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Youth Services Edition

In September Rotary clubs everywhere are celebrating our youth. Youth Services, formerly known as New Generations, is a key area of service for all of our Clubs. Our District 6330 is particularly active in this area and we have much to celebrate this month.

This edition of the Bridge will feature a number of extraordinary young people who are making an important contribution to the world and who understand the significance of paying it forward.

District Governor Don has a particular soft spot for Youth Services. He is personally active in the Youth Exchange Program and encourages clubs who have never sponsored an Exchange Student to consider getting involved. We have an article by a former Exchange Student who speaks about the enduring value of that program.

Clubs in our District and around the world have sponsored Rotoract and Interact clubs. The youthful

enthusiasm of these young members is infectious. We'll highlight a couple of these clubs who show what is possible when you combine Rotary values and the energy of youth.

Rotary is also committed to helping young professionals and so we will introduce you to an Ambassadorial scholar who will inspire you.

We appreciate all of these young people. The world is already a better place for their contribution and it is reassuring to know that the future is in good hands.



A Message from Governor Don

I began my club visits on August 19th and have received a tremendous reception wherever I have gone! I am amazed at the hard work and diversity in projects that clubs in our district undertake! Kudos to you all! I just finished my 24th visit at the time of writing. I must say that visiting clubs and meeting new Rotarians is a definite perk in being District Governor!

I wanted to remind everyone that September is Youth Services Month (formerly New Generations Month). This is the time we celebrate youth in Rotary and involve them with many projects and events in our communities. Youth Service recognizes the importance of empowering youth and young professionals through leadership development programs such as Rotoract, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and Rotary Youth Exchange. Besides these wonderful programs, we also have New Generations exchanges that allow young people between the ages of 18 and 30 to "visit"

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October is Vocational Services Month

If you are planning events for your club for October and you are looking for a speaker perhaps you might consider inviting Paula Lee, District 6330 Chair of Vocational Services, to address your membership.

Paula, a member of the London North Rotary, took on her current role about two months ago. She speaks with passion about her position and has a wealth of ideas for you to consider.



Asked to comment on ideas for clubs to emphasize in Vocational Services Month, the first thing she mentioned was the importance of recognizing the ethics of Rotary as exemplified by the 4-Way Test and the Declaration of Rotarians in Business and Professions. Both are words to live by. It might be worth a few moments in one of your club meetings to review the principles of this declaration and reaffirm your commitment to exemplify them in your workplace.

Another idea would be to ask some of your long term members to update their classification speech, providing information not only about their occupation, but about their passions and interests. A short and snappy review is a great way to introduce themselves to new club members and to potentially rediscover some information about long term friends in Rotary.

The Declaration can be found on the District website and Paula can be reached at paula.lee@sympatico.ca.

World Polio Day— October 24th



Past District Governor Tanya Wolfe from the Sarnia Club is currently the Chair of our Polio Plus Committee. She would like to remind us that Thursday, October 24th is World Polio

Day and she suggests that clubs consider an activity or event to signify Rotary's commitment to the eradication of this disease.

You might consider an educational event to inform members of Rotary and the community about the cause or you might choose to honour those volunteers who have sadly given their lives in the pursuit of this goal. Or perhaps a fundraiser of some kind with proceeds directed to Polio Plus might be your preference. Watch for an article about Polio Plus by Tanya in next month's Bridge.

Governor Don's Message....

a Rotary Club for a short period of time...anywhere from a couple of weeks to a couple of months. Dr. Rosanne Field, from the Goderich Rotary Club, is our New Generations Chair...Contact her at rfield@hurontel.on.ca if you want to know about this program.

Rotaract in our district is growing with two possible locations for community-based Rotaract Clubs. Former Youth Exchange student, and almost-new Rotarian Mandy Howarth will be assisting AG Diane Chantler with the development of this club. Our district welcomed 19 of our 21 new inbound students this month at the Rotary Camp in Presqu'ile near Owen Sound, Ontario. You can see their photo on the District website homepage.

Interact Clubs in District 6330 are very active. Thanks to Interact Co-chairs Jennifer Roy and Mike Wallace, the drive for creating new clubs becomes a topic for Rotary Clubs in our district. Any community that has a high school should consider forming an Interact Club either as a community-based club or school-based club. Remember, the age for Interact students is 12 to 18, so we can include students in Grades 7 and 8.

Our RYLA or Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders is held during the second weekend in May. Organizers Steve Dietrich and DGE Doug Burnard will be getting information onto the website soon so you can plan who you will be sending. This is open to high school students in District 6330 - Michigan and Ontario.

Thanks Rotarians for caring and for bringing youth into Rotary...You are Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives!

Autumn Colours Run

Join us for the Rotary Club of Hanover's
Autumn Colours Run
Sunday, September 29th.

Your choice of a 10 Km Run or a 5 Km
Run/Walk. Rain or Shine.
Race Starts at 10 a.m. Awards at noon.

To register: <http://www.rotaryhanover.com>

Proceeds from this event will be donated to
Polio Plus and the Don't Meth with Us
Program in Grey and Bruce counties

Rotary Youth Exchange

The Importance of Rotary Youth Exchange - A Testimony of a Former Exchange Student

(This article was submitted by Dr. John Hohner, President of the Mitchell Rotary Club.)



I am Johanna from Switzerland and was the Rotary Youth Exchange student hosted in Mitchell, Ontario in 2007-2008. With this testimony I want to illustrate the huge impact Rotary Youth Exchange has had on my life and I want to thank you for making it possible.

To start off, I was to exemplify why I had such a great time being on exchange in Mitchell, which made me come back for a two month visit this summer. A major factor was that contrary to what I was used to from high school in Switzerland, the Mitchell District High School (MDHS) which I attended during my stay, offers a great amount of extracurricular activities. So I decided to get involved. I became part of the music program, played in the concert band, the jazz band, I sang in the choir and acted in the musical Bye Bye Birdie. I started out playing basketball for the school team, and then went on to play volleyball and badminton. I did track and field and even played baseball for a local team. The more I got involved, the more people I got to know and it didn't take me long to find out how great the people in the Mitchell area are. Everyone here was so open-hearted and invited me to be their friend, daughter and sister. They took me to see places and this way I got to see many beautiful places in Ontario and - there you go - I had fallen in love with Canada and its people.

And I really think that this is the key to a successful exchange. To get involved. To do things you enjoy doing, maybe try something new that you don't know from home. Because that is how you meet people. People who share your interests and that can turn out to be friends for life. This is the experience that I have made. Visiting Canada again after 5 years of absence, it's a blessing to be able to come back

"home" and to see all my friends again, who - despite the great geographical distance - have remained close to me through all those years.

But there are also some side effects to Rotary Youth Exchange which are not necessarily pleasing. When I returned to Switzerland after one year in Canada, it was not only hard because I missed my friends and families in Canada, but also because I started to see "my home and my culture" with different eyes. You normally don't realize all the negative habits and attitudes your own people have until you experience life in different places in the world. And I made the decision to try everything to retain the broader perspective on life that I had gained through my exchange and never to lose this desire to see the big picture.

Another very important lesson that I learned during my exchange, which has influenced my life goals in a very significant way, is that language plays a central role in our lives. We usually don't think about language so much and take it for granted that we have a way to use words in order to interact with other people. But when you are in a foreign country where people don't speak your mother tongue, you encounter situations in which language becomes the centre of your attention and this is when I first became aware of the huge influence language has on our lives. This is when language started to fascinate me and this fascination resulted in my decision to go to university to study languages. And this is what I have been doing for the past three years. I study English and Scandinavian languages and am going to have my BA in December 2013. Having learned a while lot about linguistics, starting from the connection between language and identity, language and culture, language acquisition and intercultural communication and so on. I have now decided to go for an MA in language and communication. Not only because I find these topics highly interesting, but also because I think they are extremely important in the globalized world we live in today. It is so common nowadays to meet people from other countries and communication can then turn out to be difficult, not simply because of lacking language proficiency, but also because language is so much more than just words. It reflects your personality and cultural background, which can be very different to that of your interlocutor. A further factor, namely second lan-

guage learning, has also become indispensable due to globalization. Learning a second language does not only allow you to talk to people from other language regions, but learning a new language also entails learning about and understanding how a different culture and way of living and to learn to appreciate them. And this consequently fosters a better and more peaceful

in-



teraction between the different nations in the world. And that's why I consider research in the field of linguistics to be of such major importance. By working as a linguist, I want to teach the world that language can be a reason for misunderstandings which then can lead to minor or major conflicts between speakers or even nations, and also that a deeper understanding of language, and language learning can be used as a tool to avoid such problems.

Not, you might ask yourselves why I'm telling you all this about my interests and studies. I am telling you this, because when I was 16 years old, I spent 11 months in a small town somewhere in Ontario, Canada, having the time of my life. And it was during this time that I developed an interest in language, which then resulted in this passion for language and intercultural communication I have today. The message that I was to deliver is that I and many of my fellow Rotary Youth Exchange Students make the experience that a Rotary Youth Exchange does not end the day you leave your host country and return "home". The experiences you make and lessons you learn remain and they continue to grow inside you and shape who you are and also who you will become. And this is why it is so fantastic that you make it possible for teenagers to go to foreign countries. Because it is a life changing experience for each one of us, which reminds us that there is a whole

world out there, that we are not only responsible for ourselves, but that we all should use the talents that God has given to each and every one of us in order to make this world a better place. And I want to encourage you to keep this program alive in your clubs, to allow Exchange Students to come to experience your way of living, because I firmly believe that it does make a difference.

And this is what I want to thank you for. Thank you for your effort and contribution to Rotary Youth Exchange, which help us to change ourselves and the world for the better.

Johanna Guendel

4 Way Test

Is it the **TRUTH**?

Is it **FAIR** to all
concerned?

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

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

Grey Highlands
OKTOBERFEST
SATURDAY OCTOBER 5TH 2013
Markdale Golf & Curling Club
85 Edith Ave Markdale, ON

\$10
At the
DOOR



-Doors
Open
2pm

-Great
Food

-Silent
Auction

Ambassadorial Scholarship was a Life-Changer

GRANT RUMLEY, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Marysville, MI used his 2012-13 Ambassadorial Scholarship to pursue a Master's degree in Middle East Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship was nothing short of a life-changer for me. While still a junior at Michigan State University, I was approached by my neighbor -a Rotarian- to apply for the scholarship, but I shied away for fear of translating my essays into Arabic. The next year he approached me again, resolutely, and after spending a few months in Egypt my confidence (or, rather, foolhardy-senior-ego) was sufficient enough to apply. It turned out to be the best decision of my young career.

I interviewed via Skype the day I graduated from university, and was notified later that day that I had been selected. A tumultuous day to say the least. However, I still had a year to wait, and I spent that year working as a consultant for US government agencies in Washington DC, where I learned just how much I wanted to get back into the field. In accepting a Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship, I understood I was taking on the mantle of Rotary's guiding principles, and I chose a region and university that would most allow me to make a positive impact. A year after I graduated from university, I found myself in Jerusalem at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

The epicenter of the most intractable conflict in the modern-era certainly didn't feel very modern. In the centuries, and even millennia, old streets of Jerusalem I found a city reeling from generations of ethnic, religious, national, economic, and societal tensions. I entered my Rotary year with a single, if not complicated, goal in mind: to reflect Rotary's core values on a professional and personal level, in addition to my duties as a student. At the professional level, I signed on as a visiting fellow at Mitvim – The Israeli Institute for Regional Foreign Policies. Founded by my soon to be professor, and comprising mostly Israeli and Arab academics, Mitvim's guiding goal is to advocate a two-state solution, a solution predicated on a comprehensive peace agreement. In this light, I conducted interviews with dozens of Palestinian, Israeli, European and American officials in and around Jerusalem and the West Bank. These interviews culminated in a report I released

titled: *Back to Basics: The Evolution of the Palestinian UN Campaign*, a report which was circulated in both Israeli and Palestinian circles, and received positive praise from both communities. On the personal level, I volunteered each week at a center for handicapped children in Jerusalem: St Vincent's Ein Kerem. At St Vincent's, I worked with kids with limited mobility, taking them into a pool and stretching and stimulating their muscles. To this end I found a community of harmony within Jerusalem; Muslims, Jews and Christians all working together for the sake of the children. There are very few things in my life I have ever done with as much fulfillment as working at St Vincent's.

As I write this, I am a few weeks out from returning to Jerusalem to finish my Master's in Middle East Studies at the Hebrew University. From there, I am hoping to enter a PhD program in Political Science in the US or Europe and teach at the professorial level. I've learned a lot in my time in Jerusalem, and I'd like to impart some of that knowledge and experience onto the next generation of thinkers and doers. The Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship was the conduit for that dream. I am eternally grateful to everyone at Rotary International, and the Rotarians in Marysville, Michigan, and London, Ontario, and the entire district 6330.



In July 2013, Ambassadorial Scholarships were replaced by GLOBAL GRANT Scholarships. Please refer potential candidates to the district website to determine eligibility and contact information.

Club News

Tony Sheard, Assistant Governor for Area 1, reported that the **3rd Annual 45th Parallel Rotary Run for Polio** was held on Saturday, September 21st. The run starts on the 45th parallel through Lion's Head and continues along Isthmus Bay Road on the Bruce Peninsula. This event, chaired by Ralph Sprague, involves all of the clubs in the Area. This year over 30 runners and walkers took part and the successful event raised \$2,500 for Polio.



After four decades, the **Thornbury-Clarksburg Rotary** is moving their meeting place from Wong's Restaurant to the new church hall at St. George's Anglican Church at the top of the hill in Clarksburg.

At it's meeting on September 03, 2013, the **Marysville Rotary Club** issued a check to Rotary International for \$1,000 as a partial payment for this year's support of the Polio eradication efforts. The check was presented by club president Carolyn Hunter to District 6330 Governor Don Moore.

The fight to end polio is led by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, which includes Rotary International, UNICEF, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and governments of the world, with the support of many others around the globe.



(Pictured from left are Cathy Fitz, Treasurer; Alice Jehle, Assistant District Governor; Don Moore, District Governor; Carolyn Hunter, President.)

The **International Plowing Match** was held last weekend in Perth County. Members of the Mitchell and Stratford Rotary clubs assisted organizers with the arrangements. Charlene Gordon of the Stratford Rotary club reported that Rotarians from nine different local clubs (Mildmay, Tavistock, Goderich, Mitchell, Festival City, Rotary Club of Stratford, St. Mary's, Listowel and Walkerton) volunteered a combined total of more than

960 hours on the gates. There were four entrances to staff and Rotarians completed a total of 241 shifts of 4 to 5 hours each. Saturday was unfortunately cancelled due to rainy conditions, otherwise the total number of hours worked would be higher.

Each of the clubs that provide volunteers will receive a donation from IPM organizers based on their level of profit. In addition, Charlene pointed out this was an opportunity to promote Rotary to thousands of Plowing Match visitors.

Mark Tarbush, Editor of the **Listowel Rotary COG**, reported that the club donated \$660.00 to the Alberta Disaster Relief initiative for District 6330. The money was raised at a BBQ in August.

There is a **new Rotaract club** in the area co-sponsored by the Stratford Rotary clubs. The Rotaractors are getting organized and they are planning their first fundraiser for Thanksgiving weekend: a Pub Crawl. It sounds like a lot of fun and we wish them well.

Cheri Mollison, President of the **Hanover Rotary Club**, is pleased to announce that they will be inducting two new members this week. This means they have met their membership goal for this year. Congratulations Hanover Rotary!

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Happening in the District...

Register On-Line for Foundation Seminar

There are two very significant Foundation Seminars scheduled for October and it is important to remind members of your club to register on-line now.

The seminar will provide information about the Rotary Foundation and the progress that has been made



towards the eradication of polio in endemic countries. **In addition re-certification and certification of clubs will take place in order for clubs to participate in District and Global Grants.** If you wish to participate in grant programs in the upcoming year, you need to have representatives of your club there to sign the memorandum. If your club does not get certified you will not be eligible to apply for this funding.

There are two sessions available. The first one takes place in Walkerton on Saturday, **October 26th** at the Royal Canadian Legion building at 505 Scott Street. The second one is in London on Saturday, **November 2nd** at the Greenhills Golf and Country Club at 4838 Colonel Talbot Road.

This full day program starts at 9 am and ends at 3:30 pm. The cost is \$35.00 per person which includes lunch and payment will be collected by cheque at the door.

For planning purposes organizers need to know how many people will be attending each session and they are asking that you register on-line at the District 6330 website as soon as possible.



The Rotary Club of Goderich has an interesting fundraiser to help support projects in their community.

This is your chance to win a 2013 Cadillac ATS. This luxury sports sedan, purchased from McGee Motors in Goderich., has been described as "North American Car of the Year". Imagine the pride of ownership you will feel if you are the lucky winner.

Get your ticket from any Goderich Rotary member. They will be selling tickets until October 26, 2013.



Phoenix Interact Club: Youthful Inspiration

In the four years since its inception the Phoenix Interact Club in Wiarton has built a solid reputation within their school and the local community. In that time they have grown and expanded and they've taken on a number of solid fundraising and service projects. They are a going concern.

Peninsula Shores District School is a Junior Kindergarten to Grade 12 school in the community of Wiarton. It draws students from its own borders but also from a number of smaller communities a short drive away. Although small by big city standards, the school offers a solid curriculum in a setting that emphasizes close personal relationships that benefit the students and the local community. On their website the school offers its pupils "a warm, caring and exciting new learning environment that will inspire you and challenge you to be the best that you can be".

Students have clearly taken that challenge to heart. Four years ago a group of their students got together with local Rotarians to form an Interact Club. They got their certification from Rotary International and have been going strong since then.

Mike Mason, Rotary club advisor to the group, says the club has averaged about 15 students each year over the past three years and this year they had 37 students show up for the initial organizing meeting. Not all will choose to stay involved, but it bodes well for the future.

The club draws on students from grade 7 to 12 and they hold their meetings in the middle of the school day. They elect their own executive and work on their own projects with guidance and assistance from Rotarians such as Mike, Pat Cavan and Gay Ratcliffe and a teacher advisor.

So what have they accomplished? It's an impressive list. They have taken on a number of fundraising projects. Last year for example they raised about \$750 selling maple syrup among other things.

Their biggest fundraiser is an E-Waste Collection project. From a storage unit they collect and recycle electronics given by members of the community. Last year, in addition to making \$1,500 on this project, they received a certificate recognizing their efforts in recycling 10 tons of e-waste. The company planted 27 trees in honour of this group of

hard working young people. Talk about your win/win!

They have contributed to a number of great projects and through their efforts they have made a difference. Last year they donated \$1,000 to the Rotary Hands-Up project in Cameroon; through their efforts a school in Cameroon now has clean water.

They have also worked with a Rotoract group in Peru purchasing chairs, tables and book-cases for a school in an impoverished rural area of that country. They have expressed interest in doing another project in future with that same group.

Locally they have donated money to Habitat for Humanity, purchased new musical instruments for their own school and volunteered their time visiting and playing cards with seniors in an area nursing home. They have donated both money and their time, volunteering in a local animal shelter.

Warton has a community Food Bank project underway involving a number of people and groups in the town. They have a big fundraiser coming up in October. Phoenix Interact has donated sponsorship money to this event and they will be donating additional funds to the Food Bank itself.

Speaking about his work as a Rotary advisor to this club, Mike says they are a "great group of kids" who may become future Rotoractors or Rotarians. Even if they choose a different path he knows they have learned the value of service and they will give back to their community wherever life takes them.





RI Elects First Female Vice President



As Rotary clubs continue to promote diversity in their membership, Rotary is marking a milestone. Anne L. Matthews, a Rotarian from South Carolina, USA, began her term on 1 July as the first female vice president of Rotary International. She is joined by 3 other women on the RI Board of Directors.

Women have contributed significantly to Rotary initiatives and will continue to do so," says Matthews, who is also the first woman to serve as both a Rotary Foundation trustee and an RI director. "No doubt, the unfortunate and sometimes misleading image of 'an old boys' club' will be buried for good."

"Whether the job is done by a male or female is immaterial," she adds. "What is important is that the individual who serves is effective in that role. With that said, I am extremely proud to be the first woman vice president and am thankful for the California pioneers who pursued membership of women in Rotary."

A member of the Rotary Club of Columbia East since 1989, Matthews has served RI as Rotary Foundation trustee, regional Rotary Foundation coordinator, RI president's representative, lead seminar trainer, RI training leader and district governor.

She is a recipient of RI's Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service and Distinguished Service Award. A multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Benefactor, and Major Donor, Matthews is also a charter member of The Rotary Foundation's Bequest Society and the Paul Harris Society.

(Reprinted from the Rotary International website: <https://www.rotary.org/en/directors>. Thanks to Kevin Webb from London Hyde Park Rotary for passing this along on their website.)

Rotoract Club in the Ukraine Dedicated to Service



Rotoract Clubs bring a breath of fresh air and youthful energy to the concept of service within Rotary. Earlier this year Sallyann Price was inspired to write this article about a Rotoract Club in the Ukraine. This story was published in the Rotarian in

March 2013.

The first Rotary club in Ukraine was chartered in 1992, mere months after the formal dissolution of the Soviet Union. Twenty years later, young people have embraced Rotary through 24 Rotoract clubs across the country.

While many of them focus on the challenges facing Ukraine today, members of the Rotoract Club of Kyiv Multinational – one of four in the capital city – take time to honor their elders. For nearly three years, they've been visiting a nursing home in Peremoha, about 40 miles from Kyiv.

The village's elderly residents have lived through a tumultuous century: the brutal German invasion and retreat during World War II, years of Soviet occupation and the struggle for independence, and the transition to a market economy in the 1990s. "These are the people who did their best for future generations, for us, to live in a free country," says past club president Taras Mytkalyk. "We wanted to fill their lives with a feeling of being needed."

Now those future generations are finding an outlet to give back through Rotaract. "Young people in Ukraine are attracted to this movement because they see the results of their work," Mytkalyk says. "There's no need to wait for somebody's approval or to go through bureaucratic procedures—they can just go out and do good, while having fun along the way."

Note: If you would like to learn more about this Rotoract club, they have a great Facebook page which can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/Rotaract.Club.Kiev>.