

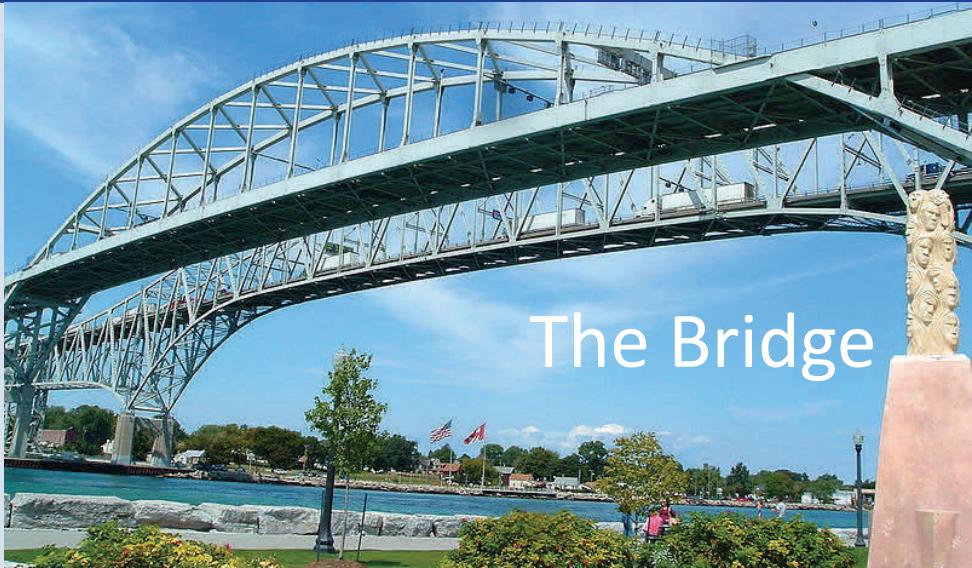
# Rotary



## Rotary District 6330

District Governor ~ Doug Burnard

March 2015

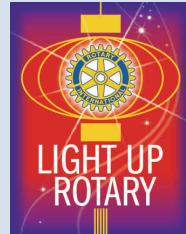


## The Bridge



### Governor Doug's Message

March is  
Literacy Month



Focus on Literacy by our District is something that we all should be proud of. During my club visits I learned that virtually every club in our District conducts at least one literacy project in their community. Many clubs do a number of projects, including dictionaries to Grade 3, E-readers, mini libraries, mentoring and reading to children.

In addition, most International projects contribute to literacy by allowing children to attend school by providing clean water, sanitation facilities, school supplies and equipment.

Make sure your Club is recognized for the literacy projects conducted this past year by completing and submitting the Literacy Award application to District Literacy Chair, Susan Storie by April 30, 2015. All successful clubs will be recognized and receive their awards at the District Conference May 22-23, 2015.

#### **Rotary celebrates 100 years in London and District 6330**

RI President Gary C.K. Huang and his wife Corinna will be visiting London March 20-21 and the Rotary Club of London has arranged a full weekend of Rotary Days activities. Please refer to their website and plan to attend as many of the activities that you can.

One of the goals of the Gala committee is to have 100 or more District Rotarians achieve their PHF or the next level PHF during this Rotary year and to attend the Gala and be introduced to RIP Gary, who will personally thank you for your contributions to the Rotary Foundation.

As of January 31, 2015, 158 District Rotarians have achieved this goal. Please send the names and PHF level to Jim Belton, RC of London.. [jimbelton@rogers.com](mailto:jimbelton@rogers.com)...so that we can acknowledge all recipients on the program. We look forward to presenting these Rotarians to President Gary and Corinna.

#### **District 6330 Conference-May 21-23, 2015**

Plans are progressing well for the District Conference in London at the Lamplighter Best Western. Put your teams together for the golf tournament and register for the conference as we celebrate our Rotary Year and continue to **Light Up Rotary**. All registrations received by March 31st will be eligible for a draw to receive one of two \$100 gift certificates from the Lamplighter or a \$100 gift certificate from CRS Marketing toward the purchase of Rotary merchandise.

#### **Membership in District 6330**

Total membership in the District continues to hover near the number that we started with. A number of clubs have added several new members, but we have also had a number of terminations. Please continue to recruit new members but also pay attention to retaining our present members by making sure they are engaged and supportive of the things we do in our community and internationally.

Doug Burnard  
District 6330 Governor 2014-15

# March is Literacy Month

## A Message from Sue Storie

### District Literacy Chair

Rotary International believes literacy to be a “pre-condition to world peace” and suggests that clubs celebrate and promote literacy in March.

HOW?

- \* Invite a literacy speaker eg. teacher, librarian, adult learner
- \* Invite a speaker from one of your youth activities (RYLA, Youth Exchange etc.)
- \* Give an award for literacy
- \* Thank speakers with donations to literacy organizations or libraries
- \* Collect books and board games to donate to literacy groups, seniors' centres or the needy
- \* Devote 5 minutes to each meeting in March to discuss a literacy fact
- \* Launch a new literacy project

Review your club's literacy activities. Record five literacy activities and receive the District Award! The Zone Award is achieved by recording ten literacy activities! Send your Literacy Application to the Education and Literacy Chair, Sue Storie by April 30, 2015. The award application form is available on the District 6330 website.

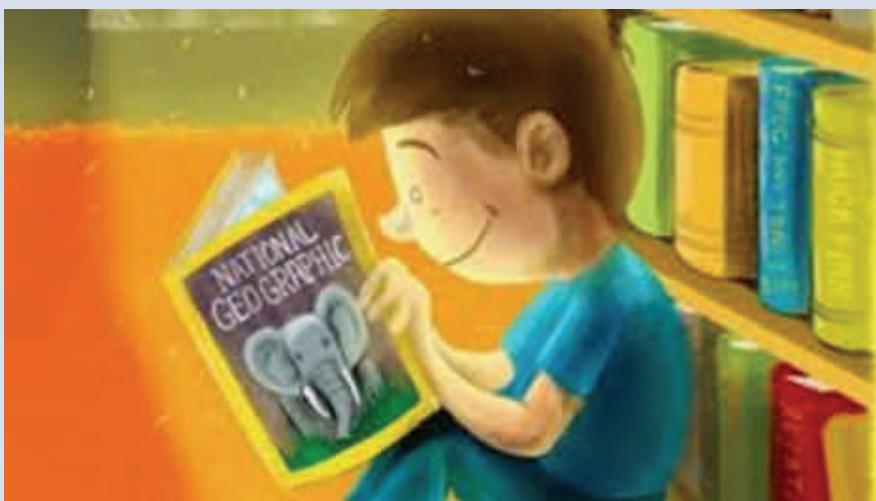
What is a literacy activity? Check out the Literacy section of the District website for ideas. There are links to 40 projects or articles at <http://www.clubrunner.ca/portal/SitePages/SitePage.aspx?did=6330&pid=97137>.

Don't forget to record your participation in Youth Exchange, RYLA (Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders), Adventure in Citizenship., science fairs, bursaries and graduation awards and educational programs such as Don't Meth With Us.

See the website <http://www.nationalreadingcampaign.ca> to view studies that connect the importance of reading fiction in decision making ability. Another study examines the way that reading fiction builds empathy. According to the website, one U.S. study regarding print material versus electronic readers found that “*While the portion of people who read e-books grew in the past year, most adults in the United States opted for print editions during the same time period.*”

Rotary and the International Reading Association believe that reading gives the power to change lives. If you are looking for literacy ideas, here is the Rotary guide to literacy projects....<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/literacy-project-guide>

In 2011 Rotary International approved the establishment of the Literacy Rotarian Action Group. Join other Rotarians in learning how to make a difference. <http://www.litrag.org/page.php?id=13>



# District News

## Meet Sharon Burley

### AG Area 8



Sharon and her husband Tom moved to Chesley in 1999 when they retired. By 2000 both had joined Rotary and Sharon has held the positions of secretary, club president and now as chair of their foundation (as well as Area 8 rep covering Chesley, Markdale, Meaford, Owen Sound, Paisley, Tara and Thornbury-Clarksburg).

Sharon strongly believes that interaction between the clubs and going out to serve the area and district are major ways of developing understanding, fellowship and service. Sharon and Tom have been married for 54 years and raised three sons in the Brampton area. They now have 6 grandsons, 2 great grandsons and a great granddaughter born last March....the first girl born into the family in 3 generations. When she has the time, Sharon likes to read, garden and knit.

### Day of Giving

On January 31, the 13th annual "Day of Giving" took place in London. The Rotaract clubs of Western University and Fanshawe College co-ordinate the program and local Rotarians help out with transportation. Elderly or disabled people register to have a team of 3 or 4 people stop by at their home to assist with a household task that they cannot manage themselves. Hanging pictures, changing light bulbs, cleaning ovens are just samples of the types of assistance requested. About 60 people were helped out that day with 50 Rotaractors and 20 Rotarians pitching in to make this day another success. The clients are always so gracious and thankful for the help they receive.



## Help Wanted! Still Needed!

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: Some areas are still looking for a rep:

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

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

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

Get involved and help us grow District 6330

Contact Erin Zorzi, District Membership Chair

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#### ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

#### SHINING WATERS DIVISION (Districts 6330, 7010, 7070, 7080 & 7090)

Saturday April 11<sup>th</sup> 2015, Mott Community College, 550 Lake Drive  
Suite A, Lapeer MI. 48446 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 [gj@allanhardy.ca](mailto:gj@allanhardy.ca), 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 April 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 please visit [www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org) or contact:

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# Club News

## Rotary Club of Stratford

The Rotary Club of Stratford hosted Dr. Susan Tamblyn, former Medical Officer of Health for the Perth District Health Unit and an internationally recognized expert on pandemics, who spoke on the Ebola crisis in Africa.

Death from Ebola is prolonged and agonizing. Since the outbreak of the epidemic in mid 2014, over 7000 men, women and children have succumbed. Besides the local population, the death toll includes many local and international health care workers. International spread of the disease remains a concern today.

The main epicenter now appears to be in rural Sierra Leone where there are still 9000 cases. The fact that it has been eradicated in some African countries means public health measures are working. The WHO now recognizes that the lack of robust public health care systems in Sierra Leone, Guinea and Liberia plus unique cultural practices related to burials contributed directly to the rapid and widespread incidence of cases. WHO is assisting these countries in establishing improved health care systems so as to enable better containment of further outbreaks. Despite the challenges of fighting Ebola and the late response by the international community, organizations like Medicins Sans Frontiers, WHO, Global Medic and the Red Cross/Red Crescent are working in a coordinated effort to eradicate the epidemic. Some countries such as Mali are now free of active cases while others are seeing a decrease in the number of new cases and an improvement in the survival rate of patients. Two vaccines have been identified as promising including one developed at Canada's National Microbiology Lab in Winnipeg. The Rotary Club of Stratford has donated \$3500 to MSF (Doctors Without Borders) to support the work to contain Ebola.



## RC of St. Thomas 100% PHF



"There has never been a meeting like this," proclaimed President Malcolm Rust, in the nearly 65 years' history of this club, as all members of the club became Paul Harris Fellows. The club decided to participate in Rotary Days, doing its part to meet the London Club's challenge to local clubs to present 100 PHF's at the upcoming gala. All members of the club were introduced and pinned by DG Doug and AG Diane. The club is one of four in the District that are 100% PHF.

## Food for Thought

President Elect Phil Cant of the Meaford Rotary Club appeared before the Meaford Municipal Council to announce that Meaford Rotary has committed to providing \$12,400 to Georgian Bay Secondary School in support of the school's ongoing efforts to alleviate student hunger, and in doing so to improve academic success within the student population. The money will be used to supplement grant funding currently received by the school from the Ontario Student Nutrition Program and the Breakfast for Learning programs. The injection of Rotary money ensures nutritious food; fresh fruits and vegetables are available for students throughout the school year, and in the case of the Backpack program, during weekends and holidays for students who may otherwise go without. The money will ensure both the "Food for Thought" and "Backpacks for Learning" programs are sustained until the summer of 2016. Members of the Meaford Rotary Club will also be participating as volunteers in the program.

He also announced the club's intention to hold a fundraiser "Trivia Night" on Friday, April 10th and received Council's support by having the municipality waive the facility rental fee. Meaford's Mayor also committed to entering a team made up of municipal staff. "Trivia Night" will be held at the St. Vincent Community Centre in Meaford starting at 7pm. Meaford Rotarians hope to see you there!

# Happenings

**Rotary Club of Meaford Trivia Night**  
How smart is your team?  
A fundraiser in support of the Georgian Bay Secondary School "Food for Thought" student nutrition program.  
**Trivia Theme: Think Meaford**  
**Friday April 10th**  
Meaford & St Vincent Community Center  
Doors open @ 7pm / starts @ 7:30 p.m. sharp.  
Teams of 8-10 people - \$100 per team  
50/50 Draw / Prizes for best theme table  
Cash Bar - Bring your own snacks  
Team entry forms available online [www.meafordrotary.ca](http://www.meafordrotary.ca)  
We look forward to seeing you. All proceeds go to the GBSS student nutrition program. Charitable cash donations gratefully accepted. Tax receipts available upon request.

**MAPLE MAGIC**  
THE ROTARY CLUB OF WINTON FAMILY FESTIVAL AND BREAKFAST  
March 21, 22 & March 28, 29 9am - 1pm  
at Regal Point Eatery

**SAVE THE DATE**  
March 20 and March 21, 2015  
**Rotary Club of London**

**Light up Rotary!**  
Help us celebrate  
100 years of Rotary in District 6330!  
We are so proud to present  
OUR GUEST OF HONOUR (drum roll please!)  
Rotary International President Gary Huang  
**take action**  
purchase your tickets online at  
[www.rotarylondon.org](http://www.rotarylondon.org)

**service above self**

Taiwan

# It's a Small World We Live In

## Love in a Time of Rotary

Erynné Gilpin

Rotary Youth Exchange Student and Ambassadorial Scholar

A recent visit to Squamish B.C. revealed to me, just how beautifully small our world really is. In a visit to a family friend, we realized that her father, Allan Hardy (former DG of Southwestern Ontario) and I had probably crossed paths in our lives. We shared a wonderful conversation on the phone, and from this conversation, I felt the urge to share my deep gratitude and life changing experiences to the larger Rotary community.

On August 4th 2007, I stepped off the plane and into what would be the rest of my life. In the year of 2007-2008 I participated in the Rotary Youth Exchange in Uberlandia, Minas Gerais-Brazil. I remember the exhilaration I felt at the annual Grand Rapids conference as I slowly began to meet other inbound and outbound students, who had the same fears, cautions, but most importantly dreams about peace as I did.

I remember one by one, the inbound students were announced from the diverse countries, followed by a polite but welcoming applause. It wasn't until they announced Brazil, and I witnessed the students stand up in a roar and whip their shirts around their heads that I realized there was adventure to come. You should have seen the look on my parents faces.

Since my exchange in Brazil, I have maintained wonderful relations with Rotary International, specifically through my home club London Hyde Park; with ongoing support from Wendy Jennings and Barbara Robbins. In 2013, I was honoured to be selected as a Rotary Peace Ambassador, and studied at the University of Central America in San Salvador, El Salvador in Human Rights and Peace Education. Since then, I have completed my Master's Degree in Indigenous Governance at the University of Victoria and have just recently begun my Doctorate in the Program. I myself am Saulteaux Cree-Métis scholar mixed Filipina and Irish descent. I am passionate about the wellbeing of Indigenous Communities in both national and international communities. My current research focuses on the role of Indigenous Education as a tool of empowerment and healing with Indigenous communities. And as I told Al Hardy, "it all began with Rotary".

My exchange in Brazil exposed me to my deep desire to understand world issues and to work for regenerative peace. Rotary has not only been an integral piece to my own profound professional growth, deepened peace work and continuing academic career, but has also been a guide to something a lot more intimate: **my heart**.

In 2013, I traveled back to Brazil with Development and Peace as a participant of the UN Earth Summit. I worked as a translator at the International Conference of Indigenous Sustainability

and Self-Determination and ultimately was able to visit my host families and friends. It was also when I met Peruzzo. Peruzzo is a professional climb and outdoor living photographer who is passionate about photography as a tool to incite reflection about the relationship with self, others, spirit and the Land. He is a breath of fresh air and a care-giver to anyone who crosses his path. We are grateful for every moment that we have had since our first encounter in his (and my) hometown of Uberlandia. Since then, we have been working with creative, determined and focused love in the building of our relationship. In September of 2014, my sister and I visited him, his family, and my host families in Brazil and after a year of hard work, we were successful in receiving a tourist visa for Peruzzo's first visit to Canada and to my family home in Komoka, Ontario! Since then, we have been in Victoria B.C. and are constantly amazed of the blessing of our relationship. Although challenging and often stressful, we are working towards the next steps of Peruzzo's visa (as it has been very difficult he is unable to work), but grows stronger from these challenges every day.

Our love proves that love transcends borders, culture and distance. It is a gift we give thanks for on a daily basis. And now, we want to **offer our deepest of gratitude to the Rotary community!** Over and over again we realize the integral role that Rotary has had in my, and now both of our lives. We discuss about one day participating in the Youth Exchange Programs and hosting exchange students in our own home! Until then, we navigate the challenges of visa application and try to give thanks for the unique blessing of our time together and of the role Rotary had in bringing us together.

This is a story of how Rotary changes lives. Of how Rotary brings people together, opens the hearts of those across distance, culture and geography. I continue to reflect about the profound changes within myself, due to my time with Rotary and as I expressed with Al Hardy on the phone, continue to feel "overwhelmed with gratitude". I hope this short story touches you in some way and you continue to work for meaningful justice and transformative peace in our global community. Let us together "make a world where all worlds fit!"

Erynné Gilpin  
(and Peruzzo)

# Polio



Children play on an abandoned car near a protest against the dissolution of Yemen's parliament in the southwestern city of Taiz, Feb. 13, 2015.

Politics play a defining role in health initiatives (including polio eradication) in the developing world. The current political crisis in Yemen increases the health risks to children. With the Shi'ite Muslim Houthi militia's tightening its grip on power, UNICEF is worried that the instability will likely plunge millions of children into deepening poverty; manifested by malnutrition and disruption to education.

Yemen is one of the poorest countries in the world. Before the present political crisis, more than 60% of the population lived below the poverty line. The country is largely dependent on foreign aid. Current unrest jeopardizes this aid; without which the government will be unable to provide health and educational services.

The greatest fear is that Yemen will run out of vaccines for polio and tuberculosis if there is any supply chain disruption. It is further cause for concern as Yemen is regarded as a transit point for populations coming across from the Horn of Africa and moving on to other parts of the region, like Somalia. While there were enough supplies for immediate use, it is anticipated that the vaccine supply chain will be disrupted by mid March if the conflict is unresolved.

