



# District 6380 News

## March ~ April 2009



[www.rotary6380.org](http://www.rotary6380.org)



### ROTARY GREETINGS TO YOU ALL!

What a winter we have had! One of the kind we have heard they had in the 'olden days.' Now, Spring is just around the corner and we certainly welcome its arrival.

We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2008-2009 Rotary year. It has been a true pleasure to be your District Governor. Yet, as your DG, I must remind you that all of us still have work to do. We all share the same difficulties and challenges in these times of economic uncertainty.

The time for networking and helping our friends and neighbors couldn't be more necessary than now. Rotary membership serves this purpose, and can work to our advantage at home, business, and our personal lives. Rotary is important and should be shared with others. As I see new members being inducted all over the district, I am encouraged that we can still meet our membership goal of a net one per club. Ask someone to join NOW!



### Polio Challenge Fundraisers

Clubs throughout the district continue in their efforts to meet the Gates Foundation Challenge to match funds to complete the eradication of the polio virus:

■ April 17 the six Rotary clubs in Sector 10 in Livingston County will feature a concert by "Three Men and a Tenor." Contact AG Jim Gilmore: [jgilmore@cobbbhall.com](mailto:jgilmore@cobbbhall.com) for more details.

■ "Three Men and a Tenor" will also entertain at another polio fundraiser at the Skyline High School (Ann Arbor's new high school) on April 24. Contact AG Lori Sprague: [lsprague75@sbcglobal.net](mailto:lsprague75@sbcglobal.net) or AG Ingrid Sheldon: [aasheldon@sbcglobal.net](mailto:aasheldon@sbcglobal.net)

■ Pontiac Rotary is planning "Pancakes for Polio" on June 6, and I will be a volunteer flipper. I'm willing to help any Rotary club with a polio fundraiser – Just let me know! AG Marc Cooper can fill you in with the pancake information: [Rotary@impressivetype.com](mailto:Rotary@impressivetype.com)

Those of you who enjoyed "Three Men and a Tenor" at last year's district conference, know what a marvelously entertaining group they are. It was an evening of laughter and enjoyment! And who doesn't love a pancake breakfast? I urge you to encourage your family and friends to attend these fundraisers and help Rotary conquer the polio virus.

Another reminder — Please make sure your club lists its activities on the District 6380 Website. We have a space just for this purpose. Contact John Joyce: [jdjoyce@wowway.com](mailto:jdjoyce@wowway.com) And — Do check the Website often!

### Award Possibilities

There will be several awards available for presentation at the district conference May 1, 2 and 3 in Frankenmuth:

It is not too late to apply for a Presidential Citation. The certification form (available online at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org) for downloading) is due at RI, signed by me, prior to April 15.

Rotaract and Interact Presidential Citation certification forms are due to the District Governor ASAP.

*Continued on next page*

## ***District Governor Message . . . continued***

### **(Awards)**

The Ambassador of Goodwill Award is under the direction of Ann Arbor Rotarian Phil Alexander. In essence, it involves a traveling Rotarian applying for an Ambassador of Goodwill Award. The requirements are simple: the travel must include some activity that furthers the goals and objectives of Rotary. It must be in another country, typically overseas, and it must be at the traveling Rotarian's own expense. The spouse of the Rotarian is eligible as well. This award was piloted by our district and currently involves only our district. Please contact Phil Alexander, ASAP, to have awards prepared for presentation at the district conference, May 1, 2 and 3. His email is: [philalax@provide.net](mailto:philalax@provide.net)

### ***Group Study Exchange News***

If you haven't yet checked out the Barry Fraser and Team OZ Website, you should. They have shared their pictures from Queensland, Australia, District 9630. The team will be leaving for home on March 28. Please keep them in your thoughts for a safe trip.

The Australian GSE team will be in the Brighton-Howell area starting on April 13. They will be traveling in our district and will be at our district conference. They are scheduled to leave for Australia on May 16. Let's make them welcome and help them feel at home as they did for our team.

DGE Judy Garver has appointed co-chairs, Angie Maher of the Lakes Area Rotary Club and Kim Pierce of the Chatham Sunrise Club to head up her GSE selection team to Japan. Please check the district Website for details.

*I am looking forward to meeting and greeting you ALL in Frankenmuth May 1-3!  
See you there,  
Stan Sherman*



Peter Vanderkaay received a gold and bronze medal in Japan. He is the son of Dr. Mark Vanderkaay of the Royal Oak Rotary Club. He is doing a great job of speaking to the youth in our area. He just spoke to our club, and we had the Royal Oak High School swim team as our guests.

---

## ***RI Member Access***

**C**lub treasurers and Rotary Foundation committee chairs now can go to Member Access for all of their online Foundation contribution reports. In addition, club presidents and club secretaries can register these two new roles for their clubs on Member Access.

In addition, recent Member Access changes now allow Major Gift advisers, annual giving strategic advisers, and zone challenge coordinators to see Foundation contribution reports. These reports include information about each district's and club's Annual Programs Fund, Permanent Fund, and restricted giving contributions, including totals from the month, year to date, and previous year's totals.

Also available on Member Access is the club recognition summary, which shows all Rotarians' recognition totals, including how many points they have to transfer, and the club's all-time giving information from the charter date.

Other reports include the SHARE report, which details the District Designated Fund for each district, and the polio challenge report, which shows clubs' progress with this year's polio eradication fundraising goals.

*PDG Donald R. Chisholm  
District Foundation Chair 2008-2011*

## Group Study Exchange

**O**ur outbound District 6380 GSE team led by Barry Fraser received a formal district sendoff on Sunday, February 22, attended by nearly 50 Rotarians and families, before whom they made a formal GSE presentation. They also accepted district-themed gifts and mementos from DG Stan Sherman and GSE co-chairs Wayne Cole and Manish Mehta to carry for their Aussie district counterparts.

After changing planes in Los Angeles, they arrived 30 hours later on February 28, morning in Brisbane, to the heat of the Australian summer, and an even warmer welcome by District 9630 Aussie Rotarians and host families. After a day of rest and relaxation, the team went about their "ambassadorial" mission to build goodwill and understanding by sharing their knowledge of our Great Lakes Rotary region. After a fortnight of Rotary programs, vocational outings and sightseeing, Barry and his team were formally introduced at the District 9630 district conference, March 13-15, where DG Chris Wright feted our GSE in the presence of District 9630 Rotarians - even as rain-bearing Cyclone Hamish bore down hard around the conference resort located on the Gold Coast region off Eastern Australia. Our GSE team was one of the sources of cheer in an otherwise grey-skies weekend!



*The GSE team received a bon voyage at Detroit Metro Airport on February 26 from DG Stan Sherman and GSE co-chair Manish Mehta*



*Barry Fraser, Aussie inbound GSE team leader Alison Blomkamp and Janelle Wisemann, a Rotary Peace Scholar at the University of Queensland's Rotary Center for Peace Studies*

*Notes on the cyclone from Barry: "A cyclone dumped considerable rain on the coast, including Brisbane and where the district conference was, north of Brisbane. The winds subsided in Toowoomba 120 kms west from Brisbane where they were quite steady. I can assure all here in the Toowoomba and area where we traveled welcomed the predicted rain. They continue with an eight-year drought with the reservoirs at only 10 percent capacity. They received a good rain just the night before we arrived so all is quite green here in the town. And, by the way, all is going very well here with an excellent organization working like clockwork. We all had a very good vocational day. We are being hosted very well, including during the day, at Rotary meetings and most certainly in the evenings with our host Rotarians! And I am very pleased with how well the members of the team are functioning as a unit - it is being noted as we travel around!"*

**Barry, Kristi, Cheryl, Susanna and Katy have been regularly and vividly uploading their daily experience summaries at the team's blog site: <http://www.gseaus.blogspot.com/> a must-visit for all Rotarians. The team returns on March 29 at the end of the GSE.**

## Inbound Australian GSE to District 6380 Arrives April 13

District 6380 is now eagerly awaiting the arrival of the Aussie GSE team via Chicago on Monday, April 13 at 3:30 p.m. at the Detroit Metro Airport. They comprise Rotarian Alison Blomkamp (a business coach/consultant) leading a team of four men - Jeff Stark (farm manager), Ian Skinner (crime detective), Ryan Blunden (Web designer) and Ian Shaw (accountant). DG Stan and the GSE committee gratefully thank all Sector AGs and club leaders involved in developing the weekly host plans with interesting activities. We are also very pleased with the enthusiasm of our Rotarian hosts who have opened their homes and hearts to our Aussie GSE guests. Both outbound and inbound GSE teams will make formal presentations.





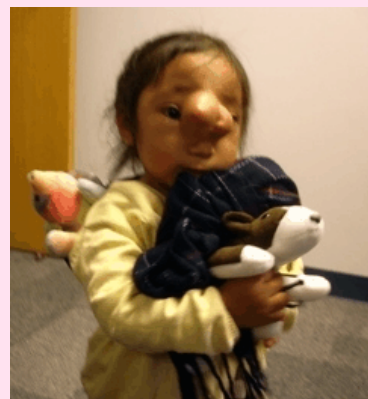


## ***Update on our Guatemalan Family***

■ ***Christine Lind Hage***

***President, Rochester Rotary***

Linda and Jay Eastman go to Guatemala to staff a medical clinic that our club and several others in the district helped establish. On one of their trips they met a little girl, Maria Ingrid, who had a severe disfigurement. Maria and her parents were here for about three months and she underwent surgery to remove a growth. She had some complications, but was finally able to go back to Guatemala.



To: Christine Hage, Rotary Club of Rochester  
February 26, 2009

Dear Friends in Rotary,

Maria Ingrid and her parents are being escorted home as I write this. It's been a long, arduous, emotional journey. We did the best we possibly could for little Ingrid. She has become so near and dear to our hearts. There is no doubt that her life will be different now. She will never have to hide her face in shame or endure the heartless taunts of others. People can get to know her for the darling child that she is, rather than shun her because of something unsightly on her face. Her parents are awash with gratitude.

I spent the whole afternoon with Ingrid yesterday. She looked FANTASTIC. Her stitches are out and the scar is healing very nicely. She looks so cute! She was as animated and active as any other 2 1/2-year-old kid. She was dancing, running around, asking me to read book after book to her, giving me lots of hugs and kisses, and speaking in three languages. She's a remarkable, wonderful little girl.

You probably know that the doctors had to put a shunt in her head to take the fluid off of her brain. When they went in to remove the screw which they had used to fasten the bone graft, fluid ran out of the incision and would not stop for two straight days. The neurosurgeon had no choice. My heart fell 25 stories when I learned this. However, we have to be positive and hope and pray for the best. We have a good plan in place for them in Guatemala, and we went over the drill 100 times. Her parents know exactly what to look for and who to call if there are any symptoms whatsoever. We have lined up a pediatrician (a Rotarian!) in the nearest city a couple of hours away who knows her history and is ready to care for her if the need arises. It is the very best we can do under the circumstances.

The family left today at 6 a.m. They were melancholy, especially Magdalena. She said over and over that we are every bit as much her family as her loved ones in Guatemala. They both said they shall never, ever forget the kindness shown to them during their stay here in the United States.

Thank you for your concern, kind words of encouragement, donations, and especially your prayers. We felt uplifted many times when we were close to despair. I know I need some time to digest the whole experience. It has been an emotional roller coaster, to say the least, but I believe that Ingrid's life has changed dramatically for the better. Knowing that she will be able to live a normal life makes our emotional investment well worth it. She will always be our little love!

*Linda Eastman*

# YOUTH EXCHANGE

■ Norman Raymond

District 6380 is committed to taking 15 long-term inbound exchange students for the 2009 - 2010 years. Rotary Youth Exchange is an excellent international project and brings lifelong relationships, not to mention benefits to club, school, community and the families hosting the students.

Host families can be Rotarians, friends, family or families in the community recommended by your school counselors. District 6380 and our clubs are RI certified to conduct Youth Exchange programs and we are two or three years into the development of that process. This makes the process to sponsor, host and counsel pretty easy these days.

So please, step up to the plate and commit to taking one of the students on the list. You will see that four clubs have already committed to taking students. Three students need to be placed and we will soon receive the applications for students from the other eight countries where no names are indicated. Remember that RI considers the Rotary Youth Exchange program to be the one of the best ways to promote world peace and cultural awareness.

Contact: Terrance McNaughton (mcnaughte@lkdsb.net) or Norm Raymond (mariner.norm@gmail.com)

Let us know which student or country you would like to receive.

I'll be putting three of the applications on the Website for you to review and additional apps as we get them. Thanks so much!



## ROTARY DISTRICT 6380 YOUTH EXCHANGE INBOUND PLACEMENT TRACKING: 2009-2010

Revised: 2009-Feb-16

District 6380 will be accepting students from the countries listed below. At this time, we do not know the gender of the individual students from the various countries. We will not know this until the individual application is received from Ohio-Erie. If you have a particular country preference(s), please let us know and I will try to accommodate you.

COUNTRY	M/F	NAME & AGE	CLUB
Belgium	M	Florian Dufour 18.3	
Brazil	M	Jose Siqueira Campos Filho 16.7	
France	M	Salvaire Come 16.9	
France	F	Marion Dugue 17.5	Canada
Germany			
Japan	F	Hirona Miyoshi 17.5	Rochester
Mexico			
Philippines			
Czech Rep	F	Veronika Tihelkova 18.7	Canada
S. Korea			
Spain			
Taiwan	F	Kimberly Chen 15.9	Canada
Thailand			
Turkey			
Ukraine			

## ***Three Men and a Tenor concert helps Rotary and our kids***

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NpZvVdhxDQY>



*The Livingston Sunrise Rotary Foundation and Brighton Rotary are bringing Three Men and a Tenor to Brighton on **April 17** with all concert proceeds going to PolioPlus and the matching grant. There is a link to Sunrise's Website with details. When Kevin Brady and I were presidents of our clubs last year, we made our commitment to PolioPlus and this was one of the projects we are using to achieve our joint club goals. ~~ Brenda Ochodnicki (810) 229-5560*

**7:30 p.m. Friday, April 17**  
Brighton Center for the  
Performing Arts

Tickets: \$20 general admission  
Purchase from any Brighton  
Rotarian or Livingston Sunrise  
Rotarian; or at the Community Ed  
office/Brighton High School,  
7878 Brighton Road, Brighton; or  
call (810) 299-4130 to purchase  
via credit card

**T**he a cappella comedy quartet comes to town on Friday, **April 17** to help Brighton Rotary Foundation and Livingston Sunrise Rotary Foundation enrich our kids' school experience, raise community awareness about the importance of childhood immunization and help Rotary International raise \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants received from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

The quartet will work with Brighton High School music students during the day for a fabulous interactive-educational program followed by a community concert that promises an evening of exciting and highly entertaining family fun. The concert is open to the public and highlights some of the students who participate in the day program.

**Sponsorships:** Make your business/corporate marketing dollars really work for you by supporting this event.

### **Sponsors receive . . .**

- 501C3 tax advantage for your marketing dollars
- recognition targeting more than 39,000 Livingston County school district students
- concert proceeds will be matched \$1 for \$1 by the Gates Foundation for the Rotary International PolioPlus program

You will help Rotary attract Michigan Humanities Council grant dollars to bring a one-day interactive educational music program to the school district and a concert to the public.

You will help bring high-quality family entertainment at an affordable price to the community.

You will be identified as a partner with: Brighton Rotary, Livingston Sunrise Rotary, Michigan Humanities Council, Livingston County Health Department and other important Community Sponsors.

### **SPONSORSHIP LEVELS**

- **Tenor** - \$2,500

Full-page color ad inside cover of program

Special recognition provided as main sponsor

Opportunity to announce (from the stage) all sponsors on the night of the event

Eight concert tickets and eight tickets to an afterglow event at Cio Amici's

Looping PowerPoint ad played at event before, at intermission and after concert

- **Soprano** - \$1,000

Full-page black & white ad in program

Four concert tickets and four tickets to an afterglow event at Cia Amici's

Looping PowerPoint ad played at event before, at intermission and after concert

- **Alto** - \$500

1/2 page black & white ad in program

two concert tickets and two tickets to an afterglow event at Cia Amici's

- **Bass** - \$100

Business card ad in program (black & white)

Sponsorships can be paid for online or by sending a check.  
Call Mike Cosgrove at (810) 224-5255 for more details.

## DISTRICT 6380 CONTACTS

District Contact Information  
District Governor  
Stan Sherman  
Tel: (248) 544-2536  
Cell (248) 821-6863  
Stanleysherman@msn.com

District Governor Elect  
Judy Garver  
Tel: (248) 363-9588  
Cell (248) 977-9588  
Judygarver2000@yahoo.com

District Governor Nominee  
Janet McPeck  
Tel: (248) 693-1817  
janetmcpeek@comcast.net

Foundation Chair  
PDG Donald Chisholm  
Tel: (248) 543-8606  
Cell (248) 321-4910

Membership Chair  
Paul Benson  
Tel: (313) 368-2499  
Cell (313) 300-1330  
mickeymolar@sbcglobal.net

Club Extension & Vision  
Facilitation Chair  
PDG Gerry Jackson  
Tel: (248) 634-1305  
Cell (248) 459-0240  
gerryjackson@comcast.net

Public Relations Chair  
Ginger Nickloy  
Tel: (248) 624-7873  
gngnckly@aol.com

Governor's Administrative  
Assistant  
Shelley Lake  
Res: (248) 689-6290  
Bus: (248) 544-2300

District Webmaster  
John Joyce  
jdjoyce@wowway.com

Newsletter Editor  
Linda May

Rotary District 6380  
Website  
www.rotary6380.org

**T'will be in June of '09.  
Birmingham will be the place!  
Our Rotary will gather there  
To share some happy days.  
We'll meet and greet each other  
Rotarians from far and wide  
To share the plans and projects  
That fill us full of pride!**

**Come to England!  
Come all Rotarians!**

**This Rotary convention will be a super one!**

*(Sung to "Rule Britannia" by Gilbert and Sullivan  
from "HMS Pinafore")*



**Second deadline:  
31 March  
Register online at  
www.rotary.org**

**D6380's Nominating Committee completed interviews to select the District Governor for 2011-2012. Congratulate Steve Youtz, current member of the Milford Rotary Club, past president, and presently assistant governor for Sector 9.**

## Diary Dates

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

### March

Outbound GSE Team to  
District 9630  
Queensland, Australia

### March 19-21

President Elect Training (PETS)  
& President Nominee Training  
Kalamazoo MI

### March 28

Youth Exchange Multi-district  
Outbound Orientation  
Ypsilanti MI

### April

Incoming GSE Team from  
District 9630  
Queensland, Australia

### May 1-3

Rotary District 6380  
2008-2009 Conference  
Zehnder's of Frankenmuth

### June 21-24

2009 RI Convention  
Birmingham, England

### July 10-12

Ohio-Erie Orientation  
Westerville, Ohio

### January 17-24, 2010

International Assembly  
San Diego, California

### April 25-30, 2010

Council on Legislation  
Chicago, Illinois

### June 20-23, 2010

RI Convention  
Montreal

### TENTATIVE 2011

RI Convention  
New Orleans

### 2014 RI Convention

Sydney, Australia

### 2016 RI Convention

Seoul, Korea

***Do you want your club's event posted in the district newsletter or on the district Website?***

***Email your request to Stanleysherman@msn.com***

***Be sure that you include a contact name, phone number and email address.***