



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 - July 2015

The Start of the Rotary Year

The start of something new is always exciting - and so it is with each new Rotary year. The New Year is often associated with an opportunity to change and turning over a "new leaf". It also provides an occasion to reflect - to look at the Past, Present and Future. Our lives are full of significant dates for celebrating - from birthdays to anniversaries, to holidays and milestones. And so it is with July 1st - a sort-of "New Year's" for Rotary and Rotarians. A time to look at our Clubs and District; to celebrate what we have accomplished up to today; and what we envision for our future.

PDG Doug Burnard has capably lead our District over the past year and we greatly appreciate all his efforts. Thank you Doug! And to all the Assistant Governors; District Coordinators, Chairs and Officers; Club Presidents and Officers; many "Thanks" for a job well done in serving our District this past year.

As we head in to this "New Year" of Rotary, I encourage all of you to take some time to reflect. Consider the accomplishments and challenges experienced in your club the past year. Take an assessment of where your club is now. Do some brainstorming and envision how you would like your club to be. Dream Big!

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Assembled in the District is a great Team including our District Governor Elect and District Governor Nominee; Nine Assistant Governors; District Coordinators and Chairs; - all ready to serve. You will find their names listed in our Newsletter. To all the incoming Club Presidents and Officers on the Club Team I say 'Congratulations' on your selection. I am looking forward to working with every one of you.

Our 2015-2016 RI President 'Ravi' Ravindran has chosen the Rotary theme of "Be a Gift to the World". RI President Ravi asked that we as Rotary members use our talents, expertise, and leadership and **Be** gifts to the world in this Rotary year. A gift can only have value if some part of us goes with it. One of our greatest gifts is to **Be** a Friend. Giving of your time to help others is a way to **Be** a gift. To **Be** empathetic and compassionate is a gift we can give. To **Be** attentive and appreciative is a gift that is always welcomed. All of us are unique and each one of us are blessed that we have many gifts - our talents, our vocations, our skills to share. We can give a gift of our ability, our expertise, our leadership - anything that will add value to someone's life and contribute to the betterment of our world. To quote Anthony Robbins, "Life is a gift; and it offers us the privilege, opportunity, and responsibility to give something back by **Becoming** more."

The focus of the upcoming year is to Grow. Grow our membership numbers; Grow our Rotary knowledge; and Grow our Rotary leadership talents both in and beyond our clubs. To promote Rotary through the sharing of our club activities, using the new brand, and by telling our Rotary story. And continue to support The Rotary Foundation both at the club level and personally. To **Be** a Gift.

I feel most honoured and privileged to be serving as your District Governor and am looking forward to this Rotary year. For me it has involved months of preparation; including meetings, training, and many hours of planning and organizing. So I believe I am ready. I am also excited. I am excited that my Rotary partner George and I will be visiting your club soon and meeting you. I am excited to learn more about Rotary and our District. And I am excited to see the outcome of this Rotary year as we all work together to make District 6330 the best Rotary District.

To quote a Game Show..... "Are You Ready"??? "Are you Excited"??? Let the games begin as we start this New Rotary Year. As we head out to "Be a Gift to the World"!

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've been "selected" by my club to be Club Membership Chair for 2015/16. July is fast approaching and I don't know what to do. My club seems to be depending on me but I've never done something like this before what have I got myself into? "Nervous Neil"

Jack's Answer:

Good thing you got "volunteered" to this post this year, Neil.

After Polio obliteration, Membership retention and club growth is one of Rotary's top priorities in the coming year. Membership will be receiving a lot of attention throughout Rotary, from club and Area level up through Districts, right to the top. That means you'll have lots of company and lots of support in the year to come.

As you are likely aware, the RI website – Rotary.org has a ton of information and resource material available. You can also access Membership information in the District website Rotary6330.org. The District 6330 Membership Chair for 2015/16 is Tom Robitaille and he can be reached by email at thr@cogeco.ca. Area reps are in place or being recruited to help Club Chairs like you.

A pretty good support team, wouldn't you say? You can contact any one of them, usually the one in your Area, but if your Area has not named a rep yet or if you have a personal connection with another one, contact the one whom you'd most like to hear from - no problem!

It's important to remember, you're only the coordinator.

Your fellow club members need to do their share to achieve club membership goals. Your job is to motivate, to inspire, maybe lead a bit by example.

Consider touching base with the other club Membership Chairs in your Area. The group of you can share ideas and experiences and maybe even "failures".

Remember - your club President picked you because of strengths and abilities that people see in you, that can help your club this coming year. Alternatively, your President saw an opportunity for you to develop skills that will stand you in good stead in your work life and even your personal life. This is definitely a win/win opportunity for you.

Run with it...and if you need some help, just Ask Jack.

Thomas Robitaille
District Governor 2012 – 2013

District Positions 2015-16

ASSISTANT GOVERNORS

Area # 1	Ralph Sprague
Area # 2	Jim Schlatman
Area # 3	Martin Ward
Area # 4	Sue Storie
Area # 5	Marie Watson
Area # 6	Terry Bennett
Area # 7	Robert Jewell
Area # 8	Tony Sheard (Interim)
Area # 9	Dr. Jim Sillers

DISTRICT EXECUTIVE

District Governor Elect	Diane Chantler
District Governor Nominee	Martin Ward
Immediate PDG	Doug Burnard
Treasurer	Henry Weickert
Secretary	Linda Schuyler
Insurance Canada	Todd Farrell
Trainer	Tanya Wolff

DISTRICT COORDINATORS

Promoting Peace	Jim Thomas
Supporting Education/Literacy	Cindy Dubois
Disease Prevention	Brendan Thompson
Providing Clean Water	Brendan Thompson
Saving Mothers & Children	Dr. Robbie Howlett

DISTRICT COMMITTEE CHAIRS

Membership	Tom Robitaille
Public Relations/Public Image	Lawrie Lachapelle
Club Administration	Tony Sheard
New Generations Exchange	Rosanne Field
Vocational	Jennifer Roy
District Alumni	Johnna Johansen

ROTARY FOUNDATION

Chair	Kelly Fotheringham
Sub Committee	
Grants	Doug Burnard
Polio Plus Co-Chairs	Joan Fisher
	Margaret Trainor-Cook
Annual Giving	Jim Thomas (Ontario)
	Joe Reynolds (Michigan)
Paul Harris Society	Jamie Pole
Global Scholarships	Hala Jawad

YOUTH SERVICES

Youth Exchange Chair	Claire Sherwin
Inbound Coordinator	Kenton Acton (Ontario)
	Dorcas Dunker (Michigan)
Outbound Coordinator	Kathleen Murphy
Youth Protection Coordinator	Chris Das
Conference Coordinator	Ross Barnett
Rotary Leadership Institute	Al Hardy
IT/Web	Martin Ward

District News

Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise

Ginger Virkler, Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary Club
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The Rotary Club of Greater Flint Sunrise awarded three scholarships to graduating seniors from area high schools in the Flint, Michigan area. Scholarships were awarded to:

Mariah Patton - graduated from Hamady High School and was accepted at The University of Michigan-Flint and plans to major in Physical Therapy.

Natalie Taylor- graduated from Genesee Early College and received the **Owen Fisher Memorial Scholarship** (named after Police Officer Owen Wilson who died in the line of duty in the Flint area – Officer Wilson’s mother was a former member of the Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary club). Natalie was accepted at the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor and plans to study Kinesiology to become an Orthopedic Surgeon.

Katelyn Keene- graduated from Genesee Early College and received the **Gloria DeHart Memorial Scholarship**, named after former member Gloria DeHart who passed away several years ago from cancer. Katelyn was accepted at the University of Michigan-Flint and plans to major in Chemistry.



Photo – from left to right – Mariah Patton, Natalie Taylor, Katelyn Keene.

Your Club Membership Committee

Thomas Robitaille
District Governor 2012 – 2013

In order to accomplish all of your membership goals, your club Membership committee will need a strong team to develop and implement your membership development plan. Establishing a club membership committee will allow you to track and execute the strategies outlined in your plan successfully — and involve club members in the endeavor. Club membership committee responsibilities often include:

- * Setting club membership goals for the coming year
- * Informing members about the importance of recruitment and retention
- * Developing an action plan to improve member satisfaction that includes surveying members and then initiating changes in response to their feedback
- * Conducting club assessments to see that membership development and retention efforts are successful
- * Working with the public relations committee to create an image of your club that is attractive to prospective and current members, as well as the community in general
- * Sponsoring newly organized clubs in the district, if applicable

Although the district governor is ultimately responsible for creating new clubs, your club can play a vital role in the process by sponsoring and mentoring a new club.

Additional Membership information can be found at: www.rotary.org/membership

Club Health Check

Tony Sheard
District Club Administration Chair
and Interim AG Area 8

July marks the change in Leadership for our clubs. New people and some not so new people fully enthused from the recent PETS training and raring to go to be *"a gift to the world"*. Hang on a minute, behind every successful leader there is a robust organization with clear processes and procedures....BUT how good are they?

To help determine the administrative health of our clubs I have developed a short questionnaire. The questions are illustrative and not intended to be a comprehensive quality audit of all the facets of the administrative challenges ALL clubs face. Moreover they focus on 10 key areas and are intended check your standing as sound administration is the foundation of our clubs continued success.

Carefully review the questions and then answer them by placing a score from zero to 5 under each question. If your Club fully complies give it a score of 5. If they do not comply the score will be zero. Where you are in part compliance make your own judgment on what mark to award.

Once you have reviewed your scores identify the areas in need of improvement and develop an action plan to address the shortcomings.

To assist in finding solutions there is a host of self-help material available.

For example:

- Google your question on www.rotary.org or login to My Rotary.
- Refer to the Club Admin Manual and remember each post within your club has a Manual. See your new President for a copy...!
- Refer to the Manual of Procedure
- Refer to Club Leadership Plan "Be a Vibrant Club"

Enjoy the scoring..... Of course they will all be 50!!!

Activity	Score
1. Has your club's by-laws and constitution been reviewed and updated in the past 2 years?	
2. Does your club letterhead and other written promotional material conform to the public image identity guidelines?	
3. Does your website, social media (e.g. Facebook, Twitter etc) presence fully reflect the public image identity guidelines and is the information contained on these sites current and regularly updated?	
4. Does your club have a records archive policy for its important records? e.g. Club Minutes, Foundation Grant Applications, Correspondence etc.	
5. Does your club have an inventory of its portable assets and are they checked and verified at least annually?	
6. Has your club conducted a survey of your members in the past 2 years and then implemented an action plan in response to the findings?	
7. Is your welcome pack for new members up to date and do you have a comprehensive mentoring program to help successfully assimilate new members into your club?	
8. Does your club have a Strategic Plan and/or Club leadership plan?	
9. Does your club's program include the 'Rotary Calendar Theme Months' and regular Club Assemblies?	
10. Do all your club members have a login for 'My Rotary' and is the system effectively used by the Club and the members.	
TOTAL	

Nancy Ottewell 2015-16 District Visits

Area	Day of the Week BY DATE	Date	Club	Time	
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 Marys	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	Warton	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	12:00	49
5	Thursday	October-08	Sarnia Lambton After 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

Polio Watch

Joan Fisher, Rotary Club of London South

When Rotary had the vision of a polio-free world back in the early 1980s, there were 1,000 new cases of polio diagnosed almost every day or 350,000 cases of polio every year in 125 countries. It's a debilitating and insidious disease that has robbed hundreds of thousands of children of mobility and livelihoods and has subjected families in the developing world to a source of shame.

In April, it was 60 years since Jonas Salk was celebrated for developing a vaccine to save children from developing what was often referred to as "infantile paralysis". Eradication efforts have seen miraculous strides since his discovery, but it is dogged determination by Rotary, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the Center for Disease Control and the remaining 3 endemic countries that will shortly snuff out this virus.

So far in 2015, only 27 new cases of polio have been diagnosed in the world. Twenty-four cases in Pakistan, three in Afghanistan and no cases anywhere in continental Africa! This represents more than a 60% decline in the number of new cases for the same time period in 2014. The bulk of Afghani cases over the past 12 months have been linked to cross-border transmission with Pakistan followed by established circulation. All 3 of this year's cases were caused by viruses linked to those which had been re-established in Southern Afghanistan in 2014. Focus remains on interrupting transmission.

While the limited number of new cases worldwide is very encouraging, we, as Rotarians, must continue our vigilance and financial support of seeing this disease through to its end. Otherwise, the consequences may be very grave. When instability exists in any part of the world, it creates the right conditions for this disease to re-establish itself.

Despite the decline in the virus, the scientific community recognizes that the remaining pockets of the world where polio exists are plagued by violence and poverty and are amongst the hardest places to reach logistically. As a result, medicine is still designing new techniques to service these often remote locations.

The latest development is the microneedle patch. It resembles a small, round adhesive bandage, not unlike the nicotine patch. The difference is that, when you adhere it to the skin and press down on the patch, it delivers the polio vaccine in a matter of minutes. The needles are made of very water soluble materials that have been proven successful in other medical applications, allowing the vaccine to dissolve quickly and safely into the skin. Administering the polio vaccine by this method would allow the replacement of highly trained medical professionals with minimally trained personnel who could go door-to-door, quickly administering the vaccine.

We must not become complacent in the war being waged against this disease because we truly are "This Close"!



District Governor Changeover



PDG Michael Atkins and DG Doug Burnard



DG Doug & DGE Nancy Pin Presentation



DGE Nancy Ottewell and DGN Diane Chantler



DGN Diane Chantler and DGND Martin Ward



District Governor Team
Left to right, DGND Martin Ward, DGN Diane Chantler, DG Nancy Ottewell, and PDG Doug Burnard

The District Governor Changeover/Installation Meeting - June 29, 2015

On Monday June 29th Rotarians and guests gathered for the District Changeover dinner meeting for outgoing District Governor Doug Burnard (2014-2015) and incoming District Governor Nancy Ottewell (2015-2016). The ceremonies took place at the Best Western Inn on the Bay in Owen Sound. Attending were 106 Rotarians and guests including Past District Governors and partners, Assistant Governors and partners, Rotarians and partners from various District Clubs; and special guests.

PDG Pat Voegelin was the MC for the evening. PDG Pat served as District Governor the year Nancy was Club President. Speaker was Rev David Shearman of the Owen Sound Rotary Club who spoke of some of his Rotary experiences and the importance of keeping our passion in Rotary to serve and Be a Gift to the World.

The Governor pins were then exchanged and coordinated by PDG Tom Robitaille. Past District Governor Michael Atkins presented DG Doug Burnard with his PDG pin. DG Doug then spoke of his Rotary year and his accomplishments and successes. He shared highlights about his District Governor year as well as District achievements. He felt honoured to serve as District Governor.

DG Doug then presented the DG Pin to incoming DG Nancy Ottewell; and the District Governor Home Club banner to George Gordon - President of the Hepworth-Shallow Lake Rotary Club. DG Nancy presented the District Governor Elect pin to incoming DGE Diane Chantler of the St Thomas Railway City Rotary Club. The District Governor Nominee pin was passed by DGE Diane to DGN Martin Ward of the Grand Bend Rotary Club.

DG Nancy then acknowledged the support shown her from the Area clubs and many Rotarians, and expressed her appreciation to all those who have assisted her on her District Governor journey so far. She extended appreciation to her family for their encouragement. DG Nancy shared information about the 2015-2016 Rotary theme "Be a Gift to the World" and her objectives for the upcoming year. She will be encouraging all the Clubs to plan for a strong and positive future.

The traditional "DG Survival Basket" filled with many requirements for the upcoming road trips for the Official club visits was then presented to incoming DG Nancy from DG Doug along with his best wishes.

The evening closed on a high note with Rotarians and guests heading back to their clubs prepared to begin the 2015-2016 Rotary year and "Be a Gift to the World".



Editor's Note:

Hi, my name is George Ananich and I have the honor of editing this Rotary Year's newsletter for District Governor Nancy. If there is any news from your club that you would like me to put in the newsletter, please forward it to my email address: george@h2aarchitects.net. If you are publishing your club's newsletter, please forward a copy to me and maybe I can pick something up from it.

I will, to the best of my ability, provide the best information I can. However, if there is a correction or comment regarding it, please feel free to contact me at the email address above.

Thank you and here's to another great Rotary year!