



District 6380 News



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**District Governor
Gerry and Debbie
Jackson**

The Governor's June Message

Gerry Jackson, DG 2006-07

■ The Governor's Final Message of the 06-07 Rotary Year

We have had a great year. And I do mean "we." I have always found the terms "my year" or "your year" difficult to swallow when referring either to my term as your governor or as my club's president. It is not "my year" but more appropriately "our year." I have had the privilege of serving

you as your governor but the successes were clearly a team effort by all of us. Both we and those we serve have greatly benefitted.

My goals were met this year:

1. The district is a little bit better
2. Membership has increased
3. A full-time employed person can do the job of DG (with the help and support of a great district staff)
4. Every Rotary club and every Rotarian is valued

Success stories:

- net 80(+) new members
- two new clubs
- two more new clubs in the making (should be provisional within a month)
- five clubs received the Presidential Citation (on a personal note of concern the net one gain doesn't really mean anything to me unless it is a net one gain on July 1 - not April 1 and not June 30 - but July 1!)
- PDG Terry Youlton received the International Service Award for a Polio-Free World (only eight awards made worldwide.)
- Jay Eastman received the Citation for Meritorious Service Award (only 140 awarded worldwide)
- Novi Rotary received a Significant Achievement Award
- 16 clubs made submission for a P/R Grant – 7 clubs received grants for a total of \$13,400, more than double the average worldwide. Additionally, the Berkley club and the Ann Arbor North club (with the help of the other clubs near Ann Arbor) and other clubs made significant PR campaigns without the PR grants

- Foundation giving appears to be up at new records and more clubs have made a club contribution this year (note actual final figures for 06-07 will not be available for several months)
- Two of our clubs considered closing down this year; now they are moving forward and committed to becoming better Rotary clubs.



And the list goes on and on and I know I should be mentioning so much more.

It wasn't always easy. Not even close. The stress got high more than once. But even in that, lemons became lemonade. When I was diagnosed with diabetes at the start of the year, your care and support for me was most overwhelming. It was the core behind my weight loss and I will be eternally grateful. Many individuals stepped forward and two clubs gave me huge support – the massive pledges by the Tilbury club and the diabetes awareness project by the Farmington club.

When I went to those two Rotary meetings where the two clubs were considering shutting their doors, the burden was heavy, yet coming back out of those meetings, hearing those great stories of why individuals were Rotarians and then to hear they wanted to truck on – invigorated me each time. RYLA also re-energized me at a time when stress was high.

Our district conference was so much fun and very informative. The 20 club presentations represented the value we all have to offer each other. The Mad Hour of Rotary was both something new and well received. And who could possibly forget the shower cap contest? Our membership seminar earlier this allowed clubs to share real things that are working to help membership throughout our district. The Foundation Gala last fall was very well attended. And we have managed to restructure our district so clubs can take ownership and advantage of a local sector of supportive clubs, a structure that was developed with the support of your next three district governors.

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Focus in the past has been on AGs not having their own clubs (I used to sign up to this philosophy.) The AGs are strong Rotarians and they can handle it. We have stopped the club swapping between AGs and focused on the long-term relationship of clubs locally located within sectors. Take advantage of the geographic closeness and grow together in sector ownership and mutual support.

There are things we could do better:

1) Programs, programs, programs

Have business meetings but have them no more than once a month (for that matter once every two months might be enough.) Have a variety of programs and don't forget to have a Rotary program – at least one every month. Have backup programs planned for the inevitable program that cancels at the last minute (our district membership DVD or the new R.I. Video Magazine for example.)

2) International Service

Bill Gates, Sr. applauds Rotary for being known for recognizing our community is a global community. If your club has not yet personally participated internationally somehow, how about adopting a village or sponsoring one of your members on an international humanitarian trip? Perhaps you could plan ahead two or three years and have a large group in your club travel together on one of these trips. How about nominating a participant for the GSE team? Get the overseas experience hands-on. Scrimp and save to define your own personal goal. If need be, plan for a date three or four years down the road and start a savings account just for this event. Wouldn't it be great if a group from your own club would do this together? I have my own plans of going to Africa on an NID in the relatively near future.

3) RYLA and Youth Exchange

These two programs have huge, life-changing impacts on young people's lives. Every club should be participating. These two programs should be highly competitive and we should be highly selective of the participants rather than us waiting until the last minute to come up with

candidates. We should have 20 to 25 exchange students and more than 200 Rylarians every year.

4. Forgiveness

Recognize we are all human beings and as such we make mistakes. We cannot learn and grow if we are "perfect" all the time. Not everyone will get along all the time. So forgive, forget and move on when problems arise.

5. Apathy

Apathy is a big problem – Think big if it can be done collectively! We have way more power collectively than we can ever comprehend.

6. Play more

Rotary was founded on a fundamental goal of fellowship. It has been a basic part of Rotary from the very beginning. Take advantage of the new sector arrangements and have fun joint events with nearby Rotary clubs. Not every event has to generate money. Treasure the ability we have to network in our Rotary clubs. This too was a basic foundation when Rotary began. Please do not fine people who "advertise" their business in Rotary. Michigan and Ontario are in tough economic times. We want our members and future members to have safe and valuable networking experiences in Rotary so they can further treasure and protect their membership.

A big thank-you to the AG's Bob Fox, Shelley Lake, Marc Forest, Dick Spiess, Janet McPeck, Hal Flynn, Manish Mehta, Lynda Chase, John Curell, Marc Cooper and Max Howell. They work hard for you and they are the best. I could not have lead this year without the support of all of them. Respect our AGs. Include them in your club because they can do so much for you, often even more than a DG can. If and when you can, be sure to cover their costs to attend your events. They spread themselves thin on your behalf. A special thanks to the outgoing AG's Bob Fox, Shelley Lake, Dick Spiess, Hal Flynn, Lynda Chase, and John Curell. We look forward to you serving Rotary in other ways.



To the district staff – you do important jobs for the benefit of so many. Thank You! Share the jobs. Our staff should indirectly be double or even triple the size.

Thanks also to the presidents and secretaries of each and every club. You are the core people that make Rotary work in our district. Presidents are the key Rotary leaders worldwide. You bring to the table fresh new ideas. Secretaries are the key followers in the club. They lead by example and stay on top of the club providing continuity every month.

And finally a big thank-you to every Rotarian in our district. You are making differences in other people's lives every day and as such you are making a huge difference in that of your own. You certainly have made a big difference in my life.

In my immediate future I plan to refocus on my personal health and commit to regular exercise; rest for five or six minutes; rededicate myself to my Rotary club and continue to work hard as your district membership chair.

**I love Rotary,
I love our Rotary clubs
and I love Rotarians.
It has been my pleasure
to serve you this year.
DG (for a last few moments)
Gerry**

Group Study Exchange in Turkey

Our district is offering a fully paid educational and career development trip for young professionals between the ages of 25 and 40 in April 2008. The Rotary Group Study Exchange team this year will be traveling to Turkey. Applications will be due soon.

Please help Rotary get the word out about the wonderful GSE opportunity for young professionals in your club's area. We should be flooded with applicants every year, but we aren't because we don't do a very good job of advertising. Local businesses become aware of the opportunity, too, because it would provide a wonderful experience for their employees.



A press release is available on the district Web site. You are welcome to modify this press release to provide your own local contact information. Along with the press release, there is a map of Turkey showing the area where the exchange will take place as well as picture of our Rotary District governor for 2007-2008 (Audrey Chevalier) standing with her counterpart (Sezai Moral and his wife) from the exchange district in Turkey.

Thanks for your help.

Congratulations to the new Clinton Township Sunrise Rotary Club!

■ Chartered with 27 members

Meet charter members of the Clinton Township Sunrise Rotary Club along with PDG Dennis Torp, AG Melissa Maki and DG Gerry Jackson. The chartering was celebrated June, 29 at Villa Penna's in Clinton Township. We wish you all good things from District 6380. This club brings the total in our District to 52! It was a joyous evening ... great dinner ... lots of super gifts from fellow clubs ... greetings from dignitaries ... including the Governor of Michigan. All culminated with the pinning of the new members ... 27 men and women will count themselves as charter members of this exciting new club. WELCOME!



District 6380 Status as of 31 May 2007

Rotary				2005-06	2006-07	2006-07	2006-07	2006-07	Annual	Annual
International District 6380 Statistics	Membership as of July '06 SAR	Membership Reported to District 31-May-07	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving (actual)	Foundation Annual Giving (Club Pledge)	Foundation Annual Giving 31-May-07	Foundation Restricted Giving 31-May-07	Foundation Permanent Fund 31-May-07	Giving Per Capita Rank	Giving Per Capita
Club										
Anchor Bay	24	27	3	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,200					\$ -
Ann Arbor	299	311	12	\$ 39,925	\$ 30,000	\$ 36,937	\$ 7,700			\$ 123.54
Ann Arbor Briarwood	15	15	0	\$ 6,800	\$ 1,500					\$ -
Ann Arbor North	38	40	2	\$ 4,185	\$ 4,100	\$ 1,320		\$ 4,310		\$ 34.74
Auburn Hills	12	15	3	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,700			\$ 125.00
Berkley	27	31	4	\$ 1,168	\$ 2,860	\$ 1,290	\$ 500			\$ 47.78
Birmingham	77	83	6	\$ 1,100	\$ 8,500	\$ 2,300	\$ 14,000			\$ 29.87
Blenheim	27	27	0	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,253				\$ 120.49
Bloomfield Hills	24	24	0	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,207	\$ 1,500			\$ 175.29
Brighton	77	83	6	\$ 9,600	\$ 9,400	\$ 200				\$ 2.60
Chatham	72	72	0	\$ 7,301	\$ 7,000	\$ 3,461	\$ 3,346	\$ 450		\$ 48.07
Chatham Sunrise	40	36	-4	\$ 5,868	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,195				\$ 79.88
Chelsea	30	26	-4	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 795		\$ 850		\$ 26.50
Clarkston	32	34	2	\$ 7,265	\$ 3,850	\$ 6,325			3rd	\$ 197.66
Clawson	23	20	-3		\$ 2,100	\$ 2,100				\$ 91.30
<i>Clinton Twp Sunrise (prov.)</i>		24	24							
Davisburg	21	22	1	\$ 6,875	\$ 2,100	\$ 3,533	\$ 3,000			\$ 168.24
Dexter	26	25	-1	\$ 1,680	\$ 2,800	\$ 1,600				\$ 61.54
Dresden	25	27	2	\$ 1,188	\$ 1,300	\$ 2,072				\$ 82.88
Eastpointe	16	17	1	\$ 1,650	\$ 1,700					\$ -
Farmington	22	26	4	\$ 4,824	\$ 3,000	\$ 4,433			2nd	\$ 201.50
Ferndale	20	18	-2	\$ 1,025	\$ 2,000	\$ 286		\$ 900		\$ 14.30
Fowlerville	24	29	5	\$ 66	\$ 2,900	\$ 1,500				\$ 62.50
Howell	52	56	4		\$ 1,000					\$ -
<i>Lake Orion Sunrise (prov.)</i>		22	22							
Lakes Area	21	12	-9	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		\$ 100		\$ 47.62
Livingston Sunrise	57	66	9	\$ 5,200	\$ 4,800		\$ 100			\$ -
Madison Heights	15	15	0	\$ 500	\$ 1,920	\$ 1,000				\$ 66.67
Milan	18	16	-2		\$ 1,500	\$ 400				\$ 22.22
Milford	41	38	-3	\$ 2,350	\$ 4,100	\$ 2,164				\$ 52.78
Mt. Clemens	94	90	-4	\$ 17,387	\$ 11,520	\$ 11,014	\$ 125			\$ 117.17
Novi	47	55	8	\$ 10,361	\$ 4,600	\$ 4,611				\$ 98.11
Ortonville	16	15	-1		\$ 375					\$ -
Oxford	57	48	-9	\$ 2,085	\$ 5,600	\$ 3,830		\$ 1,000		\$ 67.19
Pontiac	23	23	0	\$ 250	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,250				\$ 97.83
Richmond	41	43	2	\$ 2,400	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,500			\$ 73.17
Ridgetown	38	37	-1	\$ 4,300	\$ 4,500	\$ 5,000	\$ 90			\$ 131.58
Rochester	95	99	4	\$ 20,100	\$ 20,000	\$ 25,025	\$ 1,250		1st	\$ 263.42
Romeo	10	10	0		\$ 1,000	\$ 200				\$ 20.00
Royal Oak	45	47	2	\$ 5,895	\$ 5,000	\$ 473	\$ 800			\$ 10.51
Saline	39	40	1	\$ 1,005	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,380				\$ 61.03
Southfield	18	14	-4	\$ 1,580	\$ 1,400	\$ 200	\$ 510			\$ 11.11
Sterling Heights	23	26	3	\$ 6,650	\$ 2,400	\$ 4,325	\$ 4,980	\$ 1,000		\$ 188.04
Thamesville	15	12	-3		\$ 500	\$ 230	\$ 104			\$ 15.33
Tilbury	21	23	2	\$ 2,524	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,037	\$ 451			\$ 144.62
Troy	44	42	-2	\$ 2,575	\$ 2,500		\$ 2,025			\$ -
Utica-Shelby	13	12	-1	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,270			\$ 130.77
Wallaceburg	15	15	0		\$ 1,600					\$ -
Warren	28	31	3	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 162	\$ 2,000			\$ 5.79
Waterford	40	36	-4	\$ 6,195	\$ 6,200	\$ 6,250	\$ 1,000			\$ 156.25
West Bloomfield	18	23	5	\$ 100	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000				\$ 55.56
Ypsilanti	23	24	1	\$ 3,027	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500				\$ 108.70
District Total	1938	2022	84	\$ 214,404	\$ 201,925	\$ 162,058	\$ 47,951	\$ 8,610		
		Per Capita ->		\$ 106.93	\$ 104.19	\$ 83.62				