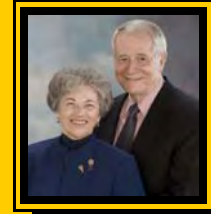




# District 6380

www.rotary6380.org

February 2010



District 6380  
Governor Judy  
Garver and husband  
Hal Parish

## GOVERNOR MUSINGS for February

Winter has certainly not left Michigan and Canada yet, but the longer days of light give us all hope that spring is really just around the corner.

We are now left with just four months remaining in our current Rotary year. The Future of Rotary has definitely been in our hands this year, and we have made some nice strides in our district to make sure that our district and all its clubs will fare very well in the coming years. Of course, if Rotary fares well, the world will be faring very well indeed right along with us. I have been absolutely astounded as I visited our clubs to see how many wonderful projects we actually do for our local and international communities. I think we would all gasp in surprise if we knew the exact number of all those projects. Our district Rotarians have truly caught the spirit and the essence of Rotary.

I was privileged to go on a Rotary trip to the Dominican Republic in February. There were several projects that the Rotarians who went were working on. There were 70 total Rotarians and friends in the group, and there were five from our district which included John and Joyce Joyce, Ruth Howell, Kim Pierce and myself. We all went to Santiago for a Project Fair on February 7. Rotarians from several clubs in the Dominican Republic were there with lists of projects that they were looking to get help and support with. There was an Interact club from Santiago that had a project in addition to a Community Rotaract Group which had several. Many of the projects were quite small in dollars needed, but the needs the projects were designed to meet were really great. One club was trying to build three houses for three elderly

women who were living alone in homes that were quite isolated, and the Rotary club wanted to get them situated closer to people who could assist them if needed. Each home will cost \$1,300 to complete. If anyone in our district is looking for a project in the Dominican Republic, those of us on the trip would be glad to share project ideas.

Several clubs in our district have been supporting BioSand Filter installations in homes in Bona, DR. The five of us were hosted by Rotarians from the Bona Rotary Club who showed us many of the filters that have been installed. We were able to talk with families who had the filters, and we were happy to see how they have benefitted from the filters. We saw the installation of a filter in a nursing home. The women who work at the home will be able to take home distilled water from that filter every day. Clean water is absolutely essential for a good quality lifestyle. The August 2009 Rotarian magazine had a featured article on work that has been done in the DR by our Michigan districts.

**March 27** there is a water conference in Grand Rapids. This will be the 7th Thirsting to Serve Conference. Our district is a partner in the conference. I have attended them each year, and I have found them to be extremely informative and motivating. The conference organizers get an excellent group of presenters, and this year will be no different. There will be Rotarians there from the DR this year.

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

*Judy*

We have a golden opportunity March 13 to learn a lot about the topic of literacy, what projects have been started, and some of the programs that are in place to help promote literacy in Canada, in the U.S. and across the world. Illiteracy is not a problem just in developing countries. The developed world has many, many people who cannot read, and this situation hampers people from developing their potential in almost every aspect of their lives. Join us March 13 to learn about ways to help those for whom literacy is not yet reality. See the agenda attached to this newsletter. Register yourself and community members and leaders who are interested in improving the percentage of people who are literate.

Registration is available on our district Web site now at [www.district6380.org](http://www.district6380.org) for the district conference April 30, May 1 and 2. It will be a wonderful experience. Every club in the district will have a club program promoting the conference and its benefits in March. Your interest in attending will be heightened after hearing and seeing this presentation. Register for the conference and prepare yourself for a grand experience at the world famous Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, MI.

## The Shirt!

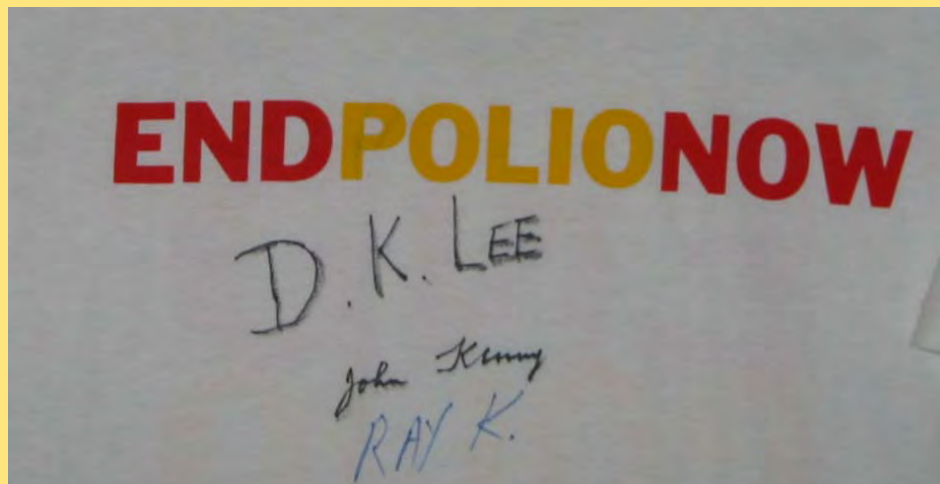
Among the wonderful things planned for the district conference, is an auction for a very special T-shirt.

The "president's shirt" was brought to the 2009 PETS by Rotary Foundation Rep Jamie Rivord last spring. She had brought it from Evanston, signed by the three RI presidents, for the PETS committee to auction off to raise money for polio eradication if they wanted to do it. They did.

Then PE Jim Lawrence of Livingston Sunrise bid for his club, and he came out the highest bidder. Jim planned on having the shirt framed and hung in their club meeting room, but he decided to offer it to be re-bid on so that more money could be raised for polio eradication. Jim has now donated the "president's shirt" to be auctioned off at this year's District 6380 Conference, which, in case you have forgotten, is April 30, May 1 and 2 .

Many thanks Jim. The shirt is a white T-shirt with a small "End Polio Now" logo on the front and a large "End Polio Now" logo on the back. The three presidents, D. K. Lee, John Kenny and Ray Klingensmith (actually PE but who's counting?), signed the front of the T-shirt under the "End Polio Now" logo.

Maybe we can continue with this "president's shirt" theme and have Kalyan Banerjee add his signature in the coming year.



## Promoting Literacy Locally and Around the World - An Exchange of Ideas March 13 at Oakland University Conference Center

• Co-sponsored by District 6380 and Oakland University Department of Reading and Language Arts



Please take a moment to look over the exciting agenda. The District 6380 Literacy co-chairs Dr. Jay Eastman and Mary Elizabeth Harper have planned a lively, informative, and inspiring lineup for our first-ever literacy conference. The conference offers something for everyone. Experts in the field of reading and language will speak on a variety of relevant topics ranging from the importance of nursery rhymes to the issues of speaking more than one language in the home. You will learn about national and international organizations that are working to improve

literacy throughout the United States and abroad. Rotarians will speak about literacy projects that really work. You will have a chance to become involved with any number of established projects or be inspired to start one of your own. No matter what draws you to attend the seminar, you will not go home disappointed! Please support this endeavor to promote Literacy, one of Rotary's main areas of emphasis. RI President John Kenney has asked Rotary clubs to learn about literacy and education issues in their communities and help increase access to quality learning opportunities for those in need. Here is an opportunity to do just that. You will come away with a renewed sense of commitment to making the world a better place. Please sign up today, and bring a friend!

8:30-8:45 • Welcome - District Governor Judy Garver, Dean Robert Wiggins, Dean of Education and Human Services

8:45-9:00 • Literacy-So What's the Problem?  
Jay Eastman, MD Physician Champion of Reach Out and Read-MI

9:00-9:15 • Nursery Rhymes: More Important Than You Thought  
Linda Ayres, Ph.D. Peter Piper allows kids to pick up more than pickles. Rhymes are a key to understanding how sounds and letters work and help children learn the alphabetic principle.

9:15-9:30 • What's in the Book? Many Wonderful Words!  
Jim Cipielewski, Ph.D. The language contained in books is much richer than adult speech. If we want to learn words, we need to go to the source: the book.

9:30-10:00 • Reach Out and Read-Prescribing Reading by Pediatricians  
Teresa Holtrop, MD Children's Hospital of Michigan

Break 10:00-10:20

10:20-10:35 • Speaking to Your Child: The Benefits of Rich Language  
Tanya Christ, PhD. Rich oral language is a key to later vocabulary growth. Imagine how much more children would learn in an environment full of words.

10:35-10:50 • More than the Cover: Choosing Good Books  
Linda Pavonetti, Ed.D. Out of the thousands of books, how can we choose the best and brightest for our children? With hundreds of outstanding books available, we should give our children the best.

10:50-11:30 • Dolly Parton's Imagination Library  
Pam Hunsaker Regional Director

11:40-12:00 • Language in the Home: The More the Wealthier (in words)  
Carmela Gillette, MTESL Will using a different language at home hinder a child's reading growth? No - it will help with later vocabulary and language knowledge.

Lunch noon to 1 p.m.

1:00-1:15 • Encountering the Child: The Wonder of One-to-One Tutoring  
Robert Schwartz, Ph.D. A skilled teacher working one-to-one with a child creates a great learning environment. This allows a teacher to make on-the-spot decisions based on immediate cues from the child.

1:15-2:00 • Reading Village-Creating a Reading Culture Where None Exists  
Linda Smith, MBA, MA Founder

2:00-2:20 • Birmingham and Rochester Rotary-Detroit Public Schools Book Project  
Marti Custer and Linda Eastman

2:20-2:35 • Richmond Club Book Distribution  
Sandy Pradko and Patricia Winkle

2:30-3:00 • Creative Collaborations for Literacy Projects  
Amy Goodman, Executive Director Washtenaw Literacy

Break 3:15-3:35

3:35-3:50 • Canadian Literacy Projects

3:50-4:10 • Guatemala Village Textbook and Library Project-A District Project  
Jay Eastman, MD

4:10-4:30 • When Words Fail - Training People Who are Illiterate and Don't Speak Your Language  
Karen Moore, RN, PNP





**Thirsting to Serve**  
international clean water projects



with **Partner Rotary Districts 6360 and 6380**

## **A QUICK LOOK AT THE UP COMING**

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual**

**2010 CLEAN WATER CONFERENCE**

**“EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERSHIPS”**

March 27, 2010 - 8:30 AM to 3:30 PM

Prince Conference Center – Calvin College - Grand Rapids, Michigan

Go to: <http://www.thirstingtoserve.org/register.php>

\*\*\*\*EARLY REGISTRATION RATE ENDS FEB 28\*\*\*\*

Information: [sbodenner@gmail.com](mailto:sbodenner@gmail.com)

Early Registration - \$50

Non Rotarian and Registration March 1 - \$75

Interactors, Rotaractors & Students - \$20



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## EXTRAORDINARY PARTNERSHIPS

March 27, 2010 – 830 AM – 330 PM  
Prince Conference Center, Calvin College, Grand Rapids MI

### With Partner Rotary Districts 6360 and 6380

830 AM	Welcome	DG John Salan
	Drink the Water	PDG Ross Conran, Thirsting to Serve Director
8:45 AM	WASRAG & Corporate Partners	PDG Ron Denham, Chair, WASRAG
9:15 AM	The Rotary Foundation & USAID	Amanda Robertson, The Rotary Foundation, John Borrazzo, USAID
9:45 AM	Sister Cities, Gates Foundation & Water	
10:00 AM	A University, Rotary & Water	Keith Helferich, PhD, Central MI University
10:15 AM	US Navy Handclasp	Leigh Readdy, Rotarian Liaison, Paul Brown, US Navy
10:35 AM	BREAK	
10:55 AM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS*	
NOON	LUNCH with T2S Speakers	
12:45 PM	World Market	
1:15 PM	BREAKOUT SESSIONS	
2:00 PM	Rotary as Gateway to Social Entrepreneurs	Triple Quest & HydrAid BioSand Filter
2:30 PM	What Partnerships Mean to Our Countries	DG Simon Kafando, RD 9100, 14 Countries (with three languages) including Ghana, DG W Anand, RD 3230, India and DGE Aura Basilis , RD 4060, Dominican Republic
3:15 PM	Closing	

• **BREAKOUTS WILL INCLUDE:**

- Ghana Panel –DG Simon Kafando, Lansing & GR Sister Cities, Amway Researcher, Moderators: Jim White 6290, Mark Henne 6360,
- Dominican Republic Alliance Grant Panel - Bob Hildreth, Amanda Robertson TRF, Chas Jespersen 6360, Susan Bodenner 6290
- India Panel – DG W Anand (RD 3230 India), Keith Heilgerich, PhD CMU,
- DGE/DGN Planning Session – PDG Ron Denham, WASRAG, 6290 DG John Salan and 6360 DG Kathleen Tosco facilitators
- Interact/Rotaract & Water Projects...Young Professionals from Ghana and India will present; Moderator Steve Cullen, CMU

• **BOOK STORE WITH RECOMMENDED TITLES**

- **DISPLAY TABLES – CONTACT [sbodenner@gmail.com](mailto:sbodenner@gmail.com)**

# Haiti: A Multidimensional Rotary Experience

■ Janet McPeck, DGE

Haiti. Imagine a country with beaches, mountains and flowers as beautiful as any in the Caribbean. Imagine also a country that has been hit hard by natural disasters, governmental instability and all of the human health, economic and educational issues prevalent in a country still struggling to develop.

Then imagine people who have pride in their history as a nation that earned its freedom in the early 1800s and who dream of finding answers for the many challenges they face.

Tom Thorfinnson, RI Director for Zones 28/29, and John Smarge, RI Director -Elect for Zones 34/35, certainly knew what they were doing when they planned the 2010-2011 DGE's & Partners Haiti Retreat. Having both been to Haiti many times, they knew that we would learn to understand the meaning of a Haitian proverb that says we "see today, but remember tomorrow."

I was a participant in the retreat, which took place in Port-Au-Prince, Haiti from Thursday, November 12 through Sunday, November 15. Afterward, I stayed on with Cindy Sakala, a DGE classmate from the Pittsburgh area, to spend time visiting the mountain villages in the Deslandes area. The furthest thing from my mind when I was in Haiti was that almost exactly two months later they would be hit with a devastating earthquake.

Our Haitian experience began with a reception hosted by District 7020 at the Karibe Hotel, followed by the incredible opportunity to be guests at the charter night celebration for the newest Rotary Club in Port-Au-Prince. They certainly set the bar for how to treat guests by scheduling the event at a time when we could attend and by delivering all of the speeches and presentations in English rather than French, so that we could understand and feel included throughout the evening. We will long remember the excitement and the pride in the faces of the 21 new Rotarians. As they ring the Rotary bell for their weekly meetings in Port-Au-Prince, they will remember that it was a gift from all the retreat attendees.

Over the course of the weekend, we participated in a full day of plenary sessions that included presentations by Haitian Rotary clubs and a wide variety of NGOs. We were treated to an incredible cultural



festival at the Karibe Hotel. This is the fifth year for the event, which showcases vendors from throughout Haiti with displays of art, food and innovations such as charcoal made from recycled materials.

The group also participated in service projects, including a morning visit to a nursing home to deliver toiletries and briefly interact with the residents, followed by a day of painting at a local school. That evening, local Rotarians opened their homes and provided door-to-door transportation to host all of us for dinner and dialogue.

The rest of my Haitian experience was quite different than the time spent in Port-Au-Prince. Cindy and I traveled at the invitation of the Centre d' Intervention Jeunesse or Youth Intervention Center, an organization based in Toronto that is led by a very dedicated Haitian man who also served as our host.

We traveled by SUV, then on foot, later barefoot as we waded across a shallow river, then additional hiking in the dark with flashlights, eventually crossing the Artibonite River in a wooden boat and riding pack mules the rest of the way to our destination, the community of Deslandes, located 5 km from the nearest navigable road.

We spent the night in the village, where we were given a meal, water had been carried in so that we could wash after our travels and space was made available in a local village house so that we could sleep. While there we traveled 3 km by motorbike, packhorse, and on foot, to meet with community leaders at a water source. We learned of the need for a water system so that children can attend school instead of carrying water and so that all could have safe water to drink. We learned of needs for health and sanitation and schooling. But most of all we saw their progress: crops

they were growing to send for sale, efforts to educate the children, and community organizing to try to reach their goal of developing an economically sustainable rural community.

Haiti will be remembered in a unique way by each person who was in attendance those four days. A few even stayed on and made additional visits to villages and sites where projects were underway. All of us will think differently about what it means to be Haitian, about the pride and about the tremendous need.

We'll remember our Haitian Rotarian colleagues saying The Four-Way Test and trying to do good in the world, just as we do the same back home in our communities.

For me, I keep looking at the calendar we were given and the Haitian proverbs on each page. I read, "You must learn the way before you take to the road," and smile when I think of the Haitian traffic and roads. Then I think of what we learned about listening to what people need, respecting their knowledge of local resources, and the importance in any endeavor of taking time to "learn the way."

We saw the needs, we tasted the wonderful new foods, and we began some new friendships that will develop for many years to come. Most of all, the photos we took, the pictures on that calendar, and the memories that return on a daily basis compel us to take action. The Haitian experience fed the soul for DGEs who were becoming bogged down in the detail of all there is to do between now and July 1, 2010.

We left grounded again in what makes Rotary work and the integrity of its individual clubs as each Rotarian finds a way to matter to the world. I know that I have made a point of looking every day at a final quotation from the calendar, struck by the truth in the saying, "Those who make promises forget, but those who are hoping remember."

Thank you, Tom and John, for giving us an experience that will keep us mindful of not letting down those who depend on us to follow through when we know there is need, whether it is in Haiti or around the corner from where our club meets every week.

***"Those who make promises forget, but those who are hoping remember." – a saying in Haiti***

## Clothing Drive for Haiti ~ ~ Karen Jo Crouse, PE - Rotary Club of Hartland

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**THE NEED** Clothing is a critical need. Most survivors have only the clothes they were wearing when the earthquakes struck! Our intention is to collect gently used clothing. Our Haitian contacts have helped define this need.

**THE PROJECT** Hartland Rotary and Clinton-Macomb Rotary announced that we are partnering with the World Medical Relief, Inc. to collect, process, and ship clothing to Haiti. We will solicit funds to cover shipping and other project costs. Rotarians and WMR will work together under one mission; "Helping the Sick, Poor and the Needy" with "Service Above Self."

Our TARGET is to complete the collection by **April 1**. To assure that distribution in Haiti will be under the control of Rotary, we are assured of the enthusiastic involvement of DG Errol Alberga in Haiti (D7020) and AG Dennis Chong, Jamaica - Haiti coordinator. We now have two potential distributors in Haiti. AG Dennis Chong has agreed to monitor the delivery of our shipments and ensure distribution to the appropriate locations.

**INVITATION** DG Judy Garver enthusiastically supports this project and has encouraged us to make it happen. The Hartland and Clinton-Macomb Rotaries invite the participation of all District 6380 clubs. Together we can make a difference! WE NEED YOUR HELP. We're off to a great start. Before we could even announce the project, the Utica/Shelby Rotary already donated 100 bags of clothing! Thank you, Ron Sy, you have set the standard for this project - and encouraged us to think big.

**HOW YOU CAN HELP** Launch a campaign among your members, families, and friends to collect appropriate clothing! We'd like it if you created a HUGE problem for us - a real mountain of clothing! We suggest you consider the following, in your area:

- press releases - paper, radio
- letters to local establishments, churches, schools, companies, families
- community centers
- print shops (will often donate overrun shirts)
- local clothing stores

That would of course create another huge challenge - SHIPPING. We are optimistic that we may piggyback with WMR, including containerization and transport. However, we will still incur significant costs. Although World Medical will provide the container, we know shipping will be expensive. So, we are hoping that each district club might also make a cash contribution - so that we might not be left literally "holding the bag."

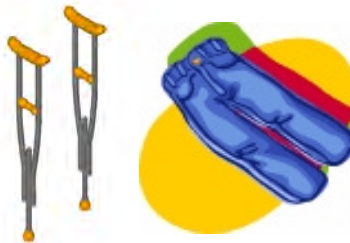
There is a possibility of sending some of the clothes via general aviation. We have a tentative commitment of three planes, including a Citation and a Pilatus; these planes would actually be flying to Haiti! We'll let you know more about this later.

Please designate a contact person in your club, and have that person email or call me, so I will know who my "Team Leaders" are ASAP. I hope to establish a dialogue between clubs - so that ideas can be shared and all questions resolved quickly. And please don't hesitate to contact me with any suggestions or questions. Remember, this is a district-wide project and your input is important!

*Warm regards,  
Karen Jo Crouse*

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## GUIDELINES AND PROCEDURES

**CLOTHES and SHOES** Clothes must be new or gently used. If in doubt, please do not send them! Collect summer-wear clothes for all ages and genders. The temperature is in the 80s and above year round. (Exception: jeans are worn year round and are sought after.) Shoes and sandals may be donated, only if they are in really good shape. Underwear will only be accepted if it is new and wrapped. Ensure that all clothes are clean and neatly folded. Please wash before sending them to Hartland. Bag clothing in clear plastic (.9 mils or heavier) with ties that can be opened non-destructively by customs. Identify each bag with a white adhesive tag, using permanent ink, indicating male or female, and age group (adult, teenage, child, baby).

**LINENS** Summer-weight blankets, sheets and towels are also needed. Only gently used linens will be accepted.

**Other items such as medical supplies, toys, cots etc. are welcome. Crutches and walkers are especially needed!**

**RECEIVING AND STORAGE** Clothing will be processed and prepared for shipment at Hartland Insurance Agency, located on Old US23 in Hartland, a mile north of M59. Please make arrangements in advance for delivering your collection, generally between 8-5 daily and Saturday 9-12 by special arrangement. Advance notice is required, so that your delivery can be welcomed.

**FINANCIAL DONATIONS** Financial donations are needed to cover the cost of shipping, and packaging. Checks should be payable to Hartland Rotary, designated for Haiti Relief.

**Hartland Insurance Agency**  
2532 N Old US 23 Hartland, MI 48353 810-632-5161  
Prior to each planned delivery, contact Karen (H) 810-632-4808 (C) 586-242-9563 to make sure someone is able to accept your delivery. Call Barbara Walker at Hartland Insurance at (810) 730-3622 if unable to reach Karen.

## GSE TEAM TOCHIGI, JAPAN arriving April 25



### DISTRICT 2550 GROUP STUDY EXCHANGE TEAM

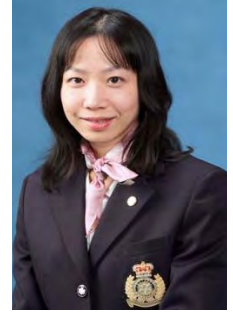
It is our pleasure to introduce the members of the District 2550 Japanese GSE team, who will be arriving in Detroit April 25 for a month's stay in District 6380.



**Yasushi Nishida**  
(Team Leader)



**Jun Hojo**



**Yoko Arai**



**Eri Aiko**



**Kaori Ishikawa**

#### **Yasushi Nishida**

is a retired Professor Emeritus of Utsunomiya University where he was an experimental plasma physicist. He is a member of the Utsunomiya-Yohoku Rotary Club. He is married with three children, one daughter and two sons, and six grandchildren. Yasushi enjoys singing, attending orchestral concerts, the movies and the opera. He is looking forward to doing some sightseeing while in Michigan and Ontario. He would like to visit the University of Michigan either in the field of Engineering or Physics, attend a Detroit Tigers baseball game, or visit the Ford Motor Company.

#### **Yoko Arai**

is a pianist and piano instructor. Her family consists of her parents, one elder brother and her cat. She enjoys travel and is interested in tea ceremonies. While in District 6380, she hopes to attend music programs at universities, and programs for elementary school children and music as therapy. Her one pet peeve is that she gets hay fever.

#### **Jun Hojo**

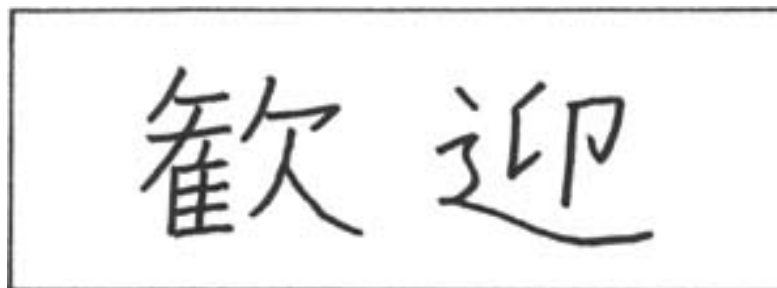
is 32 years old. He is a ceramist by vocation and associated with Mashiko pottery. His family includes parents, grandmother and two sisters. He obviously likes animals as the family has a dog and six cats. His hobbies include calligraphy and playing soccer. He hopes to be able to visit art galleries, museums, pottery maker and attend some sporting events while here.

#### **Eri Aiko**

is a 26-year-old nurse and works as a medical care worker. Her family consists of her parents, and grandparents, an elder sister and her dog. She enjoys travel, snowboarding and calligraphy. She hopes to be able to visit hospitals, nursing homes and world heritage sites.

#### **Kaori Ishikawa**

At 25, Kaori is the youngest member of the GSE team. She works in administration as an office clerk at Utsunomiya University. She lives with her father, mother and one sister. She enjoys playing the piano and walking and has an aversion to yogurt. She is interested in visiting art galleries, museums and a university.



**Kangei (Welcome)**



# Call for Rotary Peace Fellow Applications

■ The Rotary Foundation invites all districts to submit applications for the 2011-12 Rotary Peace Fellowships. Applications must be sent to The Rotary Foundation by July 1.

Dear Rotarian District Leaders,

In these uncertain times, there is a growing demand for well-trained international leaders to promote national and international cooperation and peace throughout their lives, in their careers and through service activities. The challenges of the 21st century require people skilled in the art of diplomacy, mediation and conflict resolution. The Rotary Peace Fellowship program was developed to meet this very need.

Rotary is seeking non-Rotarian professionals interested in expanding their knowledge in international relations, public administration, sustainable development, peace studies and conflict resolution or a related field. Each year, up to 100 Rotary Peace Fellowships (50 master's degree fellowships and 50 professional development certificate fellowships) are offered on a competitive basis at six prestigious Rotary Centers around the world.

Participants in the master's degree program gain access to:

- Two years of Rotary-funded graduate study toward a master's degree at one of our six Rotary Centers
- Training in the root causes of conflict, theories of international relations, and effective models of cooperation, conflict resolution, and negotiation.
- A growing network of committed alumni employed around the world in diplomacy, government, non-governmental organizations and private corporations.

Candidates already working in the field of peace and conflict studies may opt for the three-month professional development certificate program at Chulalongkorn University in Bangkok, Thailand. Both programs require, at minimum, a bachelor's degree in a related field; 3 years of relevant work experience for the MA program and 5 years for the professional development certificate.

Since the Rotary Peace Centers inception, more than 85% of all Rotary districts have endorsed at least one Rotary Peace Fellowship Applicant totaling over 1,700 application submissions.

Now is the time to start recruiting for your district! Please share this information with business associates, local universities, service organizations, religious institutions, and community groups that may know of individuals interested in conflict resolution and diplomacy. For eligibility and application information, please direct candidates to:

<http://www.rotary.org/en/StudentsAndYouth/EducationalPrograms/RotaryCentersForInternationalStudies/Pages/HowToApply.aspx>

Candidates for the 2011-2012 academic term should send their applications to Rotary clubs now. Contact [rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org](mailto:rotarypeacecenters@rotary.org) for further information.

Thank you.

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The Rotary Foundation  
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# A Rotary Christmas Story

James Harper ~ singer/songwriter and jack-of-all-trades

When I was growing up, Christmas giving had little or nothing to do with "wish lists." I was raised with the belief that one could best choose a meaningful present by paying attention to what was important to the intended recipient, and if the gift came with the element of surprise, so much the better.

After 20 years of marriage, however, surprises can be hard to come by, especially when one's spouse is both sagacious and suspicious. So I was still undecided as this past Christmas was approaching. I'd laid a few trails, leaving clues about likely presents that I knew would be appreciated, but also somewhat expected. Then the

December copy of *The Rotarian*, Rotary's magazine, arrived, and with it the comic book-styled story of the life of Paul Harris. I was aware that Mr. Harris was Rotary's founder, but this story brought him to life for me in a new way. At its conclusion I found myself quite moved to think of how this man, who could have easily retreated from the world because of the challenges of his upbringing and health, instead chose a path of generous service which has brought people together all over the world, and improved millions of lives.

Now this, I thought, deserves a closer look. So I briefly researched the life and works of Mr. Harris, and in doing so understood why the Paul Harris Fellowship is so respected in Rotary circles. As the spouse of a Rotarian, I had heard of Mr. Harris, and was aware that Mary Elizabeth, my wife, had been making contributions over several years with the intention of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. Now my Christmas plan came together.

I contacted Rotary International, and explained that I wanted to give the balance of funds needed to complete her fellowship. They let me take the somewhat unusual step of having all related mailings sent in my name, and in due course everything arrived. My vigilance at the mailbox was rewarded when I intercepted the followup gift receipt. On Christmas day, Mary Elizabeth opened several boxes within boxes, to find the tiny, elegant Paul Harris Fellow pin. It was clearly unexpected but immediately appreciated; for a few moments she was at a loss for something to say.

Then the kitten suddenly discovered the pile of wrappings, and slammed into it like a furry little bowling ball, and her "thank you" morphed into laughter and the sound of shredding paper.



Under the cover of the kitten diversion, somehow I neglected to tell my wife about the handsome certificate that came with the pin. Somehow it later managed to find its way into the hands of Dave Damron, her Rotary president, who at their next meeting, before her fellow Rotarians, presented it to their new president-elect with a few appropriate words. Somehow I suspect that payback is in my future.

I am happy to pass on this little story not only because I'm pleased that I managed to surprise my wife -- which I am, because it doesn't happen very often. More importantly, it is because I have the opportunity to remind Rotarians and their friends and families that Rotary makes real differences in the world, through the various projects with which you are familiar. But you might not be aware that the Rotary Foundation manages those projects as one of the most cost-efficient charitable institutions in the world.

As a former fundraising researcher for a Big Ten university, it is important to me to know that an institution handles money wisely. According to [CharityNavigator.org](http://CharityNavigator.org), only 9 cents out of each dollar raised by Rotary goes toward administration and fundraising costs. This is an extraordinary figure, especially when anything under 15 percent is considered excellent stewardship.

[CharityNavigator.org](http://CharityNavigator.org) gives the Rotary Foundation its "exceptional" rating, and has selected it as one of the top 10 "Best Charities Everyone's Heard Of."

Still, for me, the bottom line is that by contributing to the Paul Harris Fellowship in her name, I had the opportunity to pay my respects to his memory, and to say to my lovely and generous wife that I honor her, thank her, and acknowledge the great good that she and all Rotarians do in our communities, and for all people. I think Mr. Harris would be proud of her, and all of you as well.

## Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

### ■ *Bob Buchanan*

Sang Nam introduced the Honorable Sung-Hwan Son, Consul General of the Republic of Korea of the consular office in Chicago. The Consul entered the Korean office of Foreign Affairs in 1995 and has served at consular posts including Russia, Pakistan, the World Trade Organization in Geneva. He now holds the position of Consul General in Chicago. This post serves a large area in Midwestern U.S. The Consul is an honorary Rotarian in Chicago.

Speaking on U.S.-Korean relations and the KORUS FTA, the Consul noted that Korea is the third largest contributor to Rotary International. Korea, which is the seventh largest trading country in the world, is a small country surrounded by powerful neighbors, he said. Its economy depends entirely on foreign trade and it has a GDP of \$1 trillion compared to \$13 trillion for the U.S.

Korea was annexed to Japan in 1910, then gained independence in 1945. After the Korean War, South Korea entered into a mutual defense treaty with the U.S. in 1953. This alliance has stabilized both the politics and economy of the region. However, the alliance is now undergoing major change. First, it is evolving from a military to an economic, cultural, and social alliance. Second, it is broadening in scope from bilateral to regional and global cooperation. The Korean/United States Free Trade Agreement (KORUS FTA), currently in negotiation, should upgrade the economic partnership.

Although ratification of the KORUS FTA is a problem for Michigan because the automobile chapter seeks to eliminate or make very low tariffs on Korean imports, the Consul observed that no trade agreements will satisfy everyone. He said that the KORUS FTA should have minimal impact on U.S. industry, and that overall, it will benefit U.S. consumers. "This FTA is essential because of the increasing geopolitical power of China," he stated. Korea now has a free trade agreement with the EU, which will be the second largest market for Korea following China.

The Consul closed by quoting former American Ambassador to South Korea, V.H.E. Alexander Vershbow, who stated that Koreans and Americans are similar: honest, direct, devoted to family, and proud of their countries' histories and achievements.



*Ann Arbor Rotary Club photo by Fred Beutler*

## Ypsilanti Rotary Club

### ■ *Rick Easterbrook*

The Ypsilanti Rotary Club partnered with Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority, an honorary organization for educators, to provide dictionaries to all third graders in the Ypsilanti Public School District and Willow Run Community School District.

More than 300 dictionaries were distributed in January and February.



Rotarian Linda Crabtree, coordinator of the Ypsilanti Club's Community Engagement, is shown with an Erickson Elementary third grader who has just received his free dictionary.

The Ypsilanti Rotary Club meets every Monday at noon at the EMU Student Center.



### *Rotary Club of Windsor*

Bill and Shirley Arend's grandson receiving a scholarship from the Windsor Rotary Club. Bill is current president of the Wallaceburg club. Gentleman on the right is District 6400 Governor Neil McBeth.

This is when our grandson graduated and received a \$1,000 bursary from the Rotary Club of Windsor to further his education. There were 47 students from Grade 12 who received this same bursary for university or college. A bursary is strictly an office for a bursar and his or her staff in a school or college. In modern English usage, the term has become synonymous with "bursary award," a monetary award made by an institution to an individual or a group to assist the development of their education. According to The Hobsons UK Boarding Schools Guide: many independent schools have bursaries, which are grants from the school to help you pay the fees. These are usually awarded after a "means test" of family income and are not dependent on examination performance, although some account will be taken of academic ability. Bursaries may be awarded in addition to a scholarship where financial need is demonstrated and the child would otherwise be unable to enter the school. To obtain a bursary, parents will usually be asked by the school's bursar to fill in an application form, giving details of their financial circumstances, supported by documentary evidence, including capital assets. The application will be considered by the school in accordance with its bursary policy. The award will often only remain in force until the pupil has sat the next relevant public examination; an award made before GCSE will not necessarily continue into A-level. Most schools will review bursaries annually to ensure that the justification for an award remains. The Wallaceburg Rotary Club lost long time member Glenn Courtis. He was a very special person and well liked by everyone in the club. He had moved to a retirement home, so he was unable to attend meetings for the last three years. Wallaceburg Past President Robin Southgate spoke at the funeral on behalf of the club.



### *Rotary Club of Chatham ~ Tomi Rossini*

From Keith Koke: I am saddened to report that Tomi Rossini, wife of Chatham Rotarian Hugo Rossini, passed away February 14. Monday, February 15, was a Canadian Family Day National Holiday, so arrangements were slower in being finalized. The funeral was in Chatham at Hinnigan-Peskeski Funeral Home, in Chatham, ON. Tomi was a very special woman, wife, and mother, and she will be missed by many people and every Rotarian who had the pleasure of getting to know her during the 27 years Hugo has been a Chatham Rotarian.

Tomi was feeling dizzy and fell. She pushed her wrist Medi alarm button and was still conscious while in the ambulance and quite coherent. She told the ambulance person she might have had a stroke however went into a coma upon arrival at

the hospital. A MRI showed massive blood on the left side of her brain. Marty and I were still at the hospital and made our last visit.

We were privileged to be with the family in the room for about 45 minutes. We said our final "goodbye" which was very hard.

[www.peseki.com](http://www.peseki.com): Parish prayers were offered at the funeral home and a Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on February 19 (just after Ash Wednesday) in Blessed Sacrament Church. Burial was in St. Anthony's Cemetery. An arrangement was ordered on behalf of District 6380.

The family asked me to do a eulogy on behalf of Rotary, prior to the luncheon. Grandson Josh did one on behalf of the family just prior to the service.



**Dexter Rotary Club**  
**Dexter High School Rotary Interact Club**  
**From: Steve Feinman**



**Faculty Advisor**  
**Paula**  
**Smeltekop**

The Rotary Club of Dexter is pleased to announce the formation by students at Dexter High School of the Rotary Interact Club. The club elections were held in late November by the students. The officers for the current school year are: president Kelsey Heilman, vice president Cameron Maisch, treasurer Brandon Canniff, and secretary Paul Parker. Paula Smeltekop, librarian at Bates Elementary graciously volunteered as the faculty advisor for the club, and Brent Kolb, DDS is the Interact liaison from the Dexter Rotary Club.

Rotary Interact is Rotary International's service club for high school students. Rotary International is the world's first service club organization, with more than 1.2 million members in

33,000 clubs worldwide. Rotary club members are volunteers who work locally, regionally, and internationally to combat hunger, improve health and sanitation, provide education and job training, promote peace, and eradicate polio under the motto Service Above Self.

The Dexter Rotary Club currently supports local scholarships and community projects such as "The Playhouse" for Dexter Daze, tree planting, and the annual "Art, Food, & Wine" event in addition to international projects such as disaster relief in Haiti and the eradication of polio worldwide. The Dexter Rotary Club meets at 7 a.m. on Thursdays at Terry B's, and has 32 active members comprising mostly business professionals from the Dexter community.

Interact clubs give young people an opportunity to participate in fun, meaningful service projects while developing leadership skills and meeting new friends. Each year, Interact clubs complete at least one community service project and at least one project that furthers international understanding and goodwill. Interact clubs are sponsored by Rotary clubs who provide guidance and inspiration, but the Interact clubs are self-governing and self-supporting. Popular projects include: fundraisers; blood drives; benefit concerts; cleanup campaigns; pen-pal exchanges; visits to nursing homes, orphanages, and homeless shelters.

These students have a unique opportunity to not only participate in a meaningful service club, but to actually be the founders of this club! Although the club is in its infancy, the advisors and students are working together to adopt bylaws and organize meeting formats. They meet the second and fourth Mondays of every month at 7 a.m. in the Media Center at DHS. On January 30 the advisors and students planned to attend "Interact Day" in Farmington Hills. This is an all-day event that gives Interactors and Interact advisors the unique opportunity to network with their colleagues from other clubs in Southeast Michigan. For more information about The Dexter Rotary Club or the Dexter High School Rotary Interact Club, contact Dr. Brent Kolb via email at [brent\\_kolb@yahoo.com](mailto:brent_kolb@yahoo.com) or Paula Smeltekop at [smeltekop@dexterschools.org](mailto:smeltekop@dexterschools.org)



**President Kelsey Heilman, vice president Cameron Maisch, treasurer Brandon Canniff, and Dexter Rotary liaison Brent Kolb. Not pictured is secretary Paul Parker**



**Interact Day 2010**  
**Ann Arbor Huron High School Interact Club**  
**From: Vishal Mehta**

On January 30, Harrison High School in Farmington Hills played host to District 6380's annual Interact Day. The day was filled with fascinating speakers who shared some of the work that different Rotary and Rotaract clubs in the district are doing to make a difference, as well as youth roundtables discussing different issues in the community. One of the speakers was Mr. Jim Adams who discussed the District 6380 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) that is annually held at the University of Guelph in Ontario, CA. He stressed how important it was to have leadership skills in this ever-changing world and how participating in a program such as RYLA would differentiate you from a group of people

competing for a job or admission to a university. Another interesting speaker for the day was Dustin Tierney, treasurer of the Metro Detroit Rotaract Club. He discussed how the need for clean water in Nepal is so prevalent and how relating to the people of a region can help them trust you and begin using the tools you give them to make their life better. The roundtables were another significant part of the day. The youth roundtables consisted of 5-7 Interactors discussing different problems in the international and local community and then brainstorming for solutions to these problems. A few of the issues discussed were literacy, poverty, hunger, and education in third world countries. Overall, everyone had an awesome time and made a lot of new friends and Interact Day had another successful year!

**District 6380 Status as of January 31, 2010**

<i>Rotary</i>			YTD	2008-09	2009-10	2009-10	2009-10	2009-10	Annual	Annual
<i>International District 6380 Statistics</i>	Membership as of Jun-09 SAR	Membership Reported to District 31-Jan-1-	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving (actual)	Foundation Annual Giving (Club Pledge)	Foundation Annual Giving 31-Jan-10	Foundation Restricted Giving 31-Jan-10	Foundation Permanent Fund 31-Jan-10	Giving Per Capita Rank	Giving Per Capita
Club										
Anchor Bay	17	17	0	\$ -	\$ 2,300					\$ -
Ann Arbor	309	307	-2	\$ 25,077	\$ 35,880	\$ 21,751	\$ 22,868			\$ 70.39
Ann Arbor Sunrise	8	8	0	\$ 995	\$ 1,100					\$ -
Ann Arbor North	31	33	2	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,000			\$ 58.06
Auburn Hills	14	12	-2		\$ 1,200					
Berkley	25	24	-1	\$ 100	\$ 2,500					\$ -
Birmingham	74	73	-1	\$ 425	\$ 8,600	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,374			
Blenheim	25	23	-2	\$ 3,074	\$ 3,450	\$ 3,398	\$ 2,049			\$ 135.92
Bloomfield Hills	30	31	1	\$ 15,300	\$ 3,105	\$ 200				\$ 6.67
Brighton	66	68	2	\$ 5,440	\$ 6,900					\$ -
Chatham	63	62	-1	\$ 5,892	\$ 8,875	\$ 1,315	\$ 1,440			\$ 20.87
Chatham Sunrise	38	39	1	\$ 5,289	\$ 3,800	\$ 1,894				\$ 49.84
Chelsea	29	31	2		\$ 2,700					
Clarkston	28	28	0	\$ 7,541	\$ 4,500	\$ 11,168	\$ 2,050		1	\$ 398.86
Clawson	18	17	-1	\$ 2,275	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Clinton Township Sunrise	11	10	-1	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,200					\$ -
Davisburg	18	16	-2	\$ 605	\$ 2,300					\$ -
Dexter	32	35	3		\$ 3,828		\$ 1,030			\$ -
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	\$ 245	\$ 910	\$ 125		\$ 12.89
Fowlerville	22	25	3		\$ 2,500					\$ -
Hartland	20	23	3		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000				\$ 50.00
Howell	34	43	0	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 25				\$ -
Lake Orion	26	26	0	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,000	\$ 200			\$ 38.46
Lakes Area	18	14	-4	\$ 2,932	\$ 2,300					\$ -
Livingston Sunrise	52	53	1	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,400				\$ 103.85
Lyon Area	15	15	0	\$ -	\$ 720					
Milan	22	19	-3	\$ 300	\$ 2,200	\$ 200	\$ 300			\$ 9.09
Milford	30	32	2	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000					\$ -
Mt. Clemens	81	84	3	\$ 13,812	\$ 8,400	\$ 1,380	\$ 3,285			\$ 17.04
<b>Novi</b>	35	34	-1	\$ 111	\$ 5,740	\$ 5,500	\$ 120		3	\$ 157.14
Ortonville	14	11	-3	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 500				\$ 35.71
Oxford	39	34	-5	\$ 3,590	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,350				\$ 34.62
Pontiac	26	25	-1	\$ 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	85	-8	\$ 16,880	\$ 21,150					\$ -
Romeo	10	10	0	\$ 400	\$ 1,000	\$ 200				\$ 20.00
Royal Oak	38	37	-1	\$ 6,662	\$ 8,164	\$ 900				\$ 23.68
Saline	32	37	5	\$ 2,710	\$ 2,000	\$ 300				\$ 9.38
Southfield	14	12	-2	\$ 200	\$ 1,500	\$ 50				\$ 3.57
Sterling Heights	23	24	1	\$ 4,250	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,365			4	\$ 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	\$ 2,000			2	\$ 166.67
Wallaceburg	11	11	0	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Warren	27	25	-2	\$ 2,025	\$ 2,700		\$ 56			\$ -
Waterford	24	25	1	\$ 6,200	\$ 3,600	\$ 1,100				\$ 45.83
West Bloomfield	22	19	-3	\$ 1,039	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 100			\$ 50.00
Ypsilanti	21	23	2	1550	\$ 3,565	\$ 1,235				\$ 58.81
District 6380							\$ 180			
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>1800</b>	<b>-12</b>	<b>\$ 174,593</b>	<b>\$ 206,568</b>	<b>\$ 72,247</b>	<b>\$ 40,962</b>	<b>\$ 125</b>		
			Per Capita ->	<b>\$ 91.75</b>		<b>\$ 40.07</b>				