

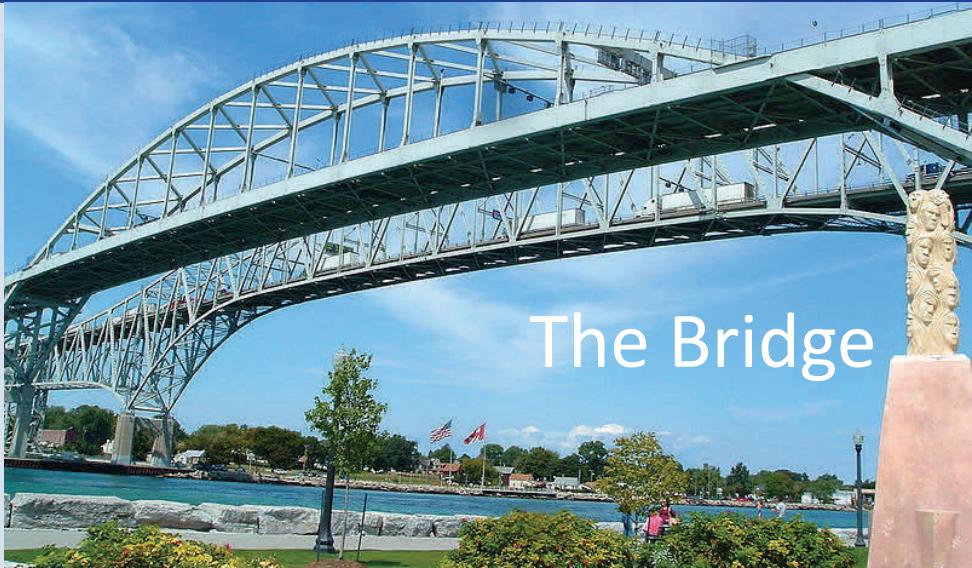
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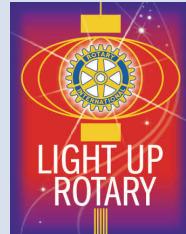
District Governor ~ Doug Burnard

February 2015



Governor Doug's Message

February is
World Understanding Month



District 6330 is making significant contributions to World Understanding through the international projects initiated by individual clubs. These are supported through the district and the District Foundation Committee, which has provided District Designated Funds in support of Global Grants.

At the present time our district is actively involved in projects in Mexico, Cameroon, India and a submission for a project in Managua has just been received. The value of the projects is almost \$300,000US and over 40 Rotary Clubs in District 6330 are supporting these endeavours via direct donations.

Our district also supports World Understanding through the Global Scholarship program. At the present time, the 2 candidates we selected for 2015-16 are busy preparing their applications to their chosen university and their formal scholarship applications to Rotary International under the direction and support of District Chair, Johnna Johansen.

Rotary International Celebrates 110 Years on February 23, 2015.

Clubs are asked to celebrate this milestone at your club meeting as our organization is well into the second century of service to local communities and the world.

Membership continues to be the area that concerns me most. At the present time we are down a few from July 1, 2014 and I urge all Rotarians to ask, ask and ask potential members to come for breakfast, lunch or dinner and make sure they know what your club does in your community. Ask them if there is a way that they would like to contribute to these projects.

The Rotary Leadership Institute (Lapeer and Sarnia) and the District Training Assembly (London) are scheduled in April and May 2015. These are opportunities to learn about Rotary, but more importantly provide an opportunity to meet Rotarians from other clubs throughout the district, exchange ideas and enjoy the fellowship that is a great strength of our organization.

Rotary International President visits London March 20&21, 2015.

This will definitely be a highlight of my year as your District Governor as we welcome RIP Gary C.K. Huang and his wife Corinna to London to celebrate 100 years of Rotary in London and in our district. There are many events planned and I hope you will be able to join us at one or more of them. See www.rotarylondon.org for details.

District Conference - May 21-23, 2015-Best Western Lamplighter, London

Registration is available on the district website. Book your room directly with the hotel. We hope you will join us as we celebrate our 2014-2015 Rotary year.

Thank you for your support for the first 7 months of my year, but remember we sill have 5 months to **LIGHT UP ROTARY** in District 6330.

Doug Burnard

District Governor 2014-2015

District 6330

February is Peace and World Understanding Month

A Message from Jim Thomas

District 6330 Coordinator for Promoting Peace

A few years ago I was working in Switzerland and on a sunny day I walked from my apartment to shop for groceries. Along the way I watched people enjoying the cafes or shopping and I reflected-this is what peace is; going about the daily business of life without fear of conflict or violence. On further reflection I questioned “what can I do as a Rotarian to share the gift of peace with others?”

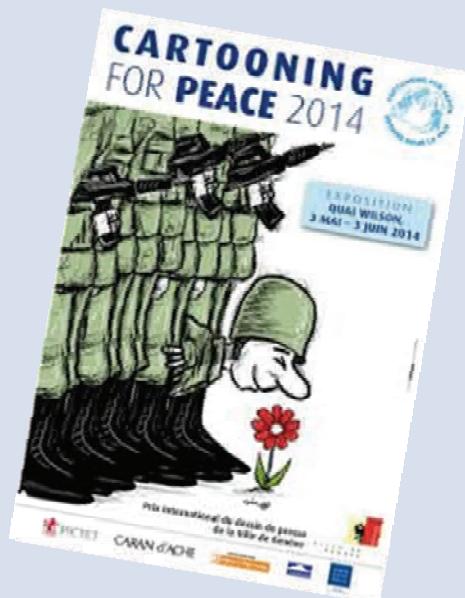
Rotary is dedicated to peace and it is summarized in the fourth object of Rotary. That object states it is an object of Rotary to advance ‘international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.’

International projects, youth exchange, international visits to other Rotary clubs and vocation exchanges are a few of the ways Rotarians can participate in activities that promote international understanding and goodwill.

Rotary promotes leadership in peace and conflict resolution through the peace fellowship program. Annually up to 100 individuals dedicated to peace are selected to study for a Master’s degree in peace and conflict resolution or for a certificate program in peace studies. These programs are conducted at six prestigious universities around the world. Graduates of these programs are expected to work in NGOs, governments, law enforcement or other peace related organizations. Graduates are working on people to people contacts between Pakistan and India, on refugee settlement, at the UN and various NGOs to reduce conflict between ethnic groups.

If you know someone in our district who has worked in community relations, the law, law enforcement, the military or an NGO with a focus on conflict resolution and who is interested in obtaining a Master’s degree in peace studies have them contact their local AG to find out more on how to apply. Candidates for the Master’s program must have a Bachelor’s degree and work experience in international work and conflict resolution.

Beyond sponsoring a peace fellow Rotarians have many options to work toward peace. Some of the options to participate in peace activities are: join a Rotary Peace Action Group, help refugees through groups such as Shelter Box, donate to mine removal NGOs, join with Rotarians in another district in sponsoring a peace study day for youth. These and other opportunities can be found at rotary.org. We can all take small steps to foster international understanding and peace.



District News

Meet Rob Jewell

AG Area 7



Rob is in his second year as AG for Area 7 which includes the clubs of Burton, Clio, Fenton, Flint, Flushing, Genesee Valley, Grand Blanc and Greater Flint Sunrise. As a member of the Rotary Club of Flint since 1995, Rob has held various positions over the years including club president. He continues his club involvement with club fellowship and program, membership development and RI Foundation work. Rob has been a staff member for healthcare and educational institutions, community based agencies and religious organizations and has provided consulting support to civic and community organizations, businesses, volunteer groups, political campaigns and neighborhood groups. He also volunteers with local charities, community events and membership with his neighborhood association. One very busy guy who attests that "You have to plant the orchard first, before you pick the fruit."

DGE Nancy Announces the 2015-16 AG's

Area 1: Ralph Sprague: RC of Wiarton
Area 2: Jim Schlatman: RC of Hanover
Area 3: Martin Ward: RC of Grand Bend
Area 4: Sue Storie: RC of London Hyde Park
Area 5: Marie Watson: RC of Sarnia Bluewater
Area 6: Terry Bennett: RC of Fort Gratiot
Area 7: Rob Jewell: RC of Flint
Area 8: Sharon Burley: RC of Chesley
Area 9: Jim Sellers: RC of Imlay City

Just Announced - The 2015-16 Theme Logo



Be a gift to the world

Help Wanted!

Area Membership Representatives!
Help an area grow from good to great!!

Assist with the most important aspect of Rotary, our membership team support, prepared material, opportunity for leadership and fellowship:

Area 1: Hepworth-Shallow Lake, Northern Bruce Peninsula, Port Elgin, Southampton, Wiarton

Area 2: Clifford, Drayton, Hanover, Kincardine, Listowel, Mildmay, Walkerton

Area 3: Festival City Stratford, Goderich, Grand Bend, Mitchell, Stratford, St. Marys

Area 4: Aylmer, St. Thomas, St. Thomas Railway City, London, London East, Hyde Park, North, South, Lambeth

Area 5: Glencoe, Petrolia, Strathroy, Watford, Sarnia, Sarnia Bluewaterland, Lambton After Hours

Area 6: Algonac, Fort Gratiot, Marine City, Marysville, Port Huron, St. Clair

Area 7: Burton, Clio, Fenton, Flushing, Genesee Valley, Grand Blanc, Great Flint Sunrise

Area 8: Chesley, Markdale, Meaford, Owen Sound, Paisley, Tara, Thornbury-Clarksburg

Area 9: Brown City, Columbiaville, Croswell, Imlay City, Lapeer

Total members 1820 active plus 113 (honourary). This is a net loss of 90 active members since July 1, 2013.

Get involved and help us grow District 6330
Contact Erin Zorzi, District Membership Chair
519 438 6787 or ezorzi@bmts.com

EMAIL ADDRESS CHANGE!

Kindly submit articles, photos or flyers for the
next edition of "The Bridge" to editor

Mary Margaret Patterson

at

dkrol@sympatico.ca

Submissions by the 20th of the month would be appreciated for the following edition.

Club News

Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise



On Wednesday January 14, 2015, President Mike Moorman presented multiple Paul Harris Fellow pins to 5 members: Jeff Bennett (PHF+3), Harold Grant (PHF+1), Connie Peters (PHF+2), Kay Schwartz (PHF+2) and Mark Schwartz (PHF+1).

Of our 28 members in Sunrise Rotary, 20 are Paul Harris Fellows (16 of which are multiple Paul Harris Fellows).

Photo-from left to right-Mark Schwartz, Kay Schwartz, Connie Peters, Jeff Bennett and Harold Grant. President Mike Moorman is behind the podium.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY ROTARY!

Feb. 23,2015

110 Years Young

Rotary Club of London North



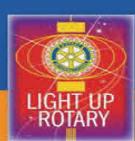
On Wednesday January 7th, the draw took place for the winner of a fundraising project by the London North Rotary Club. Pictured above from the left is London North member Lin Ndayifukamiye (seller of the ticket to his lucky buddy!), club president Margaret Cook and Patrick Ouellet, the happy winner of a \$4000 travel voucher. Congratulations Patrick!

RYE Student Sabrina

My name is Sabrina Chiuza. I am a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from Rio Grande do Sul, Brazil. I have been in London, Ontario, Canada since the end of August and it has been a really good experience. Since I arrived in Canada I have experienced many firsts, for example, I have seen snow for the first time in my life and it was very moving because I had no idea of how it would feel like and it is really pretty. I went to my first hockey game and I really enjoyed it, and went to many others after that. I went skating for the first time and to my surprise I did not fall that much. I tried a Tim Hortons' coffee for the first time and I already know that I will miss it when I go back to Brazil. I also visited many places, such as Toronto (where I went to a Blue Jays game, went to the top of the CN Tower and went to the Ripley's Aquarium), Niagara Falls (I spent my first weekend in Canada at Niagara Falls with my first host family...), I went up north to my first host family's cottage and already have trips planned to New York City and Ottawa. I love everything about Canada, even the winter that I am experiencing right now; people here are full of kindness and are always really nice to me. I could not ask for a better place to be and to do my exchange. I would like to thank Rotary for the opportunity, the Rotary Club of London South for all the support and also my host families for being so amazing and take me as part of their families and making me feel at home.



RC of London 100th Anniversary Gala Weekend



Rotary Club
of London



2015: 100 YEARS

ROTARY MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN LONDON

A Shout Out (and a reach out) to All Rotarians!

As you are aware (and our intent is to make you very aware!), President Gary C.K. Huang will be here for our 100th Anniversary Celebrations in March of this year.

President Gary is urging all Rotary members to LIGHT UP ROTARY by organizing a Rotary Day in 2015.

The concept is simple:

Hold a fun, informal event in your community to introduce the public to your Club and Rotary.

You'll not only improve Rotary's image in your community, you'll also boost interest in joining your club. We are thrilled that Rotary International President Gary Huang and his wife Corinna will be joining us for the weekend of March 20/21. This is an opportunity of a lifetime for all Rotarians in our District (and beyond) to "Light Up Rotary" and celebrate together!

WATCH FOR OUR WEEKLY BLITZ EMAILS THAT WILL BE SENT OUT TO YOU!

Let the Celebrations Begin!

FRIDAY, MARCH 20 AND SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 2015

March 20th 2015:

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE

Canadian Club, noon, luncheon RIP Gary Huang is the Guest Speaker presenting a "Salute to Volunteers". The mandate of the Canadian Club is to Share and Promote our Passion for Canada. Gary's presentation will reflect the passion Rotarians and huge array of volunteer organizations have to get things done at the grass roots here in Canada! (tickets - various prices - available at: www.canadiancluboflondon.ca)

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNITY AND YOUTH

Covent Garden Market, 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM: CTV2 London will host an Anniversary Celebration, inside, to celebrate Rotary's contribution to Rotary Square located just outside the market. Rotary Clubs in London first were involved with the creation of the Rotary Rink and will be dedicating the new addition of the Clock in the Tower.

London Knights hockey game, 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM: we will celebrate District 6330 youth including Youth Exchange, Rotaract, Interact, Global Grant Scholarships, and other scholarship recipients throughout the district. (tickets are \$20 each)

March 21st 2015:

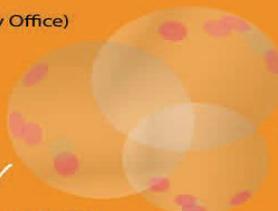
FAMILY DAY EVENT – FANSHAWNE PIONEER VILLAGE: 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

Trillium Gallery Rotary Display: A local Anniversary project, the Fanshawe Pioneer Village Rotary History display in the Spreit Family Center (Trillium Hall), documents the history of the Rotary Club of London, our Legacy Clubs and an iron lung respirator used for individuals with polio. (ongoing display)

Winter in the Pioneer Village: The 'good old days': this is an awe inspiring take-you-back-in-time experience for the whole family. It will continue throughout the year to enjoy – but get to be one of the first to see it on this great celebratory weekend.

- Horse-Drawn Wagon Rides for families through the Village
- Storefront Signage and Interpreter (Storefronts Project/Historic Rotary Office)
- Snowshoe Demonstrations and Tryouts
- Hot drinks and treats in the Village Café
- Self-Guided Tours with Visual Map OR Smartphone App
- Snowman Building Contest on Village Green
- Village Pancake and Sausage Cook-Out in the Village (yummy!)

Celebrating Rotary Gala Event!



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT GARY HUANG GALA EVENT, 5:00 PM to 9:30 PM

Celebrating 100 years of Rotary in District 6330 recognizing Legacy Clubs of Rotary Club of London, Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors and other significant milestones. We are thrilled that Rotary International President Gary Huang and his wife Corinna will be joining us for the Gala Event. This is culmination of a spectacular weekend of events and an opportunity of a lifetime for all Rotarians in our District (and beyond) to celebrate together (and get to meet Gary and his wife)! (tickets are \$100 each)

purchase your tickets today online at

www.rotarylondon.org

More Happenings

National Speaker Michael Angelo Caruso is Coming to Town

Michael Angelo Caruso, a nationally recognized author and speaker, is delivering a leadership seminar at the Lapeer High School auditorium, Thursday March 5, 2015. The program is titled “How to Engage Someone in 15 Seconds.”

The Rotary Club of Lapeer is bringing the dynamic speaker Michael Angelo Caruso to Lapeer for one night only. The evening will begin with a hors d’oeuvres social gathering at 5:30pm.. The “How to Engage Someone in 15 Seconds” seminar will begin at 6:15pm and last approximately one hour.

This program is perfect for salespeople, customer service representatives, leaders of all stripes and for those that want to make the perfect first impression. You never get a second first impression. A few of the topics Mr. Caruso will cover are how to craft an impressive elevator speech, master the lost art of compliment, present value to customers and prospects and make work fun again. Michael is well known for “working in the crowd.” He often speaks “in the round,” interviewing audience members and getting people to play with him. This will be a night to remember, you don’t want to miss it.

Mr. Caruso has spoken in Africa and the Caribbean and delivers approximately 75 programs every year. He has been educating and entertaining audiences for over fifteen years.

An accomplished writer, Mr. Caruso is author of the *5 Cool Ideas* book series, the audio book *Dear Michael Angelo-A Father’s Life Lessons to His Son* and the *FastLearnerAudio* series, a combination of CD’s and e-books for personal and professional development.

Caruso is based in Royal Oak, Michigan. His company, the Edison House, attracts clients from all the major sectors of industry and government, including Hallmark, the National Institutes of Health, Rayovac, the Barbados Ministry of Tourism and the United States Navy.

Past attendees speak highly of the training. Sandy Gorney from the Flint-based Autoliv Corporation said, “I credit Michael’s communication training with helping me get my recent promotion.”

Admission to the event is \$25.00. Business Special: Buy 8 or more for \$20.00 each. The Lapeer High School is located at 933 South Saginaw St. Lapeer, MI.

Register for the event at <http://www.lapeerrotary.org/>

For more information about this event, call Mary Jo at 810-358-7128 or visit
<https://www.facebook.com/events/859916007365206/> or www.MichaelAngeloCaruso.com



BEAT THE FEBRUARY BLAHS

Every year February rolls around - and for those of us who don't (or can't) fly south to escape the boredom and cold - there is nothing to do but impatiently wait for spring.

But February 2015 will be different February 7th, 2015 - Rotary Toilet BOWL

Chesley Community Centre - 9 am. Sign-In & Breakfast

10 am to 5 pm the Tournament “Toilet BOWL” Games

Think Curling Outdoors Without Ice, Toilet Plungers instead of Rocks,

Toilets for the House, and Lots of Potty Humour.

Breakfast, Lunch, Drinks and Snacks Available All Day - L.L.B.O. Licensed

Prizes for First, Second & Third Place Overall - Prizes for Best Team Costumes/Uniforms

Check out www.chesleyrotary.ca to register

Polio



Meet Paul Alexander, originally from Dallas Texas. At age 6 Paul was diagnosed with polio and is one of only 10 remaining people in the world still using an iron lung to help him breathe. Yet, he's also a practicing lawyer and has two other degrees.

Paul contracted the deadly illness in 1952 toward the end of a major outbreak in the United States. He was hospitalized for a total of 18 months and during that time was pronounced dead on several occasions. In one incident he had been



laid aside with other children who didn't survive. He doesn't know how long he was there before a doctor came by and re-examined him. Somehow the doctor recognized he still had a fighting chance, so the doctor picked him up in his arms and ran upstairs to place him in an iron lung.

Paul lay unconscious for several weeks before opening his eyes. He didn't know where he was when he woke up because he couldn't move any part of his body to figure out where he was and he couldn't see anything because of a plastic cover hanging over his iron lung. Only when he caught a glimpse of his mother in a small opening in the cover did he know he was still alive.

In 1971, Paul was determined to attend the University of Texas in Austin, despite always having been cared for by his parents. While his parents transported him to college, he had hired another student to meet him in Austin to take care of him before he left Dallas.

When he arrived at his dorm, the place was empty. Being the first time on his own, his parents were very leery. When his parents were leaving, his father told him if he needed anything, to use a plastic stick with a pencil tied perpendicularly to the end to dial the phone near his head. If Paul couldn't handle it, he could take the stick in his mouth, push the buttons on the phone and his parents would return immediately. He still uses the stick today to type on a keyboard.

For three days nobody knew Paul was in the dorm. No food, no water, no going to the bathroom. By the third night, he didn't know where or who he was. He was scared, especially when he heard banging coming from down the hall that night. Fortunately it was two male students moving in who finally found Paul. They agreed to take care of him for the two weeks prior to school on one condition—he teach them how to care for him. So, he did, and when the two weeks were nearly up, they helped post flyers around campus to find him more help.

Now in his late 60's, Paul is thankful for compassion shown by others like the Waxahachie (Texas) Rotarians who have helped him live as full a life as possible. Last summer these Rotarians built a ramp at the front of his home to help transport his 1,200 pound lung to and from the hospital more easily.

Paul's life story is a catalyst as the why Rotarians need to "End Polio Now!"

