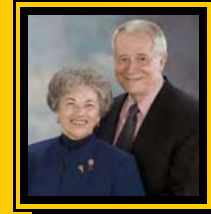




# District 6380

www.rotary6380.org

January 2010



District 6380  
Governor Judy  
Garver and husband  
Hal Parish

## GOVERNOR MUSINGS for January

It is amazing how much has happened since our last district newsletter went to print. The December holidays and New Year celebrations were just concluding. A few short days later, the world turned upside down for several million people in Haiti when that disastrous earthquake hit. The whole world has been deeply saddened by this event and the awful consequences that resulted. The world has been united in sending workers, monies and aid of all kinds to try and bring relief to those who have lost their homes, loved ones, and their livelihoods.

Rotarians all over the globe have been rushing to the aid of those in need in Haiti. We have been working with Rotarians in Haiti and nearby Dominican Republic to get relief packages into the country. In addition, ShelterBoxes are being purchased by the thousands to bring shelter to as many people as possible.

Many clubs and individuals are contributing to the district collection for ShelterBoxes. In addition, there are many other worthy funds that many Rotarians are sending funds to also. The Rotary Foundation has established a Donor Advised Fund for U.S. citizens to contribute to, and now we have just learned today that Canadians will also be able to contribute to the Foundation/Canada and receive matching funds from the Canadian government.

Our newest club, Hartland, is leading a district clothing drive to send much-needed articles of apparel to Haiti. Rotarian Karen Crouse has been in contact with Rotary International and Rotarians in Haiti to determine the best method of getting these items there. We will be sending information to all the clubs soon. You will be given the particulars on types of clothing needed and where the collection point will be. Look for the information in an upcoming email.



We are halfway through this current Rotary year 2009-10. We were asked to focus on the theme and remember that the Future of Rotary is in Our Hands. We have done that this year, and we are working hard to make sure that the Rotary we pass on to the leaders for the year 2010-11 will be an even stronger and better organization than it was when the club and district officers for 2009-10 were installed in their leadership roles. The ideals of Rotary make the organization something we do not want to see diminished in any way. *Continued next page*

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

*Judy*

## GOVERNOR'S MESSAGE CONTINUED

We have just had a very successful membership summit under the leadership of district membership chair Paul Benson. We were all given tools and resources to share this wonderful Rotary experience with many more people. We are looking forward to being able to work with more and more people who join our clubs and share our desire to promote world peace and understanding and to make this world a better place.

On March 13 we will have our first-ever literacy summit. Rotary International presidents have asked Rotarians to help make literacy a reality for many, many people who cannot read. We have had a lot of literacy projects done by Rotarians in our district over the past few years. District literacy chairs Jay Eastman and Mary Elizabeth Harper will showcase projects and help us learn how to promote literacy in many new and different ways. The summit will be held at Oakland University. Look for details coming out soon.

The annual District Foundation Gala will be held this year on February 18 at the Dearborn Inn. We will showcase some of the many programs of the Foundation, recognize special levels of giving over the past year for clubs and individuals, and we will hear special keynote speaker Mike McCullough, past director of Rotary International. Mike has been an enthusiastic supporter of the Rotary Foundation, and he has helped lead District 6400 to contribute to the Foundation in innovative ways that have taken levels of giving to new heights for clubs and the district as a whole.

Registration is available online at [www.rotary6380.org](http://www.rotary6380.org). Click on the event on the right side of the home page and you will be taken to the event description page where you may click and register.



Lastly, but certainly not least, we are preparing for a wonderful conference at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan, home of the famed Henry Ford which consists of Greenfield Village, the museum and the Ford plant

tour. Every club will receive a DVD showcasing the conference to show at the first club meeting in March. At that same meeting everyone will hear about the awards that will be presented at the conference. Clubs and Rotarians are encouraged to make nominations for these awards.

***In Rotary Service,  
Judy***

## ***Literacy Conference March 13 at Oakland University***

■ Literacy Co-Chair Mary Elizabeth Harper

As we settle into winter, many of us enjoy nothing so much as settling into a comfortable spot with a good book – and perhaps a glass of wine. (Also see club news about the Romeo Rotary's wine tasting fundraiser on Feb. 11.)

Planning is still underway for District 6380's first literacy conference, scheduled for Saturday, March 13 at Oakland University's Conference Center. And planning is also underway in Michigan's public libraries for this year's summer reading program, with "water" as the theme. I've been trying to find a way of connecting the three Rotary service areas of Literacy, Water, and Youth, and there's an idea just beyond my reach, but it's coming. I'm going back to my cozy chair with my book to allow the idea to percolate; meanwhile, I'm interested in your ideas.

As a reminder below is the information from Dick regarding the literacy award for 2010. Please make sure this information is forwarded to your district leadership. The award form needs to be submitted to the District Literacy Chair or DG by April 15 (tax date deadline.)

### ***Sent to zone coordinators by Richard Hattwick:***

1. If you have not done so recently, please send a copy of the Literacy Award Certification Form to your district contacts.
2. As your district contacts to share this information with their clubs and to encourage all clubs to try to complete five literacy projects and apply for the District Literacy Award by April 15.
3. Remind all of them that placing a 4-Way Test sticker in or on a book or dictionary gift to students counts as two of the five required projects. In other words, a club that gives dictionaries in which the 4-Way Test sticker has been inserted has completed TWO literacy projects.
4. Also remind the DGs of the procedures for preparing the award certificates. Specifically:
  - a. The DG or his/her literacy chair goes to [www.rotary.org/literacy](http://www.rotary.org/literacy) and finds the blank District Literacy Aware forms.
  - b. The DG fills in the name of the club and downloads the completed document.
  - c. The DG presents the completed certificate to the clubs at an appropriate time such as the district conference.
5. Remind the DG of the reasons why three districts in the world managed to get all of their clubs to earn the District Literacy Award. One of the reasons was that in those three districts the district literacy chair or district awards committee identified clubs which had completed the requirements but did not apply for the District Literacy Award. In those cases, the district leadership made the award anyway.

From  
John Kenny  
Glenn E. Estess Sr.  
Ed Futa

President RI  
Trustee Chairman  
The Rotary Foundation  
General Secretary RI

18 January 2010

Dear Rotarians:

**D**We are deeply saddened to hear of the recent earthquake in Haiti, and we are touched by the commitment of Rotarians to assist the communities affected by this disaster. RI is coordinating relief efforts, and we are writing to you today to provide you with information on how you may work through Rotary to make a significant contribution toward alleviating this major humanitarian crisis.

RI coordinates information and provides resources on club and district disaster relief efforts. When informed of local relief initiatives, RI shares updates about these efforts on the RI Web site. Rotarians wishing to contribute funds or donated goods to disaster victims can visit the website or contact the International Service Programs Section at [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org) to learn about current relief and recovery efforts.

The Rotary Foundation has established the Haiti Earthquake Relief Fund, a donor advised fund, for the purpose of collecting contributions for earthquake victims. Details about the fund have been posted on the RI website. Please note that all contributions must be in U.S. dollars, and only U.S. tax receipts will be issued. Additionally, District Designated Funds cannot be accepted.

We have been in contact with District Governor Errol C. Alberga to offer assistance in publicizing any relief efforts that clubs in Haiti are implementing on RI's online projects database, ProjectLINK. Any disaster recovery projects registered by District 7020 will be posted on ProjectLINK on a priority basis. Articles have been posted to the home page of the RI Web site with details on Rotary club involvement in relief efforts and how you can help.

Rotarians may contact Governor Alberga directly at [al.gram@cwjamaica.com](mailto:al.gram@cwjamaica.com) or visit the District 7020 Web site.

When organizing a response to a local or international disaster, we encourage Rotary clubs and districts to work with experienced emergency relief organizations such as UNICEF, the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Doctors Without Borders, ShelterBox, Aquabox, and World Water Works to meet the immediate needs of victims affected by the disaster.

It is our hope that with your meaningful and rapid response to this appeal, you will be able to help rebuild the future for millions of innocent people affected by this crisis. Thank you for your commitment to helping disaster victims.

From  
Edwin H. Futa  
Georg Kell

General Secretary Rotary International  
Executive Director United Nations Global Compact Office

Dear Rotary District Governors,

**D**Rotary International's more than 32,000 clubs in 200 countries and geographic regions draw on wide range of volunteer talent and expertise to improve the quality of life for all people. Rotary's humanitarian efforts are complimented by its emphases on high ethical standards in business and all the professions.



The **United Nations Global Compact** is a public-private initiative for businesses worldwide committed to aligning their operations and strategies with ten principles in the areas of human rights, labour standards, the environment, and anti-corruption. It emphasizes that business, as a primary agent driving globalization, can influence and ensure that markets, commerce, technology and finance advance in ways that benefit economies and societies everywhere. It exists to assist the private sector in the management of increasingly complex risks and opportunities in the environmental, social and governance realms.

By working with private companies and leveraging the expertise and capacities of a range of other stakeholders, its more than 5,200 corporate participants and stakeholders from over 130 countries seek to build a more sustainable and inclusive global economy and catalyze actions in support of broader UN goals – including the UN Millennium Development Goals. It and Rotary International share the ideals of high ethical business practices, sustainable humanitarian action, and world peace and understanding.

Recognizing that such similar missions can lead to fruitful collaboration, Rotary International and the Compact encourage:

1. Education and information sharing between Rotary clubs and districts and Compact local networks through attendance or invitations to speak at key meetings;
2. As appropriate, individual Rotary members coordinate or facilitate their own businesses to commit to the Compact or invite Compact local network participants to join a local Rotary club;
3. Local project implementation or collaboration – particularly those addressing the Millennium Development Goals – between Rotary clubs and districts and Compact local networks; and
4. Joint collaborative efforts promoting the best of corporate social responsibility practices and volunteer leadership and action at the local, district or national level. Working with the Compact, Rotary clubs and district can expand their impact by better understanding how high ethical standards in business, industry and society can address humanitarian concerns and enhance community development worldwide. We therefore urge you to inform clubs in your district that such opportunities exist and to encourage them to contact their Compact local network with a view to developing dialogue and mutually beneficial collaboration.

Information on the Compact and its Ten Principles can be found at:  
<http://www.unglobalcompact.org/AboutTheGC/TheTenPrinciples/index.html>

Information on Compact local networks can be found at:  
<http://www.unglobalcompact.org/NetworksAroundTheWorld/index.html>

In a letter similar to this one, the Compact will also encourage its compact local networks to contact local Rotary clubs and the appropriate district governor. Through discussion, collaboration and joint cooperation, Rotary clubs and the Compact can foster high ethical standards, universal principles, humanitarian values and tangible humanitarian successes. Together, we can work for the benefit of all.



## What Can Your Club Do to Participate in an International Water and Sanitation Project?

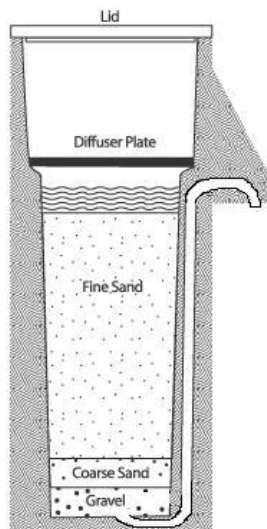
### ■ District 6380 Water Resource Coordinator Marc Forest

The district is involved in several water projects that may be of interest to your club.

- BioSand filter project in Ecuador, started in December 2008. Received a Simplified Grant in July 2009, over 100 filters produced, 60 plus installed to date out of 170. Balance of 150 units scheduled to be financed during the 2010-2011 Rotary Year. Contact Ron and Carol Cousineau through the Pontiac Club
- New BioSand filter project in Ecuador, in discussions, slated to start in July/August 2010, immediate club leading participation desirable, could be discussed in a presentation to your club. Contact Marc Forest at mitclass56@aol.com
- Support to sanitation projects in Ecuador, a new initiative suggested by a club in Ecuador where there are several ongoing projects managed by Rotary clubs. We could initiate contacts to understand their needs.
- Ongoing project BioSand filter with the Club of Bonao in the Dominican Republic, contact Mrs. Joyce Joyce at mrsjoyce2@wowway.com There may still be opportunity to assist in raising funds for the last approved RI Grant, their fourth one.
- Ongoing Filter and Sanitation projects in Nepal; contact Eileen Heasley at eheasley@avisionforcleanwater.org
- Scholarships for BioSand Filter training needed to support new BioSand projects. Training given by Centre for Affordable Water and Sanitation Technology CAWST organized yearly (September) by Eileen Heasley and husband John. Contact at eheasley@avisionforcleanwater.org
- The program includes Rainwater Harvesting and Sanitation initiatives. See also, the January Issue of *The Rotarian*
- Club funding of RI-USAID initiatives for Ghana, The Dominican Republic and The Philippines. Request information package from your Marc Forest at mitclass56@aol.com and from Sue Bodener sbodenner@gmail.com for a list of specific projects in need of club financing

Contact Marc Forest to express your interest in this work of universal consequences.

There many other successful initiatives of interest such as fund raising by the Detroit Metro Rotaract Club which is supplying funds for locally built water filters in Nepal, as presented by Eileen Heasley late 2008. Contact Jessica Padgett at jpadgett5@gmail.com or Dustin.Tierney@gmail.com



The newest hands-on project will be BioSand filters requested by the Club of Cuenca, Ecuador, request expected in the next few weeks. Contact Marc Forest at mitclass56@aol.com to express your club interest. A presentation is ready, having been given to two clubs and scheduled for two other clubs.

***Yes, there is plenty that District 6380 clubs can do, and yes you can improve your presidential citation in participating in international water projects.***

We now have a much better grasp on the resources available. I now have a good file on the RI/USAID H2O cooperation that can be sent to interested clubs. The Thirsting to Serve Conference has been properly disseminated through Club Runner.

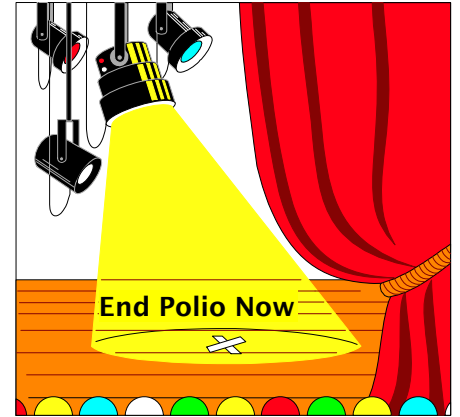
There is also the hand-washing reminder available from Water and Sanitation Rotary Action Group, the participation in walks also suggested by WASRAG. We now have pictorial evidence of the results in Ecuador where this first project is getting a lot of attention. Clubs are inquiring about ideas and presentations. Erica Gwynn will present to the Interactors a PowerPoint on ideas specific to their areas of interest.

Club funding of scholarships for a new communication initiative to reach the poorest of the poorest and to ensure the sustainability of BioSand filter operations; to be developed within the district under the leadership of Erica Gwynn, former Ambassadorial Scholar, starting during February 2010, Linda Eastman's experience in Guatemala will be featured at the first organization meeting. Spanish language proficiency desirable!

## End Polio Now PR Image Project

District Governor Judy Garver distributed a letter from RI President John Kenny asking us to support the End Polio Now Public Image Project in celebration of our organization's 105th anniversary. From February 16 through March 2, Rotarians worldwide are asked to "Light Up" with the "End Polio Now" message. Please help our district show our support by "Lighting up for Polio!" We ask every club to find locations in your community to display the message "End Polio Now" on February 23 and send us pictures of your display which we will post. We will also forward them to Judy so that she can proudly announce our districts support of the project to RI President John Kenny.

Some ideas to consider: Host a polio fundraiser or concert on Feb. 23. Ask your local theater or any other local business to post "End Polio Now" for the week or even just Feb. 23 on their billboard. Ask all the businesses in your town to post the message on their digital window display. Hang posters in local business display windows. Have a display for the week at your local library or mall. Have Rotarians gather together and hand out brochures for the day. If your club needs help with ideas or obtaining free brochures and posters, please contact us. More ideas can be found on the Public Image page of Rotary.org. We're looking forward to seeing all the ways in which our clubs Light Up District 6380 to End Polio Now!



*Yours in Service,  
Keith Koke, PDG & Ginger Barrons District 6380 PolioPlus co-chairs*

January 2009

Dear District Governor,

I am writing to ask for your support for a major Public Image project which is taking place on 23 February 2010. Various Public Image initiatives will be happening around the world from 16 February until 2 March 2010.

These will include the now successful lighting up of iconic buildings with the message End Polio Now. Leaders of governments will also receive from Rotary an End Polio Now postcard.

I would appreciate if you would ask each of the clubs in your district to be seen doing something visible to promote the End Polio Now campaign.

It can be anything from spending an hour one day handing out leaflets about Rotary and polio to having a booth at your local shopping mall collecting money to help pay for polio immunization for the children.

It really is up to each club's imagination to do what they can to support this project.

I do hope you will take this challenge to your clubs. Imagine the impact of every club in the world taking part to help End Polio Now around our organization's 105th anniversary.

For ideas and outreach materials to highlight 23 February, please visit:  
<http://www.rotary.org/en/AboutUs/Rotaryleadership/RIpresident/Pages/PublicImage.aspx>

I wish you success as we celebrate Rotary's anniversary confident that each club will recognize The Future of Rotary Is in Your Hands.

JOHN KENNY  
Rotary International President, 2009-10  
[www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)

## ***Finding New Cheese - the Follow-up from Our District 6380 Membership Summit***

■ **From: Paul Benson**

It's been one week since our membership summit. One hundred and twenty-two District 6380 Rotarians attended. It was a great success. Now, we need to build on what we learned to prevent our successes from "becoming old cheese" and change our same old routines to find "new cheese" when our ideas and programs are not working.

Rotary is a strong grassroots organization. Each club has the autonomy to do as it wants. The district membership committee is not going to tell any club what to do. Our purpose, as indicated at the summit, is to provide skills for each club to look at itself and avoid the fear of making changes (finding new cheese). We are happy for the clubs doing well with membership. However, club attitudes and statuses do change (peaks and valleys). We want those clubs doing well to stay well. They need to keep watch if their "cheese" starts to become old, and notice these small changes early enough to predict what is likely to happen, and correct it before it does.

Clubs not doing well with membership need to stop "hemming" around by overanalyzing, holding back, resist because of fear to change. Clubs need to "sniff out" membership opportunities (new cheese) and take quick action "scurry" with developing new ideas quickly, evaluating the results, and moving again.

The district wants to work together as a team to assist each club to create a picture of what you really want to happen, imagine real success, and make it happen "haw." We understand to 80/20 principle -- 80 percent of our best results come from 20 percent of what we do. We need to identify the 20 percent. To do that we will work together and learn from the clubs that are doing well.

The first assignment that we hope all clubs opt in for is a "Hunt for Change." We are asking every Rotarian to interview one or two non-Rotarians as to what they know or think they know about Rotary. **DO NOT TRY TO RECRUIT THESE INTERVIEWEES.** Someone in the club should make a list these perceptions.

We will offer a series of teleconferences in March to share the responses. (Different time slots to choose from, and there is no need to attend more than one.) All district Rotarians are invited to participate in this program. After taking a good look at ourselves through the eyes of "outsiders" our next action we will be to work on what changes each club wants to do (from what to what) and why. Working together as a team we will improve quality and quantity of membership. The goal of our District Membership Team, matches RI's president of a net one new member for each of our clubs this Rotary year.

*You don't have to be great to get started,  
But you have to get started to be great!*

## **Link In to PR and Provide Feedback**

The new district Web site link to "District PR" will give you the information you need to enter your public relations program for a district award at the District Conference in April.

The link also has background information about the Rotary International grant for \$10,000 we received based on our proposal for event billboards throughout our district area, and a calendar that identifies where we have had moving billboards with the Rotary "Humanity in Motion" ads and the upcoming schedule of major events we plan to cover.

Your input is needed to let us know of events in your area that should be included. Keep in mind that the International grant we received requires that the program be completed by June 1, which precludes important summer events unless we can find sponsors.

The link will include a "tip of the month" to give you ideas you can use to promote Rotary.

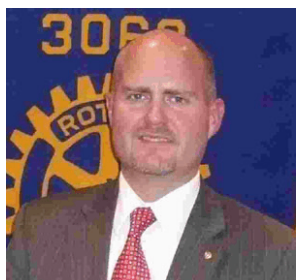
This month's idea does not cost anything. If you ask your members to take their *Rotarian* magazine to their doctor's or dentist's office, or to their beauty shop, nail salon, or anywhere there is a waiting room, it provides reading material for those waiting in addition to spreading the word about Rotary and establishing an awareness of our programs. This is after they have read it themselves, of course.

If you have ideas that should be included in this link, send them to District PR chair Ginger Nickloy.

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### **Saline Rotary Club's New Members**

Dianna Swan  
Ginger Winter  
Karen Ragland  
Scott Graden



## DISTRICT EVENTS

See the district Web site for details

February 18: District Foundation Gala at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan. Register online. It will be a great event. Please encourage your club members to attend.

February 20: District Staff Meeting Via conference call from 9 to 11 a.m. You will receive an invitation and details of call in info closer to the date. NOTE: Everyone on this call will be on mute. You will be able to ask questions, give a report, etc by pressing \*6 when you want to talk. When you are through talking, you will go back on mute. Since we have such a large number of callers on these calls, we need to use the mute method to avoid some difficulties that we experienced on the first call.

March 6: Vision Facilitator Training coordinated by PDG Gerry Jackson

March 13: First-ever District Literacy Seminar held at Oakland University. Register online.

March 18-20: Great Lakes Multi District PETS being held in Kalamazoo, Michigan

March 27: Thirsting to Serve Water Conference in Grand Rapids, Michigan

April 25-May 24: Inbound GSE Team from District 2550 Japan will be in our district

April 30, May 1 and 2: District conference at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, Michigan - Register online. Please encourage your club members to register and attend. We are asking every club to have a district conference program the first week in March. Every club will receive a DVD which promotes the conference and a large poster to have on display during club meetings until the conference has been held. Your personal testimonies to your club about the importance of attending the district conference should help spark interest.

## ROTARY BUSINESS DIRECTORY

We will be posting a District Business Directory on our Web site. Every Rotarian will receive a form to fill out that lists his or her business information if he or she wants to be in our directory. We will post this on our Web site to encourage Rotarians to look for a Rotary business contact first when he or she needs a business service or product. In addition, we will be working on publishing a business directory so that our Rotarians can have that book in the car, at home or in the office so they can call a fellow Rotarian for a business matter.

## FUTURE VISION PILOT DISTRICT

District 6380 was one of 100 districts selected to be a pilot as The Foundation rolls out the way the Foundation programs will be administered in coming years. We will be in this pilot for three years. When that period is up, every district will operate under the new system. Foundation chair PDG Don Chisholm and DGE Janet McPeck have just received training on the process in the International Assembly. They will be keeping us informed on what these changes mean for our district and how programs such as the Group Study Exchange and Ambassadorial Scholars will differ from the way they were administered in the past.



*Montreal Rotary International Convention  
June 20-23 from Cathy Smith*

RI Convention - Montreal . . . For a Taste of the Old World Leaders in Rotary

I'd like to extend my greetings to you all as we start a new year. For those of you who have already registered for the RI Convention in Montreal . . . CONGRATS! For those who are still on the fence, consider the following:

- Think of the RI convention as an investment as opposed to an expense, an investment in expanding your knowledge of Rotary, which you can share with other Rotarians, and share with those who have not yet joined our organization. And, as an investment in expanding your opportunities in the future, as you meet others from around the world with whom you may partner at some time.
- Many Rotarians took advantage of the savings by registering for the convention before December 15. Thank you for this. This has helped us get a good idea what the registration will be like by June. Chances are, we will have 20,000 registered, as per our goal. In that case, the Montreal convention will be the fourth largest convention since 1997 and in the top 10 for the past 20 years. Be sure to be part of this!
- There are great tools on the RI Web site to encourage Rotarians to attend and participate in the convention. Order these resources now and have them available at Pre-PETS, PETS, assemblies, and your district conference to remind all Rotarians of this upcoming event. Find at: <http://www.rotary.org/en/Members/Events/Convention/Pages/promotingconventions.aspx>
- Montreal is an amazing city – referred to as a mosaic rather than a melting pot, because of the large number of immigrants that have maintained their cultures, a city with old world charm and new world efficiencies. If you're craving a European escape, but your extended weekend doesn't include time to cross the pond, Montreal is the place for you.
- You will need a passport to enter Canada, so if you don't have one, get your application in today! Look forward to seeing you in June.



## CLUB NEWS

Clinton Township Sunrise Rotary Club has changed its meeting day and place to Tuesday mornings at 7:30 a.m. at the Pantry Restaurant, 44945 Morley Drive in Clinton Township.

The Romeo Rotary's third annual Wine Tasting will be held at 7 p.m., Thursday, February 11 at St. Clement Church in Romeo. Tickets are \$30 per person and available from any member of the Romeo Rotary. Sommelier Michael Cregar will once again be hosting and it promises to be another delightful evening.

### **Rotary Club Traditions**

Calling members by their first names became a habit, rather than a written rule, from the very beginning of Rotary. It rapidly became a valuable asset -- the first step that brought down to "normal" the individual who suffered from an inflated ego!

Many countries have followed the 100-year tradition of North American Rotarians. When the doctor, the engineer, the car mechanic, the senior diplomat and the small shop owner, etc. meet through Rotary, they leave their titles and last names at the door and call one another by their first names.

This simple gesture bridges gaps that divide humankind and instead emphasize what they have in common.

In 1905, Rotarian 'Rufe' Chapin, a Chicago banker, reminded fellow members that use of first names was to "...penetrate the shells of pity, ego and pomposity to reveal the real inner person inside!"

And we still follow this tradition.

Yours in Rotary,  
RIOs Merle and Jan Loch

### **Ann Arbor Club**

#### ***Eulogy for Rotarian and University President Robben Fleming***



Our club is saddened to receive the news that former University President, former club president, and long-time Rotarian, Robben Fleming, died January 11, at the age of 93. At the luncheon meeting of January 13, Rotarian Henry Johnson paid tribute to Robben Fleming. Here are his heartfelt remarks:

I first met President Fleming when he interviewed me in the winter of 1972 as a candidate for the position I was to ultimately hold for the next 18 years – that of vice president for student services. Prior to our first meeting, I had known of him only from following the events on campus, and from newspaper accounts, even though at the time, I held a position in the School of Education.

His recommending to the Regents at the time that I be appointed as the first line officer of color in the University's history spoke volumes about his humanity, wisdom and vision. At this point in my life, I honestly don't remember the content of our conversation, except to say it was cordial and I assume, mutually informative. What I do remember is the fact that President Fleming was to teach me, by example and word, for the next two decades, the meaning of servant leadership, long before the term was coined by academicians and accountants.

To be sure, he led by example and in doing so, exhibited characteristics that over the years saw this university survive significant unrest which gripped our nation as well as the University. But in the long run, while under his leadership, Ann Arbor as well as Flint and Dearborn campuses, made tremendous strides in teaching, research, and service to the state and nation. Through it all, he consistently demonstrated calm, patience and decisive leadership in all aspects of university business. I also believe that his military experiences helped him to recognize the futility of open conflict and retribution versus the hope and promise of resolution that honest dialogue can bring. Thus he approached crises as opportunities for growth, change and problem solving. And when he didn't prevail (which seldom occurred to my knowledge), he moved on having learned whatever lesson was to be garnered from the experience as he prepared for the next challenge.

However, lest we dwell on the unrest of the '70s, we need to remember him as I do – as role model and as chief executive officer and president of the University. As an individual, slow to anger and willing to forgive, he was always open to the opinions of others, even when he disagreed with them or felt they were misinformed. He was a great listener, yet decisive in the final analysis. He always believed that the buck did indeed, stop with him.

And yet, even in the most serious of times, his humor shown through. When speaking one day to the officers about the illusion of high office and influence, he remarked that on most occasions he was recognized more off-campus than on campus. He loved basketball and had gone to Crisler Arena to a game. Upon arriving at the parking lot, he realized he had forgotten his parking pass. He then informed the attendant that he was President Fleming. Whereupon the young man said, "Sir, you're the third person who's told me that this evening." Mr. Fleming said he went home and returned with the pass. Indeed, it could be said that because of his not pursuing greatness, he had greatness thrust upon him. He was a man of faith, living out Christian principles day after day, with his family, colleagues and friends. And although he was not ordained as a minister, he ministered to all he encountered by his examples of humility, honesty, service and faithfulness. No person in my estimation embodied the Rotarian principle of service above self or considered the Four-Way Test in his day-to-day decision making more intuitively than Robben Fleming. And like many of us, upon retirement, his attendance and presence at Rotary meetings increased. I'm certain he enjoyed the fellowship and when possible sitting at the informal "Presbyterian" table. Finally, I saw him on several occasions during the past year, and although his capacity for recall was becoming progressively diminished, he always greeted me with a warm smile and a firm handshake. He was truly a man of character and grace. That is the picture I will always carry in my thoughts of him. I trust each of you will do the same.

*Upon the conclusion of Henry's remarks, we acknowledged President Fleming's memory with a moment of silence.*







*The Rotary Club of Chatham Sunrise  
4<sup>th</sup> Annual*

# Mardi Gras Celebration

**Friday, February 12, 2010  
6:00 p.m.**

**Active Lifestyle Centre  
20 Merritt Ave., Chatham**

**Featuring**

***Bluttonium***

***Dinner and Dance***

***Live and Silent Auction***

**Beads and Coins**

**New Orleans' Style Fare**

**Coffee and Desserts**

**\$45.00 per person**

*Purchase from your  
Rotary Club of Chatham Sunrise member  
or call 519-354-5172  
Credit Cards Accepted.*

*Proceeds to support:  
The new YMCA facility and other Rotary sponsored projects*



**District 6380 Status as of December 31, 2009**

<b>Rotary</b>			YTD	2008-09	2009-10	2009-10	2009-10	2009-10	Annual Giving Per Capita	Annual Giving Per Capita
<b>International District 6380 Statistics</b>	Membership as of Jun-09	Membership Reported to District 30-Nov-09	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving (actual)	Foundation Annual Giving (Club Pledge)	Foundation Annual Giving 31-Dec-09	Foundation Restricted Giving 31-Dec-09	Foundation Permanent Fund 31-Dec-09	Rank	
Club	SAR									
Anchor Bay	17	17	0	\$ -	\$ 2,300					\$ -
Ann Arbor	309	307	-2	\$ 25,077	\$ 35,880	\$ 20,486	\$ 22,408			\$ 66.30
Ann Arbor Sunrise	8	8	0	\$ 995	\$ 1,100					\$ -
Ann Arbor North	31	33	2	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000		\$ 3,000			\$ -
Auburn Hills	14	13	-1		\$ 1,200					
Berkley	25	24	-1	\$ 100	\$ 2,500					\$ -
Birmingham	74	73	-1	\$ 425	\$ 8,600	\$ 2,200	\$ 1,200			
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	67	1	\$ 5,440	\$ 6,900					\$ -
Chatham	63	64	1	\$ 5,892	\$ 8,875	\$ 200	\$ 1,440			\$ 3.17
Chatham Sunrise	38	39	1	\$ 5,289	\$ 3,800	\$ 1,042				\$ 27.42
Chelsea	29	32	3		\$ 2,700					
Clarkston	28	28	0	\$ 7,541	\$ 4,500	\$ 7,068	\$ 2,050		1	\$ 252.43
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	34	2		\$ 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	\$ 220	\$ 600	\$ 125		\$ 11.58
Fowlerville	22	25	3		\$ 2,500					\$ -
Hartland	20	23	3		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000				\$ 50.00
Howell	34	34	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	50	-2	\$ 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	34	4	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000					\$ -
Mt. Clemens	81	84	3	\$ 13,812	\$ 8,400	\$ 1,380	\$ 2,160			\$ 17.04
Novi	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	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	87	-6	\$ 16,880	\$ 21,150					\$ -
Romeo	10	10	0	\$ 400	\$ 1,000	\$ 200				\$ 20.00
Royal Oak	38	37	-1	\$ 6,662	\$ 8,164	\$ 300				\$ 7.89
Saline	32	33	1	\$ 2,710	\$ 2,000	\$ 300				\$ 9.38
Southfield	14	12	-2	\$ 200	\$ 1,500	\$ 50				\$ 3.57
Sterling Heights	23	23	0	\$ 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	26	-1	\$ 2,025	\$ 2,700		\$ 56			\$ -
Waterford	24	25	1	\$ 6,200	\$ 3,600	\$ 1,100				\$ 45.83
West Bloomfield	22	22	0	\$ 1,039	\$ 2,100	\$ 100	\$ 100			\$ 4.55
Ypsilanti	21	24	3	1550	\$ 3,565	\$ 200				\$ 9.52
<b>District 6380</b>										
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1803</b>	<b>1797</b>	<b>-6</b>	<b>\$ 174,593</b>	<b>\$ 206,568</b>	<b>\$ 60,455</b>	<b>\$ 38,893</b>	<b>\$ 125</b>		
			Per Capita ->	<b>\$ 91.75</b>		<b>\$ 33.53</b>				