



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 December 2015

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MESSAGE - December 2015

With December and the Holiday season upon us, it is a perfect time to reflect on all the good things that have happened in the first half of the Rotary year. More than any other month, December is a time of reflection and celebration. As the end of the current year approaches and the coming of a new year is at hand, we reflect on the accomplishments, achievements and happenings of the months of 2015. And we celebrate! December is a festive and celebratory time for nearly all of us. However or whatever you celebrate, the December holidays encourage us to spend more time with our families. Even with the frenzied activities as we follow our already busy schedules, along with the additional holiday-related activities; take the time to rediscover your family, friends and neighbors. And as we reflect and celebrate the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self", we also remember those who are less fortunate.

Celebrate Rotary on Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is a global day dedicated to giving and celebrating generosity. On **December 1st**, join the community of people making a difference in the world by making a gift to The Rotary Foundation



The Rotary theme for the month December is Disease Prevention and Treatment; one of the Six areas of Focus. Let us all think about the many faceted programs Rotary offers to allow us as Rotarians opportunities to change the lives of those less fortunate than us. The holiday season is also a special time of giving. Please consider a financial gift to The Rotary Foundation. That holiday Gift could provide clean water for someone who is in great need; give support to basic education and literacy; or aid in our promise to eliminate Polio in the world. It is a good time to make a (Gift) donation to the Rotary Foundation to assist in those projects with the added benefit of a year-end tax deduction. By partnering with others throughout the world, we can achieve more.

And while we are considering gifts; let us also consider how Rotary and Rotarians “Be a Gift to World”. Let us consider what the world would be like without Rotary’s contribution. This is the momentum that empowers us to continue our work in Rotary and share the gifts we have. We can share our talents, our knowledge; our expertise; and our leadership. We as Rotarians do change lives with our initiatives, not only the lives for others, but also within ourselves. And our lives change when we share our gifts with the world. The gifts that are given from the heart are the gifts that bring each of us the most happiness. Helping others is a best gift that you can give to yourself.

This is a season of showing peace and goodwill. In the song “Let There Be Peace on Earth”, the next line is “and let it begin with me.” In our media world where we often hear only the turmoil and strife; let us all to strive to achieve Peace in our families, Peace in our Rotary clubs and Peace throughout the world. And all our lives will certainly change.

Take time to truly appreciate someone or something hidden. Our celebrations usually focus on the obvious - which is also a good thing. But I encourage you to think beyond the obvious as you show joy, thanks, and appreciation for your world. Will you offer an anonymous act of kindness to someone? Perhaps it will be your neighbour. Will you send a prayer of thanks for the volunteers in Pakistan who have faced adversity while taking the polio vaccine to remote areas? Perhaps you will send a little extra to PolioPlus. Will you tell someone close to you how much you love them, although they have been ‘challenging’ in recent weeks? Let’s not take them for granted. Let us all think beyond the obvious when celebrating Rotary and the Holidays this time of the year.

George and I bring you holiday greetings. We wish each of you a happy, healthy and joyous season of ‘fêtes’ as you enjoy celebrations of special holidays, Christmas and of the New Year with your families and communities.

Blessings of the season to one and all!

Yours in Rotary Service

Nancy



District News

Rotary Club of St. Thomas

Malcolm Rust, Past President

WORLD POLIO DAY

In a week when much of the country went Liberal red and Blue Jays fans painted the town blue, St. Thomas Rotarians wanted people to wear purple – the color of the END POLIO NOW crocus!

Celebrating **World Polio Day** on Friday 23rd October 2015 about 50 people gathered on the steps of St. Thomas City Hall. Rotary Club of St. Thomas President Nancy Lovelock pinned a purple crocus on Mayor Heather Jackson as Rotarians distributed purple crocuses to Member of the Provincial Parliament Jeff Yurek, police officers, fire fighters, paramedics and members of the public who gathered with media representatives. As the END POLIO NOW flag was raised everyone learned that the symbol of a purple crocus was used because it was like the dye put on the fingers of children to show that they have been immunized. 25 years ago polio struck 350,000 children each year. Thanks to the work of Rotary and other world partners there have only been 51 cases reported to date this year! World Polio Day marks the birthday of Jonas Salk who developed the vaccine to protect people from polio. An interview about eradicating polio was carried on the St. Thomas radio station 94.1 myFM and thanks to the cooperation of the Rotary Club of London, Rotarians wore the END POLIO NOW t-shirts. Made of fabric, the purple crocuses were purchased from Rotary International.

www.rotarycrocus.com



Group at St. Thomas City Hall for World Polio Day



Rotarian Trudy Kanellis pins a crocus on
Central Elgin Fire Chief, Don Crocker



Rotary Club of St. Thomas President
Nancy Lovelock pinning the purple
crocus on St. Thomas Mayor Heather

District News

Genesee Valley Rotary Club

Dennis Dinsmore, PDG, District 6330

The Powers Catholic High School Interact Club, sponsored by the Genesee Valley Rotary Club recently completed its holiday project by collecting more than 4,000 pairs of socks for needy citizens in Genesee and Shiawassee counties. The socks were turned over to the Catholic Charities organization for distribution at holiday events and at warming centers throughout the two counties.

Chartered in 2010 by then District Governor Michael Atkins, the Interact Club has thrived and now numbers more than 100 students. After discovering that socks are the number one requested item at homeless shelters, the club decided to try to do something about it by taking up a sock collection project. The project was an outstanding success and will help thousands of area needy people. The Interactors have learned at an early age the satisfaction of helping others.

The three key ingredients to growing an Interact Club are, interested and caring students, a respected teacher/coordinator and a dedicated Rotary Club liaison. This club is fortunate to have all three, intelligent and caring students, coordinating teacher Stacey Turczyn (English department chair) and Rotarian Jeff Ferweda.

Not only did this project do some good in the world, it also garnered the Interact club and Rotary, a nice acknowledgement from TV news. To see a full video report, follow this link:

<http://www.abc12.com/news/headlines/Students-at-Powers-Catholic-High-School-donate-socks-to-those-in-need-347142202.html>



WE STILL HAVE TICKETS!!

THE ROTARIANS IN THE THREE ROTARY CLUBS OF SARNIA ARE READY TO TAKE YOU ON A TRIP!!



For Ticket information Phone 519-490-1066
To purchase a ticket see any Sarnia Rotarian
For details of the draw and all the rules
visit rotarysarnia.com

One trip is available to be won each month in 2016. So, when you buy a ticket for \$100 you will have 12 chances of winning.

Only 1000 tickets will be sold!

This would make an excellent Christmas present! Proceeds from this fundraiser to be used to support local Rotary Projects in Sarnia/Lambton.

Call: 519-490-1066 (leave a message if necessary) or

Email info@rotarysarnia.org

Thank you. Johnna Johansen, Rotary Club of Sarnia

District News



Jim Schlatman

District Governor Nominee Designate 2018-2019

By Nancy Ottewell – District Governor

It is my pleasure to announce that the Nominating Committee have selected **AG Jim Schlatman** as the District Governor Nominee Designate to serve as District Governor in 2018-2019. Jim is a member of the Rotary Club of Hanover and currently serving as Assistant Governor of Area 2. Congratulations Jim!

RE-CONNECTING WITH ROTARY SCHLARSHIP ALUMNI

By Johnna Johansen, Rotary District 6330
Alumni Chair


This month we feature: **Grant Rumley**, sponsored by The Rotary Club of Marysville, MI

"I received my Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship for the 2012-2013 academic year, and I studied Islamic and Middle East Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem. After my Rotary Ambassadorial year, I stayed in Jerusalem and finished my Masters program, graduating in 2014. After that, I got a job at a think tank in Washington DC, where I work on foreign policy issues regarding the Middle East. The Rotary Ambassadorial scholarship changed my life in so many ways -- first and foremost it gave me the opportunity to study a region *in* the region. Secondly, it opened my eyes to the wonderful and extensive Rotary community around the world. I have such fond memories of my Rotary families in Jerusalem, Michigan, and Ontario.

Now, I am looking at PhD programs on the East coast, and am hoping to continue working in the policy discussion in DC. I would not be in this position if it weren't for Rotary, and I am very grateful for their generosity."


Grant

Grant is willing to participate in Skype Interviews with clubs if times can be worked out.




Rotary
Club of Warton

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**EARLY BIRD
REGISTRATION**

Polio Watch

Joan Fisher, Rotary Club of London South

Two Ukrainian preschoolers have been confirmed paralyzed by polio, in the first recorded outbreak of the virus in Europe since 2010. While statistics suggest only one in every 200 polio infections results in paralysis, there is a strong likelihood that the two identified cases are likely not the only cases of infection. Medical science confirms that since many polio cases are asymptomatic it's one of the big dangers of this disease.

Hamid Jafari, head of the World Health Organization's Polio Eradication Initiative, claims that the risk of the virus spreading further across Ukraine is high since only 50% of Ukrainian children had been vaccinated against polio.

Fortunately, although the outbreak-affected area borders Romania, Hungary, Slovakia and Poland, the risk of the virus spreading internationally to these countries is low. The reason is because polio immunization rates in these countries are above 90% — making it unlikely that the virus could travel far.

In sharp counterpoint, Pakistan appears to be masterfully coming to grips with its polio epidemic. This is due, in part, to some of its unorthodox tactics such as tracking residents' cell phones. The 85% decline in new cases in 2016 is boosting confidence that Pakistani officials are on pace to stop the spread of the virus, perhaps as early as within the next year.

As Islamist militants have loosened their grip on Pakistan's northwestern tribal areas, health officials are vaccinating hundreds of thousands of children for the first time. As a result, Pakistan has reported 40 new polio cases this year compared with 245 at this time last year. Pakistani officials confirm they believe they are on track to vaccinate nearly all children younger than 5 by next summer.

Security agencies and public health services have joined forces so that areas in North Waziristan previously controlled by the Taliban are increasingly being overtaken by the Pakistani military. When more than 100,000 families were evacuated from these areas, largely off-limits to vaccination teams, they were stopped at roadside checkpoints and forced to be immunized.

Later, when these displaced residents were registered at refugee camps, they were given a surprising offer: free SIM cards for their phones. Unbeknownst to North Waziristan residents, health officials used these SIM cards to track them as they resettled in other parts of the country. Their locations were mapped in new polio-eradication command centres. When clusters of residents from North Waziristan were identified on the map, teams of vaccinators were sent to those communities to once again administer the vaccine.

This strategy was combined with outreach to religious leaders, the creation of community health centres and a renewed push to put women, not men, on the front lines of the campaign to end polio.



Meet Your Assistant Governors 2015-2016



Terry Bennett
Assistant Governor
Area 6

Clubs:
Algonac, Fort Gratiot,
Marine City,
Marysville, Port
Huron, St. Clair

Terry has been a member of the Rotary Club of Fort Gratiot, Michigan, since 1995. He had the privilege of serving on RC Fort Gratiot's board for most of his 20 years with the club, also serving as its President in 1999-2000 and again in 2013-2014.

Terry has served as chairperson for several club fundraisers and committees over the years. He is a graduate of, and recently an instructor (facilitator!) with, the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI), Shining Waters Division which includes District 6330.

Terry earned his BBA, with majors in Marketing and Management, at Saginaw Valley State University in 1979, and his MBA at the University of Michigan – Flint in 1992. After working 15 years in bank administration and commercial lending, he was recruited by a brokerage firm, now known as Oppenheimer & Co. Inc., in 1994, and serves as Director – Investments in their Port Huron, Michigan, office. He holds his Series 9/10 financial services managerial licenses among others.

Terry's first wife died, after a long and courageous battle with cancer, in 2004; and he married his lovely bride, Becky, in 2013. He has three grown "children" (all married!) and, including a son-in-law, boasts of having three serving as commissioned officers in the military. Therefore, if you visited either his home or office, you would see a silk banner with three blue stars hanging in his window. He has an additional five children through marriage, with the youngest in junior high school. Altogether, he and Becky have five adorable grand children with another due in August, all of whom bring extreme joy to their lives! Terry resides in Port Huron with his bride and one son.

After serving as a board member at his church for 25 years, and as a soccer coach for 12 years including 5 years at the high school level where he also coached girl's varsity basketball, Terry is pleased to be serving his community through Rotary as well. He looks forward to a great Rotary year as AG for Area 6, and continues to be enthused about Rotary International and proud of the tremendous impact that the organization has made, through so many avenues, around the world. Terry recognizes that Rotary's contribution toward better lives begins at the club level, which provides a myriad of opportunities for "Service Above Self", and that Rotary membership can seem like a cup of cool water to those thirsting to "be a gift to the world"!

Phil's first taste of Rotary was in Essex, ON (1984-89) where he was Club President for a year, due to a job move he joined the Sarnia, Club (1990). He has been with the Meaford Club for 11 years and is Club President this Rotary year for the second time. Phil chairs a Committee responsible for the management, as well as ensuring a 7 year \$365,000 Renovation Project is completed on a 32 Apartment complex owned by the Club. Also, a previous member of both the Lions and Kiwanis.

Phil spent many years working for a financial institution in Southwestern Ontario mostly as a Branch Manager. He retired after 11 busy years as a District Manager in four different Ontario Districts. Twenty years ago, Phil became the District Manager for this area "Grey/Bruce/Perth Counties" and they bought a home on the Bighead River on Grey Rd 29, near Bognor, ON. This is an enjoyable area for sightseeing, viewing wildlife, snow shoeing and gardening.

When not involved in Rotary, Phil has been on different Municipality Committees such as Finance and Administration and is presently Chair of a Joint Compliance Audit Committee for Municipality of Meaford.

He is a long time Detroit Red Wing fan but just recently changed to a Toronto Maple Leafs supporter. During the winter month you can see Phil walking the indoor track at the Owen Sound Family Y or walking a true friend "Max " the family dog with Trish each morning.

Phil and Trish have 7 grandchildren and are very proud of their daughter and two sons who live in three different parts of Ontario due to Phil's frequent career moves.



Phil Cant
Assistant Governor
Area 8

Clubs:
Chesley, Markdale,
Meaford, Owen
Sound, Paisley, Tara,
Thornbury-Clarksburg

District Membership

"To Do" List for December

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 Invoice for January will be calculated on this information and there will not be an opportunity to change the amount on the invoice that you will receive.

2016/2017 CLUB EXECUTIVES:

Clubs who have established their executive for the Rotary year 2016-2017 are asked to please post them in the District and RI websites as soon as possible.

Thank you!

MEMBERSHIP

Do We Listen Enough to Potential Members?

My best experience in recruiting talented, younger members was when I didn't say a word about Rotary.

One of the clubs I served as Assistant Governor was located in a city where there were many service clubs and civic organizations. The club couldn't attract new members. I suggested they come up with 15 names of community leaders who would be good potential members. It took them about a month.

I sent each of those 15 individuals a personal invitation by mail to an after-hours talk about the community. The only mention I made of Rotary was that the talk would be under the Rotary umbrella. In the following week, I phoned everyone to check if they had received the invitation. On the phone, I explained more about the goal of our meeting, stressing that we wanted their views on issues facing our community. But I did not mention Rotary! Four of my targets declined and 11 accepted. The club secretary confirmed their presence by phone the day before the meeting. Two regretted.

Five Rotarians came to the after-hours meeting. I was there, plus a member who took notes, an observer whose job was to identify the strongest leader among the group, plus two other members who had agreed to act as resources if needed. We had no special Rotary banner or decorations, just the Rotary pins on our lapels. We welcomed everybody, served them a drink and talked of usual business affairs. Then everyone sat and we began the meeting. I repeated the goal, which was to discuss issues that were facing our community, and I stressed that we wanted their opinions. I told them I only had three questions for each of them.

First: In five minutes or less, let us know what you consider to be the most important concern in the community. I addressed this question to each one individually, while we took notes. Of course, they all had an opinion about community issues.

Second: Tell us what you think is the solution or way to get to a solution. Again, they all had opinions. Not always a solution, but at least an approach to get started.

Based on their feedback, we were able to reduce the community problems to four, as some respondents used different words to comment on the same issue. We were also able to identify the strongest leader in the room. And it was to that leader that I addressed the final question:

Third, if we could get a group of civic leaders to help deal with the issue, would you take the lead? And then, would the other community leaders be willing to work with him? After talking extensively about the concern, then advocating for a solution, it was quite easy to get to yes.

As a result: The club got seven new members, all actively involved, even though they are all already busy people. The club also received an assessment of community needs, plus volunteers eager to help work on the issues at hand. What the club didn't do was "sell Rotary." Rather, we listened to the community leaders and let Rotary become the answer to their concerns. Rotary became *their* solution — not our sales pitch!

Source: Governor Claude LaLiberté, District 7040

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THE WORLD NEEDS MORE
#ROTARIANS



RI Convention News

Join us in Seoul! Take advantage of **early registration** for the convention in Seoul, Korea, 28 May--1 June 2016.

As a leader, your influence can make a difference in Rotarian attendance at the convention. Share your Rotary story and the ways the convention matters to you. Extend a personal invitation to your members to attend, meet new friends, and experience the best of Rotary. Encourage them to register by 15 December for the greatest savings!

Explore the world-class city of Seoul at the Rotary Convention May 28 to June 1 2016. Connect with new ideas and new friends, and come away with renewed commitment to *Be a Gift to the World*. Early registration savings ends 15 December 2015.



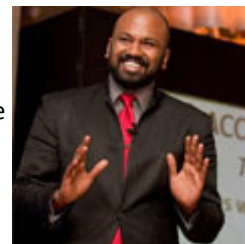
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The convention is a special, once-a-year opportunity for all Rotarians to gain a better understanding of Rotary's reach and impact, to experience diverse perspectives, and to exchange ideas. Our speakers are one of the highlights of the convention, you can expect to be inspired in Seoul!

- [Learn about our speakers](#)
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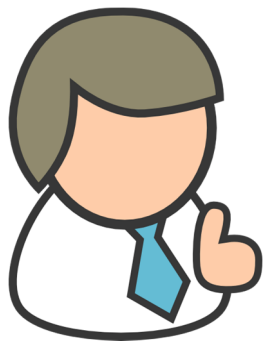


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- [Learn about the Welcome Festival and other host events](#)
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Ask Jack



**almost
anything...**

**about growing
your club**

Dear Jack,

Is use of social media a good fit with Rotary?

Jack Answers:

Depends on the demographic your club is reaching for. Aside from a “must-have” club webpage, (I know it’s not cheap, but I recommend a Clubrunner framework), you can build a Facebook page (to people over 40). Reaching out to Rotaractors or young Rotarians? You definitely need a Twitter account. But being the club Membership Chair shouldn’t mean you need to create (and feed, often!) these accounts. Look for help, ask for help, whether within your membership or any other “Friend of Rotary”. If you are ready to embrace social media today, Jack recommends you tap into the skills in Area 5 - Membership Rep., Bill has broad shoulders as well as broad experience - but catch him quick, at bmont@isp.ca!

Now run with it...and if you need some advice, just Ask Jack!

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!



Happy Holidays!



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Water & Sanitation
Rotarian Action Group



World Toilet Day is a day to take action. It is a day to raise awareness about all the people who do not have access to a toilet - despite the human right to water and sanitation. Of the world's seven billion people, 2.5 billion people do not have improved sanitation. One billion people still defecate in the open. Women and girls risk rape and abuse because they have no toilet that offers privacy. It is a day to do something about it. Want [tools to help](#)?

Design Input Please!

The Rotary Club of Oak Bay, Victoria, BC, Canada is working together with a Rwandan partner, to design and build 28 residential, composting toilets in rural Rwanda. During the last months the partner has developed a safe, sanitary, dignified toilet for under \$200. This is an invitation to anyone interested in helping with ideas for further improvements to the design and/or production. Our goal is to design an inexpensive and effective composting toilet using readily available local materials. [Read More...](#)



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Raising Funds for WASH Projects

Thinking of raising funds for a club or district WASH projects? We love to hear your ideas! The best events do more than just raise money - they raise awareness of the water, sanitation crisis too. Read on to learn about District 7710's novel approach. [Read More ...](#)

Rotary/Wasrag Webinars

Many of you may have missed this recent series of webinars focussing on WASH in Schools. We're happy to tell you that all three of the webinars were taped and can be accessed as follows:

Webinar 1:

An Introduction to Water, Sanitation & Hygiene (WASH) in Schools

[Recording Slides](#)

Webinar 2: WASH in Schools: Behaviour Change through Hygiene Education: [Recording Slides](#)

Webinar 3: Engaging Your Community through WASH in Schools: [Recording Slides](#)





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The Water & Sanitation Rotarian Action Group is a group of Rotarians whose purpose is to support Rotary clubs to effectively plan, finance, implement, monitor and evaluate water, sanitation, and hygiene programs, where they are most needed in a collaborative, cost-effective, timely, and sustainable manner, true to the principles of Rotary International. Wasrag operates in accordance with Rotary International policy but is not an agency of, or controlled by, Rotary International.

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New Projects...

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We have writers ready to help tell your story!