

District 6380 Newsletter

June 2008

THANK YOU EVERYONE

For all that you do for Rotary

For your Friendship . . .

For Sharing Rotary . . .

*Thank
You*

For giving John & I
the best year of our lives



Audrey & John Chevalier District Governor 2007-2008

``Rotary Shares``



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Audrey & John
Chevalier



District Governor Audrey Shares

Greetings Rotarians, Friends and Families



As I write my final newsletter, it is hard for me to believe that my year as district governor has come to an end. What an amazing journey

John and I have been on with all of you. It has been a privilege and an honor to serve this great district as your governor.

Under the leadership of Wilfred J. Wilkinson, the first Canadian International President in more than 50 years, we have promoted our 2007-2008 theme - ROTARY SHARES - and we have shared Rotary with the 53 Rotary clubs in District 6380. How exciting and rewarding this has been!

I want to thank the 12 assistant governors:

David McGuire - Tilbury
Max Howell - Chatham Sunrise
Sandy Pradko - Richmond
Melissa Maki - Berkley
Steve Youtz - Milford
Allan Schofer - Davisburg
Marc Cooper - Waterford
DGN Janet McPeck - Lake Orion
Marc Forest - Bloomfield Hills
James Gilmore - Livingston Sunrise
Lori Sprague - Dexter
Manish Mehta - Ann Arbor North

I have told all of you many times how very important you are and how very helpful you have been to me over the past year. Thank you, thank you for your support. I will truly miss working with all of you. Thank you, too, for all that you do for Rotary.

To the 53 Rotary club presidents that I have worked with since January 2007, when we first started on this Rotary journey together at Pre-PETS, I say another hearty thank you! I will never forget any one of you. Thank you for your reception to John and me at the official visits; the many special invitations to assist with Paul Harris recognitions; the inductions; the special fundraising events; the anniversaries; and inviting me to show my latest India presentation at your special meetings.

We enjoyed every time we were together. I have so many pictures and stories that John and I will remember forever. You should all be proud of your accomplishments. Thanks to you and your families for all that you have done for the Rotarians in your clubs this year, for your commitment to Rotary and for your unbelievable support in helping me in so many ways. A special thank-you to the club leaders at the Oxford Rotary Club; it was difficult for all of us when we lost President Gini. She would be proud of all your accomplishments.

There are so many highlights this year, so many people to thank and so many success stories. It is not possible in this final newsletter to discuss everything that you have accomplished, but there are a few highlights on which I would like to reflect:

I had the opportunity during this year to share Rotary with our Rotary families. We got to know so many. We have made new friendships and continue to appreciate many old friendships. Both will last forever.

I was involved in the selection of not one but two outstanding ambassadorial scholars, Katharina Obser and Matthew Rouser. We will continue to follow their journeys as they represent Rotary and District 6380 in their prestigious roles.

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CONGRATULATIONS

District Governor
2008-2009

**Stan & Serena
Sherman**

We look forward to
working with you
during the next
Rotary year as we

MAKE DREAMS REAL





Working with and watching Terrance McNaughton, District 6380's **Youth**

Exchange Chair, and his committee work with the Youth Exchange students, I witnessed first hand how Rotary changes the lives of both our Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange students forever. What an honor to get to know these outstanding students! We are so excited to greet our outbound students as they arrive home and how very sad we are to say goodbye to the inbound students as they pack their suitcases and return to their families.

Our **Rotaractors** at the University of Michigan are a very energetic group. They work so hard to make a difference in their community and to help the less fortunate in other parts of the world. Keep up the great work.

Congratulations to the Mount Clemens Rotary Club for sponsoring the **Rotaract Club at Baker College**. The Rotaract club was officially chartered this year and I was honored to be in attendance at this special meeting.

PDG Lynn Morgan has been the chair of **Rotaract and Interact** for many years. He spent many hours organizing this year's Interact day which had to be cancelled due to the terrible weather conditions. We welcomed two new Interact clubs to the district this year, Milford Rotary Club, Saline Rotary Club, and Ypsilanti Rotary Club all sponsored Interact clubs. District 6380 is proud to have 25 Interact clubs. One of my goals was to visit the 25 clubs during the year but my challenge was to find out their location and meeting times. I did meet some of the Interactors and will finish this goal during the next year, because, I feel it is very important to get involved more with these young people, both at the club and district level.

Standing at the gate at the airport with many from the district to welcome the **Group Study Exchange** Team from Turkey was a moment that will stay with me forever. My dream to share in the GSE

program with Turkey was made real when District Governor Sezai Moral from District 2440 agreed to participate with District 6380.

GSE co-chairs Judy Garver and Max Howell and their committee worked very hard for many months to make sure that both the Inbound and Outbound GSE teams had the experience of a lifetime.

Many thanks to District 2440's team leader Goksin, team members Aycan, Deniz, Hasan and Ozan, who changed our lives forever and taught us so much about their country. We look forward to meeting our new friends again someday.

To Outbound GSE team leader Mark Farlow, Rotarian from the Birmingham Rotary club, and his team members Jana, Scott, Angie, and Jamie. We know that your trip to Turkey was an unbelievable experience. You made all of us so proud! I know that the Rotarians in the district are looking forward to having you share your experiences in Turkey with them. We are all delighted to have you home and have heard "it was the most amazing experience of a lifetime."

Membership Chair PDG Gerry Jackson and his committee worked with the 53 clubs in the district during the year to help them with their membership goals. Sector meetings were held throughout the district, and the sector membership chairs worked with the Rotary clubs in their sectors.

The district participated in a **membership blitz** with some amazing stories shared, and we continue to hear stories of clubs that are experiencing membership growth in large numbers. RI has recognized some clubs in the district and I have outlined the successful clubs in the membership area of this newsletter. We are anxiously waiting for the end of the year membership results.

The **Vision Facilitation Process** commenced during this Rotary year and due to the demand PDG Gerry Jackson and DGN Janet McPeck has continued to add new members to this committee. The clubs that have gone through this process have all told us that their clubs have benefitted from the Vision Facilitation Process.

Thanks to the vision facilitation committee for their commitment to this new process.

Not every district governor has the opportunity to participate in the chartering of a **new Rotary club** during their year. Congratulations to the Lyons Area Rotary Club on your very successful year. This Rotary club now has a total of 22 members and is a very active Rotary club. Welcome to District 6380.

Rotary International President Wilf's emphasis this year was **Literacy, Water, Health and Hunger and the Family of Rotary**. Many projects were completed by the clubs focusing on these emphases both in their local communities and around the world.

A very special thank-you to the chairs of these **committees** for all their efforts: Literacy - Dr. Jay Eastman, Water - Eileen Heasley, Health & Hunger - John Curell, and The Family of Rotary - Shelley Lake.

Thank you to District Secretary Jean Baker, a member of Chatham Sunrise, for your support and efforts in keeping the district's **membership reporting** in order all year long.

District **Webmaster** is John Joyce from the Sterling Heights Rotary Club and assistant is Metta Lansdale from the Royal Oak Rotary Club. These are very important positions, and we appreciate your assistance and support during the year.

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*Thank
you*

PDG Jeff Lichty, Foundation chair, and the **Foundation Committee** had another successful Foundation Gala on November 8, 2007, to celebrate Foundation Month. It was a special honor to get to know our keynote speaker PDG John Smarge from Naples, Florida. We thank him for his time to visit District 6380 and his very inspiring presentation. Thanks to PDG Jeff and the Foundation Committee for all of your efforts this year. The Rotary Foundation goals are still in progress as at the end of the Rotary year approaches. It is never too late to give to the Rotary Foundation -- it is never too late to become a benefactor --or a sustaining member ... it is never too late!

Phil Alexander from the Ann Arbor Rotary Club has been working diligently on the **Ambassador of Goodwill Award** for a few years. Our district is very fortunate that we can recognize those that have traveled to other countries at their own expense to complete Rotary work. We are very excited that the Rotary Foundation staff has been making recommendations for minor changes to the certificate and pin that the recipient receives. We feel very confident that this program will be rolled out to other English-speaking districts. Our dream is that the Rotary Foundation trustees will make this award an "official" Rotary Foundation award. Thanks, Phil, for all of your hard work over the years to recognize so many. This year 26 Rotarians and family members were recognized at the district conference and were also recognized by their own Rotary clubs.

A very, very special thank-you to **District Treasurer** Marc Cooper for your support to the district, finance committee and to me all year long. Marc worked many long hours both prior to the district conference and during the conference. Marc, thank you for always being there when we needed your help!

Everyone in the district benefits from our special **Rotary Information Officer** (RIO) emails. PDG Merle and Jan Loch take this job very seriously and spend many hours sharing great Rotary information with everyone in the district. Thanks, Merle and Jan, for all of your support in so many ways all year long. Keep up the great work.

I must not forget to mention that on this journey we met so many wonderful people outside of the district. I had the opportunity to get to know my governor classmates from **Zone 27-28 and Zone**

22. We have all become fast friends and always look forward to seeing one another at various conferences or special Rotary meetings.

District Governor Bob & Caroline Prevette from **District 6630** in the Ohio area became our friends very quickly after first meeting. Thanks to Governor Bob I spent one day in their district with their district leaders and Past Rotary International President Frank Devlyn. This was very special for me because President Frank was RI President during my year as club president. I attended District 6630's district conference and enjoyed meeting the many Rotarians, their GSE team from Germany, RIP representatives PDG Dr. Phil and Ramsey Williams from Huntsville, Alabama, and many special speakers. What a great time we had. Governor Bob & Caroline have become very dear friends thanks to meeting almost three years ago on this wonderful Rotary journey. After the conference we traveled to Evanston where we spent part of the day at RI headquarters. Visiting RI Headquarters was one of my goals and I was very excited to accomplish this. We met Francois Garcia and her staff that support District 6380. Francois gave John and me a tour of the various areas of RI headquarters. There is so much to see. I hope that if you travel to Chicago you will remember to make arrangements and visit RI headquarters.

I certainly have no regrets regarding this year's **district conference** "A CELEBRATION Sharing Rotary." Thanks to the 325 Rotarians and their families who registered you all helped make the conference the success that it was. I could not have asked for better speakers or entertainment. What a pleasure it was to have PDG Tony and Ruth Brockington with us from Yuma, Arizona. The support and assistance of so many including the conference committee and conference chair PDG Keith Koke certainly contributed to the success.

As one door closes another door opens -- this is what happens with Rotary at this time of the year. On July 1 the next RI President, Dong Kern (DK) Lee from Seoul, Korea, along with District 6380's Governor Stan Sherman from the Royal Oak Rotary Club **take over** as our leaders in Rotary.

We will now focus on the new Rotary International theme, "Make Dreams Real!" Rotary International President DK Lee and District Governor Stan will begin a NEW Rotary year, with their NEW team and share their NEW ideas with all of us.

My most personal thanks and love to my husband, John, for his support and involvement in all that I have done. We traveled thousands of miles together on this Rotary journey. He helped me in so many ways and he truly enjoyed the experience as the spouse of the governor and her chauffeur -- as he told everyone. I'm sure he will miss all of you as much as I will.

Special thanks to the Rotarians in my own Rotary club, for all their support during the year. They certainly got my year off to a great start by hosting my incredible and outstanding induction.

This has been a GREAT Rotary year! All that has been achieved is mainly due to the efforts of the individual Rotarians, the club leaders, and the wonderful team of committed Rotarians that serve at the district level.

Thank you, one and all, for this incredible experience and for the best year of my life! John and I will never forget the 2007-2008 Rotary year as we SHARED ROTARY with all of you.

Governor Audrey

Now at the close of this, my last year of activity in the National Association, and just before the drop of the curtain in the final scene of the last act, I shall give myself the honor of a moment's pause before the footlights while I make a low bow and with heartfelt sincerity tremblingly repeat the old stereotyped but soulful words, "Thanking you one and all, on the part of my little company, and myself, for your very kind attention, I bid you Godspeed, Fare ye Well."
Paul Harris - The Founder of Rotary -
The National Rotarian, August 1912

Thank You to Three Outstanding Assistant Governors

Please join me in thanking Max Howell, Marc Forest and Manish Mehta for their many contributions made during the past three years in their role as assistant governors. They have all worked very closely with the Rotarians in their respective sectors for the good of Rotary. They supported PDG Bob Baker, PDG Gerry Jackson and helped me in so many ways during my year as governor. Max Howell will continue to be GSE co-chair, Marc Forest will be chair of the Water Committee and Manish Mehta will be the GSE Co-Chair.



Max Howell



Marc Forest



Manish Mehta

Thanks to all of you for your **Service Above Self.**

IMPORTANT DATES

Due the 5th of every month
Club's Attendance Report
www.rotary6380.org

July 19, 2008
Meeting
Council of Governors

August 23, 2008
District Leadership Meeting

September 3 – 7, 2008
RI Zone 28 Institute
Kalahari Waterpark Resort
Sandusky, Ohio USA
"Take a Rotary Safari"

September 11 - 14, 2008
R I Zone 22 Institute
Victoria, British Columbia, Canada
"Paradise on the Pacific"

January 18 - 25, 2009
International Assembly
San Diego, California USA

May 1 – 3, 2009
Rotary District 6380
2008-2009 Conference
Zehnders of Frankenmuth

June 21 - 24, 2009
2009 RI Convention
Birmingham, England

January 17 - 24, 2010
International Assembly
San Diego, California USA

April 25 -30, 2010
Council on Legislation
Chicago, Illinois USA

June 20-23, 2010
2010 RI Convention
Montreal, Quebec Canada



"Peace is not something you wish for; it's something you make, something you do, something you are, and something you give away." ~ Robert Fulghum

Rotary International and District 6380 in particular, has opportunities before it to become the change it wants to see in the world. Rotary is a worldwide network that is well respected and well positioned to influence positive change.

Some facts to ponder . . .

As the human family we have inflicted more loss of life in the world after our commitment, at the end of World War Two, to 'never again'. We have increased our capacity and willingness to hurt each other. But at the same time, we have much evidence around us that we are also increasing our capacity for compassion, understanding and healing. Human beings are an ingenious lot and have the ability to transform disasters into opportunities for the better of humanity.

At the recent RI Peace Summit inspiring ideas were presented on actions we can take to build peace. (An article has been submitted to the Rotarian for publishing please check with the author for more information.)

We have the ability to influence change on the personal, relational, structural and cultural levels. Rotarians are influential, are listened to and are dedicated people who get things done.

In what ways are we going to take up this opportunity to be agents for peace and prosperity? What do we want the future story to read about what we did during our time on this interconnected planet? I invite us to take up District Governor Audrey's challenge to be active stewards of and to spark excitement in our clubs for peace. Now is our time.

*Dr. Kathleen Kevany
Member (on leave)*

of Sunrise Rotary – Chatham Kent

Malaria Net Distribution in Tanzania

Terry and Mary Youlton, along with their team, will leave Sept. 15 and will return on Sept. 30. The trip will cost just about \$4,000 per person.

Trip includes three days of malaria net distribution to boarding schools in the Mwanza district, sightseeing in the Serengeti, Ngorongoro Gorge and Lake Manyara plus a Mto Wambu cultural tour. You will fly into Nairobi and travel by bus to Mwanza. We return to Nairobi by bus from Moshi.

All in all, a wonderful wildlife sightseeing trip and a chance to see Rotary in action. For further details contact Terry Youlton at tyoulton@mnsi.net

Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

An International Humanitarian Project: Bangalore Van Project

An amputee in India usually faces a miserable life of poverty. To help these unfortunate people, Rotary Bangalore Midtown has carried on a "Limb-a-day" project in association with Karnataka Marwari Youth Federation (KMYF) by providing free artificial limbs to those in need.

Most of the amputees in the Bangalore area live in small villages nearby. They find it difficult to come to the KMYF center in Bangalore to obtain their prostheses. Rotary of Ann Arbor has provided a van jointly with KMYF to transform the lives of many by providing limbs at their doorstep.

When the van was purchased, the equipment required for the van was also ordered. A doctor and technician/driver essential for the project were trained to travel with the van. Rotary clubs in rural areas are being contacted to coordinate the trips the van makes. The trial runs / tests have been completed and the van is now in use.

This project, partnered by the Bangalore Midtown Rotary Club, is directed by Prue Rosenthal, Jim Cook and Phil Alexander. The total project cost is \$24,600, of which Rotary of Ann Arbor is contributing \$5,700.

Would your club like to consider working with us on one of our humanitarian projects in the pre-proposal stages? If you are interested, please contact Len Stanger [734-994-0505; l.stanger@sbcglobal.net] or Jim Cook [734-995-1516; jameswcook@comcast.net] for further information. You might ask Jim or Len about coming to a meeting of our International Projects Committee to learn what we do.



Congratulations on many years of service!

Ann Arbor Rotary Club was recognized by the district for their outstanding Rotary club project that addressed the needs of the Ann Arbor community.

Rotary Club of Ypsilanti celebrated 90 years of service February 1, 1928 – 2008 on June 30, 2008



Congratulations to the Following Rotary Clubs Recipients of the Membership Development & Extension Award

Ann Arbor
Auburn Hills
Berkley
Blenheim
Chelsea
Lakes Area
Novi
Ortonville
Southfield
Waterford

(Certificates will be presented at a later date)

Clarkson Rotary Club Recognized by RI with the 2007-2008 Significant Achievement Award Assistant Governor Janet McPeek, President Gary Hanna accepting the award, and District Governor Audrey. The Significant Achievement Award recognizes outstanding Rotary club projects that address the needs of the local community.



2007-08

President
Wilfrid J.
Wilkinson

PRESIDENTIAL CITATION

2007-2008 PRESIDENTIAL CITATION



This year's Presidential Citation program focused on individual involvement through the four Avenues of Service and activities related to youth. Our service emphases for the year membership, water, literacy, and health—are also reflected throughout the citation. By continuing to emphasize the family of Rotary, we will encourage Rotarians' and other program participants, to join us in our service work and fellowship. To qualify for a citation the clubs had to complete the membership goal and one activity from each of the six categories: Membership, Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, International Service, and Youth by March 31, 2008.

Please congratulate the following District 6380 Rotary Clubs for demonstrating how Rotary Shares its talents, skills, energy, and resources in order to create a better world.

Ann Arbor
Ann Arbor Sunrise
Auburn Hills
Berkley
Birmingham
Blenheim
Brighton
Chatham
Chatham Sunrise
Chelsea
Dexter
Farmington
Fowlerville
Lakes Area
Lake Orion
Livingston Sunrise
Milan
Novi
Pontiac
Rochester
Romeo
Sterling Heights
Tilbury
Utica-Shelby
West Bloomfield



2007-2008 Rotaract Presidential Citation

University of Michigan - Sponsored by the Ann Arbor Rotary Club



The Rotary Foundation - Matching Grants Chair

Thanks to everyone for their participation.

Complete and submit a reinstatement application and a revised membership list. Reinstatement is not possible more than 365 days after the termination date. After that time, the club termination is permanent, and the club loses its name, history, and charter.

Sharing experiences at the Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles

We had a great time at the RI convention, and were particularly impressed with Margaret Chan. Host Hospitality was also a memorable evening. Ours was hosted by the Santa Clarita and Bishop Rotary Clubs. Enjoyed a Mexican themed evening. People from about six other countries were there. Also, found the future vision plan for The Rotary Foundation quite interesting. Looks like a lot of changes are coming up. And the report on the progress in the Polio Eradication campaign was quite positive. We had such a wonderful time. We've already signed up for Birmingham, England next year. We really missed you and John at the convention.

Bob & Margo Baker



Jan and I have just returned from the 99th Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles and we are bursting with pride and excitement at being part of this marvelous organization. We wish every single one of you could have been there with us. There is absolutely no experience like an international convening of Rotarians that makes one realize what great things are accomplished when we all work together to serve humankind! As PRIP Cliff Dochterman said in his speech, "Rotary is not for meeting and eating. Rotary is for serving! And Rotarians are PASSIONATE in their service!"

So much is happening in Rotary International and so much was reported to the 18,000 attendees so much fun and fellowship took place, and so much happened that I realize we cannot feed YOU the whole "elephant" in one bite! Therefore, watch for short exciting messages, as well as pictures, from your Rotary Information Officer as we feed you a bite or two at a time!

*Yours in Rotary Service,
RIO Merle Loch*

WOW! A First-Timer at the Rotary International Convention

By Dan Romanchik, Ann Arbor Rotary Club

How would you like to attend a party with 20,000 of your friends from all over the world? Well, I just got back from such a party -- the Rotary International 2008 Convention in Los Angeles. It was a great experience, and given me a much better appreciation of what Rotary is and what Rotarians do. I won't try to describe the entire convention, but briefly describe a few of my experiences:

Host Hospitality

When I mentioned to DG Audrey that I was going to attend the convention, she recommended that I sign up for Host Hospitality. This was great advice. Host Hospitality has been an RI convention program for many years. Clubs that are in districts near the convention site volunteer to host a group of convention-goers. It's a great program and indicative of the fellowship of Rotary. A group of approximately 30 of us were hosted by the Rancho Park Rotary Club. This club is unique in that their members come from a single ethnic group - Iranians. They are allowed to do this because they were originally made up of a group of Rotarians who fled Iran when the current regime took over there and banished Rotary from Iran. They conduct their business meetings in Farsi, with the hope that one day they will be able to re-establish Rotary in their home country. A more hospitable group you'll never find. They took us on a tour bus trip of Beverly Hills and Hollywood, then to the president's home for dinner, including many Iranian delicacies. It was a wonderful time, and I can't thank them enough.

Rotary is Truly International

Nearly half the groups attending this Host Hospitality event were from Africa. Indeed, there were many Africans attending the convention. I got to meet and speak with Rotarians from Nigeria, Kenya and Ghana.

After dinner, to show their thanks to our hosts, the African contingent sang a couple Rotary songs from the African songbook. They were lovely songs, and I plan to get them to send me the songs so that we might sing them here. You know, we hear a lot of bad news about Africa here in the U.S., and it is easy to be pessimistic about the situation there. Meeting these Rotarians, however, makes me much more optimistic.

Rotary Pride

Perhaps the event that opened my eyes widest to the power of Rotary was the PolioPlus session. Not only did the chair of the Rotary PolioPlus committee speak to the convention, but also the Executive Director of UNICEF, Ann Velleman; the Director of the U.S. CDC, Dr. Julie Gerberding; and the Director-General of the World Health Organization, Dr. Margaret Chan. That these very busy people found our work to be significant enough to speak to the convention in person says volumes.

Part of this session described the history of the PolioPlus program. When the program started more than 25 years ago, 1,000 children a day were contracting the disease and cases were reported in more than 120 countries. Last year, there were 1,313 cases reported in only four countries. How amazing is that?

That's just one example of the power of Rotary. Other conference sessions and booths in the House of Friendship showed many of the other good things Rotarians are doing around the world. Many of them are addressing very difficult problems, such as HIV/AIDS and world peace. But if we can eradicate polio, then surely there's hope that we can at least make progress in these other areas.

Attending this convention was certainly a "WOW" experience for me. It has deepened my appreciation for the fellowship of Rotary and opened my eyes to the power of Rotary. If you would like to make your Rotary experience even better than it already is, I would encourage you to consider attending one in the future.

The 99th Rotary International Convention in Los Angeles, California was breath-taking. President Wilfrid Wilkinson and his Host Organization committee did an outstanding job. I made many new friends from all over the world. The speakers brought tears to my eyes. I am so proud to be a Rotarian and be involved in so many wonderful projects Polio, Literacy, Health, Water projects etc. I also must mention I appreciated the wonderful entertainment that was provided.

*Marian Soditch Secretary
West Bloomfield Rotary Club*

District 6380 GSE Welcome Home Old Fashioned Picnic

Greetings Fellow Rotarians, Lyon Oaks Park just west of Wixom was the venue for our Rotary District's last exciting outing in Governor Audrey's 2007-2008 Rotary year. And what a fine time had by all, in spite of a brief shower and a little drizzling, to welcome our Group Study Exchange team home from Turkey!

Setting up for the 10 a.m. picnic were Shelley and Lew Lake, Gerry and Debbie Jackson, Mike Wise and Al Schofer.

The sun came out when District Governor-Elect Stan Sherman phoned from his car to say that he and Serena were on their way and would be there shortly.

Following a delicious picnic lunch of hotdogs, brats and hamburgers, GSE team leader Mark Farlow introduced the team members who recently returned from their visit to Turkey. They were Scott Brills, Angela Maher, Jaimi Tarnow, and Jana Green.

Mark encouraged club members to request these returnees to come to their clubs and speak about what they learned and enjoyed in their visit to Turkey and the new Rotary friends that they made during their month-long stay.

Then Assistant Governor Manish Mehta described the goals and objectives for our District's next GSE team visit to Brisbane and Queensland, Australia, during 2008-2009.

Activities included an egg-tossing contest, a three-legged race, bobbing for apples, and, finally, a balloon blow for all PDGs, the DGE and DGNs who were present.

Lining up with their balloons were Stan Sherman, Judy Garver, Janet McPeck, Don Chisholm, Gerry Jackson, Jeff Lichty, Merle Loch and Bob Baker. And the winner with the most hot air was PDG Gerry!

One of the highlights was awarding the beautiful "Children of the World" quilt designed by Debbie Jackson to be auctioned for PolioPlus. Jean O'Brien's bid of \$500 made her the winner. Congratulations, Jean, and good news for PolioPlus.

RIO PDG Merle and Jan Loch



Expanding the Fellowship of Rotary!

It's one thing to meet at 7:15 in the morning every Thursday. You have to be a morning person to make that effort, but apparently, Lake Orion is full of morning people! Last month, at just one morning meeting, seven (yes, seven!) new members were inducted into the club by president Loran Coffman. In the world of Rotary, an international organization of good people doing good things, this is exciting.

Each new member was sponsored by a current Rotarian. But Jamie Felix, one of the newer members this year, had two new members that he himself sponsored. This amazing growth of the club has a lot to do with their spirit, their enthusiasm and the contagious energy of the good work they are doing in the community. It also could be the terrific amount of PR that has been generated by this club, who use every means to let the community know that they are a presence. This one-year-old Rotary club recently received District 6380's Public Relations Award for all the news they have made in their first year. Out of 52 clubs in the district, just two clubs received this honor.

Incoming president Peggy Barry Bartz has high hopes that this membership growth will continue. There is no reason to believe it won't. Her term begins in July, and she has three new applications waiting for approval. With a Web site, www.LakeOrionRotary.org, public service announcements on local cable and the very cool golf shirts they sport, people are taking notice. There is also a monthly column in the Biz section of the Lake Orion Review. Truly, the best way they recruit people is by the inspirational way that they take on projects to help the local community.

Other people are catching on, and they want to help too. The membership is growing because "good people are doing good things." The team concept is in place with this group. Everyone in the club steps to the plate, grabs a bat, and hits a home run in the service department. Recently, at an orientation meeting for the seven new members, Loran Coffman reminded each member to sign up for one of the key areas, because "you don't join a service club and not DO service!" Funny, but so true! The club meets every Thursday morning at 7:15 a.m. at CJ's Sandbar in Lake Orion.

RETENTION OF MEMBERS

"As you attract those new members into the club, you use a formal plan that educates them as to their expectations, responsibilities, and volunteerism opportunities. You go far beyond the practice of saying 'Here's your pin and first month's bill. Welcome to Rotary.' Instead, you help them feel *part* of the club by adopting a proactive assimilation plan — such as making them a greeter, and putting them on an active committee right away." ~ Frank Talk II, p. 124

PDG District 5470 Eddie Blender wrote:

"... the best Rotarian is an involved Rotarian and I believe the best way to turn a knife-and-fork member into a Rotarian is to engage them from the very beginning."



Rotary Video Magazine

The *Rotarian Video Magazine* is a DVD series that showcases extraordinary Rotary projects and people from around the world. Produced three times a year, RVM DVDs feature three to four short video stories designed to motivate, educate, and inspire. Show one or more stories at club meetings, new member orientations, or on community cable network channels. Give copies of RVM to Group Study Exchange participants, club speakers, and area libraries and schools. To order go to www.rotary.org Search RVM. Order single copies of RVM for \$15 or subscribe for just \$30 and receive a new DVD three times a year.

Don't cry because it's over. Smile because it happened.

Not what we give,
But what we share,
For the gift without the giver is bare
James Russell Lowell

Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens
can change the world, indeed it is the only thing that ever has.
Margaret Mead



23rd annual RYLA-May 9-11, 2008

Thank you, RYLA co-chairs Paul Brown, Ridgetown Rotary Club and Jim Adams, Troy Rotary Club, and the entire RYLA team for another outstanding event.



Photo by Robinson
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Thank You - Newsletter Editor Linda May

The monthly newsletters always look so great thanks to the outstanding efforts of Linda May, honorary Rotarian from the Mount Clemens Rotary club. Linda is also a columnist and feature writer for *The Macomb Daily* newspaper. Linda has been the editor for District 6380's newsletter since 2003. Her time and skills are appreciated very much. You can look forward to seeing Linda's work again next year as she will continue on in her role as the editor for District 6380's newsletter.
~~ DG Audrey



SAVE THE DATE!
May 1-3, 2009
District 6380
2008-2009 Conference at
Zehnders in Frankenmuth,
Michigan. Plan to attend so that you
can celebrate next year's theme and
successes as we **Make Dreams**
Real. Watch for a special early
registration drawing for a **FREE**
conference package.

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District 6380 Status as of May 31, 2008

Rotary			YTD	2006-07	2007-08	2007-08	2007-08	2007-08	Annual	Annual
International District 6380 Statistics	Membership as of Jul-07 SAR	Membership Reported to District 31-May-08	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving (actual)	Foundation Annual Giving (Club Pledge)	Foundation Annual Giving 31-May-08	Foundation Restricted Giving 31-May-08	Foundation Permanent Fund 31-May-08	Giving Per Capita Rank	Giving Per Capita
Club										
Anchor Bay	25	25	0	\$ -	\$ 2,800	\$ -	\$ 50			\$ -
Ann Arbor	307	319	12	\$ 36,937	\$ 30,000	\$ 37,180	\$ 38,317			\$ 121.11
Ann Arbor Sunrise	14	15	1	\$ -	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,300				\$ 92.86
Ann Arbor North	40	35	-5	\$ 5,420	\$ 4,200	\$ 825	\$ 3,575			\$ 20.63
Auburn Hills	15	18	3	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,600	\$ 4,500			\$ 106.67
Berkley	26	28	2	\$ 2,290	\$ 3,875	\$ 1,338	\$ 265	\$ 20		\$ 51.46
Birmingham	75	84	9	\$ 2,300	\$ 8,500	\$ 10,140	\$ 11,130			\$ 135.20
Blenheim	28	28	0	\$ 3,253	\$ 2,700	\$ 3,960	\$ 1,650		5	\$ 141.43
Bloomfield Hills	26	26	0	\$ 6,206	\$ 2,500	\$ 3,200		\$ 1,000		\$ 123.08
Brighton	74	79	5	\$ 8,500	\$ 8,000	\$ 5,534	\$ 100			\$ 74.78
Chatham	69	70	1	\$ 3,979	\$ 7,272	\$ 9,724		\$ 1,003		\$ 140.93
Chatham Sunrise	32	33	1	\$ 5,811	\$ 3,600	\$ 5,445	\$ 1,235			\$ 170.16
Chelsea	27	31	4	\$ 795	\$ 2,800	\$ 475				\$ 17.59
Clarkston	34	31	-3	\$ 6,325	\$ 3,200	\$ 8,131	\$ 4,000		1	\$ 239.15
Clawson	21	18	-3	\$ 2,100	\$ 2,000	\$ -				\$ -
Clinton Township Sunrise	27	16	-11		\$ -	\$ 800		\$ 100		\$ 29.63
Davisburg	22	21	-1	\$ 5,147	\$ 2,200	\$ 354				\$ 16.09
Dexter	25	31	6	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,600	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,260			\$ 50.00
Dresden	25	24	-1	\$ 2,072	\$ 1,250	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,115			\$ 80.00
Eastpointe	16	19	3	\$ -	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,000				\$ 62.50
Farmington	26	25	-1	\$ 5,433	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,600	\$ 350			\$ 138.46
Ferndale	20	19	-1	\$ 286	\$ 1,900	\$ 565		\$ 1,340		\$ 28.25
Fowlerville	29	30	1	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,900	\$ -				\$ -
Howell	45	46	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Lake Orion	21	26	5		\$ 4,400	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,253			\$ 47.62
Lakes Area	12	20	8	\$ 1,710	\$ 1,400	\$ 2,750				\$ 229.17
Livingston Sunrise	64	61	-3	\$ -	\$ 6,500	\$ 11,300			2	\$ 176.56
Lyon Area	0	21	22							
Madison Heights	14	13	-1	\$ 1,345	\$ 1,500	\$ -				\$ -
Milan	17	21	4	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,600	\$ 400				\$ 23.53
Milford	33	28	-5	\$ 2,264	\$ 1,900	\$ 2,500				\$ 75.76
Mt. Clemens	87	83	-4	\$ 17,514	\$ 12,880	\$ 5,447				\$ 62.61
Novi	49	48	-1	\$ 4,611	\$ 5,000	\$ 6,011				\$ 122.67
Ortonville	14	15	1	\$ -	\$ 1,400	\$ -				\$ -
Oxford	47	45	-2	\$ 3,830	\$ 5,300	\$ 1,300				\$ 27.66
Pontiac	23	25	2	\$ 2,250	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,350		\$ 100		\$ 58.70
Richmond	42	36	-6	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,200	\$ 4,000				\$ 95.24
Ridgeway	34	33	-1	\$ 5,000	\$ 3,700	\$ 5,951	\$ 705		3	\$ 175.03
Rochester	98	99	1	\$ 25,125	\$ 21,600	\$ 18,606			4	\$ 189.86
Romeo	10	11	1	\$ 200	\$ 800	\$ 100	\$ 302			\$ 10.00
Royal Oak	46	47	1	\$ 5,533	\$ 5,500	\$ 2,278				\$ 49.52
Saline	40	33	-7	\$ 2,410	\$ 4,500	\$ 530		\$ 200		\$ 13.25
Southfield	14	16	2	\$ 200	\$ 1,500	\$ 200				\$ 14.29
Sterling Heights	23	26	3	\$ 4,325	\$ 2,200	\$ 4,600	\$ 8,100			\$ 200.00
Thamesville	15	9	-6	\$ 231	\$ 550	\$ 2,000				\$ 133.33
Tilbury	23	24	1	\$ 3,037	\$ 2,100	\$ 5,499	\$ 500		1	\$ 239.09
Troy	38	33	-5	\$ 2,568	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,750	\$ 5,000			\$ 72.37
Utica-Shelby	12	13	1	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,300	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,000			\$ 133.33
Wallaceburg	15	10	-5	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,408	\$ 650			\$ 93.87
Warren	29	32	3	\$ 162	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000			\$ -
Waterford	33	31	-2	\$ 6,250	\$ 6,200	\$ 4,575	\$ 1,000			\$ 138.64
West Bloomfield	22	23	1	\$ 1,100	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,818				\$ 82.64
Ypsilanti	23	22	-1	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,535	\$ 1,050			\$ 66.74
District 6380				\$ 1,213						
District Total	1946	1975	30	\$ 203,232	\$ 210,027	\$ 187,929	\$ 27,534	\$ 3,763		
Per Capita ->				\$ 104.86	\$ 108.37	\$ 96.57				