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Rotary District 6380 Newsletter FEBRUARY 2018



**District Governor
Barry Fraser**

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 13 ~ 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Brighton PETS Orientation Brighton Community
Center 555 Brighton St., Brighton MI 48116

February 15 ~ 5:30-8:30 p.m.
Troy PETS Orientation Walsh College - Troy
3838 Livernois, Troy MI 48063

February 21 ~ 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Chatham/Kent PETS Orientation St. Andrew's
Residence 99 Park St. Chatham ON N7M 3R5

March 15 noon to March 17 afternoon dismissal
Great Lakes Rotary PETS 2018

April 14
District Assembly Location TBD

April 20 at 4 p.m. to April 22 at 3 p.m.
RYLA 2018 at Camp Copneconic

May 3-6
District Conference 2018
Eagle Crest Resort in Ypsilanti, MI

July 12
Meet the Governor Night
LAZY J Ranch, Milford, MI

June 23-28
Train to Toronto via rail
International Convention

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and follow us on Twitter!

Register for upcoming D6380 Events at
www.Rotary6380.org

The 25th of the previous month is the
deadline for articles and photos for the
district newsletter that is sent out on the
first of the next month.

Send to Linda May at
lindamay@ameritech.net

FEBRUARY ♥ Peace and Conflict Prevention ♥ Resolution Month

■ District Governor Barry Fraser



Did you see Jennifer Jacobson, a Peace Fellow from our district, in the February *Rotarian*? She is illustrating the idea that the Rotary Foundation certainly helps to shine light onto the dark situations of many lives.

February 23 is the 113th anniversary of Rotary! Just as in the first meeting in Chicago, Paul Harris sought friendship, connection and a place to feel at home amongst friends, it is the same way today. In Rotary, with more than 1.2 million members, we can develop friendship as part of our diverse local clubs and across our greater communities throughout the world. It is with that background we now declare February as "Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month" as a noble pursuit.

RI President Ian Riseley kicks off his first of six Presidential Peace-Building conferences across the world. Peace is appropriate in Heart / Valentine's month. These conferences will explore the connection between peace and Rotary's Six Areas of Focus plus dealing with environmental sustainability. Understanding the importance of peace to fulfill these focuses, we will educate and inspire participants to increase their Rotary service and to encourage members and non-members to explore project partnerships, through our Rotary Foundation.



Clubs and multi-club projects supported by Foundation District Grants, as well as Global Grants based on our Areas of Focus, really do place Rotary as a leader on the world stage.

This first conference is in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada featuring Environmental Sustainability and Peace, followed by Water and Sanitation and Peace in Beirut, Lebanon later this month.

Way to go! You are really, 'Boots on the Ground' People of Action 'Making a Difference' which can well extend out into the world.

Regional Membership Seminar

Districts 6290, 6310, 6360, 6380, 6400

■ Submitted by Rhonda Panczyk, District 6380 Membership Chairperson



Our Regional Membership Seminar on January 27 at Gunnisonville Campus in Lansing provided us with the opportunity to identify strategies to help build capacity for membership growth at the club level. Intended audience included district membership chairs, district membership committee members, DGs, DGEs, DGNs, district alumni chairs, district club extension chairs, assistant governors, district trainers, other district leaders. Club level leaders including Membership Chairs were also highly encouraged to attend.

The seminar included: facilitated discussion, sharing of best practices among participants, and concluded with time for team action planning by district.

Purpose:

- To understand what's working well and what needs attention to create a positive member experience.
- To facilitate networking and sharing of best practices between multiple districts and district leaders.
- To give participants the tools they need to help build capacity for membership growth at the club level.
- To identify three next steps to achieve membership growth in individual districts.

THANK YOU to our Zone 29 Coordinators, Chris Etienne and Cheryl Peterson for organizing this opportunity to bring together several of the districts in this region of Zone 29. We were also extremely happy to have Haris Sofradzija, Regional Membership Officer, with us and participating in the seminar.

THANK YOU to all from D6380 who participated and for making membership a priority!

All of our resources, to suit every membership goal, can be found at rotary.org/membership. Thank you and as always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me with questions or concerns about membership.



Participating Rotarians from District 6380

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor West
hosts the
5th Annual Michigan International Festival
Saturday, March 10, 2018



Morris Lawrence Building on the campus of Washtenaw Community College in Ann Arbor



The public, family-friendly event is co-sponsored by the
Rotary Club of Saline
with the support of other local Rotary clubs.

The Michigan International Festival draws a crowd of more than 300 people who will be entertained with multi-cultural dance and music performances on stage, dine on a variety of international foods and bid on unique silent auction items while local Jazz musicians keep the pulse on the evening. Guests of the festival will be shown inspirational Rotary videos, introduced to some of the club's project partners as well as in-bound youth exchange students from district 6380.

For more information and tickets, visit <http://mifestival.org/>

We can't wait to share this incredible event with you!
Please join us or, even better...GET INVOLVED!

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**You are invited to be our partner in Rotary for
The 5th Annual Michigan International
Festival**

Saturday, March 10th, 2018

4:30 pm - 8:00pm

**Washtenaw Community College's Morris Lawrence
Building/Towsley Auditorium**

**This is a great opportunity for your club raise \$\$ and to
connect with other local clubs and our community.**

Sponsorships ~Advertising Sales ~Ticket Sales ~Silent Auction

Your club keeps 50% of the revenue!

For more info please contact: Bryon Harvey Bryon.d.harvey@gmail.com

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INTERNATIONAL FESTIVAL

PRESENTED BY ROTARY ANN ARBOR WEST

CO SPONSORED BY SALINE ROTARY
AND OTHER ROTARY CLUBS



WASHTENAW COMMUNITY COLLEGE (TOWSLEY)
MORRIS LAWRENCE BUILDING
4800 E HURON RIVER DR, ANN ARBOR, MI 48104



SATURDAY, MARCH 10TH, 2018 FROM 4:30 PM ONWARDS



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Household Water Filters – Biosand & More Workshop – April 19–22, 2018 in Clarkston

The biosand filter (BSF) is an effective and sustainable household-level safe drinking water solution. By the end of this workshop, you will have the necessary skills and knowledge to choose appropriate filter technology and to plan and implement a successful BSF project.

What this training offers: This workshop provides the knowledge that is necessary to ensure that household water purification projects are successful through a combination of hands-on and in-class exercises covering:

- Overview of alternative filter technologies and how to determine appropriate approach.
- How to construct, install and maintain a biosand filter.
- How to successfully plan and monitor a biosand filter project.
- What roles are needed to ensure a successful project.
- How to instruct households and communities on correct usage.
- Water-related diseases, household water treatment alternatives and alternate water sources

DATE
April 19-22, 2018
Optional evening activities are offered

LOCATION
Colombiere Conference Center
9075 Big Lake Road
Clarkston MI 48346

We encourage attendees to stay at the retreat center to enrich their experience. You will eat with others active in water projects and hear evening speakers talk about their work. The costs include your room and most meals. Class size is limited. We expect to fill up so please book early.

Cost - Full workshop with room for four nights and 10 meals:

\$750 (full registration fee)
\$400 (students and volunteers)

TO REGISTER:
<http://avisionforcleanwater.org>

Send additional inquiries to
Peter Tanner
ptanner@avisionforcleanwater.org



Training conducted by: Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technologies (cawst.org)

Training sponsored by: Rotary Club of Troy Michigan (troyrotary.net)



Rotary Youth Leadership Awards 2018, the BEST RYLA Ever!

■ Posted by Jim Adams

District 6380's premier teen leadership training program is back for 2018. The RYLA Committee is proud to announce the RYLA 2018 is scheduled for April 20-22. This year's program will be held at Camp Copneconic in Fenton, MI.

Think of the change that we can make in your communities if every club sent at least two people to RYLA 2018. Make sure that your club considers sending at least two people to this life-changing program.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) is a leadership development program sponsored by Rotary. At RYLA, over 120 high school students (grades 9th-11th) from Michigan and southwest Ontario come together with Rotarians for a three-day camp and participate in presentations, activities, and workshops. Some of the topics covered during this weekend include: leadership fundamentals and ethics; communication skills, problem solving and conflict management; and community and global citizenship. Inbound Exchange Students are also strongly encouraged to attend.

Kamal Shouhayib and I would like to let the Rotarians of District 6380 know that there will be a very important Conference in Lebanon this February.

A representative of our district, **Eileen Heasley from Troy Rotary** will be a featured presenter at this conference as noted in the attached announcement for this conference.

The conference will be held at the prestigious Phoenicia Intercontinental Hotel, Beirut. The city is touted as the Paris of the Middle East and the conference will be attended by dignitaries and Rotarians from not only the nine countries of the Middle East in District 2452 but also from around the world.

We would sincerely ask if you would announce this conference to all of the Rotarians of District 6380 in hopes that other Rotarians of our district would be interested in going to the conference and support Eileen Heasley as water and sanitation advocate from our district.

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District 2452



Rotary Presidential Water/ Peace-Building Conference Draft Program - February 16-18, 2018

12:15 - 12:30 - Coffee Break

12:30 - 13:30 – Panel III – Water Education & Awareness for Community Development & Peace

- Water in the Middle East – A Human Right

Speaker: HE Mr. Ghassan Hasbani – Minister of Health, Lebanon

- Water: Health and Serenity

Speaker: Dr. Diana Hammoud, CEO – Chairman - Hammoud Hospital

- Importance of WASH in Schools

Speaker: Mr. Ron Denham, Past President of Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group "WASRAG"

- Imagine Peace in the Middle East

Speaker: HE Mrs. Pernille Dahler Kardel, United Nations Special Coordinator for Lebanon (UNSCOL)

- Water: Conflict Prevention and Cooperation for Peace

Speaker: Ms. Patricia Shafer – Rotary Peace Fellow

13:30 - 15:00 Lunch: ROLE OF THE PUBLIC PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP IN SOLVING WATER PROBLEMS

15:00 – 16:15 Panel IV "WASH": International and Regional Role in Promoting Peace

- Clean Water in Public Schools

Speaker: HE Mr. Marwan Hamadeh, Minister of Education and Higher Education, Lebanon

- WASH & Sanitation in Public Schools: Monitoring, Evaluation & Sustainability

Speaker: Erica Gwynn – Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group "WASRAG"

- Partnership & Collaboration among community sectors to achieve "WASH"

Speaker: Dr. Zahida Darwish Jabbour - Secretary General of the Lebanese National Commission - UNESCO

- Peace and Security by Implementing Sustainable Development Goals "SDG"

Speaker: MP Joseph Maalouf, Member of the Lebanese Parliament, Lebanon

- Testimonials by Student and Principal

16:15 - 16:30 - Coffee Break

16:30 – 17:15 Panel IV Creating a Water Culture

- Develop a Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

Speaker: Ms. Eileen Heasley

- Role of the Media

Speaker: Tentative

- Youth in Action & Pillars of Peace

Speaker: Tentative

- Rotary Success Story: "Securing Clean Water in Public Schools"

Speaker: Past President Nazih Ghattas, Water & Sanitation Country Chairperson, Lebanon

- Water Entrepreneur - Investing in People leads to Economic Growth

Speaker: Mr. Andre Marti, Marti PROJEKTE – CEO, Switzerland

17:15 – 18:00 – Presentation of Resolutions & Call to Action by Past District Governor Farid Gebran

20:30 - Gala Dinner & Recognitions - Venue: Phoenicia Intercontinental Beirut

10:00 - 13:30 Parallel Break Out Session – Training and Workshop for School Headmasters, Supervisors, Health Educators and Municipal Representatives to become Ambassadors of WASH in their communities.



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Celebration Zone
September 26-30, 2018
Bayfront Convention Center
Erie, Pennsylvania

(District 6380 is located in Rotary International Zone 29)



Zones 28 & 29 are preparing for Celebration Zone in Erie this coming September. We have a website (www.celebrationzone.org) that is awesome! We are putting together a program that is top notch. And IT'S GONNA BE FUN!

We're very excited about how Celebration Zone is shaping up and we want to let all of our Rotarians know how are plans are coming together and invite them to join us.

Five days of insightful discussion and fellowship.

Celebrate

- ◆ Leadership
- ◆ Life
- ◆ Success
- ◆ The World
- ◆ Rotary

PDG and incoming Rotary Coordinator, Melissa Ward, is leading the information charge.

We would like to get information about Celebration Zone out to Rotarians in every district, but, RI does not have a database with all Rotarians emails.

So, our best method of communicating is directly through the districts. I would ask that you email me (eberly7360@gmail.com) and Melissa (Melissa@newward.com) with the name and email of your district secretary and district newsletter editor.

Our goal is to send monthly information and have them send it on to all of the Rotarians in your district. We're happy to make sure that you are included in our message to the district secretary and newsletter editor, but don't think that we should ask you to be the one sending out -- I've got a feeling you have quite enough messages hitting your inbox right now!

PS - Don't forget about your district's 60-second video to be shown at Celebration Zone.

**If your district needs help, please contact
Liz Smith Yeats (elismith@umich.edu)**

or

Melissa (Melissa@newward.com)

Thanks. I hope you have a wonderful 2018.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Jim Eberly

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*Peace Through
Service*

Isabelle was an Interactor at Walled Lake Central High School where I first got to know her. We can learn much from this article she recently wrote that was published in The Michigan Daily. Submitted by Lorrie McVey – Lakes Area Rotary Club
<https://www.michigandaily.com/section/mic/filipino-american-enough>

The Michigan Daily

Filipino American, enough

Isabelle Rosales ~ MiC Columnist ~ November 8, 2017

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"That baby is so white," a stranger said aloud at the grocery store, alarmed at the sight of a dark Southeast Asian man carrying a pale baby girl. It was 1998, potentially 1999. I wish I had my own recollection of that day, but the "white baby" was me.

This day was nevertheless interesting. It was the day I became known as "the white girl" in my family, something that oddly stuck with me throughout the years, growing up as a Filipino-American kid. It was my alternate identity, like my own weird version of Hannah Montana to Miley Stewart.

Both of my parents are Filipino and came to the United States shortly before I was born. I grew up hearing them speak Bisaya (a Filipino dialect), but I was almost exclusively spoken and read to in English.

From very early on, I identified as Filipino American. But as the years passed, this identity of mine became confusing, and at times it diverged into two separate entities that clashed.

Flash forward to 2003. "Bye, my palangga," my mom said as I took my first step onto the school bus for my first day of kindergarten. At the time, I didn't know what "palangga" meant (later on, I learned that it meant "beloved"). I was reading and speaking English at a second-grade level, but my Bisaya vocabulary was limited to common household words, pet names and frustrated exclamations. Occasionally, my parents would put on "Mga Awit Bulilit," a DVD of Filipino children's music videos. I sang along to "Bahay Kubo" and "Pen Pen de Sarapen" religiously by reading the Tagalog subtitles. I never learned the English lyrics. Nor did I ever learn the difference between Bisaya and Tagalog, the most commonly spoken language in the Philippines.

In fourth grade, I sat down at the sticky cafeteria table and excitedly opened my lunch, ginaling with white rice. "That looks like dog food," my best friend muttered. "Is that Chinese? Aren't you Chinese?" a boy asked. "I'm Filipino," I said for the 100th time, not sure why I even bothered to explain it again. I knew I would be met with "What's that?" and "Can you teach me words in your language?"

"I can't really speak it," I would say, followed by expressions of disappointment. "My language" was English. How could I teach my friends a language that was practically foreign to me?

At school, I was the stereotypical Asian kid who usually did well in school, had strict parents, took off my shoes upon entering the house and ate "weird" food with a fork and spoon instead of a knife and fork.

But at family gatherings, I was the whitewashed, Americanized girl who couldn't understand Tagalog or Bisaya and was unaware of what life was like in the Philippines. My aunts, uncles and cousins would speak drawn-out sentences in Bisaya and tell me to respond. "I can't really speak it," I would say, followed by the same disappointed looks I would get from my classmates. Only these stabbed harder. They came from people who knew what they were talking about, while I didn't know a thing. Even if I slightly understood what they said, I always hesitated to respond, fearful of

butchering the pronunciations.

I already had enough criticisms constantly hanging over my head: "You need to get a tan," "Why didn't you ever learn Bisaya?" "Your hair is so thick, it looks so unkempt." I didn't care to be reminded of my other perceived flaws that made me "less Filipino."

From a young age, my fair skin, unruly brown hair and language inabilities made me feel like an outsider in my own family. To my peers unaware of Filipinos and Filipino culture, I felt like an imposter. I confused myself with the ideas of not being Filipino enough, not being American enough or being too much or too little of either.

It was only recently that I finally became completely comfortable with the identity I had assumed in the very beginning: Filipino American.

My advice to anyone else who has felt like an outsider in your family, an imposter to your friends or both: You aren't.

I know, it's really frustrating to hear your mom gossiping about you over the phone to your aunt in a language you can't even understand. Yes, it's irritating when people ask you to speak words "in your language" or ask, "Where are you really from?"

I could go on and on about the annoyances (and there are many more I haven't experienced and therefore can't speak on).

In spite of them, your identity is yours, and it can't be altered by other people's perceived notions of "less."

You are not "less" of a person because of the languages you can or can't speak, the color of your skin, the texture of your hair, the food you eat or the way you eat it.

You are your own complete person, and while you may not always be able to speak for other people who share your identities, you also shouldn't always let other people speak for you.

I am Filipino American. I eat my ginaling, sinigang, adobo and rice with a fork and spoon. I know every song on the "Hannah Montana" soundtrack, the words to "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the tune of the Philippine national anthem, among other great music pieces.

When I graduate from this American university, I hope to one day visit the Philippines and contribute to the place my parents once called home. One day, I will be able to hold a conversation in Filipino — not only to respond to my relatives' gossips about me but also to reach another population of people and connect more closely with my culture.

I am still growing and learning, but I am enough.

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Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club

■ Submitted by Brenda K. Tipton

Livingston County is the wealthiest median household income county in Michigan, yet 6 percent of the households, or approximately 11K people, are federally qualified as living in poverty.

Another 21 percent of households are “Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed” commonly referred to as ALICE and struggle to meet basic household needs which includes being food insecure.

Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club (LSRC) continually strives to improve the lives of those in our community who are less fortunate and are in need of assistance. Over the past few years, LSRC have made assisting Gleaners Community Food Bank of Livingston County a priority.

Gleaners is a vital link of available food to those who need it most. Through Gleaners, LSRC is pleased to provide Rotary club volunteers and fundraising activities where every dollar donated provides three meals and 95 cents of every dollar goes to food and programs to assist families in Livingston County.

LSRC is able to assist Gleaners in keeping overhead costs down which in turn increases access to nutritious food to those in need.



Notable accomplishments include:

- Annually over 280 LSRC volunteer hours working the 2nd and 5th Saturday of each month at Gleaners food pantry.
- 72 lbs. of fingerling potatoes planted and harvested by LSRC at the Community Victory Garden and donated to Gleaners where it was dispersed to food pantries throughout Livingston County.
- Each year LSRC hosts the annual Brighton July 4th Parade and 10K Run which generates in excess of \$10K to combat hunger issues in Livingston County.
- Over the past three fiscal years ending in October 2017, LSRC has donated a total \$49,469 to Gleaners of Livingston County

Recently LSRC was awarded a \$7500 District 6380 Grant that was turned into \$15,000 through the double your dollar Gleaner days by the Ford Motor Company in November.



The partnership with Gleaners Food Bank of Livingston County will continue to be a priority for Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club as we strive to combat hunger issues to those in need in Livingston County.

MOUNT CLEMENS ROTARY CLUB

This was posted by Rotarian Glenn Burton about the Joan Rose Foundation in Haiti, one of the charities supported by the club
From: David Palmer – Joan Rose Foundation 7-Year Anniversary Update

Hello All,

It was seven years ago in October 2010 that we first opened our doors. While eating lunch at the foundation, the other day I started to think about just how far we have come since 2010. I am going to take this update to reflect on our journey to this point.

The starkest changes are the quality of our buildings/classrooms, the behavior of the children, the quality of the education, the attitude of the children, and, lastly, our past naivety. When the JRF opened, we spoke with most of the kids and created a profile using some basic questions. One of those questions was "What do you want to be when you grow up," and almost all of the kids answered with construction worker, field hand, maid or cook. None of them could conceive of being more than what their parents were. Both they and their parents believed, on a deep level, that poverty and menial jobs were all the world had to offer them. At a parent meeting this summer we discussed how parents can set and accomplish goals with their children. Each parent created a timeline with images, and among the goals were teacher, nurse, doctor, and carpenter. Our parents and children have bought into the idea that they can be more and are working hard to make it a reality.

The space we now use is also night and day different from our original space. Money was tight when the JRF was founded and we ended up with a property that had a large play area but was really run down. Our only classroom was dark and dingy and just not a great space overall. We made due but when I walk around the foundation now and see how bright, clean and beautiful it is, I feel very proud about the experience the children are now offered.

The door to our first classroom; it was just about as dim as it looks in there.



New classroom



The behavior of the children is also night and day. That first years there were multiple fights a day, the kids were always swearing and as a whole did not listen. It was all we could do those first few months to not let some of the kids literally kill each other. I have a super clear memory of the first week. There were two groups of brothers that were having problems from day one. Each group had three boys. They were down in the play area and two from the first group started to fight with the other three brothers. The brother that was not in the fight picked up a huge rock and sneaked up on the brawl with the intention of braining one of the rival boys' head. I ran down and took the rock from him as he was lifting it over his head. Kids hitting other kids with rocks was actually the first thing we worked on since it was so common. We even differentiated between throwing a rock (less punishment) and trying to bash someone's head with a rock. Now we almost never have violent fights, kids know cursing is wrong, and generally listen when told to do something.

The classes they have at the foundation are also night and day different. Our teachers at first were really bad and I honestly just had no idea what to do about that. One of our first two teachers, the wife of the assistant director at the time, would just have kids copy the alphabet all the time. For the first week or two I thought it was the first step in a greater plan. Turned out having kids copy what she wrote down was basically her only teaching technique. It was also most Dominican public school teachers go to teaching method and good luck convincing them it isn't effective. I was trying to figure out how to teach the kids math and struggling with that, teaching teachers how to teach was not something I was up for. Thanks to Catherine the quality of education we now offer the kids is better than I could have even dreamed when the foundation started. We have our own curriculums, our own teacher training program and are able to pay as much as the top private schools, ensuring we get the best teachers around. As the Haitian education system is better than the Dominican system there is also a better talent pool to draw from. With all of these improvements many of our children will be ready for college when that time comes. The vast majority of our families have not even had a member graduate high school in the last few generations.

Reflecting on where I was personally or mentally is also pretty stunning. I had lived in the developing world for the better part of three years but I had not been as involved in truly impoverished people's lives as we became upon starting the foundation. I knew some things, like the fact that a ton of kids go days without food regularly, but had not internalized what that meant or just how common it really is. Other things, such as how impoverished pre teen and early teen girls are treated I knew even less of. I was never fool enough to think that local wealthy people or governments would help but I also did not fully realize how much of a target we would be.

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The reality of poverty is harsh and most NGO workers who go abroad to help don't last. That being said most things worth doing are hard and you have to learn to deal with these harsh realities if you want to operate effectively. Seven years of experience has certainly helped Catherine and I develop into more effective leaders for the JRF.

Our goal from day one has been to provide our children with the opportunity to succeed in life. This has been a real challenge but with your support we have made tremendous progress toward the goal and are closer than ever to making it a reality.



**Glenn Burton and Nancy Dedenbach are going on a
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