



The Monthly newsletter for  
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6330**

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**Nancy Ottewell**

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

## District Governor Nancy's Message April 2016

### DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE – April 2016



Welcome to the Month of April....

Welcome to Spring!

A time of New Beginnings!

Spring is here and we are all excited with the prospects of warmer weather and nature rejuvenating.

And we look to the Future. There are three months left in this Rotary year. We as Rotarians have two choices to make from this point forward. We can choose to coast to the June 30<sup>th</sup> finish line; or we can rev up our engines and head to the finish line at top speed! There are so many opportunities in Rotary. Looking ahead, we have lots of occasions to engage ourselves, our fellow Rotarians, and non-Rotary partners in great projects and programs. We can look for our passion and match it with a project that helps those in our communities.

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In the Rotary world, the Month of April is dedicated to one of the Areas of Focus:  
**Maternal and Child Health**



Goals to improve the lives of mothers and their children include:

- Reducing the mortality rate for children under the age of five
- Reducing the maternal mortality rate
- Improving access to essential medical services and trained health care providers their children
- Supporting studies related to maternal and child health

According to the World Health Organization, pregnancy and childbirth are the leading causes of death and disability for women in developing countries. Every day mothers risk their lives giving birth. 80% of maternal deaths could be prevented with access to reproductive health services and trained health care workers. And millions of children die each year from treatable, preventable causes. At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, we can provide immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improve access to essential medical services, and support trained health care providers for mothers and their children. We can provide birthing kits. We can support vocational training teams of Medical professionals specializing in obstetrics to train community health workers in prenatal care. Our projects will help ensure sustainability by empowering local communities in developing countries to take ownership of their health care training programs. What a wonderful way to “Be a gift to the World”!

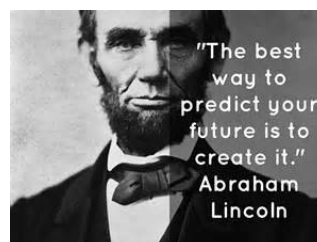
Here is a link to a short **video** to share at your Club meeting: <https://vimeo.com/33690570>

**Membership:** continues to be a focus in our District. The number **ONE** goal that we should all have is to **Grow** our membership. We ask each member: “How would you like to help?” Each one of you is important. You are Rotary. Rotary is made up of individuals with many personal differences, but each of us comes together with a singular desire: to make a difference, to give back, to bring hope to those who have none. Membership in Rotary is a great **Gift** to share! We cannot attract new members to Rotary if we are not able to explain how the benefits they will receive far outweigh the costs of time, money and personal engagement they will be asked to incur. The way to attract people to Rotary is by showing them the tremendous value that Rotary holds for them! Take a reflective look at your Club and ask this question: ***are we providing activities and services the current and future members want?***

**District 6330 Conference “Rotary Around the Sound”** is getting closer! Remember the dates: **June 9 to 11, 2016** and make plans to come to Owen Sound Ontario for Fun, Entertainment, Interesting speakers, and Rotary Fellowship. We look forward to you joining us! Registration is on our District website. Our apologies for the delay - we had a couple of snags to work through. Check out our **Infomercial** in this Newsletter!

I leave you with the inspirational words of Abraham Lincoln; ***“The best way to predict your future is to create it.”*** Let’s start today and create the future of our Rotary Clubs. Let us start creating a new future by attracting those great Rotarians that, as of today, have not been blessed with a membership that WILL change their lives and the lives of our clubs!

Yours in Rotary Service and Friendship,  
**Nancy**



## Re-connecting with Rotary Scholarship Alumni

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

This month we feature **Colin Easton**, a team member of our District 6330 GSE Team to South Korea a few years ago.

The following was Colin's reply to me in Nov. 2015:

Before the exchange, I was a bartender and supervisor at Crabby Joe's in Hanover. As the restaurant industry is not growing in my area, I am still in the same position at Crabby's. However, since Korea my wife and I now have two little boys, a (preemie) baby and toddler, and they keep our lives very full. My job has definitely taken on more of a supporting role in my life. My future plans for the next few years is simply to enjoy being a father and to raise my boys. Other than that, my wife (Samantha) and I are hoping to travel and work abroad, maybe even as soon as next year, but her teaching career would be the driving force behind any international work.

The GSE trip gave me a deeper understanding of a culture I already knew and loved. I really appreciated the chance to understand it more deeply than the first time I went to work there. It also re-affirmed the importance of travelling with a purpose, and being able to give my children opportunities to understand different cultures first hand. It is our intention and hope that we may pass on our love of immersing ourselves in other cultures to our children. We also hope to continue volunteering in our communities and abroad, much in the way that Rotary demonstrates "service above self".

If any of this is used for the newsletter, please include that I will always be very grateful to Rotary for the opportunity of the GSE and, once life calms a bit, I plan to return the favour!

Thank you,

Colin



Bringing home the Silver Medal from the Ontario AA ringette provincials the girls from the Mitchell Ringette team pose at the Rotary Peace Park. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mitchell, the team is headed to the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships.

See the article on the next page.

## Girl's Ringette team has successful season

Gerry Kehl, Rotary Club of Mitchell

### ***SERVICE ABOVE SELF***

*There are thousands of individuals that volunteer their time to amateur sports teams throughout the world. This is the story of one such family that gives so much of their time and energy to a Rotary sponsored championship Ringette team. The following is an edited transcript of a recent presentation made to the Rotary Club of Mitchell, Ontario, Canada.*

Good morning everyone! My name is Shawnee Ryan, alongside with me is my mom Kathy who acts as team manager, together we are representing half our coaching staff. This is a true family affair – my dad Gary is the teams head coach; my sister Melissa is an assistant coach with our U14AA Ringette team this season. This year we were fortunate to be sponsored by the Rotary Club of Mitchell on and off the ice. Our team just completed competing in the Ontario AA ringette provincials that were held this past weekend in Waterloo, Ontario. Out of 12 teams and 6 round robin games in our division we placed in the top 4 beating Gloucester 6-3 in the semifinal game bringing home the silver medal, and an automatic entry to the Eastern Canadian Ringette Championships being held next month in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island.

We as a family have no relative connection whatsoever to the players on our team. On average our family spends 20-25 hours per week with practices, drylands, games and meetings. On tournament weekends you can easily add another 12 hours per day for each of us as team events are organized before and after games.

Why do we do it?

Growing up I started playing ringette in Mitchell when I was only 5 years old. Both my sisters, Jenilee and Melissa all played the game as well. After playing competitively for 15 years, Melissa and I decided we wanted to give back to the sport. My mom and dad have both been actively involved in Mitchell Minor Sports forever, also following a family tradition of coaching. Both my grandparents were heavily involved in Mitchell Minor Sports as coaches and instructors. Our family passion and love for the game runs deep. Giving up week nights and weekends to be at the rink just feels like the right thing to do.

Upon researching for this morning, I came across an interesting tid bit of information about Rotary that significantly relates to who we are as coaches. "Rotary Clubs bring together dedicated individuals to exchange ideas, build relationships, and take action." I believe this philosophy reciprocates our job as coaches. We are a dedicated group of individuals who strive to enhance our passion for ringette into the lives of young girls, and promote life learning skills. We put forth a plan at the beginning of each season and take action. Our team is composed of 14 young ladies. As a team we are together 4-5 times a week whether it be practice dry land or regular season games that included trips to Whitby, Richmond Hill, Ajax, Mississauga, Guelph, Waterloo and even London. We participated in 5 tournaments throughout the season, which included a trip to Ottawa

Last year we were invited to play an undefeated Finland team who was coming over to Canada to be challenged. After winning a thrilling game in overtime against the #1 ranked Finnish team, the small town of Mitchell was landmarked. This year Finland requested an opportunity to redeem themselves by bringing over 3 teams to the Paris tournament, in their quest to challenge Mitchell one more time. Mitchell once again captured the title as the girls like to call it "world champions" as we defeated Team Helsinki in overtime to secure the gold medal for the second year in a row.

How do sponsorships help?

Sponsorships not only provide additional financial support for teams by helping to offset the costs of ice, they also demonstrate and advertise the Rotary Clubs involvement in our community. Our players' jerseys display the Rotary Club sponsorship at both home and away games from Mitchell all the way to Ottawa, and soon will be proudly displayed in Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island. Recognition of your sponsorship is also notarized in the Mitchell Advocate as well as the Mitchell Ringette Association Webpage.

In closing, I would like to once again thank you for your continued support as we move forward in our quest to become Eastern Canadian Champions!

Thank you





Cyclone Winston, the strongest storm to ever make landfall in the Southern Hemisphere, hit Fiji on February 20. The storm brought torrential rain, wind speeds of 320 kph, and 40 ft waves to the country's 330 islands. The sheer force of the storm has destroyed up to 90% of structures and left an estimated 120,000 people without shelter.

On the island of Makogai, the villagers put on life jackets and sheltered in their homes as the winds gathered speed. As the houses began to tear apart, schoolteacher Sakaraia Balebuca and his family decided to hide underneath their raised brick floor.

As Sakaria moved to crawl under the house one of the walls broke and crashed into him. Without the life jacket he was wearing, Sakaria would have been crushed. More people joined the family under the brick floor until more than 40 villagers, including children and mothers with infants, were all hiding together.

When a ShelterBox Response Team arrived, they found the whole village sheltering in the only four buildings left standing. Thanks to pre-positioned aid in Fiji, as well as New Zealand and Australia, our ShelterBox Response Teams have already been able to deliver tents and ShelterBoxes to families on six remote islands, including Makogi. More aid is on its way, including 2,000 solar lights that will provide light and safety to communities without power, but it is not enough. We need your help to send another 2,000 ShelterBoxes to reach these communities and give people like Sakaria comfort and safety.

**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 Fiji. **Tax receipts** are issued for all donations over \$20. A club or district can aggregate member contributions, just list names, address and amount donated for each donor. The past contributions from your Rotary District to ShelterBox Canada are most appreciated. They have allowed us to improve the lives of hundreds of thousands of disaster victims around the world.

You can help us to help the desperate families in Fiji and around the world by donating to ShelterBox Canada and encouraging clubs in your district to contribute. We cannot do it without your help. Donate today online at [www.shelterboxcanada.org](http://www.shelterboxcanada.org) by phone [1-855-875-4661](tel: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 support.  
Yours in Rotary Service,

Kent Fraser  
Chair, ShelterBox Canada  
Member and Past President, Rotary Club of Calgary Fish Creek

# District News

## Literacy Club of the Month

Sue Storie, Rotarian Contributor

The literacy club of the month for February is The Rotary Club of Walkerton. Here is the list of activities which the club submitted in 2015.

1. Rotary Music Festival/Financial Support and volunteers
2. Host Youth Exchange Inbound student from Denmark
3. Sponsor 2 students for the Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders (RYLA)
4. Sponsor one student for The Adventure in Citizenship
5. Sponsor for Bluewater Regional & Can. Science Fair
6. Sponsor foster child Mission Zimbabwe
7. Provide post-secondary scholarship Mission Zimbabwe
8. Promote International Literacy Day Sept 8 and March as R.I. Literacy Month
9. Funding and volunteers School Breakfast programs
10. Bursaries for several students at 2 local secondary schools

## Calendar of District Events

- April 2 -** Total Team Training - Sarnia Holiday Inn, Sarnia ON. Register on our District Website
- April 3 -** President Elects Training - Sarnia Holiday Inn, Sarnia ON
- April 9 -** Rotary Leadership Institute - Lapeer MI. Levels 1, 2 and 3. Contact Al Hardy at [al@allanhardy.ca](mailto:al@allanhardy.ca) to register
- April 30 -** Literacy Awards submissions are due. Forward to AG Sue Storey who is assisting Literacy Chair Cindy Dubois. Forms and information are available under Literacy on District website. Awards presented at the District Conference.
- 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 Membership Committee welcomes – Deb Stacey-Rivers, RC of Festival City Stratford to the role of – Area 3 Membership Representative.

Deb has a wide range of experience with Rotary having served as club Director, Membership Chair and is currently club President. Deb is also a facilitator for the "Don't Meth with Me!" program. Deb has also completed all three parts of the RLI program and enjoys meeting with and sharing of ideas with fellow Rotarians.

Deb joins existing Membership Representatives: Sterling Snelgrove – Area 2; Geoffrey Faul – Area 4; Peter Davis - Area 5; Sandra Murphy Area - 7

The Membership Committee is seeking Representatives for Areas 1, 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](mailto:thr@cogeco.ca)



## **The Rotary Club of Flint Turns 100!**

Dawn Hibbard, Rotary Club of Flint, Past President

When 23 Flint businessmen chartered the club on April 7, 1916, they committed themselves to the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self," and so began 100 years of community building by many of Flint's early leaders and influencers.

As part of its centennial celebration on April 7, 2016, the club will unveil an artifact to be included in the permanent history of Flint exhibit at Sloan Museum. The museum will also host a temporary exhibit of the club's first 100 years in the Bolt Gallery from March 7 through the end of April.

The Club began serving the community in 1918 with a downtown beautification project. In 1924, the Club initiated its Flint Crippled Children's project began, providing local children with weekly transportation to Ann Arbor for orthopedic treatment, and transportation to and from a special school in Flint. The club continued its commitment through Flint Rotary Orthopedic Center at Mott Children's Health Center.

Other efforts to benefit children included establishing Rotary House at Whaley Children's Center in 1985. Supporting Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Big Brothers Big Sisters, Durant Tuuri-Mott School, the Model United Nations program, Junior Achievement, Boys & Girls Club of Flint, REACH and the Children's Wish Fund. The club also participates in the Rotary District 6330 Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders. Additionally, the club has an established an annual scholarship program that awards tuition support to local students for post-secondary education.

Over the years it has supported a wide variety of initiatives to improve the lives of many people in Flint and Genesee County, such as the Rotary Dyslexia Center, Literacy Network, United Way, Rotary Park at the Flint Cultural Center, Foodbank of Eastern Michigan Hunger Solution Center, medical and dental facilities at Carriage Town Ministries, Rotary Hemobile for the Red Cross, For-Mar Nature Preserve, Easter Seals Society, UM-Flint's Urban Alternatives House, Flint Institute of Arts, Back to the Bricks Auto Pioneers project, Catholic Charities Life Skills Center and Rotary Plaza in downtown Flint.

International projects include education, health, nutrition, water and sanitation projects in Honduras, Dominican Republic, India and Haiti, the Rotary Avoidable Blindness project in Mexico, the Rotary International Polio Plus program, an orphanage in Abakaliki, Nigeria, and scholarships to Camp America for Youth in Togliati, Russia.

Nurturing the values and expanding the influence of Rotary at home and around the world, the Rotary Club of Flint has sponsored new Rotary clubs in Genesee County and abroad including, Rotary Club of Burton, Rotary Club of Greater Flint-Sunrise, Rotary Club of Owosso, Rotary Club of Clio, Rotary Club of Lapeer, Rotary Club of Durand, Rotary Club of Davison, Rotary Club of Grand Blanc, Rotary Club of Swartz Creek, Genesee Valley Rotary Club, Rotary Club of Fenton, Rotary Club of Flushing and co-sponsorship of the Rotary Club of Togliati, Russia.

As it moves into its next 100 years, the Rotary Club of Flint continues its commitment to Service Above Self and improving the lives of children and families in Flint and around the world.

## Polio Watch

Joan Fisher, District Polio Co-Chair

The year was 1955. North America's largest polio epidemic of 1952 had passed, but many children's lives would never be the same. A 20 year old nursing student was in her second year of training at the Alexandra Hospital in Montreal when she first encountered a large ward of iron lungs during her infectious diseases rotation.

Laid out before her in a sizeable room were 6 to 8 iron lungs, filled with children and young adults. This was acute care. There were separate wards for girls and boys. She knew of the extremely difficult and disturbing decisions that the doctors had to make in deciding which children had the best chance of survival as there were not enough iron lungs for every afflicted child.

Even today she remembers "the awful noise" that the iron lungs made..... a wheezing sound..... as it assisted the young lungs breath in and out. The sound was often so deafening that it was difficult to speak over. Some of the children had tracheostomies to further support their breathing.

These children required total nursing care. This meant that the team of nurses was there to toilet them, feed them, and change their position every 2 hours so they would not end up with bed sores. In the summer months some of the children were taken outside in their iron lungs to get some fresh air, but they often got burned, even while kept in the shade, because they had spent so much time indoors in a hospital ward.

Depending on the extent of their paralysis, some of the children had mobility in their arms and they could be extended outside of the iron lung to make reading easier. The iron lungs were usually equipped with bilateral mirrors (not unlike the side mirrors on a car) so that they could see more of the world around them and be able to tell when their family or friends came to visit. Some iron lungs had a bell that the children could activate with their heads when they needed assistance.

Despite the passage of more than 60 years since this experience, it left an indelible mark on the young nurse. Even today she recalls that skin care was the most important aspect of caring for polio victims – ensuring that they were turned from side to side or on their back every 2 hours to impede bed sores.

Imagine the misery that still exists in the world every time a parent in a developing country is given the fateful diagnosis their child has been stricken with polio. Most of these young victims today are not even afforded the type of medical care that existed back in the 1950s in North American.

How far Rotary has come in eradicating polio since 1988! As of February 1, 2016, only 6 cases have been confirmed this year – 1 in Afghanistan and 5 in Pakistan. By the same time last year, there was also one case in Afghanistan and 16 cases in Pakistan. We are truly "this close" to making polio history!





## Membership

Thomas Robitaille, District Governor 2012 – 2013

### [SOCIAL MEDIA - key to attracting young folks to Rotary](#)

Social Media is a key to attracting young folks to Rotary. What is it that makes the social media giant Facebook so effective?

It is high-impact and low-cost. It can promote your club and let everyone know what you are doing in your community. A Facebook page shares club information, advertises your events and builds a strong Rotary brand.

Unlike many other web media it is easy to use and requires very little technical knowledge. It is the leading social media tool and it a great starting point in social media for your club.

It is a visual tool that lets you share pictures of your members and the club's activities. Be sure that you illustrate your clubs diversity in age, gender and ethnicity. This is your key attraction tool to attract those young prospects.

Put your weekly speakers on your Facebook page with both photos and videos. Use your Facebook page to tell your clubs Rotary story in the community. Share with the world your fundraising and community development activities.

A member of the Rotary E-Club of Greater Sydney tells us that "we can use social media to show that not only are we making a positive difference in the world, but we are having fun doing it. This makes the idea of Rotary more relatable, especially to new generations, who may feel disconnected with some of the formalities of Rotary but are avid users of social media"

Social media has become increasingly important for Rotarians and your club because it allows us to share our message and to interact with fellow members.



### [WHAT IF YOU DO NOT KNOW THE ANSWER?](#)

Many people are afraid that they do not have all the answers about Rotary or that the prospect will ask a question they cannot answer.



It is always good to say that you don't know the answer, but that you will find out and get back to them.

A simple call to your club president or assistant governor will find the answer. Then you can call your prospect back with the answer.

It will impress them that you cared enough to spend the time to find the answer to their question.

Source: Bill Wittich RC Laguna Sunrise



## 2016 Rotary District Conference!

Here is your Video Invitation to  
Come Join Us!!

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

Registration is now available on the District Website!

### Conference Program

**Thursday June 9<sup>th</sup>** - Golf **tournament** at Legacy Ridge Golf Club - Shotgun start at 1:00pm - 18 holes of Golf and Dinner with Optional Lunch

**Friday June 10<sup>th</sup>**

**PDG Meeting**

**House of Friendship** opens featuring

***“Rotarians at Work to Be a Gift to the World”***

### **Official Lunch Conference Opening**

There are **Plenary sessions** only in the afternoon. No Breakout sessions. We encourage all Rotarians, Partners and Guests to join with us to hear our local speakers share items of interest for all.

**Celebration of Life** to honour Rotarians who have passed

### **Dinner is the World's Greatest Meal for Polio**

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**Speaker Susanne Rae** - of the Rotary Club of Cairns Sunrise in Australia who was involved in the founding of this worldwide Polio fundraiser



### **Evening Entertainment – “Back to the 60’s” theme**

Wear your bell bottoms, peace beads, head bands! And enjoy the music of the band **‘1969 Revisited’**





**Saturday June 11<sup>th</sup> Morning Plenary Session opens** featuring:

Informative and Inspirational Speakers including PDG Doug Vincent, and Shawn Casemore; Awards presentations; and District Conference 2017 preview

District Business Meeting

**Lunch** features the **Parade of Flags** with the Rotary exchange Students and Interact Students



Afternoon break includes **Free Time** to take advantage of the local **Tours** and sights of interest.

**Pre-registration** is required.

**Participate** in one of the following local Tours:

- 1) Coffin Ridge Wine Tour - a local vineyard with tastings - famous for 'Into the Light White' wine and 'Back from the Dead Red' wine
- 2) Grey Roots Museum Archives and Pioneer Village - Owen Sound & Grey County history
- 3) Owen Sound Downtown Walking Tour - including Tom Thompson Art Gallery, Billy Bishop Home & Museum, Owen Sound Marine & Rail museum along the Sydenham river
- 4) Georgian College Marine Ship Training Simulator - experience how the Marine students train for ship handling



### Evening Program:

**Governor Reception**

**Dinner** - featuring **Key note speaker** - **Alan Mallory**

"Taking Leadership to New Heights"

Sharing the story of his family's climb of Mount Everest

**Join Us!! at the Bayshore Community Centre  
1900 3<sup>rd</sup> Ave East, Owen Sound, ON**