

The Monthly newsletter for Rotary International District 6330

2015-2016 District Governor Nancy Ottewell

Edition

November 2015



District Governor Nancy Ottewell and her husband and Rotary partner, George.

District Governor Nancy's Message November 2015

Greetings Fellow Rotarians! The Rotary world celebrates the work of The Rotary Foundation during the month of November. We all know the mission of The Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace. Our gifts are transformed into projects that change lives with funding Grants that assist in the prevention of disease, building peace, providing clean water, supporting maternal and child health, promoting education and supporting local economies.

When considering making Club or personal contributions, it is fitting to mention that The Rotary Foundation of RI has again been awarded the coveted 4-star rating for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency by Charity Navigator, America's premier charity evaluator. We can all stand proud of this achievement of a 96.31% rating. Our Rotary Foundation is one of the best in the world.

During this Rotary Foundation Month, our District extends its congratulations to the top three District clubs for their outstanding contributions in the Annual Fund Per Capita Giving to the Rotary Foundation in the 2014-2015 Rotary year. Our thanks to:

- 1) Rotary Club of Goderich
- 2) Rotary Club of London-Lambeth
- 3) Rotary Club of Grand Bend

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Our thanks to the Rotary Clubs of:

Aylmer; Glencoe; Hepworth-Shallow Lake; St Thomas; and St Thomas Railway City.

These are the Gifts that keep on giving and doing good in our world. So please keep up the good work!

I have now completed all 60 of my Official club visits and would like to thank each and every club for the warm welcome and kind hospitality. I met with all 60 Club presidents and their Boards and greatly appreciated the opportunity to hear more about the Club works and how our District Clubs serve their communities both locally and globally. And a big 'Thank you' is extended to all the Assistant Governors for their assistance in organizing my visits. George and I have enjoyed every single visit enormously. We look forward to the opportunity to see all of you again soon. If there is any way I can assist at your meetings or events please contact me.

George and I also appreciated the opportunity to attend two of the District PolioPlus fundraisers. The Pasta for Polio dinner held in Marysville attended by all clubs in Area 6; and one of the World's Greatest Meals hosted by the Walkerton Rotary Club with Clubs attending from Area 2. A great time enjoyed by all and the funds raised for Polio will increase with the matching dollars available.

During my Official visits with the Clubs I have been encouraging you to $\underline{\text{Grow}}$ - not only in numbers - but growing your Rotary knowledge and Leadership skills. The Rotary Leadership Institute is being offered on Saturday November 14^{th} in Stratford. There so more information provided in our Newsletter and on our District website. For those of you who are interested in attending please register as soon as possible.

I also encourage Club to share any interesting events or happenings in our District Newsletter along with any pictures. That way we are all kept informed of the great activities going on in our District.

Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate and reflect on our many blessings. Celebrated in Canada in October and in the United States in November - it give us an opportunity to give *Thanks* for our many gifts.

Continue to keep up the good work of Rotary in your Club to "Be a Gift to the World'!

Yours in Rotary Service

Nancy



District News

Rotary Club of Mildmay

Bob Harrison, Contributor

The Rotary Club of Mildmay held its annual Governor's Night in the Mildmay 55 Plus Room on Wednesday, October 21st. The new District Governor Nancy Ottewell had the pleasure of presenting an award to Art Albert for his 60 years in Rotary. "One of the joys of the District Governor's visits," she said, "is meeting each Club's members and their spouses, and I was particularly looking forward to meeting Art." She congratulated him and thanked him for his many years of service to Rotary. "It is a testament to the worth of an organization," she added, "that members are so dedicated to making a difference in our community."

Art, 85, became a Rotarian in 1955 after moving here from North Bay. He is a valuable asset to the Club, and is a Paul Harris Fellow Plus One. Over the years, he has done just about everything for Rotary including selling tickets, working at the Road Toll and work bees at Rotary Park, arranging flowers to be sent to ailing members and their spouses, and calling members to get attendance numbers for Club meetings. He also found time to serve 12 years on Municipal Council and was Council Reeve. He has four children; Bonnelynne, John, Steve and Barb, and 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. His wife, Marg, passed away last December.

Mildmay Club President Dawn Kennedy introduced Assistant Governor Jim Schlatman who outlined DG Nancy's achievements in Rotary. She has been a member of the Hepworth-Shallow Lake Rotary Club since 2001, and served as President in 20062007. She also served as Assistant Governor in the District Area 8 from 2010 to 2013.

She and her husband, George, who was Nancy's Rotary sponsor, are Multiple Paul Harris Fellows, Sustaining Members, and Major Donors. They live in Owen Sound and have three adult children - two daughters and one son; as well as one granddaughter and three grandsons.

DG Nancy began her keynote speech by referring to 2015-2016 RI President 'Ravi' Ravindran's theme -"Be a Gift to the World", and encouraging Members to use their talents, expertise, and leadership to make a difference, not only in their community but globally.

"The focus of the upcoming year is to Grow," she said. "Grow our membership numbers; Grow our Rotary knowledge; and Grow our Rotary leadership talents."

She encouraged the Club to share Rotary with others in their community by including them in our Club's activities.

She reminded everyone that the fight against polio is not over, even though it has been eradicated in almost every country in the world, and encouraged Members to continue supporting PolioPlus.

In closing, DG Nancy reminded members about the District Conference in Owen Sound on June 9-11 2016, and said: "Be a gift, be extraordinary, this is our time." Club President Dawn then made a donation on behalf of the Club to Polio Plus in the name of DG Nancy.



Art Albert is presented with a special award for his 60 years in Rotary. He is flanked by District Governor Nancy Ottewell (right) and Mildmay Club President Dawn Kennedy.



District News

St. Thomas Railway City Rotary Club

Diane Chantler, DGE, District 6330

Focus was on fun and fellowship during the Area 4 Picnic, and the St. Thomas Railway City Rotary Club showcased just how family-fun Rotary can be by involving their informal Kid's Club made up of member's children. For two weeks prior to the Area 4 event the STRCRC Kid's Club rehearsed with Rotarian Eleanor Robson, and to close out the Rotary Fun Day Events they performed a choreographed and costumed rendition of the song YMCA. Family involvement is the future of Rotary, and judging by the smiles on both the faces of the Rotarians in attendance and the kids performing, Area 4 is achieving their goal. Rotary achieved FUN, and the kids can't wait until next year!



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

Rotary Alumni Reconnect

RE-CONNECTING WITH ROTARY SCHLARSHIP ALUMNI

By Johnna Johansen, Rotary District 6330 Alumni Chair

October 1 - 8, this year was designated as Rotary Alumni Reconnect Week. As Alumni Chair, I contacted the nine scholars who had been sponsored by Rotary District 6330 in the last ten years and asked them to answer several questions in order to relay their information to our members. Many of the scholars replied and I plan to forward their information to The Bridge Editor to be included in future editions of our monthly newsletter.

Noel Dekking, Ambassadorial Scholar, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Owen Sound, ON

Year of Scholarship? 2009-2010

Where did you study? I studied at a university in Quito, Ecuador, called Universidad San Francisco de Quito, a programme that is affiliated with the University of Calgary.

<u>What did you study?</u> I studied for a Master of Science Degree in Sustainable Energy Development. The programme focused on the implementation of environmental, social, community development, and stakeholder engagement strategies to reduce the impacts energy and natural resource extraction projects. We studied both "traditional" hydrocarbon based energy production as well as renewable energy solutions.

<u>How the scholarship year "changed you"?</u> Most importantly I met my wife, Jenny Zambrano, while living in Ecuador. We just recently moved to Canada after living together for 5 years in Ecuador. I also ended up working in the solar energy industry for 3 years down in South America, developing industrial scale solar projects. For a time, I worked with a community conflict resolution company that implemented stakeholder engagement programmes for mining companies in Ecuador.

<u>What are you doing now?</u> I'm currently finishing my last semester at Osgoode Hall Law School. I will be working for Norton Rose Fulbright Canada for my articling, and hope that my access to this global legal practice will grant me more opportunities to work in South America.

<u>Future plans?</u> I plan to continue to work on large-scale project development in emerging markets, with a focus on not only investment opportunities but also participatory community development and government institution building.

I might be able to make the Annual District Conference in Owen Sound in June, 2016Conference, although that's in the middle of my bar exams (time will tell).

Thanks for your email! Noel

Polio Watch

Joan Fisher, Rotary Club of London South

Civil surgeon Ramashish Kumar ordered an investigation in India's Bihar State's Vaishali District after a child died and six others fell ill in June after allegedly being administered polio drops. The children had been admitted to a local hospital after suffered from vomiting and diarrhea after the polio vaccine had been administered.

An 8 year old boy in Laos recently suffered paralysis after being administered the live polio vaccine by oral drops and succumbed to the illness five days later. While extremely rare, these cases of what the medical community refers to as "circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus" do occur. So far in 2015, the World Health Organization (WHO) has identified a total of 14 cases in Madagascar (9), Nigeria, Guinea, the Democratic Republic of Lao and the Ukraine (2) of children who have acquired the disease through vaccination transmission.

The WHO explains that, "the oral polio vaccine contains a weakened virus, and when a child is immunized the virus replicates in the intestine and is excreted by the individual. In places where there are sanitation issues, this virus can infect others in the community before dying out". While it is very disturbing to the WHO when a child acquires the disease through prevention attempts, it emphasizes that the benefits far outweigh the risk of vaccine-derived polio infections.

To mitigate these circumstances from occurring, all countries using only the oral vaccine are being required by the World Health Organization to introduce at least one dose of the inactived polio vaccine (IPV) [administered by injection] into the routine immunization system by the end of 2015. IPV has been proven to boost the immunity of children and increase the efficacy of the oral polio vaccine (OPV).

To date in 2015, only 51 new cases (13 in Afghanistan and 38 in Pakistan) of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) have been reported. We are well on our way to total eradication!



Meet three of our ROTARY District Assistant Governors 2015-2016



Sue Storie
Assistant Governor
Area 4

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

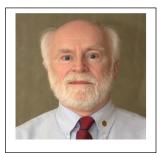
After retiring from Bell Canada, Sue Storie joined the Rotary Club of London Hyde Park in 2006. She is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow, Past President and current Vocational, New Generations and Literacy Chair. At the request of a fellow Rotarian Sue brought the Dictionary Project to her club and then to Area 4. Sue read an article in the London Free Press stating that the number one indicator in the family home that predicts whether a child will go on to further education is a dictionary, and she is always willing to discuss this factor!

PDG Tom Robitaille honoured Sue by asking her to be Literacy Chair in 2012. As a result of this opportunity, Sue has been a guest at many clubs in the clubs, met passionate Rotarians and realized the many ways that District 6330 cherishes literacy. Thank you PDG Tom!

Sue and her husband Rick have been married for 41 years. Both are active members of Toastmasters in London, and Sue is a past Area and Division Governor serving an area around London, Sarnia, Woodstock, Goderich and St Thomas. Both are previous recipients of the London Council for Adult Education Learner Award, nominated by Toastmasters.

Sue is a life-long learner, studying part-time at Western University, while working part time at a major bookstore. Sue's hobbies include reading and scrapbooking.

Sue is looking forward to learning more from the District executive and all of the clubs in Area 4.



Rob Jewell
Assistant Governor
Area 7

Clubs:
Burton, Clio, Fenton,
Flint, Flushing,
Genesee Valley, Grand
Blanc, Greater Flint
Sunrise

Rob has been an active member of the Rotary Club of Flint since 1995. He has held various leadership positions over the years. In addition to his role as a member of the Board of Directors, he served as President from 2002-2003. He received his Paul Harris Fellowship in 2003. His Committee assignments have included World Community Service and Membership Development. He continues his Club Committee involvement with Rotary International Foundation, Club Fellowship and Program. Rob established a speaker program involving the leadership of the City of Flint, Genesee County, State of Michigan and their United States Congressman providing an annual update to Club members. Additionally, he oversees local elected candidate forums as well as arrangements for speakers who play a key leadership role in the community. He continues to invite a variety of guests and sponsor new members to the Club

A seasoned professional, Rob has been "bringing ideas to life" by organizing and coordinating resources, developing programs, raising funds, enhancing the professional lives of others and promoting new possibilities. Rob has been a staff member for healthcare and educational institutions, community—based agencies and religious organizations. He has provided consulting support to civic and community organizations, businesses, volunteer groups, political campaigns as well as neighborhood groups.

His civic involvement in the Flint and Genesee County community is well-known. Rob is proud of his membership with the City of Flint Planning Commission and the on-going task of implementing the recently adopted City of Flint Master Plan. Not to be over looked are his volunteer efforts with local charities, community events and membership with his neighborhood association.

Rob looks forward to his third year as an Assistant Governor. He is known for his efforts in building for the future. Many will attest to his commentary: "You have to plant the orchard first, before you pick the fruit."

Meet three of our ROTARY District Assistant Governors 2015-2016, cont.



Martin Ward
Assistant Governor
Area 3

Clubs: Festival City Stratford, Goderich, Grand Bend, Mitchell, Stratford, St. Marys Martin has been a member of the Rotary Club of Grand Bend for six years. Due to moves for business reasons between London and Kitchener-Waterloo over the past 30 plus years, Martin's Rotary experience has spanned various clubs in Districts 6330 and 7080.

Although his first Rotary club was London, the majority of his Rotary experience was in District 7080 in Waterloo, Ingersoll, and Kitchener Grand River clubs. Grand Bend has been home since 2009.

Over the years in Rotary Martin has served on club Boards, hasbeen club secretary, has served as club President, and has been privileged to serve on many committees at the club and district level, including Youth Exchange, GSE, District Training, and Foundation. A highlight of Martin's Rotary experience was as team leader for a D7080 GSE exchange to Iceland in 2004. With strong support from his wife Mary Ruston, the couple has hosted a total of 15 exchange students. In addition to 3 years as Assistant Governor in D6330, he served 2 years as Assistant Governor in District 7080 for the clubs in Oxford County.

Martin was born in Toronto and spent his childhood in Ajax, Ontario. Since going to Waterloo for University in 1965, South Western Ontario has been his home.

Most of his working life has been spent in the computer software business. For the last 40 years most time has been spentdeveloping, selling and implementing management information systems in agricultural businesses throughout Canada.

Help Needed - Marysville Rotary

Two meetings need to have Rotarians present to further our Rotary Missions and connect with Community Supporters--I am willing but not able due to my calendar--

Second Meeting----

Nov 7 Imlay City --Rotary District 6330 -- Foundation Grant training session--We need 2 of our members to attend so we can be eligible for District grants in FY 2016-17-- Meeting is from 9 am to 4 pm--sign up on line--District 6330

I will sign up and attend--if possible--President Art and I will be on an Island in Lake Erie--and if the wind is too high-we will not be back in time for me to attend the session-we will need two back up Rotarians--one to confirm attendance with me and one to be on call if I cannot get back to the mainland--

First Meeting---

Nov 4 6.30 pm Marysville Methodist Church--

Community Service and Support Groups This s a meeting with Lions, Masons, Knights of Columbus and the Legion---with the focus to do a community support project--I have the minutes and documents from the last meeting--I cannot attend and need one or two Rotarians to sit in the meeting and represent our club--

All Rotarians are encouraged to think about "SERVICE ABOVE SELF" and find a way to serve our club and Rotary International with a few hours of your time--

Let King Arthur (Pres Art) know of your willingness to serve our club.

Yours in Rotary, Charlie Andrews

District Membership

DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP

Thomas Robitaille, District Governor 2012 – 2013

A Recruitment Initiative – In the October issue of "The Bridge" you may recall that in our recap of membership numbers year to date, we highlighted the fact that the RC of Southampton conducted a tremendously successful Open House. This Open House event resulted in the induction of 10 new members with three additional strong potential members. The Southampton club has been kind enough to share the formula they used which other clubs may wish to consider/adopt and include in their plans to attract new members.

Showcase Rotary – Rotary Club of Southampton

On May 27th, 2015 the Club held an open house to showcase the work of **Rotary** and encourage interested people to ultimately join the club.

The objective:

To find 100 potential new members send out invitations, have say 50% attend and of that say 10% would become members.

The Result:

This objective was surpassed, 85 people attended the evening event and subsequently 10 new members have been inducted and 3 more have strongly indicated they will join within the next 18 months.

How did we do it?

The process was developed and managed through our Membership and Fellowship Committee. This committee has responsibility for, recruitment, retention, the club's program and member engagement.

The club has an aging profile in common with many clubs and at the time had a membership of 32. However we knew that several members were likely to leave in the next year for personal or job move reasons.

Initially each club member was asked to invite at least one guest and partner to the evening. Members were encouraged to think about all the people they may know or come into contact with. For example: insurance broker, banker, lawyer; teacher, nurse, doctor; people you know or do business with. A guest list was established and reviewed by the Committee to ensure that the potential guests had a high degree of probability of meeting the requirements of a service club like Rotary. A formal invitation using a special Invitation Card, the cover of which depicted a 75th Anniversary cartoon that the Club commissioned in 2013 to celebrate 75 years of Rotary in Southampton. The invitation was personally given to the guest by the 'sponsoring' Rotarian. That sponsor was then responsible for following up to confirm attendance.

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Format of Evening (6pm to 8pm):

- On arrival each guest was personally welcomed by the President and given a name tag
- Display Tables were situated around the room illustrating the work and projects of Rotary under the headings of: International, Vocational, Youth Community and Club Service. A Rotarian hosted each table with examples of the types of work/projects plus a take away handout.
- Complementary Cocktails and a quality finger buffet were provided for the guest (incl. Beer/wine and nonalcoholic beverages). Rotarians paid the normal dinner fee
- Guests were encouraged to mix and mingle
- Part way through the evening a Welcome and opening remarks were delivered by the President
- A brief presentation on the role of Rotary in our community was delivered using a PowerPoint of pictures of Rotary projects both locally and internationally with the theme 'Imagine Southampton without Rotary'
- The Presentation concluded with a Call to Action. 'We think you will agree The World Needs More Rotarians..!'
- This was followed by more interaction and mingling.

Follow up:

Each guest's sponsor was then responsible for making a follow up call to encourage them to come to a "normal club meeting and see what the club was like and then report back to the membership committee.

The cost of the evening including invitations, Promotional material, free food and drink was budgeted at 1,000 dollars and this was not exceeded.

Quotes:

Bruce Waechter, Membership and Fellowship Committee Chair. "I was thrilled that members rose to the challenge and went out of their way to ask their friends and contacts to consider joining Rotary. The Challenge now is to ensure the new members are effectively assimilated into regular club activities so that become fully engaged into the World of Rotary"

Pat O'Connor, Club President. "It was important to me that we carefully targeted the prospects so that we only invited guests who had an interest in the community and were likely to interested in the work of a service club"



Rotary Medical Mission Team to Dominican Republic

As you read this issue of The Bridge, a team of 24 volunteers from Stratford and London, has begun their work in Dominican Republic. Rotary Festival City Stratford and Rotary Sosua Puerto Plata on the north coast of Dominican Republic are partners in a project to give medical care to the sugar cane workers and their families in the rural villages or Bateys near Sosua. The team will do health and hygiene teaching; dental fluoride treatments for children 5 to 14; fit reading glasses to those who have close vision deficit and sun glasses for those toiling outside; medical assessments and treatments by a Physician, Nurses, Physiotherapist, and Respiratory Therapist; limited lab investigations; and full pharmacy support. The team has packed 63 hockey bags, each weighing 50 lbs., full of medical supplies and medications, school supplies, soccer and baseball equipment to treat their patients and leave behind for the villagers. Who knows, maybe they will meet the next George Bell or Edwin Encarnacion. You can follow their work with photos and stories, by visiting their blog at www.festivalcityrotary.ca and click on the main tool bar 'Medical Mission Project' or go to Dominican2015.blogspot.ca

For information or comments contact Jean Aitcheson RN at jkhsn@quadro.net

This is the OPPORTUNITY that you have been waiting for! Your change to do International Service....HANDS ON!!

We are seeking volunteers for our "Friends of Rotaplast in District 6330" trip to Sylhet, Bangladesh November 29-December 12, 2015.

Join and check out the Facebook group: Rotaplast Sylhet Banglades

Here is a video about Rotaplast: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZNaNkouOb_Q

Browse the Rotaplast website http://rotaplast.org/

Check out our last mission in 2008: http://www.slideshare.net/TanyaFWolff/rotaplast-mission-to-venezuela-2008

Most non-medical positions are filled by Rotarians from the sponsoring Club and Districts. Nevertheless, we welcome applications from anyone who is interested in becoming involved. It is important to seek non-medical volunteers whose commitment to Rotaplast goes beyond the scope of the immediate medical mission. With a limited number of spaces each year, volunteers become part of Rotaplast Alumni. As such, they help expand our efforts by creating public awareness of the program.

Available non-medical positions:

- Mission Director
- Assistant Mission Director
- Quartermaster
- Medical Records Keeper
- Equipment Sterilizer
- Interpreter
- Photojournalist
- Ward Coordinator
- Recovery Room Helper
- Patient Transport
- Recreation Therapist

Please fill out the volunteer application form as soon as possible.

http://rotaplast.org/wp-content/uploads/2014/10/Rotaplast-Non-Medical-Volunteer-Application 2015 6 .pdf

Volunteers are expected to cover their own airfare and sundry expenses. (estimate of cost to volunteer \$2000.-US)

For questions, please contact PDG Tanya Wolff pdgTanya@gmail.com

519-384-1740

Public Relations and Public Image

Lawrie Lachapelle, District Chair, Public Relations and Public Image

Did you know that **Public Relations & Public Image** is one of Rotary International's three Strategic Priorities?



Did you know that District 6330 has allocated funds for use enhance the awareness of Rotary Clubs and Rotary International?

Would you like to access those funds?

Contact your Assistant Governor to find out how.

But hurry! You only have until the end of November to apply for funds.

Ask Jack



almost anything...

about growing your club

Dear Jack.

I plan to be somewhere much warmer than here over the winter...how does such a long absence affect my membership status?

"Snowbird"

Jack Answers:

Lucky Snowbird, your problem won't really be membership standing because you can attend "make-up" meetings at clubs down south. I have great memories of some really interesting club meetings I've attended, while travelling and have even brought some interesting new ideas and insights to my "home" club. Missing meetings at your home club gradually diminishes the depth of relationships. Tweets and emails can help keep communications alive. Members even do "Committee work" remotely. Depending on the Committee you support, e-participation can be very effective. Ultimately, we're all friends here in Rotary and face-to-face is nearly always the best for strengthening friendships. Make a commitment to yourself, that when you get back, you will reconnect. Finally please don't send too many sun 'n' sand pictures. It just makes the rest of us SAD...!

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!



Rotary Club of Mitchell

RURAL URBAN NIGHT

Thursday November 26th Mitchell Community Centre Social Hour 6:00 – 7:00pm Dinner 7:00 pm

The Rotary Club of Mitchell Presents

The Premier of Ontario Kathleen Wynne





Tickets are available From: Bert Vorstenbosch Sr (519) 348-8269, Hicks House Printing/B&B Pet Supplies (519) 348-4023