another individual with a similar health condition lived in a country where vaccinations are not encouraged, it could be enough to trigger an outbreak.

According to infectious disease researchers, these new findings "raise questions about how the population may best be protected from these particular polio viruses". They went on to add, "Measures are needed to be able to identify and manage the possible risks of divergent strains spreading and causing disease in patients and the general population."

Unfortunately, not unlike tuberculosis, vaccinations have led to the evolution of mutated strains of the virus, an obstacle that must be addressed before total elimination can be achieved.

Challenge your club to take action and raise awareness on **World Polio Day, October 23, 2015**. Register for live streaming that day at www.endpolio.or/worldpolioday.

END POLIO NOW

MAKE HISTORY TODAY

From 2013 to 2018, every US\$1 Rotary commits to WHO and UNICEF in direct support for polio immunization will be tripled (up to US\$25 million per year) by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

YOUR DONATION US\$25	+	BILL & MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION US\$50	TOTAL CONTRIBUTION US\$75
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150 VESTS FOR VOLUNTEERS		75 VACCINE CARRIERS		600 PURPLE FINGER MARKERS	
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Meet three of our ROTARY District Assistant Governors 2015-2016



Marie Watson
Assistant Governor
Area 5

Clubs:
Forest, Glencoe,
Petrolia, Sarnia-
Bluewaterland,
Sarnia-Lamberton
After Hours,
Strathroy, Watford

Marie has been a Rotarian since 1994 with the Rotary Club of Sarnia Bluewaterland with perfect attendance. She served as President in 1999-2000, again in 2012-13. She will return to the Board in 2015 as Secretary, a role she was active in for many years. Marie is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. She is currently Youth Exchange Officer in charge of the Inbound & Outbound Students.

Employed by the YMCA in Human Resources, Marie is a Settlement Worker for Community Connections, assisting newcomers integrate into welcoming communities.

In her spare time she serves as President of Our Kids Child Care St. Matthew's School. She is also a Board Member of the Fund Development Committee of St. Joseph's Hospice. Marie is a committee member of the Community Advisory Panel of Bluewater Health.

Marie's life partner Grant, Chartered Chemist owns and operates his successful business, GM Hall & Associates, a Water & Energy Consulting Company. He supports Marie in her active lifestyle.

Golfing with her Brother's, sister in laws, & nephew's is the activity she loves most, as well visiting her mom daily. She feels truly blest, and looks forward to serving Area 5 in her role as Assistant Governor.



Ralph Sprague
Assistant Governor
Area 1

Clubs:
Hepworth-Shallow
Lake, North Bruce
Peninsula, Port Elgin,
Southampton,
Wiarton

Ralph began his Rotary journey with the Rotary Club of Toronto Sunrise in 1997 and was a member there for a number of years.

He and his wife Gail retired to the Wiarton area in 2006 where Ralph joined the Rotary Club of Wiarton in 2007. He has held a number of positions within the club including Sergeant-At-Arms, Club Administration Chair, President for the 2009-2010 year, he currently holds the Club Secretary position. Ralph has also served at the District level as the District Club Administration Chair for the years 2010-2011 through 2012-2013.

In addition to Rotary, Ralph is also very involved with local hospitals. He was a member of the Wiarton Hospital Community Advisory Committee for several years and is currently a member of the Bruce Peninsula Health Services Foundation Board of Directors. This Foundation is responsible for fund raising for both the Lion's Head and Wiarton Hospitals. Ralph is currently completing his third year on this Board and holds the position of Chairman.

When not involved in volunteering Ralph enjoys spending time with his family. He and Gail have a daughter and son-in-law near Huntsville; a son, daughter-in-law and grandson in Burlington; a grandson, granddaughter-in-law and great-granddaughter in Edmonton. Leisure time spent near home is with friends, or at the gym where Ralph is a certified Personal Trainer or on the golf course.



Dr. Jim Sillers
Assistant Governor
Area 9

Clubs:
Brown City,
Columbiaville,
Croswell, Imlay City,
Lapeer

I joined Rotary May 1, 1991, was married 45 years, with 3 children, 9

grand kids; Traveled to Rotary medical missions to Thailand and the Philippines; Member of the Paul Harris Society, Paul Harris Benefactor, sustaining membership; Also a master gardener, and American Kennel Club judge, bred international and world show winning Borzoi, bred national winners Irish Fancy canaries and color bred canaries, breeder of an endangered species (Red Siskin Finch);

Have had the pleasure to host several Rotary exchange students, all my children went on either a short or long term outbound exchange; I trekked to the base camp of Mt. Everest, ran two marathons and have judged the Borzoi national specialty in ten countries including Russian the country of origin. I am a semi-retired veterinarian.



Call for 2018-2019 District Governor Nominations

Nominations for District Governor 2018-2019 are now being accepted until November 7th 2015. Members in good standing and have served as Club President are eligible to be nominated. All clubs are invited to submit their nomination for District Governor 2018-19 on the prescribed form (attached). Please send your nomination by November 7th, 2015 to:

Doug Burnard, PDG
607 - 860 Commissioners Road East
London, ON N6C 5Y8
Canada

Nominations must be in a form of a resolution adopted by your Rotary Club at a regular meeting naming the nominated candidate. The resolution must be signed by the Club Secretary and the club can only nominate one of its own members. Refer to 2013 Manual of Procedure, Article 13, page 171 - 177. Qualifications and responsibilities of the Governor-Nominee can be found in the 2013 Manual of Procedure on pages 21-22.

District Membership

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP – FIRST QUARTER RECAP

Thomas Robitaille, District Governor 2012 – 2013

From discussions with clubs throughout the District over the past three months, indications are efforts to increase and retain members has generated very positive results. To date eleven clubs have recorded net increases in membership and a number of other clubs indicate solid prospects in the pipeline.

Membership is a club function which requires the full participation of ALL members facilitated through the club Membership committee.

Clubs in the District are developing “active” Membership committees with realistic action plans supported by their members and are using the various resources/ tools available i.e. webinars, videos, brochures, RI and District website, to successfully attract new Rotarian’s.

The District started the year with 1,800 Rotarians. In the past three months we have had 9 clubs record a net increase of one new member each – RC Algonac, Festival City, Flushing, Goderich, Mitchell, Port Elgin, Port Huron, Sarnia Bluewaterland and St. Thomas Railway City. Congratulations to all nine clubs. Congratulations also to the RC of Flint who recorded a net increase of 3 and to the RC of Southampton who increased their membership by a net 9. We hope to be able to share with you shortly Southampton’s action plan which resulted in the substantial increase in new members.

There were 9 clubs which recorded a net decrease of 21 members while 40 clubs recorded membership unchanged. As a result of the activity recorded above membership in District 6330 as at September 30, remained unchanged at 1,800.

In an effort to generate growth in Membership, three things need to be addressed;

A) Attracting, B) Engaging and C) Retaining members.

A Club Survey is an excellent tool which will assist in all three areas and help to identify activities members either enjoy or dislike as well as areas in a club that need attention, change or even deleted from the club agenda.

“Strengthening Your Membership” is an excellent reference booklet which includes sections on i) Attracting and ii) Engaging members. This guide is available on line at Rotary.org.

As we move into the second quarter of the Rotary year, we encourage you to continue with the excellent efforts we have noted to date. Remember: “Just Ask”





The Youth Exchange Fall Conference at Presquile Camp

The Annual Youth Exchange Fall Conference was held at Presquile Camp near Owen Sound Ontario from Friday September 11th to Sunday September 13th. Attending were the District Youth Exchange Chairs and Coordinators as well as the 15 newly arrived Inbound Students to our District 6330. This was an opportunity for the students to meet each other and to participate in group activities in a camp environment including hiking, sleeping in cabins, and providing a talent show. Next Conference gathering will be held in St Clair Michigan October 23rd to October 25th.



Global Literacy Project Celebrates Container 50 October 17

Brian Hall, Global Literacy Committee Rotary Club of Grand Bend

It has been only 6 years since the first container of unneeded school supplies left south western Ontario destined for impoverished schools in South Africa. Since that time the project has matured and expanded to include supplies from 6 school boards and the support of over 15 Rotary Clubs from our District and beyond. These Clubs have supplied material, manpower and funding lead by The RC of Grand Bend. They have also led the grass roots community effort to raise private donations to keep the supply of used materials from ending up in scrap or landfills. In total, over \$235000 has been raised to date!

On Saturday October 17th the project will hit another milestone as containers number 50 & 51 will be loaded for Africa. The Club plans to celebrate this event with media and representatives from other Clubs in attendance. If you have heard of the project and want to see how it is done, why not plan to attend that day and bring along some Club members or Interactors? Please register with Club Secretary Paul Wilson spwilsongb@gmail.com so we know who to expect.

In spite of the project's success in Southwestern Ontario, declining enrollment means many schools continue to be closed across our District. Without the intervention of your Club, the tons of usable desks, books, shelves, blackboards and computers will end up in the scrap heap. The RC of Grand Bend is ready to assist other Clubs to arrange with their local School Board to rescue this material and send it off to a new home in South Africa. There, the RC of Middelburg SA will look after the distribution. Our committee can help with educating your members, volunteer training, logistics and selling the program to your school board. Your Club will manage the project and be the public face in your community. The key is to partner with the local School Board early in the process and get us involved. Why let this valuable material go to waste?

More information is available under the Global Literacy project page at www.grandbendrotary.com including a 35 minute documentary called "All That Hope Contains" produced by the Avon Maitland School Board. For more information contact Brian Hall at bh@waypointfinancial.ca or call 519-238-8892





ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

SHINING WATERS DIVISION

(Districts 6330, 7010, 7070, 7080 & 7090)

Saturday November 14th 2015, Kiwanis Community Centre, 111 Lakeside Drive, Stratford ON. N5A 7K5, 8:30AM to 4:15PM.

The Rotary Leadership Institute Program consists of three parts, I, II and III, to be taken progressively. Each part is a one day seminar, those taking Part II must have completed Part I; to take Part III, Part II must have been completed. The Parts are divided into 6 modules of approximately 55 minutes each. Attendees register for one part only at a cost of \$75.00 which covers light breakfast, breaks, lunch and materials.

TO REGISTER: (PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY). Email to al@allanhardy.ca, and specify Part I, Part II or Part III, 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 Wednesday November 4th 2015.

Class size is limited.

Courses are fun, topical and interactive. They are geared toward busy business and professional community leaders who wish to be knowledgeable about Rotary and be more effective leaders in their Vocation and in their Rotary Club.

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to select at least two candidates for R.L.I. training annually and to pay the registration fee.

For more information: www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org and www.rli-shiningwaters.org or contact:

ALLAN HARDY, PDG, Rotary D6330.

Rotary Leadership Institute Chair

7 Glenview Crescent

London ON. N5X 2P8

Canada

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C 519 434 1334

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Governor-nominee Form

District governor candidate:

Please complete and sign this form, have your club secretary sign it, and submit it to the district nominating committee.

Governor year of service 2018-2019 District 6330 Zone 24 RI membership ID number _____

Family name _____ First name _____ Middle initial _____

Name as it should appear on your badge _____

Member, Rotary Club of _____ Classification _____

Language(s) you wish to use for communicating with RI (listed in order of fluency):

Read _____ Speak _____

For each of the following categories, please circle only one language per category.

International Assembly:	English	French	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish				
Publications in 6 languages:	English	French	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish				
Publications in 9 languages:	English	French	German	Italian	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish	Swedish	
Publications in 14 languages:	Arabic	Chinese	English	Finnish	French	German	Hindi	Italian	Japanese	Korean
	Portuguese	Spanish	Swedish	Thai						

Spouse/Partner Information (if applicable)

Family name _____ First name _____ Middle initial _____

Name as it should appear on your badge _____

E-mail _____ Gender ☐ Male ☐ Female

For each of the following categories, please circle only one language per category.

International Assembly:	Chinese	English	French	German	Hindi	Italian	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese
	Spanish	Swedish							
Publications in 6 languages:	English	French	Japanese	Korean	Portuguese	Spanish			

For Rotarian Spouses/Partners only:

Member, Rotary Club of _____ RI membership ID number _____



Governor-nominee Data Form

All signatures on this page must be handwritten (electronic signatures are not acceptable).

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT

I hereby state that I understand clearly the qualifications, duties, and responsibilities of the office of district governor as set forth in the RI Bylaws and that I am fully qualified for said office and willing and able, physically and otherwise, to assume and fulfill the duties and responsibilities of that office and to perform them faithfully. Further, I have read and agreed to abide by the district governor code of ethics, as detailed in the Rotary Code of Policies. I agree in advance to accept the decision of the RI Board concerning my election to office without recourse to any non-Rotary agency or other dispute resolution system and further accept that any court costs and attorney's fees incurred by RI in enforcing this agreement shall be reimbursed by me in their entirety. I understand that if selected, I must attend, for their full duration, the governors-elect training seminar in my zone and the International Assembly to be held the Rotary year before taking office. I have read this form in its entirety and certify that all the information provided on this form is true and correct.

Date

Signature

CLUB'S STATEMENT OF CANDIDATE'S QUALIFICATIONS

The candidate herein mentioned is a member in good standing of the Rotary Club of _____.

The club further attests that this member has been duly suggested for the office of district governor under RI Bylaws 13.020.4 and meets the qualifications as specified in RI Bylaws 15.070 and that the club membership information on this form is accurate.

Date

Club Secretary's Name

Club Secretary's Signature

CERTIFICATE OF NOMINATION

The Rotarian named on this form is a member in good standing of the Rotary club listed and was duly nominated for district governor in accordance with the provisions of the RI Bylaws.

Date

District Governor's Name

District Governor's Signature

District governor: Please e-mail this form to your [CDS representative](#) by 30 June.

ROTARY LAKE ERIE WATERSHED CRISIS CONFERENCE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23 – SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2015
GRAND PLAZA HOTEL ~ TOLEDO, OH

U.S. and Canadian Rotarians join together for discussion and development of innovative ideas and solutions that will be shared worldwide toward Rotary's priority for clean water.

Featuring keynote speakers:

John Hewko, General Secretary, Rotary International

Cameron Davis, Senior Advisor to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency

Marcy Kaptur, U. S. Representative for Ohio's 9th District

We invite you to register now.

Following the Lake Erie toxic algae/water crisis of August 2014, which made the water in Toledo's regional water system "undrinkable" for nearly three days for over 400,000 residents, Toledo Rotary was urged by Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur (D, Toledo) and Rotary International to make a difference bringing forward the issue of safe drinking water in Lake Erie. This same condition threatens the waters of Green Bay, WI, Saginaw Bay MI and other waters in the Great Lakes which touch US and Canadian shores.

Again this year potentially harmful algae is growing in Lake Erie and residents are concerned once again about losing their drinking water.

With the support, and participation of Rotary International and Rotary Clubs surrounding the Lake Erie watershed in both the U.S. and Canada, the Rotary Club of Toledo and NW Ohio's District 6600 is taking up the challenge to create a call to action.

A dynamic 2-day conference, the Rotary Lake Erie Watershed Crisis Conference is scheduled for October 23 & 24, 2015. rotarylakeerieconference.org

Clean water and especially drinking water has long been a priority for Rotary International resulting in this conference being supported at the highest levels. Keynote speakers include:

- **John Hewko, General Secretary, Rotary International**

- **Cameron Davis, Senior Advisor to the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency**
- **Marcy Kaptur, U. S. Representative for Ohio's 9th District**

Other presenters and panelists include invited guests and speakers from federal and state government, universities, along with the agricultural and environmental communities.

Attendees of this conference will not only be informed, but will leave with specific action ideas to participate in making change happen in Lake Erie.

Because of your involvement in the important issue of the health of our waters, your attendance would provide valuable input to the Rotary Lake Erie Watershed Crisis Conference. Also, Rotarian attendees who represent businesses and institutions within their communities will be able to share their concerns and perspectives on this issue of the safety of our drinking water with you.

See more details and register today at rotarylakeerieconference.org.

Sincerely

Eric Fankhauser, Conference Co-Chairman



International Dinner and Talent Show

- When?** October 24 2015 @ 6pm
- Where?** Immanuel Lutheran Church
Ninth and Vine Street
St Clair MI
- Why?** We all eat dinner regularly, so why not eat together and enjoy the talent of our students. District 6330 hosts several youth conferences every year with our exchange students and we want to have one in MI!
- How Much?** \$25.(USD) per person.
\$14. Students (under 18)
- Anything else?** We would love to have you come join us for a fun evening of fellowship!
- Contact** Dorcas Dunker (RC of St Clair) ddunker@stclair.dyslexia.net
Chris Das (RC of Strathroy) chris.das@sunlife.com

Rotary Youth Exchange program is the most successful exchange program in the world for high school students. Between 7,000-8,000 students world wide from over 60 countries take part in this program each year! *The GOAL of the Rotary Youth Exchange Program is to promote the advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace at the person-to-person level and is for high school aged students interested in living and studying abroad for one year.*