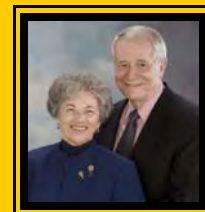




# District 6380

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

**December 2009**



District 6380  
Governor Judy  
Garver and husband  
Hal Parish

## GOVERNOR MUSINGS for December

**G**reetings to everyone in this very busy and hectic, but delightful, month of December. We will soon be closing out 2009 and entering the new year of 2010. Most people use this time to reflect on the year that has just passed and make some resolutions and set goals for some things they would like to see happen in the new year.

As we review the 2009 portion of this Rotary 2009 -10 year, we can see that some really great things have been accomplished, we see that results for some goals may be a little short of where we had hoped them to be, but we also see that we have every reason to be confident that 2010 will be a wonderful year for Rotary International, our District 6380, and our clubs.

The goal to raise \$200,000,000 for the polio eradication efforts has already hit more than \$100,000,000.

Rotarians and people all over the world are joining in these efforts to support this wonderful initiative. Thank you to everyone in our district who has joined in these efforts. The world will no longer have this dreadful disease to contend with in the not-too-distant future because of all of this work.

Our district has initiated dozens of projects to bring clean water to those without, to bring medical supplies to those short of even very basic equipment, shelter to those who have lost it because of war, civil strife or natural disaster, and supplies of books and literacy programs to so many who cannot read.

Our district will sponsor some programs in 2010 that will help support the efforts that our clubs have sponsored:

- February 18 we will hold our annual Foundation Gala Dinner at the Dearborn Inn. We will showcase projects and programs that are supported by the Rotary Foundation, our district, and clubs.
- March 13 we will hold our first literacy seminar at Oakland University Conference Center.
- District Conference April 30, May 1 and 2

Details of these events will be posted on the district Web site [www.rotary6380.org](http://www.rotary6380.org)

Rotary is an organization that changes people's lives -- and changes them for the better. Rotarians are forever changed when they have the opportunity to fulfill basic needs for people who are in such desperate need of them. Those receiving the support from Rotarians have their lives changed forever too. Our efforts will continue as long as we have members who are in clubs actively working to accomplish Rotary's mission. We want to give as many people as we can the opportunity to join a Rotary club and become part of something that is much bigger than any one of us individually can accomplish. In order to support membership growth in our district, we will have a membership seminar January 16 at Berkley High School. We will all learn some new ways to grow membership in our clubs. Details can be found on the district Web site.

Best wishes for an extremely good year in 2010.

**THE FUTURE OF ROTARY  
-- AND THE WORLD --  
IS IN OUR HANDS.**

*Judy*





## Canadian Rotary Centennial Project

*This project that will build a girl's school in Afghanistan is in honor of the Canadian Centennial celebrating 100 Years of Rotary in Canada. All clubs are encouraged to contribute toward this project. District 6380 has eight clubs from Canada. We especially honor this anniversary, and it would be a good way to show support for this worthy cause. ~ District Governor 6380 Judy Garver*

Last August, the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) invited past Rotary International president Wilf Wilkinson to Ottawa to discuss the possible involvement of Rotary in their proposed Afghanistan Challenge program. As funds from CIDA traditionally flow through Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development (CRCID), Kevin Webb, the CRCID chief administrative officer, accompanied Wilf to the meeting. CIDA officials indicated they would like Rotary to be involved in a program to enhance education particularly for women.

After discussions with RIVP Monty, PDG Dave Robinson, president of CRCID, contacted PDG Steve Brown of La Jolla, California who has been working on behalf of Rotary in Afghanistan for a few years. Dave has known Steve for several years as they served together as national advisors of the permanent fund together. For more details on Steve's involvement in Jalalabad, Afghanistan please refer to his Web site [www.SteveBrownRotary.com](http://www.SteveBrownRotary.com)

Steve had enquired of his contacts in Afghanistan as to what was their greatest need that Rotary could meet. They asked if we could build a school for, as it now turns out, 4,000 children, mostly girls. Using the same plans as another school Rotary built there, it was felt this could be accomplished with the students attending in three shifts. Estimated cost of the school should not exceed US \$300,000, with a further say \$50-70K for furniture, computers etc. CIDA would fund 50 percent of the cost.

Subsequently a plan was formulated to build the school in 2010, the 100th anniversary of Rotary in Canada. Two evenings later the plan was presented by Wilf and Monty to the DGEs with Steve attending to answer questions. It has been generally understood all 23 DGEs having Rotary clubs in Canada unanimously agreed to support the project that has become referred to as the Canadian Rotary Centennial Project or, by some, as the Canadian Rotary Centennial Afghanistan Project. Later the Rotary Club of Winnipeg, was selected as the lead club.

Depending upon the costs, it could work out to \$7 per Canadian Rotarian or \$300 per club. While only "Rotary in Canada" funds can be matched by CIDA, U.S. based DGEs have indicated Rotarians throughout their districts are also expected to contribute.

The DGEs are being kept informed of developments concerning the project but until our application was formally approved, which occurred on May 12, the committee decided not to make any public announcements of Rotary involvement. The CIDA project was announced in Ottawa on May 14 and you may refer to their special Web site [www.afghanistanchallenge.ca](http://www.afghanistanchallenge.ca) for information of the overall CIDA project and Rotary's involvement.

The project has only been nominally announced at two district conferences, namely District 5550 and District 6330 with the consent of the DGEs. Rotary is currently working on the funding agreement with CIDA and until this is finalized, hopefully in July, there are no plans to announce it formally to the clubs.

While one of the project committees has designed some promotional material and will assist with public announcements, how the project is presented and fundraising carried out is left to the discretion of each DGE.

As you can appreciate only a portion of the project, desks, computers etc. qualify for a matching grant from TRF. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg with the Rotary Club of Jalalabad as partner, is preparing a matching grant application for just under \$25K. Four DGEs from Districts 5010, 5050, 5550, and 7080 have pledged a total of \$25K in DDF.

## CRCID Appoints Peter Peters New President

The appointment was made at the CRCID annual general meeting public engagement meeting in Toronto on October 24.



Peter Peters has served for the past two years as a CRCID director and prior to that, as a member representative for District 5550 for four years. Peter joined Rotary in 1970 and in the ensuing years had the privilege of membership in four Rotary clubs all within District 5550. He served as president of the Rotary Clubs of Melfort, and Regina Eastview, his present club. Peter was governor of District 5550 in 1999-2000. To assume this task he retired after a 37-year career in health care, the last 17 as CEO of the Saskatchewan Cancer Agency.

Upon completion of his governorship, Peter served for three years (concurrently) as the district's Rotary Foundation chairperson and district trainer. He was chair of the District World Community Services Committee for four years and continues as a member of that committee.

Interest in the international aspect of Rotary intensified in response to two overseas experiences. In 1998 Peter was as a member of Mennonite Central Committee's seven-person peace delegation to Iraq, which looked at the impact of economic sanctions on common Iraqis. This was followed in 2000 with a visit to Ukraine as a member of a ten-person team invited to conduct a seminar on cancer and palliative care to health professionals at the Regional Cancer Hospital in Zaporozhye, Ukraine. Peter has made two trips to Guatemala in the past three years visiting existing and contemplated project sites as part of District 5550 Ripple Effect Program, a program supported by CRCID.

Peter and Margaret have four married children (children and spouses are PHFs), and 12 grandchildren. Peter and Margaret are Rotary Foundation benefactors, members of the Bequest Society and Major Donors.

The CRCID members, directors and secretariat look forward to working with Peter as they move forward into their 2009-2012 international development programs.



Let's be thankful for the bounty of our Great Lakes! Twenty percent of the world's fresh water is within our state borders, or within close reach. Outside of our country, about 1.6 billion people out of more than six billion do not have access to clean water and 2.6 billion do not have sanitation facilities. What can be done about it? District 6380 is doing something about it, within RI and WASRAG programs.

■ **ECUADOR:** Pontiac Rotary Club is sponsoring a BioSand filter project, with the support of eight district clubs. Rotarian Carol Cousineau and husband Ron returned to Santo Domingo de los Colorados (Ecuador) on November 6, until November 16. Their mission was to evaluate progress on a current BioSand project to produce and install 170 filters with resources provided by a district simplified grant authorized early July 2009. They found the project was on track to meet the DSGs' requirements for quality and sustainability. Health results are positive and now are being monitored by a local M.D. and the team trained by the Cousineaus. Families have received more than 50 filters of the 75 units already manufactured. Individual feedback on a small sample indicates better health for the family members. Water was tested and sampled in front of the local press. Tasting of the filtered water after chlorination was the highlight of the interviews.

■ **DOMINICAN REPUBLIC:** The Bonao BioSand project started in 2005 with a DSG, was pursued through two RI matching grants, a third RI matching grant has been authorized in September 2009. This last grant in the amount of \$20,200 will allow the manufacture and installation of 300 filters to serve 3,700 people. The Joyces will visit the Dominican Republic starting on Feb. 5, to Feb. 12. Any party interested please contact Joyce Joyce at (586) 751-2861 as soon as practical. There are still some spaces available for this trip.

U.S. AID / Rotary Clean Water projects have been announced for the Dominican Republic, Ghana, and the Philippines. Details are still sketchy but we expect that new information will be available for the next newsletter.

Now, we face a big challenge. The WASRAG Web site [www.wasrag.org](http://www.wasrag.org) is creaking and needs upgrading to meet your needs. This will be a large and costly task - but it is essential if Rotary clubs are to achieve the impact they seek. Please invite one other Rotarian, Rotarian's spouse or a Rotaractor to join WASRAG. During the past two years WASRAG has served Rotarians

and Rotary clubs in many ways. We have developed a website where Rotarians can offer or seek help with their projects. By visiting the Web site, people can:

- Access "best practices"
- Find guidelines to ensure a project is sustainable
- Learn about a wide range of technologies - rainwater harvesting, bore wells, toilets and latrines, BioSand filters, etc.
- Download speeches, presentations and photographs to tell your community about Rotary's water and sanitation programs.

WASRAG is proud of its other achievements:

- Outstanding conferences on water and sanitation (Los Angeles - 2008; Birmingham in 2009).
- Brochures and monographs to help Rotarians manage sustainable projects and to raise the image of Rotary.
- Production of the widely acclaimed documentary "Rotary - The Water Story"
- Successful negotiation of a U.S. \$1 million grant for matching clubs' contributions to water projects in West Africa and in South Africa.
- And, we are on the fast-track to another major grant. WASRAG leaders were instrumental in the discussions that led to the US AID/Rotary agreement for a \$6 million program in Ghana, Dominican Republic and the Philippines.

WASRAG, despite its funny name - maybe even because of it - is widely recognized. We have achieved charitable, tax exempt status in the USA (501-c-3) and Canada. WASRAG board members have been active around the world, attending WASH meetings, representing Rotarians, presenting the case for support and linking host clubs and communities with international partners -- all at their own expense. Many clubs and districts have found partners for their projects via WASRAG. We have fostered working relationships with leading NGOs to help clubs strengthen their project teams.

WASRAG, like all Rotarian Action Groups, is approved by RI, but receives no funding from it. We depend entirely on members' fees and donations to remain viable. We are unique among humanitarian organizations: none of the funding donated for projects are used for administration or fund-raising.

Contrast that with other organizations where 20 percent, 30 percent or even 50 percent of donations go to internal administration.

Please bring in ONE new member. It will keep us going while we implement the new Web site to help Rotarians and Rotary clubs everywhere.

**From the FOX2 News Web site:  
Couple Saving Lives by Changing  
Water Dec. 18, 2009 By AMY LANGE  
[myFOXDetroit.com](http://myFOXDetroit.com)**

They look like plastic buckets or, in some cases, a ceramic pot, but they are actually saving lives thanks to a Troy couple who's taking the technology for clean drinking water to thousands throughout the world. The splendor and majesty of the Himalayas, Nepal's pristine and sparkling snow-covered mountains, but thousands of feet below that, snow melts into squalor. Dirty rivers and streams, many villagers drinking water that's not safe. "We said, 'What could we do to really help these people?'" said Eileen Heasley. After a trip to Nepal in 2001, Eileen and her husband, John, decided to send two water filters to an orphanage there. "And then we received a letter back from the orphanage saying that we really saved the lives of the children in that orphanage," Eileen Heasley said. John and Eileen now run a nonprofit called A Vision for Clean Water dedicated to providing safe drinking water, so far doing so for 10,000 villagers in Nepal. "People are so gentle and nice, and the county is so beautiful," said John Heasley. "We told them we could give them money, but we were giving them something better than gold because this would save their life," said Eileen Heasley. Something we take for granted every time we turn on the faucet. The Heasleys work with an extensive network of volunteers all over the world, Rotary clubs and villagers, and in Troy they train others in water filtration and hygiene so they can take that knowledge to others in developing counties.

And to think it all started with just two filters. "Two people can make a difference. That two people can start just by thinking ... maybe I'll do one thing," Eileen Heasley said. The Heasleys didn't just think it. They're doing it every day. To learn more about a vision for clean water or get involved, visit

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





## Web Meeting Tools

*From: Ed Futa General Secretary ~ Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation*

**A**s you may recall, the 2007 Council on Legislation adopted resolution 07-187 asking the

RI board to consider providing Internet software and platforms for use by clubs. The RI board endorsed this concept and requested the general secretary to follow through in providing this type of service to Rotary clubs.

Accordingly, I'm pleased to announce a new partnership between Rotary International and Citrix Online. Through this partnership, we are giving members access to exclusive offers on the simplest and most cost-effective tools for conducting online meetings.

District governors, clubs and Rotarians are all eligible for a 60-day free trial and 15 percent discount on Citrix® GoToMeeting® and Citrix® GoToWebinar®.

- GoToMeeting lets you meet online by sharing your computer screen with up to 15 meeting attendees. You can even change presenters and pass keyboard and mouse control. Plus, you get unlimited meetings for one flat rate – including VoIP and phone conferencing. Try it Free for 60 days.

- GoToWebinar is the easiest way to create, present and even record engaging online presentations for audiences of up-to-1,000 people. It's ideal for disseminating information quickly without the hassle and costs of travel. Try it free for 60 days.

Discover for yourself how easy it is to meet over the Internet.

Our Rotary clubs can use these products to:

- Increase meeting attendance by bringing club and committee meetings online
- Effortlessly collaborate over the Web with colleagues on press releases, program materials and project planning
- Hold Web-based fundraising events and virtual press conferences
- Provide cost-effective, convenient member and leadership training

## Literacy Conference March 13 at Oakland University Conference Center

*Submitted by MaryElizabeth Harper*

**R**esolve, in the new year, to read to a child, make a book available for a child, listen to a child. One Rotarian helping one child can change the world for the better. And if you think helping a child read is fun, wait till you see the face of an adult who has struggled with illiteracy for years when she reads a sentence after you've tutored her.

And just in case you are short on ideas for ways to get involved with literacy, our own Jay Eastman has achieved a personal goal and set many wheels in motion to bring us District 6380's 2010 Literacy Conference!

Please mark your calendars and share with your friends and colleagues. The literacy conference is Saturday, March 13 at Oakland University's Conference Center. This daylong event will provide the chance for local clubs to showcase or talk about their literacy projects and will also include presentations about "Reach Out and Read" and other national and international literacy projects.

Maps, registration information, and more details will be available shortly. For those wanting to get a jump on planning, the university is located at 2200 N. Squirrel Road, Rochester, Michigan 48309-4401.

**On the following two pages, you will find information about the Rotary membership summit on January 16, but please respond by January 1.**

*Dear Club Presidents,*

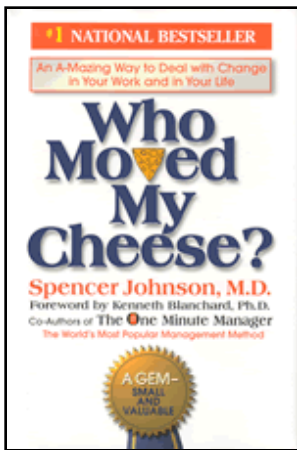
*You have been hearing about the NEW membership summit coming in January. It is time to TAKE ACTION. You do not want to wait to sign up for this, as seating is limited. I have attached a registration form and promotional flier for the membership summit on Saturday, January 16 so you and your club representatives won't miss out.*

*I expect this meeting will help us renew our membership efforts. I need everyone's help in talking this up. Your club should be receiving the hard copy of this material by mail.*

*PLEASE respond no later than January 1. If you feel that your club's budget is to strained to handle this event, please let me know and we will try to help underwrite some of the registration fee because we feel it is that important that you attend.*

*Looking forward to hearing from each of you.  
In Rotary Service,*

*Loran Coffman  
Assistant Governor 2009-2010 District 6380 Sector 8  
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## “Who Moved My Cheese?”

is the story of four characters living in a "Maze" who face unexpected change when they discover their "Cheese" has disappeared. Sniff and Scurry, who are mice, and Hem and Haw, little people the size of mice, each adapt to change in their "Maze" differently. In fact, one doesn't adapt at all...



Full of modern day insight, the story of “Who Moved My Cheese?” invites individuals and organizations to enjoy less stress and more success by learning to deal with the inevitable change.

When it comes to Rotary Membership we've tried to tell, explain and demonstrate... It just doesn't work.

## NOW IT'S TIME TO INSPIRE YOU!

This motivational program based on the “World's #1 Bestselling Book on Change” (over 24 million copies worldwide), “Who Moved My Cheese?” will help participants find the “new cheese” in personal, business, and Rotary life.



## 6380 DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT

Saturday, January 16, 2010

8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Berkley High School, 2325 Catalpa, Berkley, MI  
(11½ Mile Road & Coolidge)

Club Registration - \$100.00 for up to three club members  
(YOU WILL NEVER FIND A MOTIVATIONAL COURSE OF THIS CALIBER FOR SO LITTLE)

We expect this program to sell out. Clubs must pay and register their attendees by Jan 5, 2010. No club exchanges of attendees will be permitted. Clubs may request additional members to attend at \$20.00 per Rotarian; non-Rotarian attendees at \$40.00 per person. These extra person requests will be filled in the order they are received after registration closes Jan. 5.

For further information please contact Paul Benson, District Membership Chair, at [DrPaulBenson@DoctorBeWell.com](mailto:DrPaulBenson@DoctorBeWell.com) or (313) 368-2499 or your Assistant Governor.

We have housing available for Friday night for those traveling a distance.



# REGISTRATION

## DISTRICT 6380 MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT



Saturday, January 16, 2010

ROTARY CLUB OF \_\_\_\_\_

**Amount Due \$100.00**

Includes: Registration for up to 3 members in your club, Continental breakfast and refreshments, and seminar book, Who Moved My Cheese?

Each additional Rotarian beyond the 3 for each club is \$20.00 per member

Attendance for a Non Rotarian is \$40.00 per person

**PLEASE SEND YOUR CHECK *BEFORE* JAN 5, 2010**

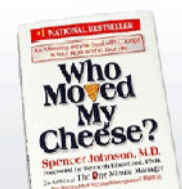
**PAYABLE TO "ROTARY DISTRICT 6380" IN THE ENVELOPE PROVIDED**

Questions, concerns, requests to opt out or to send additional people to the program please contact Paul Benson, District Membership Chair at (313) 368-2499, or [DrPaulBenson@DoctorBeWell.com](mailto:DrPaulBenson@DoctorBeWell.com), or your Assistant Governor

We would appreciate the names of your members attending now, although it is not necessary. YOU WILL BE ADVISED IF THERE IS SPACE FOR ADDITIONAL ATTENDEES AFTER JAN 5, 2010.

**Who Moved My Cheese?**

The World's #1 Bestselling Book On Change • Over 24 Million copies worldwide







## ***The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor ~ An International Humanitarian Project: Lingap Community Learning Center***

*Submitted by Fred Beutler*

**T**oledo City in the Philippines is a city of 160,000 with a poverty rate of 42 percent and an unemployment rate of 75 percent. The quality of education is very poor; only 61 percent of children complete elementary school, and there are thousands of street children who are victimized without opportunities of any nature. The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor has partnered with other clubs to significantly improve the education and quality of life for all children and families in this challenged community.



An earlier Rotary project furnished and equipped the Lingap Center, an orphanage built by local people under the guidance of Rotarian John Drake. With a capacity of one hundred children, it is transforming the lives of that number of orphans. Recently, tutors from the orphanage began reaching out to street children who live and scavenge in the local parks. While the Lingap children are in school, the tutors teach basic literacy, math and hygiene in the parks and supply the street children with a full meal. As the Lingap Center wards "graduate" at age 18, their spot is taken by one or more of the street children and others in desperate need.

The current West Bay Learning Center Project expands educational facilities into the entire community by furnishing and equipping a community library at a local school. Although the library is targeted to the children of the nearby Lingap Center, it is available to and used by an estimated 2,500 children. Teachers from surrounding schools are also able to utilize the facilities, as are adults in the community. In short, the library is a community resource center.

The West Bay Learning Center Project was jointly sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Ann Arbor and Toledo City West. Its total budget was \$25,000 of which \$9,750 was provided by the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor; additional contributions were received from other Rotary clubs as well as Rotary International. The project was administered by Anne Glendon, with assistance from Jim Cook and Prue Rosenthal.

A PowerPoint presentation on this and other of our club's humanitarian international projects is available for programming at local Rotary club meetings. Your club may also work with us on one of our projects in its pre-proposal stages. If you are interested, please contact Len Stanger [734-994-0505; l.stanger@sbcglobal.net] for further information. You might ask Len about coming to a meeting of our International Projects Committee to learn what we do.



From the front page of "The Holly Express"  
<http://www.thehollyexpress.com/>  
**Davisburg Rotarians: 42 years of giving**  
**December 21 2009**

DAVISBURG, Michigan – For the 42nd straight year, members of the Davisburg Rotary Club have demonstrated just how much they care about their community, this year delivering 80 Christmas baskets to area families in need. With each basket containing more than \$100 of food, families of four can enjoy the offerings for up to two weeks. It is the Davisburg Rotary Club's hope that each basket provides every family with enough relief to allow them to focus on the joy of each other during the Christmas holiday.

Since 1967, the Davisburg Rotary has conducted its signature community service project, the Christmas Food Basket Program. While fundraisers and community service projects held throughout the year help fund the program, area merchants and several other community organizations are also instrumental in ensuring the program's success.

As one of over 30,000 Rotary Clubs worldwide, the Davisburg Rotary Club continues to live up to the organization's motto, "Service Above Self." Rotarians are dedicated to the Four Avenues of Service: Community, Club, Vocational, and International Service.

Those community-minded individuals interested in learning more about the Davisburg Rotary can contact Mike at (248) 634-0444 for more information.



***Rotarians Judy Windrin and Diana Walls assemble and deliver 80 Christmas food baskets***

## Long-lost trophy's at stake tonight

By Tim Robinson  
DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

From 1954 to 1965, the Brighton-Milford football game had a trophy.

Then, it disappeared. Last week, Milford coach Jeff Hill was cleaning out a storage area and came across the trophy, which had been sponsored by the communities' respective Rotary Clubs.



Tonight, the trophy, known as the RC Cup, will take its place as a trophy again.

"(Hill) called me and asked me if I wanted to resurrect the trophy, and I said, 'Sure.' It sounded great."

Representatives from both clubs and the principals and athletic directors from both schools will participate in a program ceremony before tonight's Brighton-Milford game at Milford High School.

"If we win the jug and bring it home, it will kick off a great week," Brighton Rotary Club president Lori Lalama said. "If they win we've invited the whole team to our luncheon on Tuesday. They're hungry boys. That should give them incentive."

Kiefer chuckled when he heard about the offer.

"I don't know," he said. "If we do, they'd better borrow against next year's budget to pay for the lunch."

"It's a lot of fun," Kiefer said about the offer.

Regardless of what happens tonight, the Bulldogs have another game to determine ownership of a jug coming up.

That will come next week, when the Bulldogs play host to Howell for the Little Brown Jug, which the Highlanders currently own.

Milford had a 8-3-1 record during the Cup's previous incarnations.

"Why it got put away is a mystery," Kiefer said.



Photo by GILLIS BENEDICT/DAILY PRESS & ARGUS

Dressed as the H1N1 virus, better known as the swine flu, from left, Carol Griffith and her husband Scott Griffith, Morgan Pilat and Michael Griffith take a break between holes at a goofy golf outing at a local putt-putt golf course.

## Rotary hosts putt-putt event

The Brighton Rotary Club raised \$6,800 from its annual Putt-Putt Classic fundraiser. The event was held Oct. 1 at the Tom Deaton Golf Center in Genoa Township. In all, 88 golfers participated in the event, which Rotary President Lori Lalama described as a "spoof of a golf outing."

Each putter used by the golfers in the event was "manipulated" in some way to make the game more difficult and interesting, such as a putter with a chain on the end, Lalama

explained. Each hole on the course had different rules for the teams of four players, and a dinner was served after play.

"It's a great night of fun," Lalama said. The funds raised from the evening will be used for the multiple services and organizations hosted and supported by Brighton Rotary, such as the packaging and delivering of Thanksgiving meals to in-need residents.

"A major part of the money earned will go toward that project," Lalama said.



## Brighton Rotary Club

submitted by Lori A. Lalama president

**October:** Spoof Putt Putt Fundraiser raised \$ 7,000. Brighton High School and Milford High School resurrected the RC Jug for their Rivalry Game October 2. BHS won and the varsity football team presented the RC Jug to the club on October 6.

Rotary Raiders joined with Hartland Rotary on a ramp build for a woman in Fenton.



BRIGHTON PHOTOS  
Brighton High School varsity football Coach Cliff Kiefer, center, holds the Rotarian Little Gray Jug trophy, which is awarded to the team who wins the Brighton-Milford matchup.

## Team presents jug to area Rotary Club

The Brighton High School varsity football team captain — A.J. Dooley, Victor Prippe, Ryan Johnson and Thomas Weisner — along with Coach Cliff Kiefer presented the Rotarian Little Gray Jug trophy to the Brighton Rotary Club after the team's record 49-7 victory over Milford. The jug had been a prize awarded by Rotarians for the Milford and Brighton teams at the annual contest from 1954 until 1965. Senior manager Matt Janusz, gave an inspiring speech to the team and Rotary.



## Rotarians to tackle aging playground

The Brighton Rotary Raiders — a dedicated group of volunteers known for installing wheelchair ramps — will spend up to \$15,000 to provide hardware and supplies for fixing up the playground, which has fallen into disrepair from constant use. The Rotary members will provide the free labor.

The Rotary group has helped improve the popular playground in the past, including getting the community to assist with spreading new mulch at the facility. Piet Lindehout, head of the Rotary Raiders, said he will begin working on a "game plan" to get



PIET LINDEHOUT  
The community involved in this project. Work would start in the spring, but he said it's possible some repairs could be completed this fall.

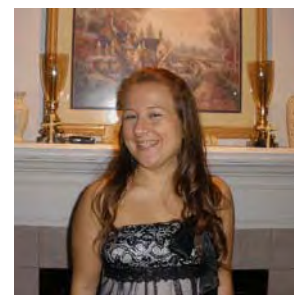


**Idil Birben went to her first formal dance in the USA attending the BHS homecoming October 10. She is our YSE from Turkey and she had an amazing time.**

## November:

Brighton Rotary Raiders to spruce up Imagination Station playground at the Brighton Mill Pond.

GDD venture with Crystal Garden, the Salvation Army, and Love Inc., to provide 135 full-course Thanksgiving dinners to those in need. For the fourth year, Thanksgiving dinner prep and delivery – we prepared and packaged all the food at Crystal Gardens, transported the meals to the Brighton Community Center and branched out and made deliveries. Rotarians, family and friends all assisted in this large undertaking. It is truly a rewarding cause for all involved. Jeannie McMillan was our chairperson.

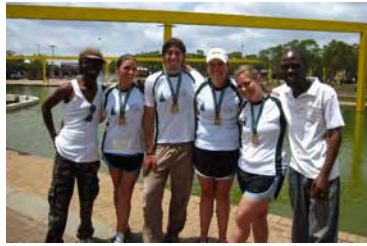


Idil Birben assisted with deliveries.



**Brighton Rotary Club New Member Induction** (Mark Marker, sponsor) Brian Parsons, with Vantage Construction Company, and Greg Gray, superintendent of Brighton Area Schools (Bill Anderson, sponsor), were inducted to the Brighton Rotary. They shared their personal and professional background.





*(Katarina Obser is our Ambassadorial Scholar sponsored by the Lakes Area Chamber.)*

Nov. 06, 2009

Dear Family and Friends,

*I just wanted to let you know that at approximately 10:34 a.m. last Sunday, I crossed the finish line of my first marathon! The locals of Soweto came out in full force to cheer on runners as we climbed up and down the hills, thanking us for coming and cooling us down with water from their garden hoses. I had four hours and 34 minutes to take in all of the sights and sounds of this wonderful place, including running past Nelson Mandela's and Desmond Tutu's houses and seeing the Hector Pieterse Memorial. We were also so lucky to see some familiar faces in the crowds as friends from Jo'burg came out to support with cheers and more Energade.*

*I'm attaching a couple of pictures of us after the race. Zuma and Bennett, the two teachers from the Khulanathi Music Project, also cheered us on and were there to greet us as we crossed the finish line. With your help, we've raised nearly \$2,500 for their school which will make an enormous difference in their efforts. We're all incredibly grateful for all of the support over the past months. I couldn't have done this without all of you! So one more time, many thanks for the support, encouragement, donations, and good thoughts. All my best, Katharina*

**Tilbury Rotary Club's** two new members: Cindy Branquet (sponsored by Kelly Dupuis) is the human resource manager for A.P. Plasman – Tilbury. Gerry Harvieux (sponsored by Dave McGuire and Chris Edwards) is the editor of The Tilbury Times.



The **Ferndale Rotary** held its December pancake breakfast in conjunction with the Ferndale Holiday Ice Festival on Dec. 12. The club sponsored the ice sculpture of Scooby Doo with a Rotary emblem on his tag. (Submitted by Amy Roll)



**Mount Clemens Rotarians** help the community once again by sponsoring and actually driving in the Mount Clemens Santa Parade on November 27. Hot rods included Rotarian Ray Glime's 1967 Camaro and Rotarian Rolf Schroeter's 1965 Volkswagon bug. Rotarians walked the mile-long parade alongside the cars carrying a banner decreeing ROTARY . . . SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITY. Although it was very cold, it neither rained nor snowed. Rotary has been involved with the parade for the past 20-some years. Rotarians wore their huge navy blue aprons over their coats, proudly showing ROTARY logo blazoned across the front. (Submitted by Nancy Dedenbach, public relations) Photos were highlighted with a great accompanying article in the local paper The Macomb Daily.

Ann Arbor's **Robert Pratt** left a rich musical legacy  
(From AnnArbor.com by Roger LeLievre)

**L**ongtime Ann Arbor music educator Robert Pratt, 83, died November 30 in Jackson. He had been battling cancer for the past six months. For 25 years, Pratt was chairman of the music department, director of choral activities and founder of the music history portion of the humanities program at Pioneer High School. His name is listed on the Ann Arbor Public Schools' Roll of Honor. He was also involved in a host of local musical endeavors, and conducted the annual Community "Messiah" Sing from 1988-2007. "We all just loved him," said Melody 'Meg' Gower, organizer of the event. "He was a fabulous conductor, sharing his joy and enthusiasm with the music."

Long active in church music, Pratt was director of music at Ann Arbor's Zion Lutheran Church and conductor of the Chancel Choir at the First United Methodist Church. He was the founding conductor of the Plymouth Oratorio Society and also conducted the Ann Arbor Cantata Singers.

His involvement with the Youth for Understanding Chorale from 1964-73 led to 10 tours of Europe and South America, appearing in major concert halls and on radio and TV. After the chorales ended, Pratt and his wife, Mary, spent a sabbatical year in Brazil studying Brazilian culture and music and conducting and teaching. He conducted a reunion concert of the Youth for Understanding Chorale in June 2008.

He received his degrees from Oberlin College Conservatory of Music and the University of Michigan School of Music. "He was the choral conductor when I was at Pioneer," recalled Mary Steffek Blaske, who is now executive director of the Ann Arbor Symphony Orchestra. "He trained (Huron High choral director) Richard Ingram, he trained (Pioneer High choral director) Ken Westerman - he was just the best teacher. His legacy is living on with these people teaching at our schools today."

Westerman said Pratt "is fondly remembered by 18 years of singers at Ann Arbor High School and Pioneer High School. ... I have credited him with much of our methodology and drive and success. Certainly a lot of our emotional connection to what we do came from his passion."

"Being in choir with Bob always set a high standard and he chose a challenging repertoire," Ingram observed. "It really gave me a good model and certainly provided me with an idea of what a program could be like with a knowledgeable person at the helm."

A member, song leader and past president of the Ann Arbor Rotary Club, Pratt was designated an Honorary Paul Harris Fellow, Rotary's highest award, and was recently honored with emeritus status.

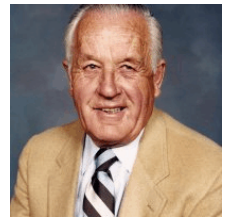
Ingrid Sheldon, Rotary past president, former Ann Arbor mayor and former student of Pratt's, said she is saddened by Pratt's passing. His legacy will be as a music educator "who recognized the value of music and fine arts and the education of the whole child, as well as being a real leader in musical education, especially for high school youth," Sheldon added.

A private service for family was held. A memorial service is planned for early January at First United Methodist Church in Ann Arbor, where he had been a conductor for a number of years. He is survived by his wife Mary, three children, 10 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren

**Al Karner**, a member of our club since November 1983 and a Paul Harris Fellow passed away at the age of 83. Al was the owner of Al's Copper Mug, a well known watering hole in Walled Lake for 37 years. Al was well loved in the community and even rose from his hospital bed following a heart attack several years ago to go door to door in town reminding folks of their duty to their community and encouraging them to support our annual golf outing. No one said no to him. In recent years Al has been ill and we visited him when possible holding fun meetings at his home with the assistance of his family. Last year Al survived a partial amputation of his leg, but declining health eventually prevailed. He was buried from St. Williams Catholic Church in Walled Lake. He will be long remembered and loved by all club members and many in our community. *Submitted by Lorrie McVey, Lakes Area Rotary Club*



**Willard Shirley Walls** was a charter member of the Davisburg Rotary Club. Shirley was soon to have his 100th birthday, and the Davisburg club was planning a 100th party for him. He had been in failing health for some time so he had been made an honorary member since he was not able to attend the meetings on a regular basis. He was much loved and respected by the Davisburg Rotarians. Willard Shirley Walls of Davisburg died on Sunday, Dec. 20, 2009. He was 99. Born in Davisburg on Feb. 10, 1910 to Willard and Retta (Wilds) Walls, he was an active member of the Davisburg United Methodist Church and lived in faith every day. He was also an active member of the Davisburg Rotary Club. He is survived by his daughter Sandy (David) Thornberry of Georgia; grandchildren Kirk Nowery of Davisburg, Craig Thornberry of Washington D.C., and Jeanne Morgan of South Carolina. He was preceded in death by his wife Beverly in 1998. Visitation was at Dryer Funeral Home and services were at the Davisburg United Methodist Church. Memorial donations may be made to the Davisburg United Methodist Church.



### "I'm So Glad You Came" by Jane Peterson

I'm so glad you came  
For I will always know your light  
In my hands; Always.



And the power of your leaving  
was exquisite.  
A kind of profound silence.  
I will always be able to recall it  
in a moment; Always.

But I am so glad you came.  
So incredibly honored  
To have known you at all.  
I will always know your light  
In my hands, and in a blink,  
I will see it;  
Always.

**District 6380 Status as of November 30, 2009**

<b>Rotary</b>			YTD	2008-09	2009-10	2009-10	2009-10	2009-10	Annual	Annual
<b>International District 6380 Statistics</b>	Membership as of Jun-09 SAR	Membership Reported to District 30-Nov-09	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving (actual)	Foundation Annual Giving (Club Pledge)	Foundation Annual Giving 30-Nov-09	Foundation Restricted Giving 30-Nov-09	Foundation Permanent Fund 30-Nov-09	Giving Per Capita Rank	Giving Per Capita
Club										
Anchor Bay	17	17	0	\$ -	\$ 2,300					\$ -
Ann Arbor	309	308	-1	\$ 25,077	\$ 35,880	\$ 16,622	\$ 19,353			\$ 53.79
Ann Arbor Sunrise	8	8	0	\$ 995	\$ 1,100					\$ -
Ann Arbor North	31	33	2	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000			\$ -
Auburn Hills	14	11	-3		\$ 1,200					
Berkley	25	24	-1	\$ 100	\$ 2,500					\$ -
Birmingham	74	74	0	\$ 425	\$ 8,600	\$ 200	\$ 300			
Blenheim	25	24	-1	\$ 3,074	\$ 3,450	\$ 3,398	\$ 2,049		3	\$ 135.92
Bloomfield Hills	30	31	1	\$ 15,300	\$ 3,105	\$ 200				\$ 6.67
Brighton	66	64	-2	\$ 5,440	\$ 6,900					\$ -
Chatham	63	63	0	\$ 5,892	\$ 8,875	\$ 200	\$ 1,205			\$ 3.17
Chatham Sunrise	38	39	1	\$ 5,289	\$ 3,800	\$ 1,042				\$ 27.42
Chelsea	29	30	1		\$ 2,700					
Clarkston	28	28	0	\$ 7,541	\$ 4,500	\$ 3,518	\$ 50		4	\$ 125.64
Clawson	18	18	0	\$ 2,275	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Clinton Township Sunrise	11	11	0	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,200					\$ -
Davisburg	18	16	-2	\$ 605	\$ 2,300					\$ -
Dexter	32	34	2		\$ 3,828		\$ 30			\$ -
Dresden	22	20	-2	\$ 2,613	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Eastpointe	16	18	2	\$ 2,000	\$ -					\$ -
Farmington	24	23	-1	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,900	\$ 100				\$ 4.17
Ferndale	19	20	1		\$ 1,900	\$ 200	\$ 600	\$ 125		\$ 10.53
Fowlerville	22	25	3		\$ 2,500					\$ -
Hartland	20	23	3		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000				\$ 50.00
Howell	34	34	0	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ -				\$ -
Lake Orion	26	27	1	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,000	\$ 100			\$ 38.46
Lakes Area	18	15	-3	\$ 2,932	\$ 2,300					\$ -
Livingston Sunrise	52	50	-2	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,400				\$ 103.85
Lyon Area	15	14	-1	\$ -	\$ 720	\$ -				
Milan	22	19	-3	\$ 300	\$ 2,200		\$ 300			\$ -
Milford	30	32	2	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000					\$ -
Mt. Clemens	81	83	2	\$ 13,812	\$ 8,400	\$ 1,380	\$ 2,160			\$ 17.04
Novi	35	38	3	\$ 111	\$ 5,740	\$ 5,000			2	\$ 142.86
Ortonville	14	11	-3	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500				\$ 35.71
Oxford	39	34	-5	\$ 3,590	\$ 4,000	\$ 250				\$ 6.41
Pontiac	26	28	2	\$ 2,375	\$ 2,000	\$ 250				\$ 9.62
Richmond	33	32	-1	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,400		\$ 2,000			\$ -
Ridgetown	30	29	-1	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,795					\$ -
Rochester	93	86	-7	\$ 16,880	\$ 21,150					\$ -
Romeo	10	10	0	\$ 400	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Royal Oak	38	37	-1	\$ 6,662	\$ 8,164	\$ 100				\$ 2.63
Saline	32	33	1	\$ 2,710	\$ 2,000	\$ 200				\$ 6.25
Southfield	14	13	-1	\$ 200	\$ 1,500	\$ 50				\$ 3.57
Sterling Heights	23	25	2	\$ 4,250	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,365			1	\$ 146.30
Thamesville	7	7	0		\$ 900					\$ -
Tilbury	21	21	0	\$ 3,731	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,121				\$ 53.38
Troy	34	37	3	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,700	\$ 200				\$ 5.88
Utica-Shelby	12	13	1	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,596	\$ 400				\$ 33.33
Wallaceburg	11	10	-1	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Warren	27	26	-1	\$ 2,025	\$ 2,700		\$ 56			\$ -
Waterford	24	26	2	\$ 6,200	\$ 3,600	\$ 100				\$ 4.17
West Bloomfield	22	22	0	\$ 1,039	\$ 2,100		\$ 100			\$ -
Ypsilanti	21	24	3	1550	\$ 3,565					\$ -
District 6380							\$ 180			
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>1798</b>	<b>-5</b>	<b>\$ 174,593</b>	<b>\$ 206,568</b>	<b>\$ 45,796</b>	<b>\$ 31,483</b>	<b>\$ 125</b>		
			Per Capita ->	<b>\$ 91.75</b>		<b>\$ 25.40</b>				