

The Monthly newsletter for Rotary International District 6330

2015-2016 District Governor Nancy Ottewell

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

District Governor Nancy's Message August 2015

And now we are into one month of our Rotary New Year and plans are being or have been made for an exciting year filled with fundraisers, family activities, joint activities and Community projects. These are busy times indeed as we prepare to continue the good work of Rotary.

August is named as Membership and Extension month in Rotary. And while we assign a month to Membership focus; in reality Membership and the growth of our Club TEAM is a year round consideration. If we want to sustain our clubs, we understand the importance of building and growing our membership by sharing the Gift of Rotary with more 'soon-to-be members'.

Let's first look at the word TEAM. We all recognize the significance of sports TEAMS, of building winning TEAMS; of groups gathered together in TEAMS. I have capitalized TEAM for a reason. The acronym of T.E.A.M. is **Together Everyone Achieves More**.

All of us belong to TEAM Rotary. In TEAM Rotary there are no spectators or audience. Every member is in the 'game'; no one sits on the bench; and everyone benefits. Every member is involved at some level in at least one of the Five avenues of service at any given time; - working the front line, the coaching line, the back line, the outfield. Each one of us is involved in our club taking care of our communities through our programs and projects.

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Rotary is the best TEAM for making the world a better place and I am pleased all of you are on the TEAM. Rotary provides the opportunity to serve and the opportunity to make a difference in the world. As Rotarians, we are very fortunate. We have opportunities to be inspired every day through our actions in 'Service Above Self'. We have opportunities to form lasting friendships and acquaintances with fellow Rotarians. Through Rotary we can network with others and gain a broader understanding of our community needs. We have all been given a Gift in the form of being a member of Rotary. Please take this Gift and pass it along to someone else by inviting and asking them to join you and your Rotary TEAM.

Most people join Rotary for various reasons: to become involved, form personal relationships and friendships, volunteer their time in meaningful ways, feel they are making a difference, connect with other families, and use their professional and personal skills and talents to help themselves and the club. People come into Rotary for all kinds of reasons; but they stay because they become involved and Rotary is fun to be a part of. So I encourage all of you to have fun in your clubs because our service is more effective when we serve together with our friends.

A new Rotary benefit became available to you on July 1. Rotary Global Rewards will offer discounts on many products and services at a discounted price. Some of the participating companies will also provide revenue back to Rotary International with our purchases. This is available through My Rotary. There will be more information forthcoming.

George and I have started the Official Club Visit journey through the District. We have enjoyed each of our club visits since beginning our travels on July 14th. At every visit, our welcome has been exceptional and we have enjoyed excellent fellowship and wonderful hospitality. We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

And as a person, a leader and a Rotarian - keep growing!

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,

I'm now a few weeks into my role as Club Membership Chair and it's a bit daunting already. Other Committee Chairs have begun projects and tasks, but other than inviting a person to a club meeting, I have no idea of how to add new members?

"Anxiously, Anne"

Jack Answers: The induction honeymoon is over.

Membership Committees do more than scout for or induct new members. An active Membership Committee, while encouraging clubs to seek growth can also play a vital role in member retention by organizing club social events and fostering inter-member relationships. Membership Committees can run joint projects with Public Relations, Service, Vocational, in fact almost every other club committee, to drive interest in being a Rotarian.

Consider ways in which you club Membership Committee can be an integral part of all the club activities

NEEDED, A ROTARIAN PHARMACIST, DENTIST and NURSE FOR A MEDICAL TEAM TO DOMINICAN REPUBLIC

Rotary Club of Festival City (Stratford)

Jean Aitcheson

Rotary Festival City Stratford has an international project with Rotary Sosua to send an outreach Medical Mission team to the north coast of Dominican Republic this fall. The dates are October 29 to November 10 (could be somewhat flexible). The team will give medical care to the Haitian descent sugar cane workers and their families who live in isolated bateys or villages. Rotarian Jean Aitcheson RN is the team leader for the group that will do health and hygiene teaching; dental fluoride treatments for children's teeth; fitting reading glasses for those with close vision deficit; health assessments by Nurses and Physicians; limited lab exams of blood glucose, urinalysis, hemoglobin, and pregnancy testing; and full pharmacy support. A Dentist is needed to extract painful, rotten teeth. Accommodations are in a resort in Sosua, and the all-inclusive cost is C \$1750.00 with a tax receipt; the value of the experience, priceless. Please contact Jean immediately at ikhsn@quadro.net for more information.

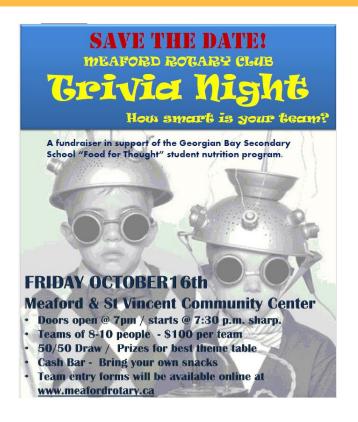
District News

Marysville Rotary Club

Vic Fradsen

JOKE OF THE DAY

Mo attends to a revival and listens to the sermon. After a while, the pastor asks anyone with needs to come forward and be prayed over. Mo gets in line and, when it's his turn the pastor asks, "Mo, what do you want me to pray about?" Mo says, "Pastor, I need you to pray for my hearing." So the pastor puts one finger in Mo's ear and the other hand on top of his head and prays for a while. He removes his hands and says, "Mo how's your hearing now?" Mo says, "I don't know pastor, it's not until next Monday."







Rotary Club of St. Thomas

Paul Blower, Editor

It has in recent weeks been the fervent wish of Past President Malcolm Rust that all members of the Rotary Club of St. Thomas be registered on My Rotary, but not all members of the Club have been sufficiently endowed with the computer skills necessary to effect this worthy aim. What a good idea, then, to have everyone bring laptop computers to our meeting today to find out just how to do it!

And, it goes without saying, it couldn't have been done without there being wireless access at the Wayside, courtesy of Trudy and Nick Kanellis. Nor could it have been done without the expert instruction of Malcolm and Trudy who carefully led all those in attendance through the steps needed to register for My Rotary, and to point out all the marvels that could be found there.

We can discover, for example, what our contributions have been to The Rotary Foundation. We can find reports, documents, forms, and information about Rotary. We can exchange ideas with Rotarians who share similar interests. And we can locate up-to-date news about work that is important to Rotary and to the world, such as the happy report that July 24, 2015 marked "one year since Nigeria last reported a polio case caused by wild [naturally occurring] poliovirus....If no new cases are reported in the next two years, Nigeria, along with the entire Africa region, will be certified polio-free."

District News

St. Thomas Railway City Rotary Club Receives 2014-2015 RI Significant Achievement Award

District Governor 2014-2015

Doug Burnard

The Significant Achievement Award recognizes outstanding Rotary club projects that address the most pressing needs of their local communities. These projects illustrate Rotary's avenue of Community Service in action and they provide successful models for other Rotary Clubs to replicate.

In a letter to President Diane Chantler, President Gary C.K. Huang wrote:

"Your club has made a meaningful impact in the life of your community and your project represents the very best work in your district and the Rotary world. On behalf of Rotary International and Rotarians worldwide, I commend your efforts to Light Up Rotary."

The members of the District's newest Rotary Club became actively involved as volunteers in a local project called "Inn Out of the Cold" which operates in St. Thomas from October until April each year and welcomes homeless individuals, couples or families, men, women or youth into their location from 6pm until 8am daily.

17 members and 7 partners/family participated in this "hands on" local project by volunteering at the facility every other Sunday evening to prepare and serve a home cooked hot meal for an average of 40-45 people in need, and cleaned up after.

10 members also spent a full Saturday in January preparing large quantities of beef stew, chili pasta sauce and cupcakes to be put in the freezer for use as required.

As a new club, this opportunity to serve, do good in their community, and *Light Up Rotary*, filled a volunteer need, enhanced fellowship and friendship within the club.

Congratulations for a great year one for the St. Thomas Railway City Rotary Club.

Rotary Club of Wiarton

Nick Torra, Editor

This was our first BBQ meeting of the summer and Prez Bob's first meeting. And what a beautiful setting at Jeremy and Tonya's McIvor House in Purple Valley. We sat in a circle outside on the lawn and Prez Bob brought the meeting to order and the guests were introduced including Dave and Marg Dean and what a pleasure. Dave has had a trying time the last 1 1/2 years with health issues and has had a miraculous recovery. Welcome back Dave....in more ways than one. Also in attendance was our returning exchange student, Sydney Ryan, just back from Brazil. There to swap stories and refresh his Portuguese was Jacob Miller who came back last year from Brazil as well. Annalena was there with her hugs (boy are we going to miss them). Also in attendance were 10 partners and Richard a guest at McIvor House who has the distinction of completing 5 end to end hikes of the Bruce Trail. He is presently doing a shore walk from Wiarton to Lion's Head. "Keep the water to the right Richard". And the cutest of the bunch? Sorry Sydney and Annalena it was Ralph and Gail's grandson Jack....he's two. Prez Bob then gave the blessing.....no anthem and toasts. Either because of the casual setting or maybe the Prez hasn't mastered pronouncing the Prime Minister of Switzerland's name yet.

Whadayathink?

Then Master Chef Jeremy did his magic with delicious smoked pork chops in addition to all the great pot luck "stuff". And ohhhh those desserts. Diets aren't allowed at Wiarton Rotary BBQs.

Following dinner Prez Bob presented PP Mike with his Past Presidents pin and his heartfelt thanks for helping us to "Light Up Rotary" (and he did). The Prez made a short speech thanking Mike and his team and also thanking his new "Dream Team" for stepping forward. It will be a hard act to follow but we have the right people in place to help us "To be a Gift to the World".

The new Rotary shirts were on display...get your orders in (\$25.00 inc. tax).



District Active in Youth Exchange Program.

Our district was well represented from July 9th to 12th this year at the annual Summer Conference of Central States Rotary Youth Exchange Program (CSRYE) held on the campus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids, Michigan! Our district had the second highest numbers in attendance (84) which was made up of 40 Outbounds, Inbounds and Rebounds...We also had 3 of our Rotex leaders in attendance. This is the first time we have had all 3 members of our Governor string present at Calvin College....DG Nancy and partner George were amazed at the energy and organization that was demonstrated on the weekend. DGE Diane and partner Bill were pleased to meet in person RIPE John Germ, while DGN Martin was interested in attending the DG, DGE, DGN information session offered by Central States Chair Dave Smith (D6310).

District 6330 is well-represented on the staff of CSRYE with 3 out of the 8 Country CorrespondentsJohn Stuart, Rick Coates (both London Rotary Club), and Cathryn Buckley (Northern Bruce Peninsula Rotary). PDG Don Moore is the current Vice-Chair and will be taking over the reins on October 1st as Chairman of Central States Rotary.

The weekend featured keynote speakers and workshops not only for the students, but also for the parents, Youth Exchange Officers, and district staff of the 18 Rotary Districts that make up CSRYE. We were fortunate to have RIPE John Germ as our first keynote speaker where he talked to the students about what they can and will learn while on their exchange. His Tennessee accent was delightful and he was very well received by the over 500 exchange students in the audience. We were also fortunate to have RID Jennifer Jones (D6400) as our second keynote speaker. She stated off creating a "selfie" video with RIPE John and the energetic students by saying "We Love Rotary"! Jennifer's video made its way to Facebook and has become somewhat viral. https://video-lga1-1.xx.fbcdn.net/hvideo-xft1/v/t42.1790-

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We want every Rotarian in D6330 to know that if you have someone in your club who wants to attend our Grand Rapids Summer Conference (In 2016), please notify PDG Don Moore – <u>dinty@wightman.ca</u>.

ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE, SHINING WATERS DIVISION

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

Saturday September 26th 2015, O.S.C.V.I., 1550, 8th St E, Owen Sound, ON. N4K 0A2, 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 <u>al@allanhardy.ca</u>, 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 Friday September 18th 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, H 519 432 8168, C 519 434 1334, F 519 432 5828

Nancy Ottewell 2015-16 District Visits

	Day of the				
Area	Week	Date	Club	Time	
	BY DATE				
2	Tuesday	July-14	Clifford	18:30	1
4	Monday	July-20	St Thomas	12:00	2
4	Monday	July-20	Aylmer	17:15	3
4	Tuesday	July-21	London Lambeth	7:30	4
6	Tuesday	July-21	Marysville	12:00	5
2	Wednesday	July-22	Drayton	18:30	6
6	Tuesday	July-28	Marine City	7:30	7
6	Wednesday	July-29	Algonac	7:30	8
4	Wednesday	July-29	St Thomas Railway City	17:30	9
5	Thursday	August-13	Glencoe	18:30	10
7	Friday	August-14	Flint	12:00	11
4	Monday	August-17	London	12:00	12
3	Monday	August-17	St Mary's	18:30	13
3	Tuesday	August-18	Festival City Stratford	7:15	14
4	Tuesday	August-18	London East	12:00	15
2	Tuesday	August-18	Listowel	18:15	16
2	Thursday	August-20	Walkerton	18:30	17
6	Monday	August-24	St Clair	12:00	18
9	Monday	August-24	Croswell	18:15	19
7	Tuesday	August-25	Clio	7:15	20
7	Tuesday	August-25	Grand Blanc	12:00	21
9	Tuesday	August-25	Columbiaville	18:30	22
9	Wednesday	August-26	Imlay City	12:00	23
9	Thursday	August-27	Brown City	7:30	24
6	Thursday	August-27	Port Huron	12:00	25
6	Friday	August-28	Fort Gratiot	7:15	26
9	Tuesday	September-01	Lapeer	12:00	27
3	Tuesday	September-01	Grand Bend	18:15	28
1	Wednesday	September-02	Southampton	18:30	29
8	Thursday	September-03	Thornbury-Clarksburg	18:30	30

Nancy Ottewell 2015-16 District Visits

Area	Day of the Week BY DATE	Date	Club	Time	
5	Tuesday	September-08	Petrolia	7:00	31
5	Tuesday	September-08	Strathroy	12:00	32
5	Tuesday	September-08	Watford	18:30	33
5	Wednesday	September-09	Sarnia Bluewaterland	7:00	34
4	Thursday	September-10	London Hyde Park	7:30	35
3	Thursday	September-10	Stratford	12:00	36
4	Friday	September-11	London South	7:30	37
8	Monday	September-14	Meaford	18:30	38
1	Tuesday	September-15	Port Elgin	12:00	39
8	Tuesday	September-15	Paisley	18:30	40
1	Thursday	September-17	Wiarton	18:00	41
8	Tuesday	September-29	Markdale	18:30	42
4	Wednesday	September-30	London North	18:30	43
5	Monday	October-05	Sarnia	12:00	44
7	Tuesday	October-06	Fenton	7:15	45
7	Tuesday	October-06	Genesee Valley	12:15	46
7	Wednesday	October-07	Greater Flint Sunrise	7:00	47
7	Thursday	October-08	Flushing	7:00	48
7	Thursday	October-08	Burton Sarnia Lambton After	12:00	49
5	Thursday	October-08	Hours	18:00	50
1	Tuesday	October-13	Northern Bruce Peninsula	18:30	51
8	Monday	October-19	Owen Sound	12:00	52
8	Monday	October-19	Chesley	18:30	53
2	Tuesday	October-20	Kincardine	12:00	54
2	•	October-20	Hanover	18:30	55
2	Wednesday	October-21	Mildmay	18:30	56
3	Tuesday	October-27	Mitchell	7:15	57
3	Tuesday	October-27	Goderich	12:15	58
8	Monday	November-02	Tara	18:45	59
1	Wednesday	November-04	Hepworth-Shallow Lake	18:30	60

Polio Watch

Joan Fisher, Rotary Club of London South

These are exciting times in the decline of new cases of polio around the world! Are you aware that no new cases of type 1 polio virus have been detected in the whole of Africa since August 2014?

To put this good news in perspective, however, polio is a seasonal disease. The endemic countries are just coming out of the low transmission season as the virus thrives in the summer months of the second half of the year. So far, the number of new cases worldwide is at an unprecedented low of just **28** in Pakistan and **5** in Afghanistan. This represents more than a 66% reduction in Pakistan for the same time period as last year and about a 35% reduction in Afghanistan.

While Rotary is inching towards our 30 year goal of total eradication, there are still hiccups along the way. A few cases of vaccine derived polio (type 2) have been detected in Nigeria (1) and Madagascar (8). How this occurs is that some vaccinated children have not received an adequate number of oral vaccine doses (3 – 5 doses being the norm) to optimize immunity and, due to poverty and malnourishment, acquire the disease instead. While type 2 polio was eradicated in 1999, the live, oral polio vaccine (OPV) is composed of all 3 types of polio, hence the ability to acquire the strain already conquered.

Starting in April 2016, the oral vaccine will consist of only types 1 and 3 strains (bivalent) of polio, thereby snuffing out the potential for type 2 vaccine derived polio to occur. Additionally, the use of inactive polio vaccine (IPV) will be expanded. While IPV (administered by injection) is more expensive, combined with the oral vaccine, it greatly enhances immunity.

As Rotarians it is imperative that we continue to advocate, educate and financially support eradication efforts to see this initiative through to its successful conclusion. In the words of Dr. Hamid Jafari, Director, Global Polio Eradication Operations and Research at the World Health Organization, "The world is closer than ever before to eradicating polio, thanks to the tremendous efforts of Rotarians worldwide. A lasting polio-free world will be Rotary's gift to all future generations. No child need ever be paralyzed by this terrible disease."

To view the July 15th half hour podcast discussion hosted by Rotarian Devin Thorpe on his show, 'Your Mark on the World', on Forbes.com with Dr. Jafari and Dr. John Sever, Vice Chair of Rotary International's PolioPlus Program, go to: http://yourmarkontheworld.podomatic.com/entry/2015-07-20T04 00 00.

To financially support polio eradication initiatives, consider sponsoring Rotarian Nick Hall of District 6890 in Florida who has embarked on a coast-to-coast bike tour to raise \$33,333.00 (https://www.facebook.com/nickhall.9210256)or Past District Governor Tanya Wolff as she embarks on another marathon to raise funds and the profile of polio eradication.







Meet our ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT 2015-2016



K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran is CEO and founder of Printcare PLC, a publicly listed printing, packaging, and digital media solutions company. It is the world's largest supplier of tea bag packaging, catering to nearly every major tea brand, with manufacturing facilities in Sri Lanka and India. Printcare is the winner of national and international awards of excellence.

'Ravi' also serves on the board of several other companies in Sri Lanka and India and charitable trusts. He is the founding president of the Rotary-sponsored Sri Lanka Anti-Narcotics Association, the largest such agency in Sri Lanka. During the country's civil war, Ravindran was involved in the business community efforts to find peaceful solutions to the conflict and in 2002 was a featured speaker at the United Nations-

sponsored peace conference in New York.

RI President 'Ravi' has served on the Rotary International Board of Directors and The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees and as RI treasurer. As his country's PolioPlus chair, he headed a joint task force of the Sri Lankan government, UNICEF, and Rotary and worked closely with UNICEF to successfully negotiate a ceasefire with the northern militants during National Immunization Days. Aided by Rotary's efforts, Sri Lanka reported its last case of polio in 1994.

He also chaired the Schools Reawakening project, in which Rotary District 3220 raised more than \$12 million to rebuild over 20 tsunami-devastated schools to benefit 14,000 children. He continues to play a role in his club's project to build an early detection and cancer prevention center in Sri Lanka. Once completed, it will be the only dedicated national facility to offer comprehensive screening and early detection services.

RI President 'Ravi' is a recipient of The Rotary Foundation's Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and Service Award for a Polio-Free World. He and wife Vanathy have been married since 1975, and they have two children and a recently born grandchild.



Meet our DISTRICT GOVERNOR 2015-2016



Nancy OtteWell has been a member of the Hepworth-Shallow Lake Rotary Club since 2001. She served as President in 2006-2007 and has held various positions in the Club. Nancy served as Assistant Governor in the District Area 8 from 2010 to 2013.

Nancy has completed all three levels of the Rotary Leadership Institute. She is a Graduate of the RLI Facilitator Course and assists at the RLI seminars.

Nancy is a Graduate of the Human Resources Management Program. She worked in Retail Management with Kent Drugs Ltd from 1972 to 1991 first as a Training Administrator; then as District HR Coordinator responsible for training development.

Since 1991, she has been the Office Administrator for Ottewell Enterprises Ltd; a Fencing and Railing Construction business located in Owen Sound, and co-owned with husband George. She is a Certified Reflexologist and Reiki Master, and operated her business Well-Being Naturally from 1995 until 2009.

Nancy and her husband George reside in Owen Sound, Ontario. George is also a Rotarian and Past Assistant Governor. He was Nancy's Rotary sponsor. Nancy and George are Sustaining Members, Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, and members of the Paul Harris Society. They greatly enjoy Rotary and attending makeup meetings. Their family includes 3 adult children - two daughters and one son; as well as one granddaughter and three grandsons. Nancy and George take pleasure in spending family time with them. They enjoy camping with their 5th wheel trailer and travelling. Nancy's interests also include reading and cooking.

Nancy feels privileged to serve as your District Governor in 2015 - 2016 and is looking forward to meeting and working with the Club members of our District.

Celebrate Membership Month

August is Membership Month, which means it's time to celebrate your Rotary club, your members, and the good you do in your community and around the world.

Say it loud, say it proud! Let everyone in your social network know that you are a proud member by changing your Twitter and Facebook profile to the "I'm a Proud Member" Copy and save the graphic as your profile picture for August.

District Membership Update

Initial numbers for the year ending June 30, 2015 indicate that the District continues to record a decline in member's year over year. On the positive side the rate of decrease is shrinking.

Why do our numbers continue to decline? There are numerous reasons which I am sure you have heard many times. A number of these reasons we have no control over however, are we doing all we can to attract new members?

It is a fact that a large percentage of Rotarians have never introduced a potential new member. If we are proud to be a "Rotarian" why do we not invite our relatives/ friends/acquaintances to a meeting? Let the potential member experience a meeting and then raise the question of becoming a Rotarian. Frequently when someone is asked to "join" anything the answer is a firm "no" however if asked to attend a meeting with an interesting guest speaker their attitude will change and a positive response might well be forthcoming.

In keeping with the theme for August – Celebrate Membership, be a Proud Rotarian and invite a guest to one of your club meetings.

Thomas Robitaille, District Governor 2012 – 2013