



District 6380

July 2009



District 6380
Governor Judy
Garver and husband
Hal Parish

DISTRICT GOVERNOR MONTHLY MUSINGS

The Rotary world celebrated the start of the new Rotary year on July 1, 2009. New Rotary International officers, district officers, and club officers assumed their positions the same day. It is an exciting event every year for those who have been selected to become club, district and Rotary International leaders. Preparation for this day began many months before so that everyone was well prepared to take those roles on.

Even though Rotary leadership has changed, Rotary's programs and service projects span the years. Our humanitarian efforts and our peacemaking activities do not come to a halt each year as one year closes and the next opens. Our programs continue on. Some, of course, will be brought to their conclusion because the objectives have been reached. Others will be started up by Rotarians and clubs all over the globe to accomplish new objectives.

The main foci that Rotary International has supported and endorsed for many years remain:

- **Water:** Projects bringing clean water and teaching sanitation will be encouraged and supported with Foundation and District grants;
- **Health and Hunger:** Efforts to relieve hunger for those who do not have adequate foods and that promote health for all mankind will again be supported by Rotary International, the Foundation, districts, local clubs and Rotarians;
- **Literacy:** Those who are unable to read because they have not had the opportunity

to learn that skill will be able to do by the continued efforts of many in the Rotary world. Projects that bring books to schools that have no books will also continue to be supported and endorsed at all levels of the Rotary world;

- **PolioPlus:** This program will be continued to its final conclusion when polio has been declared to have been eradicated by the World Health Organization.

These foci are what make Rotary the wonderful organization that it has been these last 104 years. When the basic needs of people everywhere are met there will be peace. Promoting peace and global understanding has been the mission of Rotary since its earliest days. Rotarians will not stop working on the wonderful projects that they are doing now -- and have been doing for years -- until the world is a place where the basic needs of all humankind is met.

Our District 6380 supports the efforts of all clubs and its members as we work to make the world a great place to live for all people.

As I am making my travels around the district to conduct my official visits, I am heart-warmed to meet the Rotarians in our district and learn of all the efforts that are being put forth to carry out the purpose and mission of Rotary. We have club presidents who have prepared themselves to be excellent club leaders this year, and they have appointed club members who are well qualified to assume club leadership positions so that club goals and objectives will be met.

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I have gone through all the training required of district governors-elect, and I have asked Rotarians from around the district to take on leadership roles in our district. Their job is to be a resource and support for all club chairs. I am confident that we will have an absolutely fantastic Rotary year in 2009-10. We will be working to fulfill our mission to promote world peace and understanding.



The District Newsletter:

Each month the newsletter will contain articles about initiatives that are being undertaken in our clubs and the district. I am encouraging all club committee chairs and club members to submit articles about their projects and activities. Sharing those stories will be a great way to let us all know what is working and what makes for a good project and fundraiser.

We will be looking for ways to make all kinds of resources available to our Rotarians this year. We want to post projects on the district Web site so others can either join in or learn about possible projects for their own clubs. We want to post fund-raising events that have been successful in our clubs so that others can learn from these efforts. We want to explore ways to provide a listing of our Rotarians and their businesses so that district Rotarians can use the services of other Rotarians when they need to make a purchase or engage a service that one of our Rotarians provides.

We will bring you news of district initiatives, club events and happenings every month. Please submit articles to me by the 15th of each month. Our plans are to publish the newsletter about the 30th of every month. Send items, articles and announcements for inclusion to: judygarver2000@yahoo.com

We are looking forward to an outstanding year of Rotary accomplishments. The Future of Rotary – and the world – is in our Hands.

*In Rotary Service,
Judy*

ROTARY BABIES

• Special Guests Attend President's Night at Lake Orion Sunrise and West Bloomfield

These two clubs had very special guests at the annual president's induction night celebration. Two of the three babies born to Rotarians were in attendance at the Lake Orion Sunrise celebration. West Bloomfield President Steve Ketcham brought his infant son Steve Jr. and wife Maria to share in the festivities when Steve was inducted as the new president of West Bloomfield.



Kurt Kuehn and Amber Kuehn and baby. (They couldn't make the president's night)



Steve Ketcham, President of West Bloomfield Rotary Club, on the occasion of his June 30 birthday, celebrated with 8-month old son Stevie, and the club that held its president night that same evening.



Chris Debicki with Owen William Rudolf Debicki, born July 6 to Chris and wife Beth. Chris is the president of the Dresden Rotary Club



Zachary - Jay and Michelle Soucy (He was on the right in the picture) Charlie - Claire and Al Poynter (She was on the left in the picture.)

Literacy

Greetings from your newly formed District Literacy Committee! We are charged with promoting literacy and literacy projects throughout District 6380.

Our 2009-2010 goals are to encourage:

- every club to undertake a literacy project at home or abroad
- to carry out a district literacy seminar
- to provide a literacy component for the district conference
- every club to participate in International Literacy Day on September 8, 2009 and Rotary Literacy Month in March 2010

Again this year, literacy is an area of emphasis for Rotary International. We will be receiving news about projects that may interest you, and if you have ideas to share, send them to us. We will feature them in the district newsletter and send them to the zone and area literacy newsletter.

So, start planning now for your literacy activities. Be sure to include a celebration for International Literacy Day (September 8) and

Rotary Literacy Month (March). They are important for recognition awards.

*Jay Eastman
Mary Elizabeth
Harper*



PolioPlus

Update and Challenge

Your District 6380 PolioPlus Committee has been given the assignment of creating a greater awareness of what is happening with the Rotary International Polio eradication goal and to report on clubs in our district that are making an extraordinary effort to meet the challenge from the Bill Gates Foundation, of matching \$200 million USD by the end of June 2012. The good news: more than \$78 million has been raised as of May 15, 2009.

Rotarians around the world continue in our effort to stop this crippling infectious disease (poliomyelitis) forever! We are very close to success, but the final stretch is taking longer than we ever thought. However, there is no inkling that we should slow down the work! WE WILL GET TO THE FINISH LINE! What a celebration that will be! Already we have spared five million children from a lifetime of paralysis or even death.

Rotary and Rotarians are the heart and soul of this program, and we are helped in our efforts by the World Health Organization, UNICEF (United Nations), and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control. Working together — WE WILL GET TO THE FINISH LINE!

Many of our District 6380 clubs have already embarked on programs to raise awareness of PolioPlus and have held successful fund-raisers. Now, we are asking EVERY club to have at least one Polio fundraiser THIS YEAR! We are also asking that you contact your committee (co-chairs Ginger Barrons of the Farmington club and PDG Keith Koke from the Chatham Downtown club) to come and put on a program to raise awareness and to stimulate your club members to action!

We will be reporting each month in Governor Judy's newsletter and promise to keep our articles short and easy to read, so send us YOUR updates . . . and, if possible, include a picture. A picture speaks a thousand words.
WE WILL GET TO THE FINISH LINE!

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN OUR HANDS!

*Yours in Rotary Service,
PDG Keith and Ginger*



District 6380 Conference in Dearborn - April 30, May 1 and 2, 2010
Come to Montreal for the Rotary International convention and celebrate Rotary as an international organization for 100 years. The Rotary Club of Winnipeg was the first club chartered outside the United States, in 1910.

Rotaract

"Service Above Self" is nothing new to the Metro Detroit Rotaract Club.



This Rotary- sponsored service club, though not official yet, has been striving to make a difference since November 2008.

It all began with Dustin Tierney, a 25 year-old with an adventurous side. After taking a trip to Nepal in October with

Eileen Heasley, a Troy Rotarian, for her nonprofit "Vision for Clean Water," forming a Rotaract club here in metro Detroit was inevitable.

Dustin Tierney couldn't do it alone so he enlisted his girlfriend, Jessica Padgett, with a passion for community involvement to help get the club started.

Dustin and Jessica have been continuously promoting the Rotaract club through support from the Rotarians, and by participating in Rotary events such as the Rotary International District 6380 conference in Frankenmuth, where they gave a presentation on the clean water project, and they had a bowling fundraiser in April that raised more than \$400 toward the club and the clean water project.

The Metro Detroit Rotaract club is currently working on one local project and one international project.

The local project, "Hats for the Homeless," is a hat drive that is asking for baseball caps, to help someone stay cool in the summer heat. They will be cleaned, and then used as a "lunch box" that will hold a nutritious meal inside.

The international "Metro Detroit Rotaract Clean Water Project" is supplying ceramic filters from \$10 donations to help bring clean drinking water to Nepal, where polluted water is killing 13,000 children a year.

"Membership recruitment has been a difficult challenge for us," Dustin Tierney said. "In the beginning, Jessica and I were the only Metro Detroit Rotaract club members. Now, we have been successful with finding potential members through Rotarians, local Interact clubs, and through social media."

Meetings are held on the second and fourth Sundays of every month at 4:30, at the Engineering Society of Detroit office, on 20700 Civil Center Drive, Suite 450, Southfield, MI 48076. The next meeting is July 12, at 4:30 p.m.

If you are between the ages of 18-30 and are a selfless individual who wants to help out the community, gain professional development, and meet new people, than the Metro Detroit Rotaract Club is for you. If you are interested in joining or want to help out, please contact Jessica Padgett at jpadgett5@gmail.com



On May 8-10, 95 high school students and leaders from the communities within District 6380 assembled at the Ridgetown campus of University of Guelph, in Ridgetown, Ontario to participate in RYLA. Over the weekend, the RYLAarians were immersed into a unique environment with the intention of growing their leadership ability. Starting with meeting their new roommate, participating in team-building activities, and forming a bond with their new groups, the weekend is designed to help the students step out of the comfort zones and learn what it takes to be an effective leader in their communities.



One of the major pieces of the program involves having each group choose a world problem and then planning and presenting a skit which presents the problem with possible solutions, including what students could do back in their home schools and communities. This year's groups took on problems such as clean water, pollution, hunger and many others. It was truly amazing how well the students presented clear and creative solutions to their problems. The judges, local Ridgetown Rotarians and the RYLA staff were very impressed.

We would like to thank all of the 27 clubs who sent students to RYLA this year, plus those other clubs who provided financial support. We hope that many more clubs will send students next year. Also, we would like to thank our committee for their time and service: Paul Brown - Canada Co-Chair (Ridgetown), Jim Adams - US Co-Chair (Troy), Steve Youtz (Milford), and Tony Kaylin (Southfield). Finally, we would like to thank Joel Bussell and the Southfield Rotarians for taking care of the buses. Thank you for all that you do.

One final note, RYLA 2010 will be held on May 14-16 at the University of Guelph in Ridgetown. Please note that this is the weekend after Mother's Day!



Water Project Opportunities

■ 2009-2010 District 6380 Water Resource Coordinator Marc G. Forest mitclass56@aol.com

Clubs of District 6380 have been supporting international water projects for years, mainly in the area of water supply through well-drilling, capture, and distribution of water from safe sources.

During the last 10 years or so, point-of-use filtration projects (BioSand, ceramic) have become very successful due to their effective approach to bring better water to the poorest of poorest.

Several hands-on projects have been notably successful and well within a club's reach:

NEPAL - Troy Club: BioSand and ceramic filters by Eileen and John Heasley, including demonstration of a practical example of Sanitation for Schools. Contact eheasley@avisionforcleanwater.org

Note: Eileen and John are trainers in the total process of producing, installing and ensuring proper operation of BioSand filters. Graduates from their training are now reaching into the world. Next training is to take place in Troy, MI, from September 14 to 19 and include rainwater harvesting.

NEPAL Ceramic filters are also championed by the "Rotaract in the Community," recently launched by Justin Tierney who joined Eileen and John earlier in Nepal. dustin.tierney@gmail.com

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC - Sterling Heights Club: BioSand filters in the Bonao area by Joyce and John Joyce. A total of four projects have been either completed or are to start after approval of a RI matching grant. Contact mrsjoyce2@wowway.com donations are sought to enable RI approval.

BioSand filters in MALI, (Mount Clemens Club), GHANA (Ann Arbor Interact).

ECUADOR - Pontiac Club: Cement BioSand, where the need is extreme. A first project for 170 filters by an independent charity is in progress. All training for the recipient families including hygiene, sanitation, use and maintenance of the filters have been provided. Twenty demo filters have been built and commissioned. DSG being applied for labor and material for 150 additional filters to be completed in April 2010. Contact cjcousineau@aol.com

Request for participation in large programs through donations:

"Pure Water for the World" for cement BioSand filters in Honduras. Contact Julie Foster at the Royal Oak club juliefoster@wowway.com There are two possible projects to choose from. Julie will be pleased to orient your club.

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC "Children's Safe Water Collaboration" (USAID \$1 million, TRF \$500,000 and Rotary clubs in the world \$500,000). Immediate contact through the district water coordinator at

mitclass56@aol.com

Michigan made, Hydraids BioSand Filters to be used.

U.S. Navy will deliver small quantities of Hydraids BioSand Filters to countries of their choosing. A \$1,000 donation will provide 15 filters and materials. View at <http://www.america.gov/st/foraid-english/2009/March/2009>



Allison B.
Campbell

Ambassadorial Scholarship

I plan to travel to South Africa and study International Development at the University of Pretoria with a focus on Poverty Alleviation through Partnerships. I am excited to see that the field of international development is changing the way it addresses the humanitarian needs of the world community. Increasingly, strategic partnerships such as Rotary International's PolioPlus and Water Health initiatives are being formed between business, governments, civil society, and local communities, to combine complementary knowledge and resources and find innovative solutions to these obstacles.

Service Over Self ~ I strive to make a difference through a career in public service in international development. I see great opportunity to build partnerships between key development players to have a large scale and sustainable impact in *alleviating poverty* and *empowering individuals* to pursue better livelihoods.

The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarship provides a perfect opportunity to enhance my cultural awareness and educational background to better understand and work on these issues in developing countries worldwide.

Thank you Rotarians!

From my initial time abroad, I deeply value the opportunity to live and learn in a different country. I began to comprehend my reach as a human being, and it redefined my view of myself as a citizen of a global community.

The Rotary Ambassadorial program will enable me to participate in cultural exchange and enhance my understanding of international development at the grassroots level.

I am excited for the opportunity to study alongside local residents and make meaningful contributions to advance the goals of the community through my Rotary Service Project and bring back my learnings to share with the Metro Detroit community.

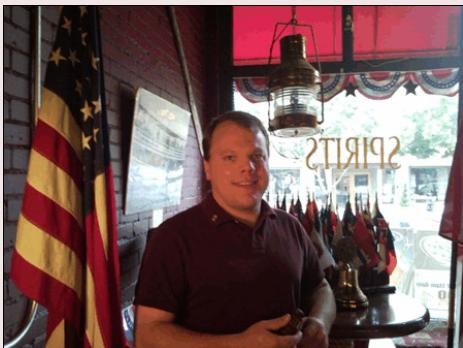
The Future of Rotary is in Able Hands

■ Lou Callaway ~ Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

Enlightening, educational and inspiring — that's how I'd characterize the recent Rotary International convention in Birmingham, England. In the midst of nearly 20,000 Rotarians from more than 100 countries, drawn and held together by the common value of "Service Above Self," the level of enthusiasm was inspiring. The experience really helped me get "The Big Picture" of Rotary.

The convention was, for me, the culmination of a number of months of training and awareness sessions aimed at preparing me for my upcoming role as club president of the Ann Arbor Club. However, I contend that participation in a RI convention by *any* Rotarian who has not previously attended, or who has not attended recently, would be a wonderful experience.

Meeting with Rotarians from Nigeria, California, Scotland, and Australia, to name a few, was exciting. Listening to the passionate undertakings of a number of Rotarians from around the world was informative as they shared with me their humanitarian projects and challenges.



LAKE ORION SUNRISE
President Barkley Pierce is a second generation Rotarian. His dad was a district governor several years ago in Delaware. Barkley will use the gavel that was presented to his dad to ring the bell to open and close club meetings this year.

For example, Interactors from California District 5170 raised \$50,000 for a water project; a Rotarian from the Rotary Club of Ikeja, Nigeria has established schools for the indigent; and a Rotarian from California spends six months a year in Zimbabwe, having established a light industry textile business which enables former sex trade workers to provide for their families.

It is apparent that the anticipated continuation of harsh economic conditions during the next Rotary year (2009-10) will present additional challenges to our clubs. Likewise we can anticipate that the needs of the less fortunate domestically and globally will increase. However, in my opinion based on the examples being set by the many Rotarians I have had the opportunity to meet over the past year, the future of Rotary will be in very able hands.

● **LAKES AREA:** Another second generation Rotarian has recently joined the Lakes Area club. Paul McVey, husband of president Lorrie McVey, has joined the same club his father joined (Lakes is formerly the Walled Lake Club). Paul was born the week his dad was inducted into the club, and he announced Paul's birth at one of the first meetings he attended.

● **ROCHESTER CLUB:** Speaking of second generation Rotarians – district literacy co-chair Jay Eastman is the son of Rochester charter president Jeness Eastman. Jeness has recently had some health issues that have kept him from attending meetings, but we are looking forward to hearing that he has been able to begin attending on a regular basis in the very near future. Rochester was chartered in 1954.



District 6380 Welcomes Hartland Rotary

■ PDG Gerry Jackson

What started as a dream last fall turned into a vital new Rotary club this past month. On June 12, 2009, Rotary International officially chartered the Rotary Club of Hartland with 20 new Rotarians excited about what they can accomplish for their local and world communities. Our dream is now their dream.

Hartland Rotary marks District 6380's fifth new Rotary club in the past five years. Hartland joins Livingston Sunrise, Lake Orion, Clinton Township, and Lyon Area as the younger clubs in our district. New Rotary clubs in our district are a vital part of our district's membership as these five clubs now account for 140 of our district's 1875 Rotarians.

A new Rotary club in this economy, what does that tell you? Consider the quote from John Kenny, RI President 2009-10 in the July 2009 Rotarian magazine, "Membership is increasing in parts of the world where the community can see that Rotary is doing good work. If your club is busy, it will thrive." Granted some individuals have had to terminate their

membership because of a loss of a job. However, the reality is that club membership has little to do with the economy but far more to do with the vitality of the club and value of its programs and activities to its membership. Growing clubs have a balanced program of all avenues of Rotary, appealing to their members' individual needs to make a difference in our world. Throughout our district there are clubs that are growing despite "this economy."

Need a makeup, experience a new brand of Rotary, or just want a good breakfast with a program? Come visit Hartland Rotary on Thursday mornings, 7:15 a.m. at the Village Manor, 9501 East Highland Road, Howell, Michigan 48843. Village Manor is located on the north side of M-59, one mile west of US-23. You will treasure the experience and these new Rotarians will treasure your friendship. Hmm... Where will the next new club be? Congratulations Hartland! Welcome new Rotarians to our wonderful world of Rotary!

10,000 Miles by Car from London to Mongolia for Rotary Project

■ West Bloomfield Rotarian Scott Brills is preparing for the adventure of a lifetime — a 10,000-mile, charity rally across 16 countries, all the way to Mongolia.

Under the team name of The Mongol Rally Guys, Scott and friend Collin Otto, from Commerce Township, are ready to participate as the first-ever Michigan team in the sixth annual *Mongol Rally*. The goal of this? To make your way from London to Mongolia with a compass and paper maps while raising donations for a good cause. The trip will take approximately six weeks of driving eight hours per day to complete. What happens if you break down? "Neither of us is particularly mechanically inclined, and there is no support, so I guess we'll have to use gestures and whatnot to communicate our plight to the locals," said Scott.

The UK-based rally organizers stipulate three rules: 1.) No GPS allowed, 2.) the car must have a 1.2L engine or less and be under ten years old, and 3.) every team must raise at least \$1,500 for one of three official charities. Any money raised over and above that may be donated to a charity of the participant's choosing.

Since \$1,500 was raised within the first few months of planning, Scott and his team have chosen to also support a fellow Rotary club's efforts to assist in outfitting a new kindergarten being built in a remote province of the country. The BayanZurkh 100 Rotary Club of Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia, one of two English-speaking clubs in the country, stated that they would be grateful for any assistance that Scott and the West Bloomfield Rotary Club could provide.

Since that time The Mongol Rally Guys, the West Bloomfield Rotary Club, and other clubs in the area have been doing all they can to raise enough funds to assist BayanZurkh 100 in making this project a reality. Through the support of dozens of local individuals, corporate sponsorships, and events, they have managed to raise thousands of dollars so far, with 100 percent of all funds raised going to charity. "It is critical that we raise the funds as quick as possible, as the other donors, such as the New Zealand Embassy in Beijing, have said that they will rescind their pledge of financial support if the BayanZurkh 100 club doesn't raise matching funds by the end of July," Scott said.



Along the way The Mongol Rally Guys have picked up a considerable amount of press interest in their journey and for Rotary in general. In the last half year or so they have been featured in the *Observer & Eccentric* newspaper, *The Detroit News*, 89X FM Radio's Morning Talk Show, WJR News's *Warren Pierce Morning Show*, numerous online publications, and even the *Video News* newspaper in Japan. Since they will be making an effort to visit Rotary clubs along the route, *The Rotarian* magazine is also working with the team on a feature article to be published sometime after they return.

For more information about the trip, please visit their Web site at www.mongolrallyguys.com. Scott and Collin plan to keep a running journal of their experience as the rally progresses, starting with the official launch day on July 18. "We're hoping to find at least a few Internet cafes along the way where we can update the site and post pictures and whatnot. When that isn't possible, we plan on making short Twitter updates which will automatically appear on the site," Scott said. Those technically-inclined Rotarians who already have a Twitter account can follow them at www.twitter.com/mongolrallyguys

Scott looks forward to making presentations around the district upon completion of the journey. You can contact him directly at scott@mongolrallyguys.com with questions or messages of support.



More Club News . . .



The Rochester Rotary Club is serious about international service. International Projects: from Christine Lind Hage . . . Brought a 2½ year old Guatemalan girl and her parents to Michigan for three months. After five neuro-craniofacial surgeries at Providence Hospital the little girl had an encephocele removed, a bone graft and permanent shunt implanted. Through the efforts of Rotarians, all of this, the travel, housing, medical care and surgery was provided at no cost to family. Rotarians served as translators throughout the process. ~ ~ Members developed a midwifery program in Guatemala ~ ~ In 2008 two members went to Nepal to work on a clean water project ~ ~ Supported CRY America which works in thousands of rural, tribal and slum communities across India ~ ~ Continue to support the Guatemala Village School Textbook and Library Project both financially and through member travel and work. ~ ~ The club hosted a Youth Exchange student from France in 2008-09 and will be hosting another student from Japan in 2009-2010 ~ ~ Continue to host the visiting GSE teams each year.

●●● Register by Aug. 20 for the **Anchor Bay Rotary** Fun Run Aug. 29 in Chesterfield. Funding used for the eradication of polio and other Rotary charities. 5 kilometer race through Chesterfield. Route includes blacktop and trail running. T-shirts at the township. Starts and ends at the Chesterfield offices. Registration starts at 7:15 a.m. to 30 minutes before the race 5K run at 8:30 a.m.

Awards to overall winners

male and female pre-registration fee - \$15 (must

be received by 8/20) Race day registration fee - \$20 awards to top two finishers in each male female. Anchor Bay Rotary, PO Box 444, New Baltimore MI 48047. Additional questions please call or email at: Whittlesey@ameritech.net (586) 484-2070



●●● The Romeo Rotary Club

sponsors a circus on Aug. 10 at the Romeo Lions Field at the corner of S. Bailey St. and E. Washington Street. Shows are at 4:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Pre-event ticket prices are \$10 for adults and \$6 for children up to 12 years. For more information, call William Himelberger at (586) 752-2565.



Rotary Clean Water in Dominican Republic

The Rotarian Magazine "Infocus" Feature

H ave you read the August issue of *The Rotarian*? The August 2009 issue of The Rotarian magazine features an article "Water and Wellness" about how Rotarians are helping to provide clean water to poor people in the Dominican Republic. This article is of special significance to our District 6380 since many clubs in it are participating in BioSand water projects in the DR.



Sterling Heights Rotarians Joyce and John Joyce became committed to helping provide clean water to the poor in the Dominican Republic after meeting the Bodenner family of District 6290 in 2005 and traveling with them to the Dominican Republic for a first-hand look at the situation. Joyce determined that the Bonao Rotary Club was interested in partnership on a BioSand project. Sterling Heights Rotarians enthusiastically agreed to support the efforts, not only for the first project, but for several continuing follow-on projects. So far, three projects have resulted in 780 filters installed with more than 9,000 beneficiaries of clean water with a total funding slightly over \$50,000. Joyce has just submitted another matching grant application on behalf of the Sterling Heights club that is now pending approval. In addition to the water projects with Bonao, Joyce and her family have worked on and supported other projects in Puerto Plata with Rotarians from several districts. Joyce encourages our district Rotarians to join her in going to the Dominican Republic and in continuing to support these BioSand clean water filter projects. Jeff and Mary Lichy and Max and Ruth Howell have accompanied her in the past. Joyce thanks the Sterling Heights Rotary Club and numerous other clubs in District 6380 for supporting the projects with significant funding. These clubs (some multiple times) include: Anchor Bay, Berkley, Bloomfield Hills, Chatham Sunrise, Davisburg, Farmington, Livingston Sunrise, Milford, Novi, Pontiac, Richmond, Saline, Tilbury and Utica-Shelby. Various churches, organizations and individuals have also provided funds and encouragement for each of the projects. These groups include: First Presbyterian Church of Royal Oak, Peace Unity Church and SE Michigan Returned Peace Corps. Individuals include: Wally Doebler, Marc Forest, Max Howell, Ruth Howell, Karen Joyce, Jeff Lichy, Karen Olechiw, Don Riddell and Françoise Soirfeck (France). Contact Joyce at mrsjoyce2@wowway.com for presentations or information about these projects.

Rest in Peace After a Rotary Life Well Lived

Robert L. Scranton

The Rotary Club of Brighton sadly announced that Robert L. Scranton, 90, passed away on April 29. A longtime educator and native of Paw Paw, Michigan, Bob epitomized the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self." Bob was active in the Brighton Rotary Club, having served as president and was honored as the recipient of the club's first Paul Harris Fellow award.

Bob graduated from Western Michigan University and received his master's degree from the University of Michigan. He taught one year at Byron Center, Michigan, before joining the U.S. Army in 1942. He served in the 106th Infantry unit and was a POW captured in Germany during the World War II Battle of the Bulge and forced on a death march before escaping and being rescued by the Allied forces. He was a member of the American Legion for more than 50 years and served as commander of the Brighton Post 235. Bob was a charter member of the 106th Infantry Division Association, which meets annually, and had served as adjutant of the division association for 12 years, and he was a past president and life member.

After his military career, Bob taught in the Hartford Public Schools for 4.5 years before coming to Brighton in 1952. He was an integral part of Brighton Area Schools for 31 years, serving as a teacher, coach, athletic director and middle school principal. The Brighton Middle School was renamed the Robert L. Scranton Middle School in 1977 to honor his outstanding contributions to the community.

Bob's passion for sports was shared with many students and he followed his beloved Michigan Wolverines throughout his life. Bob was a life member of the University of Michigan "M" Club, and served on the board of directors as secretary and treasurer, in addition to being honored for provided 42 years of service as a U of M football and basketball usher. Bob is survived by his wife of 58 years, Mildred, son Clare "Cas" Scranton, and daughter, Karen Kierpaul, and their families.

(From Beth Walker ~ Brighton Rotary Club)



John Chevalier

Perhaps you sent a lovely card,
Or sat quietly in a chair;
Perhaps you sent beautiful flowers,
If so, we saw them there.
Perhaps you sent or spoke kind words
As any friend could say;
Perhaps you were not there at all
Just thought of us that day.
Whatever you did to console the heart
We thank you so much whatever the part.

*Thank you for the many generous contributions
to the Rotary Foundation-PolioPlus program.
Your many acts of kindness mean
more than words can ever say.
From Audrey Chevalier*



Russell Gorham

A SAD LOSS FOR THE CHATHAM DOWNTOWN CLUB: The club lost long-time member Russell Gorham, past president, in July. Russell gave of his time and his talents to this club over the years and he will be missed very much. We all send our condolences to his family and to all club members who cherished Russell as a good friend. He served as a district membership sector coordinator this past year. A private family service was held at the Alexander Funeral Home, Chatham Ontario. Condolences were posted at www.alexanderfuneralhome.ca



District 6380 Status as of May 31 June 30/09

Rotary			YTD	2007-08	2008-09	2008-09	2008-09	2008-09	Annual	Annual
<i>International District 6380 Statistics</i>	Membership as of Jan-09 SAR	Membership Reported to District 31-May-09	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving (actual)	Foundation Annual Giving (Club Pledge)	Foundation Annual Giving 30-Jun-09	Foundation Restricted Giving 30-Jun-09	Foundation Permanent Fund 30-Jun-09	Giving Per Capita Rank	Giving Per Capita
Club										
Anchor Bay	22			\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ -	\$ 100		\$ -	\$ -
Ann Arbor	316	314	-2	\$ 37,180	\$ 32,000	\$ 25,077	\$ 26,032		\$ 79.36	
Ann Arbor Sunrise	14	11	-3	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,500	\$ 995	\$ 3,465		\$ 71.07	
Ann Arbor North	32	31	-1	\$ 3,550	\$ 3,700	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,615	\$ 49,734	\$ 125.00	
Auburn Hills	18			\$ 1,800	\$ 2,000				\$ -	
Berkley	28	29	1	\$ 1,438	\$ 4,160	\$ 100			\$ 3.57	
Birmingham	79	85	6	\$ 10,140	\$ 8,500	\$ 425	\$ 4,070		\$ 5.38	
Blenheim	29	25	-4	\$ 3,960	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,074	\$ 1,270		\$ 106.00	
Bloomfield Hills	26	29	3	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,700	\$ 15,300	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,000	\$ 588.46	
Brighton	68	67	-1	\$ 5,995	\$ 7,900	\$ 5,440			\$ 80.00	
Chatham	69	66	-3	\$ 10,498	\$ 7,000	\$ 5,892	\$ 3,529		\$ 85.39	
Chatham Sunrise	32	35	3	\$ 7,921	\$ 2,700	\$ 5,289	\$ 2,606		\$ 165.28	
Chelsea	30	28	-2	\$ 685	\$ 2,900		\$ 4,915			
Clarkston	29	27	-2	\$ 8,681	\$ 3,100	\$ 7,541	\$ 75		\$ 260.03	
Clawson	18	18	0	\$ -	\$ 4,600	\$ 2,275	\$ 100		\$ 126.39	
Clinton Township Sunrise	15	11	-4	\$ 800	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,050			\$ 70.00	
Davisburg	19			\$ 1,354	\$ 3,125	\$ 605	\$ 200		\$ 31.84	
Dexter	32	32	0	\$ 1,250	\$ 3,600		\$ 6,930		\$ -	
Dresden	23	22	-1	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,613			\$ 113.61	
Eastpointe	19	17	-2	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,000			\$ 105.26	
Farmington	24	24	0	\$ 3,600	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,100	\$ 2,000		\$ 129.17	
Ferndale	19	19	0	\$ 565	\$ 1,900		\$ 1,791	\$ 565	\$ -	
Fowlerville	27			\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000		\$ -	
Howell	41	45	4	\$ -	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,000		\$ -	
Lake Orion	27	32	5	\$ 1,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 2,700	\$ 160		\$ 100.00	
Lakes Area	18	20	2	\$ 2,750	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,932			\$ 162.89	
Livingston Sunrise	59	56	-3	\$ 11,300	\$ 6,300	\$ 6,500	\$ 4,000		\$ 110.17	
Lyon Area	20	18	-2	\$ -	\$ 1,000					
Madison Heights	10	10	0	\$ -	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,100		\$ -	
Milan	21	21	0	\$ 400	\$ 2,100	\$ 300	\$ 5,065		\$ 14.29	
Milford	26	30	4	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,800	\$ 2,000			\$ 76.92	
Mt. Clemens	82	84	2	\$ 6,947	\$ 8,400	\$ 13,812	\$ 23,729		\$ 168.44	
Novi	46	39	-7	\$ 6,011	\$ 5,040	\$ 111	\$ 8,500		\$ 2.41	
Ortonville	14			\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ -			\$ -	
Oxford	39	40	1	\$ 4,870	\$ 4,320	\$ 3,590	\$ 6,500		\$ 92.05	
Pontiac	27	27	0	\$ 1,350	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,375			\$ 87.96	
Richmond	36	34	-2	\$ 4,000	\$ 2,880	\$ 2,000			\$ 55.56	
Ridgeton	36	34	-2	\$ 5,951	\$ 3,300	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,925		\$ 97.22	
Rochester	98	94	-4	\$ 21,607	\$ 10,000	\$ 16,880	\$ 1,000		\$ 172.24	
Romeo	10	10	0	\$ 100	\$ 1,000	\$ 400			\$ 40.00	
Royal Oak	42	42	0	\$ 7,228	\$ 660	\$ 6,661	\$ 2,150		\$ 158.60	
Saline	30	32	2	\$ 560	\$ 3,800	\$ 2,710	\$ 3,414		\$ 90.33	
Southfield	16	15	-1	\$ 200	\$ 450	\$ 200			\$ 12.50	
Sterling Heights	24	28	4	\$ 6,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 4,250	\$ 1,000		\$ 177.08	
Thamesville	9	7	-2	\$ 2,000	\$ 900		\$ 1,639		\$ -	
Tilbury	24	21	-3	\$ 7,760	\$ 2,400	\$ 3,731	\$ 324		\$ 155.46	
Troy	34	35	1	\$ 2,750	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,550			\$ 45.59	
Utica-Shelby	14	13	-1	\$ 1,600	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,800	\$ 325		\$ 128.57	
Wallaceburg	10	11	1	\$ 1,408	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,308		\$ 100.00	
Warren	30	27	-3	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,025	\$ 1,000		\$ 67.50	
Waterford	29	24	-5	\$ 6,575	\$ 6,800	\$ 6,200	\$ 1,000		\$ 213.79	
West Bloomfield	23	22	-1	\$ 1,846	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,039	\$ 1,100		\$ 45.17	
Ypsilanti	20	21	1	1535	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,550	\$ 3,415		\$ 77.50	
District 6380							\$ 1,680			
District Total	1903	1782	-21	\$ 219,165	\$ 188,736	\$ 174,592	\$ 135,132	\$ 51,299		
			Per Capita ->	\$ 112.62		\$ 91.75				