

Rotary



Rotary District 6330

District Governor ~ Doug Burnard

December 2014

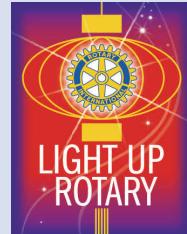


The Bridge



Governor Doug's Message

December is Family Month



As we turn the calendar to the month of December, we look forward to visiting with our families during the Holiday Season and are busy preparing plans to travel to or host one or more of these festive occasions.

I wish all District 6330 Rotarians and their families a happy and joyous Christmas, Hanukkah and New Year.

Family is an important part of Rotary and Rotary can also be an important part of family as many family members support our club fundraising and service projects throughout the year.

Most clubs hold special Christmas events in the month of December, which provide an opportunity to celebrate our successes during this past year but also to thank family members for their support. It is also an opportunity to invite community leaders and non-Rotarians to attend and meet the Rotarians in their community and learn about what Rotary does locally and internationally. I have visited all 61 clubs in our district and look forward to attending a number of club special events in the month of December. I was privileged to attend two special Polio Eradication fundraisers which were organized by the RC of St. Marys and the 6 clubs in Area 6 (Fort Gratiot, Port Huron etc.). Each event raised approximately \$5000.

FOUNDATION AND POLIO PLUS DONATIONS: Contributions to the Annual Fund and Polio Plus to date in November have been excellent and I am sure more is on the way. I urge your club to send in at least 50% of your Foundation goals before the end of the calendar year as it makes it easier to achieve your goals by the end of the Rotary Year. I also ask you to encourage your members who plan to make a personal donation to do so before the end of 2014.

MEMBERSHIP UPDATES/RI DUES: Please ensure your membership information is up to date on the RI website before the end of December. The RI dues will be calculated on this information and there will not be an opportunity to change the amount on the invoice that you will receive.

2015/2016 CLUB EXECUTIVES: Clubs who have established their executive for 2015/2016 are asked to post them in the District and RI websites as soon as possible.

NOTE: For clubs "integrated" on the District website you need only to post on the District website. For the 8 clubs that are not integrated, please do so or enter the information on both sites.

Doug Burnard
District Governor
District 6330

MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

December is Family Month

Maternal & Child Health

Rotary International Priorities

Maternal and child health is one of five priority areas identified by Rotary International for Rotary development initiatives. These priority topics also align with some of the Millennium Development Goals articulated by the WHO. Maternal and child health interfaces closely with the other four priorities: 1) promoting peace 2) fighting disease and poverty 3) providing clean water and 4) supporting education.

All five areas of focus relate to the need for a healthy population in a safe and healthy community to ensure optimal development of all.

How Do These Areas Relate?

In conflict areas, women & children are frequently innocent victims of dispute, warfare and at times have to relocate, especially in areas where women do not have equal rights. Disruption to family life is unimaginable. Quality of life improves for individuals and families if the burden of disease is reduced through public health programs that provide access to trained health care professionals, immunization and other preventative care.

Ready access to clean water and improved sanitation can not only reduce disease, but also means that women and children can engage in activities other than hauling water by hand over long distances. Women and mothers can be more productive and children can attend school if clean water sources are close to homes, schools and community locations.

What Are Some of the Issues?

Morbidity and mortality among mothers and child are major challenges in developing countries. One of the most critical aspects that contributes to high rates of mortality and morbidity relates to reproduction-namely, health outcomes during pregnancy, labour, delivery and after the birth of a child.

Sub-Saharan Africa is the most dangerous place in the world to have a baby. In Europe the lifetime risk of dying during pregnancy is one in 3,300: in Africa, the lifetime risk is an astonishingly one in 40. Furthermore, young women are more likely to have complications during pregnancy and delivery. In many developing countries, there is a higher likelihood of pregnancy among young teens. Up to 800 women die each day related to complications in pregnancy & childbirth.

Among children, 6.3 million under the age of five years died in 2013; this translates to nearly 17,000 every day. Many of these deaths could have been prevented with access to clean water and sanitation facilities, adequate health facilities and professionals, immunization programs and medicines to treat disease. Each year, seven million children under the age of five die due to malnutrition, poor health care and inadequate sanitation.

What Can Your Club Do?

Every effort can make a difference. Identify an area of focus that is important to your club and start fund raising, networking and partnering with other Rotary Clubs-here in the District, across Canada and in developing countries. Partnering with reputable international agencies that have resources on the ground can facilitate quality implementation of programs that can be evaluated. Some examples include:

- * providing immunization & antibiotics
- * promoting good nutrition
- * preventing maternal/child transmission of HIV/AIDS
- * improving access to prenatal care-provide birthing kits
- * supporting accredited training of health care providers
- * improving knowledge about reproductive health through community education & access to health facilities and care providers

Yours in Rotary Service

R I Howlett, PhD

Area Coordinator for Maternal/Child Health

District 6330



Young moms in Zomba, Malawi

District News

District 6330 Announcement

District Governor Nomination

Date: Nov. 12th, 2014
To: District 6330 Club Presidents
From: District Governor Doug Burnard
Re: District 6330 Governor 2017-2018 Nomination

Pursuant to the notice of October 29th, 2014, and as required under R.I. bylaws 13.020.10 and 13.020.12...as there were no challenging nominations received, the candidate selected by the district nomination committee, AG Martin Ward is declared to be the governor-nominee for the Rotary year 2017-2018.

Please contact me should you have any questions or comments.

Yours in Rotary,

Doug Burnard
District Governor 2014-2015
Rotary International

Meet Lawrie Lachapelle

AG Area 5

Lawrie was born in Montreal. He began his career with the Government of Canada which took him to Ottawa, Vancouver, Calgary, Gander, Bermuda and Sarnia. He first joined Rotary in Gander in 1990. He has held numerous positions including Club President, President of the Sarnia Charitable Foundation, Club Director with several different portfolios and he is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. Lawrie has participated in a NID in India, a Rotoplast mission to Venezuela, an Anti-Malaria Mosquito Net Distribution Mission to Tanzania and has led a GSE team to District 2720 in Japan. He retired from the Coast Guard in 2011. Lawrie has been married to Brid for 32 years and they have 2 children. Lawrie's interests include golf, travel, photography and walking their dog Timbit.



District 6330 has a proud history of helping qualified individuals realize educational dreams. From 1950 when the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship program was first instituted by District 6330 until 2012 when it was replaced by Global Grant Scholarships and District Scholarships, some eighty four individuals who lived, worked or attended school in District 6330 went on to complete undergraduate degrees or one year post graduate study outside of Canada and the United States using Rotary scholarships. A Rotary scholar in 1964 would receive \$500, a meager amount by today's standards but substantial when one considers that university tuition was in the hundreds of dollars rather than thousands of dollars as is true today. Later on candidates were funded for as much as \$27,000USD for one year of study in masters programs at such prestigious universities as Oxford, UK or the Hebrew University of Jerusalem all paid for by the district through contributions of D6330 Rotarians to the annual programs fund, returned to the district through DDF. When Global Grants were instituted, the funding increased to \$30,000USD, half paid by the district and half paid from the world fund at RI.

2012-13 Ambassadorial Scholar Grant Rumley returned to the United States in July following completion of his MA in Middle East Studies from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. He is currently a research analyst at a non-partisan think tank in Washington DC., the 'Foundation for Defense of Democracies' where he writes about the peace process, US foreign policy and general Middle East issues. According to Grant, "*It's directly related to what I studied during my Ambassadorial scholarship year and...frankly only been possible because of Rotary. It's a dream scenario and I'm incredibly grateful.*" Although not currently a Rotarian, Grant has attended a number of Rotary meetings in DC and plans to join Rotary as soon as financially possible. Grant is happy to meet with D6330 Rotarians via SKYPE, His email address is....gm.rumley@gmail.com.. if you wish to contact him.



Happenings

The District Membership Committee Salutes Area 1

...for applying jointly for the District Public Image Grant to raise awareness of Rotary and most importantly seeing it as an opportunity to gain new members.

Area 1 and one club from neighbouring Area 8 (Chesley) have negotiated with The Dock, a local radio station, to air 624 messages during the entire of 2015. There will be 8 different ads using local Rotarians sharing ‘Why Rotary’, followed by the call to action: contact us!

There are lots of benefits of an area working on a project such as this:

- * Integrates the clubs in a partnership that focuses on our own sustainability
- * Multi-club sessions for such things as Fireside Chats, orientation etc.
- * Cross pollinates membership materials and strategies between the clubs
- * Shares best practices on greeting, welcoming, orienting potential members
- * Share financial resources to reach a broader audience

There are lots of benefits for each club in the project:

- * Raises awareness with club members about the importance of membership
- * Encourages a review in each club of their own programs, processes, committee structure, marketing material etc.

Rotary is Rotarians! With more Rotarians there is more Service Above Self for the good of our communities, here and around the world.

Good Luck to Area 1 and Chesley, as well as any clubs in the radio station’s market. We will be interested to see how this works out!

To all Areas 2 to 9 and any individual clubs, if you have a membership project underway please let me know so we can share your news too!

Erin Zorzi
District Membership Chair



Celebrating 30 Years of Service Above Self

The St. Thomas Railway City Rotary Club recently held a surprise celebration for Ken Wilmott as he celebrates 30 years as a Rotarian. Friends and family joined in the festivities. Ken had been a member of the London West club and now is a charter member of the STRCRC. Ken is currently the District Grants Chair and has also been an AG for Area 4. Pictured left to right are DG Doug Burnard, STRCRC Club President Diane Chantler and Ken Wilmott. Congratulations Ken!

Marysville Rotary Club

The Marysville Rotary Club shows its support of polio eradication activities worldwide. At the District 6330 Area 6 *Pasta to Help End Polio* fundraiser, the Marysville RC issued a check in the amount of \$1000 as partial payment for this year's support of polio eradication efforts. The check was presented by club president Jeff Semrow to DG Doug Burnard. Pictured from the left are Cathy Fitz, DG Doug Burnard, Jeff Semrow, Joanne Niederhauser and John Johnson.

Club News

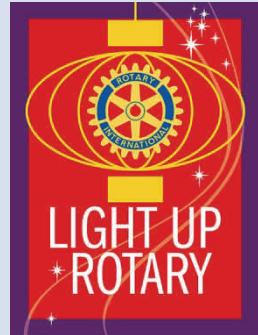
Rotary Club of Northern Bruce Peninsula Celebrates 60 Years of “Service Above Self”

A capacity crowd of current members, former members, representatives from the Wiarton, Hepworth/Shallow Lake, Owen Sound and Southampton Rotary Clubs, and dignitaries gathered at the Rotary Hall on Tuesday, October 28th to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the Rotary Club in Lion's Head. A certificate of congratulation was presented by Mayor Mike McIver from the Municipality of Northern Bruce Peninsula. A plaque was presented from the Owen Sound Rotary Club to recognize the support between clubs.

During the evening a special presentation of a Paul Harris Fellow award was made to honour Marydale Ashcroft, recognizing her many ongoing contributions to the local community of Lion's Head. It was noted that she carries on the tradition of “service above self” following in her mother’s footsteps.

Marydale’s mother, Juanita Ashcroft was awarded a Paul Harris Fellow award a few years ago for her contributions to the community.

A delicious roast chicken dinner was catered by Marydale’s Restaurant and was totally enjoyed by all present.



Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise

November 13, 2014

Contact: Ginger Virkler, Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary Club, gfvirk@gmail.com

The Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise welcomed DG Doug Burnard on September 17, 2014 as he conducted his official visit to the club. Prior to DG Doug’s talk, he had the honor of awarding a Paul Harris Fellow to member Bruce Bradley and presenting a Rotary pin to the club’s newest member Erin Lint, The McLaren Foundation, who was inducted during DG Doug’s visit.

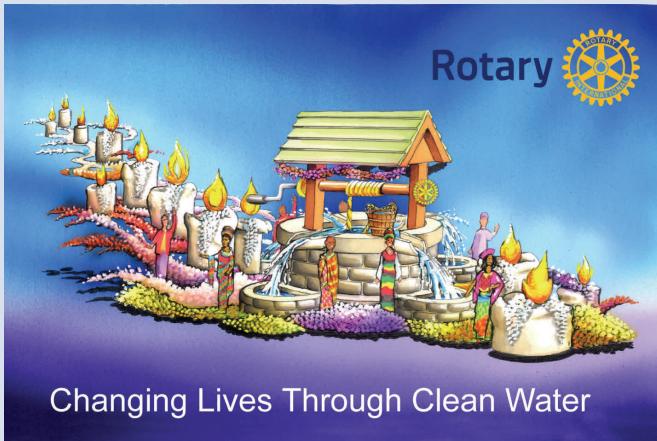
Erin Lint is the 2nd new member this Rotary year that joined Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary. Pam Bailey, Director of Fund Development, YMCA, joined the club in August, 2014.

Photo – from left to right – President Mike Moorman, Bruce Bradley, Erin Lint, DG Doug Burnard and AG Rob Jewell.



Other Stuff

Rotary Rose Parade Float



Since 1980, the Rotary Rose Parade Float Committee has entered a float in the Pasadena Tournament of Roses, Rose Parade promoting Rotary International. The parade is seen by a worldwide television audience of over 75 million and has a live audience of 700,000 who will see the float along the parade route. Although not a project of Rotary International, it is recognized as a valuable public relations project by Rotary and in fact for the past four years the RI President has ridden on the float! This coming parade will be no different as RI President Gary and his wife Corinna are looking forward to this wonderful event. This year's float theme is "Changing Lives Through Clean Water" which will tell the world about Rotary's many successful projects to provide clean water throughout the world. The float shows a water well with candles lighting the way to clean water, reflecting President Gary's theme of "Light Up Rotary". Watch for the float on January 01/15!

Pre-Pets Date Changes!

Feb. 24 in Port Huron at the YMCA

Feb. 25 in London at the Superstore (Oxford St. e. of Adelaide)

Feb. 26 in Hanover at the Masonic Lodge

Upcoming Events

December 05-London Lambeth Christmas Gala

December 11-Greater Flint Sunrise Shopping for Motherly Intercessions

December 13-London Hyde Park Dickens Dinner

December 25



Some Comments from RYE Students

(in their own words)

....from Marine....here from France and staying in Sarnia... and the best was my first hockey game of the year! I understood why Canadians love this sport so much. It was an amazing time. So now I want to try hockey during my year...now I love pancakes and maple syrup and I will play hockey....I think it's the first time I will say that but I love high school! It's so different from France! I can take subject I never try, its so interesting....and I am very Lucky with my rotary club who is awesome! There is no words to say you how I am happy to here and how it was my biggest dream to come. I will never thank you enough you for that!!

.....from Samuel Brum back home in Brazil....It has been a little more than two months since I said goodbye to all of you guys, my host families and all the people I became good friends with...it wasn't really goodbye but more like "I'll see you again soon...I miss speaking English really bad! My sister and a couple of my classmates at school are the only ones who I can speak English with around here. I also try to keep in touch with the other exchange students I've met in the past year, so we skype every once in a while and it's a good way to keep in contact with my friends and speak some English in the process. Some times I even talk to myself in English at home and its hard to tell when my mind is working in English or Portuguese. It's hard for me to say where's home....thank you ..and I hope to see you again soon!!



Polio Update

Polio Watch



According to *The Himalayan Times*, in September, the tiny Himalayan country of Nepal became the first country among 11 South East Asian nations to use the latest antidote to Polio, Inactivated Polio Vaccine (IPV). While the commonly used oral vaccine (Active Polio Vaccine) helps prevent the polio infection, the inactive form boosts immunity.

As there have been no new cases of polio in Nepal for the past 4 years, the World Health Organization (WHO) certified it polio free in 2013. Dr. Senendra Raj Uprety, Director General of Nepal's Department of Health Services, believes that the use of this new combination of vaccines will help accelerate achievement of the WHO's goal of completely eradicating polio worldwide by 2018.

From the latest statistics available for Nepal's Ministry of Health and Population, approximately 90% of that country's children have been vaccinated against polio.

