



# District 6380

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District 6380  
Governor Judy  
Garver and husband  
Hal Parish

## GOVERNOR MUSINGS for May

May has been a month full of momentous happenings in our district. The GSE team from District 2550 in Japan, who had arrived in our district April 25, finished up their visit and left on May 24. Their month with us was special indeed. Those who saw their presentation and learned about each one of them and the area they were from were very happy to have met them and to host them while they were in our district. I attended several events that were put on for the team, and it was a pleasure for me to see how wonderfully our district Rotarians hosted the team members. Many, many thanks to all of the clubs and individual Rotarians who hosted this GSE team during their month with us. Team leader Yasushi said at the last event in Dexter on May 23, "we are not ready to go back to Japan just yet, but we must; the travel arrangements have already been made." It was very evident that wonderful bonds had been formed during this exchange between our hosting clubs and Rotarians and the GSE team from District 2550. I will mention the events that I participated in -- I know there were others that I did not attend.

### Many thanks to:

The group of Rotarians who greeted the team upon their arrival at Detroit Metro Airport -- representing Hartland, Livingston Sunrise, Brighton, West Bloomfield clubs, and Heather Sarson and son -- outgoing District 6380 GSE team member -- who came from Chatham to greet the team. •••• All eight clubs in Chatham-Kent that hosted a wonderful dinner and evening in Chatham. There were 180 Rotarians and guests in attendance. •••• The Troy and Royal Oak clubs that hosted a welcome dinner and fun evening at the home of Troy Rotarian Guy and wife Sue Cicerone. •••• The Bloomfield Hills and Rochester clubs that hosted a welcome dinner in Auburn Hills. •••• The Lakes Area, Farmington and West Bloomfield clubs that hosted a welcome dinner in Novi. •••• The Farmington club that hosted a welcome dinner and evening at the home of Rotarian Dr. Raj Patil. •••• The Dexter club that hosted the farewell party at the home of Rotarian Stephanie and husband Gary Klawander. •••• These events were just some examples of the wonderful hosting that our district Rotarians extended to our Japanese visitors. We truly did promote world peace and understanding through this exchange.

Our district conference was held the weekend of April 30, May 1 and 2 at the Dearborn Inn in Dearborn, MI. It was an event that was filled with wonderful guest speakers who imparted lots of Rotary insight and information. Clubs displayed their projects and fund-raisers so that others could see what is being done in our district, and we had lots of fun and good fellowship at all the events. My goal was that everyone who attended the conference would be motivated, inspired, and encouraged to continue the work of Rotary at the club level after attending the conference. Saturday at the conference was Foundation Day, and we were treated to the presentations from the inbound and outbound GSE teams. In addition, we heard the Youth Exchange students tell what their year here in our district has meant to them. Every year I am convinced once more how important the YE program is, and how fortunate we are that we have such a dedicated YE committee that oversees our program each year.

Two weeks after the conference, the RYLA weekend took place. DGE Janet McPeek and I were privileged to attend the banquet and see the skits presented on Saturday night. This was another stellar performance by these students. We came away from that evening firmly convinced that every \$ that Rotarians spend on sponsoring these students to this weekend is money very well spent. I hope that every club that sponsored a student(s) to go to RYLA will have the student(s) come to the club and tell you about their experience. They are bubbling over with enthusiasm.

We are coming close to the end of our Rotary year 2009-10. However, our Rotary work continues on from one year to the next. One important job that we all have this last month of our year is to make sure that our Rotary Foundation pledges are remitted early in June so the Foundation staff has an opportunity to properly record your contributions. The worldwide impact of Rotary is felt in large part because of the contributions of the Rotary Foundation. That Foundation only exists and makes those contributions because Rotarians and like-minded people make contributions every year. Please help us ensure that EVERY ROTARIAN in our district contributes something to the Rotary Foundation EVERY YEAR.

*In Rotary Service, Judy*

**THE FUTURE of ROTARY - and THE WORLD - IS IN OUR HANDS**

## *Japanese GSE Team Visit*



*from the district conference at the Dearborn Inn...*

The Japanese team gave their presentation in excellent English, which they said had taken a lot of practice. It felt really weird for us to present in English. All of our presentations in Japan were in Japanese. Yoko is a concert pianist and together we were able to perform in between presentations. It was an amazing experience to be able to share that at the conference between teams. Music is so powerful in that it needs no translation. We also played on Wednesday night at the banquet. My family hosted her from Wednesday til Saturday. ~~ Heather Sarson

**A**t a banquet in Canada, all eight clubs got together to meet and greet the GSE team. Kim Pierce and Wayne Cole were the co-chairs for the Canadian GSE planning.



**T**hank you to all who contributed to the eyeglass collection at the district conference. With short notice, a total of 168 pairs of glasses were donated.

*Richard Spiess  
Health & Hunger Resource Chair*





**Senator Mark Begich (left) receives the Polio Eradication Champion Award from RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith**

## Rotary Praises U.S. Leaders for Effort to End Polio

In recognition of their ongoing support of a polio-free world, four members of the U.S. Congress and one government official received Rotary's Polio Eradication Champion Award on May 5 in Washington, D.C. The award, presented by RI President-elect Ray Klinginsmith and Past RI President James L. Lacy, chair of the Polio Eradication Advocacy Task Force for the United States, was established in 1995 to recognize governments and world leaders who have made outstanding contributions toward the goal of eradicating polio.

The 2010 recipients include Maria Otero, Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs; Senators Mark Begich, of Alaska, and Ron Wyden, of Oregon; and Representatives Phil Roe, of Tennessee, and Henry Waxman, of California.

Lacy acknowledged the continued work of the U.S. government in securing critically needed funds for polio eradication. "The leadership of these individuals has been crucial to ensuring that every child is protected," he said. "Together we can make sure no child anywhere will ever again suffer the crippling effects of polio."

Since the mid-1980s, the government has contributed \$1.7 billion to the cause. President Barack Obama also announced a global push for polio eradication in conjunction with the Organization of the Islamic Conference during a 2009 speech in Cairo. The location was chosen for its symbolism: Ancient Egyptian artwork features the earliest known depictions of people disabled by the disease.

In addition to the 2010 honorees, Lacy acknowledged the ongoing leadership of the more than 40 other members of Congress whom Rotary has previously recognized. "The progress made toward polio eradication is seen through the collective achievement of the current and past congressional recipients of the Polio Eradication Champion Award," he said. "When Congress began its support of this effort, nearly 60 countries had polio. Today there are only four countries. We must maintain this level of dedication to end polio forever."

Klinginsmith honored volunteers of the Stop Transmission of Polio program who have been killed during eradication efforts in hostile regions, calling them "heroes." Other global leaders who have received the Polio Eradication Champion Award include President Laurent Gbagbo of Côte d'Ivoire, former President Mamadou Tandja of Niger, Chancellor Angela Merkel of Germany, Prime Minister Manmohan Singh of India, and United Nations Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon.



**Representative Phil Roe (left) shares a laugh with Klinginsmith**

## End Polio Now



**END POLIO NOW**

The West Bloomfield Rotary Club worked with Green Elementary School in West Bloomfield to hold a fundraiser for the End Polio Now campaign. The students were given coin banks and encouraged to take them home and fill the boxes with coins. One week later the banks were returned to the school, and the grand tally collected was \$3,000! The club provided Popsicles for the students as a way of saying thank you for a job very well done.

## Rotary Connections & Breanna's Story

### Ginger Barrons

My fellow Rotarians, I have the pleasure of telling you the story of Breanna Rose. Breanna is a 9-year-old who is confined to a wheelchair because she has dystonia. Her parents have been diligent in seeking to free their daughter from the painful spasms and other symptoms of dystonia. Beginning June 22, they will spend a week at New York's Mt. Sinai Hospital where Breanna will undergo Deep Brain Stimulation Surgery. A donation of airfare from a church member has made the first of two trips possible, however at the beginning of tourist season, hotel fares are staggering for this young family. We are hoping to find a Rotarian they can stay with.

I have reached out to District 7230 Governor Karl Milde and he has made an appeal to his district to step up and help with housing, transportation and food while they are in New York. If you are aware of someone in the area of Mt. Sinai near Central Park at 5th Avenue between E 98th and E101st St. Avenue who could assist the family, please contact them on Breanna's behalf.

Anyone who wishes to help with donations or gift cards may contact Rotarian Rev. June Smith at 41671 W. 10 Mile Road, Novi, MI 48375 or 248-349-2652. Any measure of assistance would be greatly appreciated. As DG Karl said, "If ever there was a case where Rotarians can step up and help, here it is." Please keep a positive response from District 7230 Rotarians, Breanna's health and her family in your prayers. Breanna's story is at [www.breannarose.org](http://www.breannarose.org)

Feel free to contact me with any questions.

*Yours in Service,  
Ginger Barrons*

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## "Knock it Out of the Park"

## Foundation Extravaganza

■ Janet McPeek

DG 2010 - 2011 Rotary District 6380

W<sup>e</sup> as Rotarians are acutely aware of the needs locally and worldwide. Some of us address literacy through providing books and tutoring in local schools. Others use matching grants to help educate children in every corner of the world. Clean water, polio eradication, BioSand filters, food for hungry kids in Chatham and Pontiac and Nigeria and Haiti; these are the things we are committed to. Rotarians serving in our 52 clubs, combined with the efforts of our Interactors and Rotaractors, do everything in their power to help and to make a difference.



I would like to announce a fantastic opportunity in which we can all learn about district local and international projects, along with celebrating the success and achievements of our clubs! I envision an afternoon of exciting and stimulating workshops where we will be able to share what we are doing and also learn from our fellow Rotarians. Furthermore, I want this to be an experience for the whole family; I see child care for our youngest future Rotarians and Kids Kamps, divided by age, for elementary, middle school and high school students. This event would include all of our youth programs: Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, Youth Exchange, and we can't forget our Ambassadorial Scholars!

The afternoon will culminate in what is sure to be an unforgettable keynote speech by Tom Thorfinnson, Rotary International vice president as of July 1, 2010. Following dinner, the evening will continue with a trip to Comerica Park, followed by what will surely be a Tigers victory over the Minnesota Twins. (Tom Thorfinnson's only flaw is that he is from Minnesota and is a Twins fan; we will charitably overlook this fact.) The game will include a special Rotary pre-game ceremony and the district will be recognized at other points in the game.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! I'm asking for volunteers to form committees that can take this vision of a truly remarkable event and turn it into reality. We need Rotarians who can help organize the location of the event, along with catering, the child care/Kid's Kamp, Comerica Park transportation arrangements, and marketing. I also need someone to organize the breakout sessions and an entire event steering committee. Please consider your ability to co-chair this event with me; I need you! If you feel like you have some expertise or assistance to offer in regard to being a committee member (and you would like to show a Twins fan what District 6380 can really do) please contact me as soon as possible so that we can make this event one that we will all remember for years to come.



From Louis Piconi

Trustee, The Rotary Foundation

2007-11

RI Vice President 2000-01

Member Rotary Club of Bethel-St. Clair,  
Pittsburgh District 7300

I do hope you heard the recent good news. If not, read below and pass this exciting news to other current and future district and club leaders. Two months remain for this year. Can you make the final 2009-10 "ASK" with this good news? I do hope so. If you do, please accept our sincere appreciation on behalf of those that will benefit -- especially your clubs three years from now! Cheers

PS Hope to see you in Montreal, especially at the exciting major donor dinner

A<sup>t</sup> their April meeting, The Rotary Foundation trustees approved a Matching Grants World Fund budget of US\$21.5 million for 2010-11. This amount represents an 82 percent increase over the previous year's budget of \$11.8 million and, because funds for the 100 Future Vision pilot districts were budgeted separately, one of the largest World Fund budgets in Matching Grants history. The trustees approved a Rotary Foundation Global Grants World Fund budget of \$8 million for Future Vision pilot districts starting with the 2010-11 program year.

Although the 2010-11 Foundation programs budget is pending final approval by the RI Board of Directors in June, we want to reassure Rotarians that we do not anticipate the Matching Grant budget being fully committed early in the Rotary year. The trustees plan to review Competitive Matching Grant applications at their October 2010 and April 2011 meetings; the Foundation will notify districts if this business cycle changes.

The trustees were able to restore World Fund budget for Matching Grants largely because Rotarians and other friends of Rotary donated a record amount of almost \$115 million to the Annual Programs Fund in 2007-08 (World Fund allocations are based on Annual Programs Fund donations three years prior). Additionally, because investment income stabilized, the Trustees did not need to use a significant amount of World Fund to supplement the Foundation's programs operations budget for the coming year.

## **How Scott Found Himself Running in a Mongolian Marathon**

■ Submitted by Jan and Merle Loch



If you missed the 6380 conference, you missed meeting Scott Brills! If you have not read your Rotarian magazine, you don't know Scott's story so, here is the latest update.

Last summer, a young Rotarian from Michigan, set out to drive a 2001 Chevy Metro with 140,000 miles on it from England to Mongolia.

The Mongol Rally -- equal parts charity fundraiser and lunatic odyssey -- was dreamed up by two bored Englishmen and held for the first time in 2004 with six cars. In 2009, more than 400 teams took part. Ralliers can choose their own route to the Mongolian capital of Ulaanbaatar, but their cars must have an engine no larger than 1.2 liters -- and no GPS. Getting lost is more or less the point, although those cars that make it to Mongolia are donated to charity.

It was a siren call that Scott Brills couldn't resist. Brills, a member of the Rotary Club of West Bloomfield, and his friend Collin Otto, took the team name Hardly Working and raised \$1,650 for Mercy Corps Mongolia, one of the rally's official charities. Brills, then 26, and Otto, 25, then collected an additional \$7,000 to help build and outfit a kindergarten in Mongolia, a joint project of Brills's club and the Rotary Club of Bayanzurkh 100 in Ulaanbaatar.

"We decided to drive to Mongolia in search of adventure, and adventure is most definitely what we got," said Brills. "Starting off with a half-year fundraising campaign for a seemingly ludicrous attempt to drive across a third of the earth's surface to deliver funds to assist in building and outfitting a kindergarten in a country many people had never even heard of, we had our work cut out for us."

"Throughout the 10,000-mile trip, we were accosted by border guards, held captive by corrupt police, stranded in no man's land between Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan, and even had our vehicle die on a 10,000-foot plateau in the middle of Tajikistan -- just to name a few of our hilarious mishaps. But all of the challenges we faced over the nine-week journey are minor compared to the many positive experiences we had, the people we met, the scenery we witnessed, and the lives we helped change."

Read the complete story in the May issue of *The Rotarian*.



## **Irrigation Projects Help Sri Lankan Farmers**

■ Submitted by Fred Beutler

Forty farming families in a remote inaccessible hamlet in Sri Lanka were the beneficiaries of a project partnered by the Rotary Club of Colombo Fort and the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. Farmers in this area are deprived of rain most of the year, and are dependent on reservoirs during the dry season for the cultivation of their rice crop. Through this project, existing irrigation reservoirs were rehabilitated, and tank capacity increased by 40 to 50 percent. The land now yields two harvests annually, significantly increasing the income of all the families.

The project was directed by Nishta Bhatia with the help of Dave Schmidt and Harvey Grotian of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. Project lead for the host club, Colombo Fort Club, was Abhaya Panditharatne. This club contributed \$2,875, with additional contributions by the host club, the district, and Rotary International bringing the total project cost to \$12,250.

Would your club like to consider working with us on one of our humanitarian projects in the pre-proposal stages? If you are interested, please contact Len Stenger [734-994-0505; l.stenger@sbcglobal.net] for further information. You might ask Len about coming to a meeting of our International Projects Committee to learn what we do.





■ Submitted by Harold (Mike) Pankrac

**W**hat a wonderful privilege it was to be part of the recent 2010 RYLA event!

RYLA 2010 far exceeded my expectations! The enthusiasm of the Sunday morning group was "over the top" which, in turn, inspired me! Thank you for your generous time allotment and the extended opportunity to share my personal story. My thanks too for all the technical help/support I received from each of you.

The picture that lives in my mind follows the "fun people include U" when gradually the message of inclusion causes all the subgroups to blend into a single unified group that includes each one! These young adults leave me hopeful: they really do get it!

You were really taking a chance going with a relatively unknown speaker: I appreciate your vote of confidence. As I shared with you, Paul, this was really one of the two memorable Christmas gifts I received last year: just to be asked was an honour!

The Saturday night presentations are etched in memory. The energy and enthusiasm and positive engagement of the teams were contagious. I know the behind-the-scenes efforts of many make events like this possible. I add my sincere appreciation and admiration for the work of RYLA and ROTARY.

I will pull together the presentation summary you requested for distribution to the group. Beyond this, I hope you will consider how I can serve you as a volunteer and as a donor in the future. On the drive home I was thinking about my next year's donation!

On a separate note, the gift of selected chocolate and the story of Ethan's cancer journey was special!

## Council on Legislation Reports

■ Submitted by RIos Jan and Merle Loch

**J**ust in case you have not yet seen the Council on Legislation reports – ([www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org)) – Here is some GREAT news.

Representatives at the 2010 Council on Legislation approved an enactment 28 April to add a fifth Avenue of Service: New Generations.

After adopting an amendment to change the name from Youth Service, as originally proposed, to New Generations, the council narrowly supported the addition to Article 5 of the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. The 263-250 vote was received by surprised gasps and applause after a short debate.

New Generations joins Club Service, Vocational Service, Community Service, and International Service as the foundation of club activity. Before starting a project, Rotarians are asked to think broadly about how their club and its members could contribute within each avenue.

"It's a significant change – a historic day in Rotary," said council chair Mark Daniel Maloney. "Rotarians have always strongly supported youth activities even though they were never part of the four Avenues of Service. I think this strengthens our commitment."

The Avenue of New Generations recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults involved in leadership development activities, community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding.

Add this to your constitution! And invite PDG Don Chisholm, our COL rep, to report to YOUR club!

## **The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor ~ International Humanitarian Project: A Vocational Training Project in Brazil**

■ Submitted Fred Beutler

The Ann Arbor Rotary Club has worked with the Rotary Club of Guaxupé, Brazil to create a beautiful campus for children, and to provide after school programs that keeps disadvantaged kids productively occupied, away from drugs and crime.

The local industries help sponsor the program and also employ the graduates. The Horto Florestal project was designed to be part charity, part social welfare, and partly economic development. The project currently serves 160 individuals; that number will grow to 230 after the second project is completed next year.

Guaxupé is a small town of about 50,000 people that is located two hundred miles north of the major Brazilian city of Sao Paulo. The Rotary Club of Guaxupé is composed of some wealthy residents, professionals, small businesspeople who own small to medium-sized companies, and also many of the community leaders. The club occupies a place of prestige in the city. It owns its own building where it meets.

The Horto Florestal campus includes indoor classroom and laboratory facilities, an outdoor sport court and an area of forest to teach horticulture. Several of the classrooms are outfitted with computer workstations, while others house the machinery for teaching industrial baking, or industrial sewing.

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor contributed \$6,000, including a \$1,000 contribution by Rotarian Vic Rosenberg, who headed the project. Other members involved were Mary Barnett and Bill Dunifon.

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### **Spring Zing ~ Mount Clemens Rotary Club fundraiser photos by Ted Bolak**



### **Wallaceburg Rotary Club**

New member Dr. Michael A. McElligott being pinned by Carl MacLean with president Bill Arends looking on at an induction ceremony on April 29. (Submitted by Herman Giethoorn)



## Literacy

### ■ Mary Elizabeth Harper, Literacy co-chair

**R**eading is not just for the school year. Most public libraries offer summer reading programs for people of all ages. Adults can enjoy reading about gardening, re-reading classics with a new perspective, or reading the newest releases. Programs for teens often include activities such as karaoke or Dance, Dance, Revolution along with discussions of recently read books. Programs for the younger ones generally include craft-making and music along with read-aloud sessions and prizes for reading the most minutes or books. The question of prizes is a topic for another time. Right now, please encourage family and friends to read all year 'round - and remember to join them.

### **Dear DGs and CRCID District Representatives,**

**The multi-district organization in Canada, the Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development, or CRCID, entered into a new three-year funding agreement with the Canadian government's Canadian International Development Agency, or CIDA. The letter from the Minister's communication's staff person below is self-explanatory.**

**International Cooperation Minister Bev Oda requested the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety to attend the Rotary Multi-District Conference (5580 and 5550) in Winnipeg on May 15. He announced a \$3.1 million funding contribution over three years to support the work of Canadian Rotary clubs in Central America and Africa. The details of the announcement are found below.**

**John Eberhard  
Executive Director - CRCID**

### **Government of Canada Supports Rotary's International Efforts on its 100th Anniversary**

WINNIPEG -- On behalf of the Honourable Beverley J. Oda, Minister of International Cooperation, the Honourable Vic Toews, Minister of Public Safety, today congratulated Rotary Canada on its 100th anniversary.

"For a century, Canadian Rotary clubs have been adding to the vitality of their communities while never forgetting those living in poverty in developing countries," said Minister Toews. "Rotarians are truly global citizens, and CIDA is proud to partner with Rotary in our international development efforts to strengthen health, literacy, and education for children and youth."

Minister Toews demonstrated the Government of Canada's support of the Rotary's efforts with the announcement of a \$3.1 million in funding over three years, which will support their international work in eight countries in Central America and Africa.

*Jessica Fletcher, Press Secretary, Office of the Minister of International Cooperation, 819-953-6238 Media Relations Office, Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA), 819-953-6534, media@acdi-cida.gc.ca*

The announcement was made at a Rotary Multi-District Conference in Winnipeg, celebrating the 100th year of Rotary in Canada. Founded in 1910, the Rotary Club of Winnipeg was the first club outside of the United States, thereby establishing Rotary International.

Through the Canadian Rotary Collaboration for International Development (CRCID), today's contribution will help improve the health of infants and young children, provide fresh water and sanitation services, and improve the quality and relevance of basic education in Honduras, Belize, El Salvador, Guatemala, Cameroon, Kenya, South Africa, and Uganda. This initiative is expected to directly benefit more than 144,000 individuals, of which almost 90 percent are children and youth. This project will further benefit another 2 million indirectly.

"The CRCID is a Rotary organization that coordinates program funding, management support and leadership to Canadian Rotary clubs," said CRCID President Peter Peters. "Rotarians are dedicated volunteers who work tirelessly with their developing country Rotary partners to help reduce poverty in the developing world. CRCID and Canadian Rotary clubs are very appreciative of the ongoing financial and staff support received from CIDA. This partnership adds significant value to the humanitarian service provided by Rotarians implementing sustainable development programs."

Also attending the conference was Rotary International President John Kenny, of Scotland. "I am very pleased to be here amongst so many Canadian Rotarians to celebrate the 100th year of Rotary in Canada," Mr. Kenny said. "The CRCID has made a significant impact in the lives of millions in the developing world. The Government of Canada's continued support will enable Canadian Rotary clubs to deliver effective aid projects where they are most needed."

The CRCID serves as CIDA's partner for all Canadian Rotary clubs for international development projects. It engages approximately 30,000 Canadian Rotarians in more than 600 communities across Canada.

