

# Rotary District 6380 Newsletter

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Henry Dotson
District Governor
2015-2016

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR Details at

Details at http://rotary6380.org

2016 District Conference 11 a.m. May 13 to 2 p.m. May 15 Chatham, Ont.

June 29
Meet the
Governor Night
Michael Angelo
Caruso
6–10 p.m. Detroit
Yacht Club Belle Isle,
Detroit MI

August 16
Young Professional
Leadership Forum
7:30 a.m.-4 p.m.
Oakland University

September 12 Ann Arbor Rotary Centennial Celebration

April 1, 2017 The Million Dinner Marriott Eagle Crest Hotel

# 2016 District 6380 Conference – May 13-15 John D. Bradley Convention Centre 565 Richmond Street – Chatham, Ontario N7M 1R2

Friday, May 13 - noon to 10 p.m.; Saturday, May 14 - 9 a.m. to 10 p.m.; Sunday, May 15 - 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **REGISTER AT WWW.ROTARY6380CONFERENCE.INFO**

- Registration at \$325 until April 29.
- Late registration additional 10 percent April 30 to May 12.
- Onsite registration on a space-available basis for an additional 25 percent May 13 to 15.

This is an international conference; registration payment in USD, hotel accommodations in CAD. Travel documents are required to cross the U.S.-Canada border. See the website for conference information and schedule, hotel accommodations, information on required travel documents.

Room rates approximately \$125 per night.



The conference is a great opportunity to join District Governor Henry Dotson and celebrate all District 6380 has achieved in 2015-2016. We will toast our accomplishments at the Friday night Beach Party and continue the celebration on Saturday at our cocktail reception followed by dinner and entertainment.

This year's conference offers an outstanding combination of information, inspiration, and entertainment. You will hear from exceptional speakers and learn something new in breakout sessions. There will also be time to browse booths

in the House of Friendship to learn about exciting projects Rotarians in District 6380 are doing in our communities and communities around the world. For information and a complete schedule of activities, go to: www.rotary6380conference.info

#### **CONFERENCE PACKAGES include:**

Full Conference Package | \$325 USD per person

Saturday and Sunday Conference Package | \$205 USD per person

Friday Conference Package | \$140 USD per person

Club President and President-elect with Spouse/Partner Package | \$425 USD

Member and Spouse/Partner Package | \$600 USD

See more at: http://rotary6380.org/Stories/district-conference#sthash.FR28pRd8.dpuf

# Come to the District 6380 Conference submitted by Jan Loch

he fun gets in high gear on Friday night with a beach party. The night features a picnic dinner, beach party music presented by one of Chatham's favorite DJs, and \$2 rum punch. The Rotary content features four of our own district scholars, two district-wide projects, our Youth Exchange students, and highlights many area club projects.

The conference features four of our own global scholars. Friday night's global scholar Dr. Vinay Gupta talks to us about the impact his scholarship had on him and what it has done to enhance his career. YOU have had a hand – with your Foundation donations – to change lives as his was changed!

Saturday morning is the alwaysfantastic Youth Exchange presentation. Saturday afternoon is free time. You may want to enjoy a nap back at the hotel, or visit the hospitality suites in the Holiday Inn Express, one of which Jan and Merle Loch will be hosting.

You may want to tour Historic



Downtown Chatham. Tour #1 starts with the beautiful Capitol Theatre. Wander down to the veranda to get a little bit of history then cross over the street to Regine's Fine Chocolate for some decadent samples. Then it's over to The Paper Pickle where you can design a handcrafted card for a loved one. You will work with rubber stamps, stencils, decorative papers and more. Beginners welcome! All supplies and a delicious cupcake offered from Homebaked Kitchen Company are included with your registration fee of only \$10.

Or for those who are into cars, there will be Tour #2 to RM classic cars. This is where Jay Leno gets his cars detailed. Because RM is an ongoing business, we can't guarantee what cars will be there or how many, but you can be assured

that there will be cars from the 1920s to recent models. This tour is a private tour for conference attendees and friends only. RM is no longer open to the public. You must register for this event. The cost is only \$10. We do need a minimum number of people for each outing. Your reservation must be received by Wednesday, May 11.

Conference rate on the hotels: after April 18 there were no guarantees on rates or availability. Go to rotary6380conference.info. for information on hotels, to register for the conference and to sign up for the tours.

Also, Stephanie Christensen, executive director ShelterBox Canada will be one of the featured speakers on Sunday morning to bring us up to date on the situation in Ecuador and will join us Friday night for dinner and the weekend. Take time to meet her and learn about the great things happening in ShelterBox.

If you have never attended a conference this would be a great FIRST for you! Conferences are such a great realization about what is really means to be a Rotarian and not just a member of a luncheon club!









## ABCs of Rotary: Choose the avenue that's right for you

Submitted by Cliff Dochterman and Dan Romanchik

liff Dochterman, the 1992-1993 RI president, wrote a series of short articles about Rotary that he published in the Rotary Club of North Stockton (CA, USA) *Wheelbarrow*, their weekly newsletter. The pieces shared interesting facts about Rotary, and in response to requests from other Rotary clubs, the articles were reprinted in collected form. Here, I've added a few personal remarks to Cliff's observations on the avenues of service. – Dan

#### The Five Avenues of Service

The term "Five Avenues of Service" is frequently used in Rotary literature and information. Although the Avenues of Service are not found in any formal part of the constitutional documents of Rotary, the concept has been accepted as a means to describe the primary areas of Rotary activity. The "avenues" correspond to the five elements of the Object of Rotary:

Club Service
Vocational Service
Community Service
International Service
New Generations Service

Club Service includes all of the activities Rotarians perform to make their club function successfully.

Vocational Service is the opportunity each Rotarian has to represent the dignity and utility of one's vocation to the other members of the club.

Community Service activities are those that improve the quality of life in our community. It frequently involves assistance to youth, the aged, handicapped, and others who look to Rotary as a source of hope for a better life.

International Service includes the many Rotary programs and activities advance international understanding, goodwill, and peace. International Service projects are designed to meet humanitarian needs of people in many lands.

New Generations Service describes Rotary's goal of being an example to youth and helping them reach their full potential. New Generation Service programs include Interact, Rotaract, IYE, RYLA, RYPEN and all other programs that target people from birth up to age 30.

#### Choosing the right avenue

Personally, I am inclined toward club service, vocational service, and community service. I have, for example, served on our club's Program Committee since I joined the club, and served as committee chair for two years. I have also served on our Community Allocations Committee, have volunteered for tree planting duty, worked our golf and tennis outing, and am now using my skills as a writer to contribute these articles to the my club newsletter, the *Harpoon*, and the district newsletter.

To be honest, I've tried some other committees but found that they just weren't right for me. Working on those projects was a chore, and a result, the results were less than satisfactory. It wasn't a mistake to try them out, but I now know that those avenues of service are just not for me.

By choosing the service opportunities for which you are most suited and for which you are most passionate, you'll get the most from Rotary, and those who are served will get the most from you. Fortunately, Rotary provides ample opportunities along all five avenues, and when everyone contributes what they can, we do some amazing things.

Dan Romanchik is a member of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club, a member of District 6380's Membership Committee, and a facilitator with the Great Lakes Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute. You can reach him at dan@danromanchik.com













# Meet-the-Governor Night with Michael Angelo Caruso 6-10 p.m. June 29

Social hour at 6 p.m.; Dinner at 7 p.m.

Detroit Yacht Club

1 Riverbank Drive (on Belle Isle)

Detroit MI 48207

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\$65 - Online Registration for Members & Guests http://rotary6380.org/event/e9922d66-5491-4e84-8846-25d0b2984bd4/

from Karen Gabrys:
Come meet and welcome our incoming District Governor.
If you already know Michael, you're aware that this will not be your typical Rotary event!

Our awesome Assistant Governors are hosting this event - Aleia MacDonald, Nick Casteel, Sparky Leonard, Don Jackson, Sarah Lee, Nick Casteel, Bryan Clark, Christine Winans, Rhonda Panczyk, Alan McLellan, Aleia MacDonald, Mike McManus and Paul Schissler. There is an '80s theme, because Mr. Caruso's first "job" was in a touring rock band during the 1980s. You'll LOVE the vintage music, photos and videos. And wait 'til you meet Michael's "special guests."

No blue jeans; men should wear a jacket. Some Rotarians will be in costume. Let's face it, some of us still dress like the '80s. :-)

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Come honor the past as we plan the future, starting with the 2016-17 Rotary year.

Everyone welcome!

A public event sponsored by District 6380!
Really great party! Beautiful venue! Ice
cream bar! Entertainment and music! At
least twice as many attendees as past
years! Meet potential Rotarians! Start our
new Rotary year in grand style!

# "ROTARY WORKS for PEACE" CONFERENCE MARCH 31-APRIL 1, 2017

■ Submitted by Rosemarie Rowney, Rotary Club of Ann Arbor



peace conference for all of us!
Rotarians interested in working for peace are invited to come together with those already engaged in the field.

The "ROTARY WORKS for PEACE CONFERENCE" will discuss how Rotary and Rotarians can prevent and mediate conflict. Solutions that address the underlying causes of conflict such as poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education and unequal distribution of resources will be discussed.

A two-day event hosted by the Rotary clubs and districts of Michigan and Northern Indiana will be held at the Michigan League on the University of Michigan campus, Ann Arbor, Michigan. Leaders and scholars will be invited from academia, health care, public safety, government, business and religion with expertise to discuss these complex issues.

Peace is more than just ending wars. To truly bring about peace, we must address the underlying issues such as poverty and hunger, violence in our neighborhoods, illiteracy, human rights, conflict resolution and involving the younger generation in peace and conflict resolution.

This is a unique opportunity for Rotarians in our area to get involved in Rotary's Peace Efforts. Help organize the Peace Conference through individual and Club participation on the Organizing Committee. You can volunteer to be involved in overall planning, soliciting speakers, conference venue management, publicity, fund raising and many other aspects of the conference organization. Won't you join us?

Contact Ashish Sarkar President, Rotary Club of Ann Arbor adsarkar@comcast.net

Rosemarie Rowney Rotary Club of Ann Arbor rrowney@comcast.net

## Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club

Submitted by James Watters

Prenda K Tipton, the president-elect of the Livingston Sunrise Rotary Club, received AT&T's Gold Award for the fourth year in a row.

Livingston Sunrise Rotary members investing in the community through service, following the club motto "Service Above Self" AT&T announced their 2015 President's Volunteer Service Award winners.

To earn the national honor, employees must have volunteere d 100 or more hours in



Brenda K. Tipton

2015. An employee who volunteered more than 500 hours received the corporation's Gold Award.

Volunteer hours are made in Education & Technology, Environment, Military, and Civic & Community Service.





## & The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North Present our:

## **Second Annual RCAAN Golf Invitational**

June 4, 2016

8:00am Registration

9:00am Shotgun

18 Holes of Golf with Cart, Hot Dog, Pop, and Chips at the turn

2:00pm Steak Dinner (Cash Bar)

Cost - \$100 per golfer - \$400 per foursome

\$45 for dinner only

Fun events including:
Hole in One Contest!
Putting Contest!
Great Prizes / Raffles

Sponsorships still available:

Cart Sponsor - \$750

Hole in One Sponsor - \$300

Putting Green - Sponsor \$250

Closest to Pin - \$250

Longest Drive - \$250

Hole Sponsor - \$150

The Polo Fields Golf & Country Clubs
2955 Packard Rd
Ypsilanti, MI 48197



**Lunch Sponsor:** 



Please contact Matt Copeland at (734) 674-9327 for more information or to register for this great event.

# THE ORTONVILLE ROTARY CLUB

hosts author, public speaker, and hospice volunteer

## RON GRIES

JUNE 14 at 6:30 P.M.

Brandon Township Library • 304 South St., Ortonville MI 48462

In the Community Room

When the diagnosis of terminal cancer was given to Patty Gries in September of 1993 a four-and-a-half year journey was begun that brought to vivid consciousness the precious nature of life, the caring people of hospice, the sadness

of death, the totality of grief, the wonder of healing and the overriding power of faith. Throughout the ordeal Ron wrote as he was so strongly affected by the experience, leading to the publishing of his book, "Through Death to Life" where he shares that most personal writing, and to a ministry of helping others.

Profile of Ron Gries - For 16 years Ron has spoken throughout Michigan to a variety of organizations and grief support groups, educating, encouraging, consoling and sharing his story of triumph over adversity while promoting hospice care. He is now in his 19th year of hospice volunteering. Ron's speaking engagements have included the following: Programs at more than 20 hospices where he has done the following: workshops for the entire staff; grief support programs including a "handling the holidays" program; memorial services; volunteer training; volunteer award gatherings; nine programs at the former annual Hospice and Palliative Care Association of Michigan conference including the keynote speech in 2004 for 309 attendees; educational programs for Madonna University hospice students for the past 14 years; lay minister training for the Diocese of Saginaw for the past 14 years; conferences on end-of-life care and nursing week programs; grief support programs for churches, funeral homes, and Gilda's Club; community speaking for civic groups such as Rotary clubs and Optimist clubs

Ron has had many of his poems published in Bereavement Magazine. Andrea Gambill, Editor of Bereavement Magazine, offered this endorsement of

"Through Death to Life.": "This eloquent collection of poetic writing allows a glimpse into the very soul of love. Rich in the pictures of a life well-lived and much loved, it is a victory over the ashes of grief. Ron has the ability to express the feelings we all carry deep in our hearts, and when our own words elude us, his gift restores our focus and enriches our souls. This elegant memoir reminds us that peace and love and joy persist — even in the darkness of unthinkable sorrow. A superb piece of

Letters from two of many who were helped tremendously by Ron's book include these. "You have left footprints on my heart with your beautiful book. Thank you Ron for putting some color back into my life where

writing."

there was only black and white." ~ and ~ "Your heartfelt writing is not only illuminating and therapeutic but it has helped me immensely in dealing with bouts of grief and loneliness."

Ron is a retired engineer living in Bloomfield Hills,
Michigan. In addition to his speaking engagements and
writing he stays busy playing tennis, a game he is
passionate about, following his favorite sports teams and
volunteering with hospice.

Contact him at 248-335-7725 or at griesron@comcast.net

# RICHMOND ROTARY GOLF OUTING

## **ENTRY FORM**



### **Golf Committee Contacts**

Denise Misson: (586) 727-7954 Kelly Lovati: (586) 493-8136 Mike Lutz: (586) 727- 9628 Bill Pierson: (586) 727- 2050, x107 Linda Reetz-Kahl: (586) 918-3184 Carol Walters: (586) 855-2894

Make Checks Payable to/Send Credit Card Information to:

Richmond Rotary c/o Denise Misson 37276 31 Mile Rd PO Box 280 Richmond, MI 48062

> Armed Forces Day Weekend Benefit For

> > Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund

Great Lakes Burn Camp

Richmond Rotary Charities

<u>Date</u>: May 23, 2016 (Monday)

<u>Time</u>: Registration at 830am Shotgun: 10:00am

Place: <u>Greystone Golf Club</u> 67500 Mound Rd, Romeo MI

### **Entry Fee:**

\$125.00/Person -\$500.00/Group, or

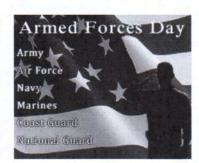
\$575.00/Foursome (Includes Reduced-Cost Hole Sponsorship with Signage)

Or

Dinner Only: \$50.00/person (Plated Service: Filet & Chicken)

If you have a team, great; if not, we will find you great people to play golf with!!

Hole Sponsor Sign Only: \$100.00
Business Card Ad Only: \$25.00





Format: 4-Person Scramble

### Fun For Everyone!!

50/50 Raffle; "Chinese Auction"; Putting Contest; Longest Drive; Closest to The Pin; Special Hole-In-One Prizes; Skins Game The Best "Wagon of Cheer" ever!

Beer and Pops on course and Open Bar after golf with dinner

Greens Fees & Registration Due On/Before May 3, 2016

Don't Delay!!

**Support Our Troops** 

Support Burn Victims

Support Rotary Charities Today!!



ENTRY FORM	:					DINNER:
COMPANY: _ ADDRESS: _						Sit Down Filet and Chicken! Open Bar!
TELEPHONE:	E-MAIL:					
CHECK AMT:		OR				
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	NUMBER			EXP	SECURITY	#
	AMOUNT: \$					
	AUTHORIZED					
TEAM:						
PLAYER #1	PLAYER #2		PLAYER #3		PLAYER #4	

e have paired up with the Sterling Heights Lions for a Kentucky Derby Party, the first time we have worked with a sister service club of a different denomination to raise funds to help others. We will raise the money for Leader dogs and local food banks.

# Kentucky Derby Party



Saturday, May 7

3:30 - 8:00 p.m.



Join the Sterling Heights Lions Club and the Utica-Shelby Rotary Club for the first Kentucky Derby Celebration! In this unique partnership, we will "run for the roses" with our community to raise funds for very important causes in Macomb County and to help those in need.

For more information contact:
Lynn Wilhelm 248-390-4952
Kelley Unruh 586-216-1143

Hosted at:



55161 Shelby Road (at 25 Mile) Shelby Township



# The Macomb Daily (http://www.macombdaily.com) SERVICE CIRCUIT: Rotary Clubs come together to make a difference By Linda May, For The Macomb Daily Saturday, April 30, 2016 - reprinted with permission

hird-graders at Pleasantview Elementary School in Eastpointe received dictionaries recently from the Eastpointe Rotary Club. Several other schools also received the books. Pleasantview teacher Elizabeth Bur and her student Devonn Armstrong get familiar with the educational features of the reference books.

There are nine clubs of Rotary International in Macomb County – Anchor Bay, Eastpointe, Macomb, Mount Clemens, Richmond, Romeo, Sterling Heights, Utica-Shelby and Warren. They are part of a 53-club district of the 111-year-old worldwide service organization.

District clubs meet in Chatham, Ont. soon for a conference where club service projects and Rotary programs are showcased, shared and celebrated.

Some of the smallest clubs prove that you don't have to be big to be effective.

The Utica-Shelby Rotary Club and the Sterling Heights Lions Club are partners in a Kentucky Derby fundraiser 3:30-8 p.m. May 7 at Steiny's Restaurant and Banquet Hall, 55161 Shelby Road, Shelby Township. Tickets are \$40 per person or \$70 per couple. They are \$50 at the door.

The Lions club gives its share of the proceeds to Leader Dogs for the Blind, and the Rotary club will support the food pantries of the churches of Trinity Lutheran, Lakeside Bible, United Methodist, Faith Lutheran and Riverside Community.

"We give funding to a lot of other organizations, but the food programs in our community are our focus," Rotarian Lynn Wilhelm said.

Wilhelm originally joined the Mount Clemens Rotary Club, which gives funds to Turning Point where she worked. Turning Point provides help and prevention services and other family supports for victims of domestic and sexual violence.

"I fell in love with Rotary," she said. "It was important to support the Rotary club for what they were doing for Turning Point. That's why I joined, but I live near the Utica-Shelby club and I am so impressed by what a small group like ours – 14 members – does for its community. That's my favorite thing about it, that sense of being part of the community. Now we are working with the Lions club and, of course, we have different missions from theirs, but we have great camaraderie."

Ronald Papa is the Lions' southeast Michigan regional chairman for Leader Dogs for the Blind. Leader Dogs is building a new canine development center for raising and training the assistance animals.

"This project was budgeted at \$14.5 million," Papa said. "I believe we are just about \$500,000 from our goal. This has been going on for almost two years."

Leader Dogs is at 1039 S. Rochester Road, Rochester Hills. Information on the new center is at leaderdog.org/canine-center and there is a Facebook page on the project.

Leader Dogs' mission is to empower people who are blind or visually impaired with lifelong skills for safe and independent daily travel. For more details about the center or his Lions club, contact Papa at rpapa61@att.net or 586-226-9066.

Rules of the Kentucky Derby event are: no grazing, guests should sample the mint julep

drinks, and participate in the best ladies' hat and the most outrageous men's bow tie competition, and mingle with the "jockeys, stable hands and trainers."



For information on the fundraiser or the Rotary club, contact Wilhelm at 248-390-4952 or Lions member Kelley Unruh at 586-216-1143.

Brenden Harrower, a senior at Eisenhower High School, is a recipient this year of the Utica-Shelby Rotary Club scholarship. Golf and football are important activities to him and he will attend Macomb Community College to possibly study physical therapy.

"He is a great kid. His goal was to be the most-improved student and he made so much headway. He's polite and did a great job in speaking to us. We are very proud of him," Wilhelm said.

Another small but mighty local Rotary club is in Eastpointe.

The Eastpointe Rotary Club wine and beer tasting fundraiser is 6-8 p.m. May 20 at the Eastpointe Teen Outreach building at 15800 E. 10 Mile Road. Tickets are \$20 each in advance or \$25 at the door. Get them at the Eastpointe-Roseville Chamber of Commerce office at 23320 Gratiot Ave. At Eastpointe City Hall, ask for Mary Vanhaaren at the Building Department, 586-445-3661, ext. 2208.

"We welcome anyone over the age of 21 to attend this event, get to know our club and its members and help to raise money for our local charities. It's a fun evening with appetizers, music, a Chinese auction, and beer and wine tasting," Rotarian Marie Guerra said.

Eastpointe Rotary president Leo Lalonde and past president Danny Hagen went to schools and distributed more than 300 dictionaries to the third graders last month at Belleview Elementary School, Pleasantview Elementary School, St. Peter Elementary School, Eaton Academy, and Koepell Elementary School in the South Lake School District.

"They enjoyed delivering the dictionaries to the schools knowing that the teachers and the students will benefit from them," Guerra said. "We received a nice collection of thank-you notes from the Belleview third graders."

"The Eastpointe Rotary Club is pleased and proud to donate dictionaries to third graders in our community. We hope to continue this project in the years to come," Lalonde said.

"The students loved them and thought they were the greatest thing," Pleasantview's secretary Diane Haack said. "The dictionaries were taken home. For the students to have them at home is helpful for any work they do."

Rotarian Robert Schick said the project makes students more involved in learning, and pointed out that increasing literacy is a Rotary International goal.

The 22-member club sent the Macomb Intermediate School District a donation of \$750 for the MISD Homeless Education Project. There are currently 1,432 homeless students in the district.

"This group helps to identify homeless children in Macomb County. They refer these families to different agencies to help them with school enrollment, shelter, housing, agencies for food, medical, dental, optical and is a liaison between school personnel and the family," Guerra said. "They also supply backpacks, school supplies, socks, hats, gloves and, more recently, \$20 Meijer gift cards to each child."

Children get shoes and clothing they need, and special transportation so that they may remain in their current schools.

The Rotary club is fortunate to have work slots in charity poker events.

"These are our biggest fund-raisers and raise the most money for our club," Guerra said.

The club donated about \$125 toward the cost of three half hams for St. Basil Church's Macomb County Rotating Emergency Shelter Team that recently housed 30 homeless men, and the Flint Rotary Club received a donation of \$500 from Eastpointe for water-related efforts in Flint. There is a plaque at the city's dog park acknowledging a donation from the club for a bench.

For more information on the Eastpointe Rotary Club, contact Leo Lalonde at 586-774-5803 or leolalonde154@gmail.com.

#### Play golf with Richmond Rotarians

Register by May 3 for the Richmond Rotary Club golf outing set for May 23 at Greystone Golf Club, 67500 Mound Road, Romeo. Registration is at 8:30 a.m. and shotgun start is at 10 a.m. for the four-person scramble. It takes place on Armed Forces Day weekend and is a benefit for the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund and the Great Lakes Burn Camp and Richmond Rotary charities.

Entry fee is \$125 per person; \$500 per group; or \$575 for a foursome. The fee includes a reduced-cost hole sponsorship with signage. Sit-down filet or chicken dinner only is \$50 per person.

For details, contact Denise Misson at 586-727-7954. Make checks payable to Richmond Rotary Club, c/o Denise Misson, 37276 31 Mile Road, P.O. Box 280, Richmond MI 48062.

Send service club and veterans news to: Linda May at lindamay@ameritech.net. Or mail c/o The Macomb Daily, 19176 Hall Road, Clinton Township MI 48038. Phone 586-791-8116.

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