



# District 6380

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District Governor 6380  
Janet McPeck  
and husband Phil McPeck

## Greetings from the District Governor

**M**argaret Thatcher was once asked to share her thoughts about success.

She replied that "it is a mixture of having a flair for the thing that you are doing; knowing that it is not enough, that you have got to have hard work and a certain sense of purpose." Her words seem to fit our theme this month of looking at *The Rotarian* magazine, what it means to us personally and how we use it in our clubs.

Many of you shared ideas such as contests involving questions from *The Rotarian* magazine, Rotary Foundation moments with the reading of excerpts from the magazine as part of a meeting and even a contest between the Mount Clemens and the Grosse Pointe clubs related to purchasing gift subscriptions of the magazine. The ideas were as unique as each of your clubs, and your stories of what the magazine means to you reflect the profound impact that it has as it helps us experience, through

pictures and words, what Rotarians are doing around the globe.

I've thought many times over the past week what I would say if I were writing an article for *The Rotarian* about District 6380. I know that I would never be able to fit in all the stories of the services projects, both local and international, the activities with youth including RYLA, Youth Exchange, Interact and Rotaract. Then there is our BRAG team, all that is going on in New Generations, in water, in Vocational Service and in all of the Five Avenues.

The magnitude of what is being accomplished by the Rotarians in our district is exciting and overwhelming. It is also just as she said. It is people investing their time and resources in areas of personal interest and expertise. But it goes beyond what she refers to as "having flair." It involves work that is

time- and labor-intensive, that involves making mid-course adjustments and some disappointments along the way, and that ultimately succeeds because Rotarians have an unmistakable sense of purpose.

Many of us will be in Traverse City this weekend for our district conference, celebrating "Five Avenues at the Park," the story of our Bigger, Better, Bolder efforts to display Service above Self and to live The Four-Way Test. That is what I would tell *The Rotarian* magazine about my Rotary family in District 6380. Not only do we have talent, we have a strong sense of purpose and work as hard as it takes for as long as it takes until the goal is accomplished. The best part is that we have fun in the process!



- The Rotary Club of Ridgetown asks questions of our club members to see what table follows the head table to the buffet. Usually, those questions come directly from *The Rotarian*. I will try to get some of those questions from District 6380 newsletter. I am thinking about an article regarding World Community Service Projects -- how to find them and how to get involved. I'm going to use similar information at the district conference but I want all club members to be informed and not just those who attend the conference. ~~ Terry Youlton
- The Birmingham Rotary Club uses *The Rotarian* for an annual, multi-club "friendraiser" called Rotary Jeopardy. Two-person teams represent Birmingham, Bloomfield, Ferndale, Royal Oak and Clawson and answer Jeopardy-like questions taken from *The Rotarian* magazine. The event is hosted on a rotating basis, with each club donating \$200. The winning club receives \$1,000 to go toward the awarding of a Paul Harris Fellow to a deserving member. ~~ Joe Bauman
- My letter to the editor would go something like this: Sirs, As the president-elect of the Rotary Club of Warren I find *The Rotarian* magazine a must-read by every club member. As a way to improve the club's reading of this fine magazine I plan to do the following in our 2011-2012 Rotary year. Our executive board will be asking each Rotarian to read the editorial page by the RI President and one feature article in the magazine each month. There will be a fun incentive program set up to accomplish this goal. We will discuss magazine articles that our club members have read. And that "Is the Truth" ~~ Frank Mallon (PE) 2011-2012  
p.s. See everyone at the conference -- euchre game in my room if anyone is interested.

## Membership Growth

■ Submitted by Paul Benson

District 6380 now has available a CD providing more than 130 membership ideas for your club. These ideas were created by District 6380 Rotarians at the Membership Summit held in January 2009 at Berkley High School.

They are divided into six initiatives.

1. Getting Your Club's Commitment to Grow
2. Orientation and Retention of new members
3. New Member Induction
4. Rotary Myths and New Member Recruitment
5. Retention and Mentoring
6. Talking about Rotary – What's In It for Me?

These membership ideas can be used however a club desires. Assign teams or individuals to specific membership tasks. Choose the tasks most appropriate for your club. Have a non-Rotarian friend or family work on one of the ideas. Have reporting back to the individual clubs on assigned membership tasks. Play the CD at a club meeting. Great District 6380 photographs are included on the background of each slide. A special thanks to each club that submitted pictures making this district membership project such a success.

The CDs will be available at district conference at the district membership table. Pick up an "Ask Me About Rotary" button at the table. Wear it proudly and feel free to report back to your club or district membership chair of any interesting stories that came out of wearing this button. We hope to publish some of them in future district bulletins.

For further information, contact Paul Benson, District 6380 Membership Chair  
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## Rotary Leadership Institute Great Lakes New Facilitators

■ Submitted by Renee Merchant

### CONGRATULATIONS!

Here are the newly certified RLI Great Lakes Facilitators – Simon Narasimhan, PDG Jay Larson, Lindy Wilson, Greg Kett, Bob Small, Paul McNamara, Phil Abraham, PDG Chris Etienne and DG Steve Van Scoik.



Newest graduates of Part 3 of RLI and there are two District 6380 Rotarians -- Lois Halsted and Gord Campbell. We are all very proud of these people. They have been absolutely thrilled with their experiences at RLI.



## Rotary is Good for You

■ Beth Fitzsimmons President, Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

**A**s Rotarians, we try daily to live our motto, "Service Above Self," however the flip side of that coin is that if we don't take care of the "self" we can be of little service to others. Whether you are 30 or 85 a "good life" is living in a place where you are comfortable, surrounded by the people you love, and doing good and purposeful work. Each year we look at another candle on the cake and we often exclaim, "When did I become that old?" but you are as young as you feel and feeling younger than your chronological age can positively impact many areas of your life from memory to life satisfaction. How then can you foster a younger sense of self? — through active involvement in Rotary!

Make connections with younger people -- Volunteer to work with an Interact or Rotaract Club. The Ann Arbor Rotary Club sponsors two Interact Clubs and two Rotaract Clubs (one University-based and one community based). These young future Rotarians have enthusiasm, lots of ideas and energy. Watching the satisfaction in a job well done, sharing your knowledge, and knowing that you are helping future citizens of the world creates a natural "high" for you. Our club also sponsors Rotary Mentors at two local elementary schools where our members work one-on-one with students having difficulty in reading and math. Watching a child get an "aha" moment when sounding out a new word or solving a math problem is priceless. At a Success by Six program, reading a storybook to preschoolers with their wide-eyed innocence is almost as good as reading to your own children.

Maintain a good support network-social activities and planned work activities on a regular basis keeps members connected with the larger Rotary family. Working on service projects with our partners and children such as preparing dinners at the Ronald McDonald house, assisting at family night at the Hands-on-Museum, ringing the bell for the Salvation Army at Christmas, and planting trees in local parks keeps us connected with the families of Rotary members as well as members of Interact and Rotaract. We keep our members informed of activities and health of Rotarians through our weekly newsletter. Each month we present at our luncheon meeting an overview of "Rotarians in the News" so that we can all celebrate the accomplishments of each other.

Stay active and engaged -- Our club has two bowling teams in the city bowling league where our members compete each week against other teams and each other. This past year we have also started a volleyball team for the younger members of our club. And our club members often visit the International projects that we have supported to monitor their progress and foster and develop friendships and relationships with other Rotarians in India, Jamaica, Turkey, and Peru.

All of these characteristics are found in optimistic and happy people. When you are involved in any of these activities, you will exhibit a positive and youthful attitude. "Service Above Self" with your involvement in Rotary truly promotes a younger and healthier self.

## Spoil Your Speaker

■ Sherry A. Wells, Ferndale Rotary Club

**I** became a Rotarian as a result of speaking to Rotary clubs. Twenty-five years ago, I marveled at the camaraderie among the men. Four years ago, after raising my daughter and getting back into public speaking, I saw women, now accepted into Rotary clubs as full members, dishing out and taking it as much as the men. It was delightful to watch.

The pen I was once given as a "thank you" bore The Four-Way Test around its barrel. That gift helped remind me of how impressed I was with those guidelines. Many times since I've thought better of what I was about to say because of it.

Most often, I speak about the very first Rotary Fellowship — Esperanto, a natural for international belonging. One club in a small Ohio town had had a citizen, by then passed on, who was known to be very enthusiastic about the language — they gifted me with copies of newspaper articles which a member's wife had saved about her. I was thrilled.

Among all the groups to which I have spoken, and which have invited me to join, Rotary won my allegiance.

I commented to a speaker, whom I had lined up for our Ferndale Rotary Club, that she had fit in so well and easily in the conversations that evening.

"It's because your group is so welcoming and friendly," she explained.

Most clubs have made certain I have introductions to those around me so that I, too, can fit into the conversation. They welcome my questions about their club and proudly tell me about their projects.

However, there are some behaviors that I would like us to watch out for.

Often, members will need to leave after eating yet before my presentation. I like it when they come up to me and



apologetically explain that. I am able to at least give them a copy of my brochure before they go and explain how I use it in my talk.

During the meal at one club, I learned that one person at my table was a particular health care professional that I

had been looking for.

"May I have your card?" I asked.

He complied, and, at the same time, told me he would have to leave right after eating. I gave him my brochure.

After he left, I noticed he'd left my brochure behind. I then did the same with his card.

Treat your speakers well to build goodwill and better friendships.

When you go to the Rotary International convention in New Orleans this year, look for Sherry in the Fellowship Hall at the Esperanto booth.



## University of Michigan Rotaractors Ambassador of Goodwill Award

■ Submitted by Jim Reece, Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

The Ambassador of Goodwill Award (AGA) was presented to ten of our University of Michigan Rotaractors at the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor April 20 luncheon. These students earned the AGA by traveling to Nicaragua at their own expense to install much-needed water filtration systems for grateful recipients in 82 homes in the poorest areas of San Francisco Libre, Rotary District 4240, from February 26 to March 5.

The AGA application gives applicants the opportunity to comment on their trip. All of the Rotaractors' comments were very positive, and described how satisfying and influential the trip was despite of – but also because of – the poor conditions under which they stayed. Several commented on how this project changed their outlook on life, and created the desire to do more of this help to others via Rotary in the future. The most exceptional comments were submitted by Laura Partamian, which, with her permission, I want to share with you:

"My experience in Nicaragua was transcendent. It was my first time entering into a developing country,

and I did not expect what I saw. In Managua, the devastation was less noticeable because we were enveloped in a major city. This was not the case once we reached San Francisco Libre. Each home would barely take up half of a two-car garage.

"I suspected the lack of possessions and meager lifestyle would affect the individuals in the area. I was happily proven wrong. Each person I encountered when constructing the water filters was truly grateful for our help. They beamed with pride as we entered into their homes, and often offered us gifts. One man came up to me and held out a mango. Staring at me there was no need for words – his eyes said thank you. He gave when he had nothing to give. These were some of the most untroubled, appreciative, and good-hearted people I have met in my life. I only hope to become so fortunate to live my life with such an open heart and tranquility."

As I described in my article a year ago, Ann Arbor Rotarian Phil Alexander, who developed the AGA program in 2006 when he was chair of the District Friendship Exchange

Committee, hoped that AGA would become an RI program. But RI first wanted recommendations from several districts that recommended it. I'm delighted that we've made significant progress in the last few months thanks to Penny Oglesby of District 6400's Rotary Club of Dearborn Heights. In this first year, District 6400 will give as many AGAs as were awarded in the first few years in our district. She also convinced the governor of Australian District 9550 that they should undertake the AGA program.

Finally, I want to remind our district's members that the AGA application is available on our district's website. I'd really like to have more District 6300 applications by mid-June.

*This article was prepared by Phil Alexander's successor as the district's head of AGA, Jim Reece of the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor. Please feel free to contact Jim at [jsreece@umich.edu](mailto:jsreece@umich.edu) to learn more about AGA and how your club, as well as other districts, could get more involved.*



***Most of the U-M Rotaractors who were presented with their AGA certificates, along with Jim Reece and U-M Rotaract Co-chair Audrey Schwimmer***

## West Bloomfield Rotary and Interact Inductions

■ Submitted by Kelly Wong

**H**ow often do you have two inductions in one week of a Rotary club? The West Bloomfield Rotary Club had made this happen in March of 2011.

We send *The Rotarian* magazine to Henry Ford Hospital and we also give our speakers a copy of *The Rotarian* as a gift. It lets them know of all the wonderful things that Rotary does around the world.

The newly formed West Bloomfield Interact Club teamed up with the West Bloomfield High School's Japanese Club to host a benefit concert for the recent earthquake and tsunami in Japan at Orchard Lake Middle School on April 15. The concert that night was free of charge, but it offered numerous opportunities for donations through raffles by local area businesses. There were more than 200 attendees that night to hear students and community members perform music and dances. The event raised a total of \$2,290 from the raffle and donations and is sent to the American Red Cross. Debbie Macon, vice chair of the American Red Cross Southeastern Michigan Chapter and her husband Ken Macon were at the event and said it proves the generous spirit of greater West Bloomfield residents as well as the skill and talent of its student body.



*Submitted by Lorene McVey - The newly forming Interact club in West Bloomfield is, as far as I know, the first Interact club to span both middle and high school students. They are in the chartering process. This group is taking off well.*



*Rotary Induction - On March 23, we had our District Governor, Janet McPeck induct three new members - Angelynn (Lynn) Rafaill, Michele Economou Ureste, and Steve Kaplan -- to our Rotary club at the Gino's Restaurant in Keego Harbor. We all had a good time with our fellow Rotarians.*



*Judy Garver, past District Governor; Angela Ng, president of the West Bloomfield Interact Club; and Lorene McVey, Assistant Governor, at the benefit concert.*

We also had numerous Rotarians (Marian Soditch, President of WB Rotary; PDG Judy Garver; AG Lorene McVey and her husband Paul McVey; Dr. Jo Ann Andrees, superintendent of WB Schools; Michele Economou Ureste, WB Township Supervisor; Kelly Wong and Steve Kaplan) who attended and helped at the event that night.



*Interact Induction - On March 27, we had our PDG, District Interact chair Lynn Morgan induct 15 members to our newly chartered Interact club at the West Bloomfield Library. They all received Interact pins and special certificate of membership. We all had a nice afternoon with the students and parents who attended the meeting.*



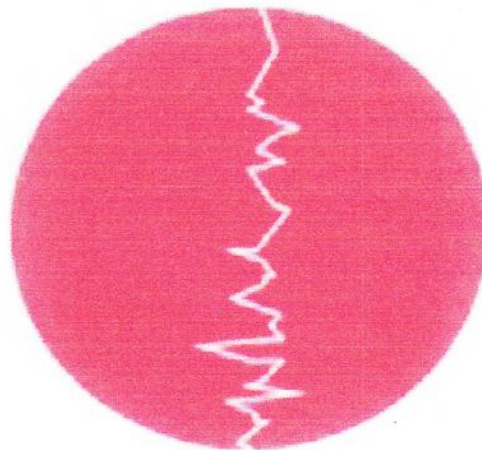
*Lorene McVey, Michele Economou Ureste were among many who bought raffle tickets to support the American Red Cross on Friday at Orchard Lake Middle School.*



**Place:** ORCHARD LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL  
6000 Orchard Lake Road, West Bloomfield Township

**Date:** 04/15/11 (FRI.)  
**Time:** 7:00—9:00 PM

# JAPAN RELIEF BENEFIT CONCERT



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- ◆ RAFFLE
- ◆ REFRESHMENTS
- ◆ A GOOD TIME

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### A Classic Case Of Re-Gifting

■ Submitted by Bill Bouscher  
Secretary, Clawson Rotary Club

The Rotary Club of Clawson has been meeting in the basement of the local United Methodist Church since it was chartered in 1985. Every Wednesday at noon the members gather and are served a delicious home-cooked meal prepared by the loving hands of the Clawson

United Methodist Women. These wonderful ladies have never missed a meal since day one and the cost to the members and guests is a nominal \$7. Each year, during the meeting immediately preceding Christmas Day, the club presents a check to the ladies as a "tip" and with its thanks. The ladies have unfailingly turned around and taken that money and donated it to a community or world service project. This past year was no exception.

The Clawson United Methodist Church has done missionary work in the island of Haiti for many years. They know, only too well, the poverty, disease and lack of medical assistance that has consistently troubled this small nation. With the devastation of last year's earthquake, these people have been forced to endure more than any human should ever be asked to. With this in mind, the Methodist Women donated \$455 of their money from the Clawson Rotary Club to purchase a Haiti Medicine Box. According to Jean Isaacson, president of the group, this box will provide medication for 1,000 people for three months. Jean always lets the club members know what the ladies do with their tip and when we learned of this most generous act, one member commented that the ladies had found a wonderful way to use money received from a our Club and give it back to a world need.

We plan to continue meeting at the church for many years to come and, hopefully, the ladies will continue to serve their great lunches. Of greater importance though is that we know that we share a common interest - world service, and doing whatever is necessary to provide help and support whenever we can.



### Longtime Brighton Rotarian Passes Away

■ Submitted by Beth Walker

The Rotary Club of Brighton sadly announces that Joseph R. Mike, 97, passed away on April 1. A lifelong artist, musician and athlete, Joe was a native of Hamtramck, Michigan, and moved to Brighton in 1974. Shortly thereafter, Joe joined the Rotary Club of

Brighton. Joe Mike was recognized by the club as a Paul Harris Fellow in 2003 for epitomizing the Rotary motto of "Service Above Self."

Joe played for Detroit's semiprofessional baseball team in Fowlerville, Michigan, in the early 1930s. He auditioned at Navin Field in Detroit for the Tigers and was encouraged to return the following year. Joe joined Burroughs Adding Machine Company in 1936 and worked at Burroughs Corporation as a commercial artist for 43 years. Joe learned the rudiments of how to play the drums at Cass Technical High School and performed with a band at high school dances. That love of music continued throughout his life, and he played drums in his group known as the little band with the big band sound. Soon after joining Burroughs, Joe married his Hamtramck High School sweetheart, Irene Mazurek. Joe and Irene moved to Brighton in 1974 and opened the Joe Mike Art Gallery. His paintings, including prints of historic scenes in Brighton, hang in many homes and offices throughout Michigan.

As well as his activities and generous support with the Rotary Club of Brighton, Joe taught tennis at Burroughs Farms Recreation Center (now known as Oak Pointe Country Club) and Woodland Racquet Club, in addition to his involvement with the Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce. Joe is survived by his wife of 73 years, Irene, daughter Beverly Dubie of Alaska, daughter Deborah Shiposh of Brighton, Michigan, and son Kenneth of Maine and their families.

## Rotary Club of Warren to Break the World's Euchre Tournament Record in Attendance on November 4

WHERE: DeCarlo's Banquet Center in Warren  
WHY: To help support our club's many service projects especially PolioPlus and our annual dictionary projects.  
COST: \$20 for early registration 20 top scores will be winners. 24 "bundles of joy" tickets will be sold. Food and drink will be available. Our U.S. veterans will be honored on that evening also.

For additional information and registration please go to: [www.ultimateeuchre.com](http://www.ultimateeuchre.com) (after April 30). Let's make a deal!





## Financial Literacy and Rotarians in Action ~ Project with Davison Elementary School

■ Submitted by John Westerheide

The Birmingham Rotary Club is an active 74-member club in suburban Detroit.

The club has developed a special relationship with Davison Elementary School in the Detroit Public School system. The partnership began when club member Bill Washington's daughter, Casaundra, a teacher at the school, reached out on what became a two-pronged literacy project. The club provided dictionaries to all fifth-, sixth- and seventh-graders. That project was augmented by a joint effort with a sister Rotary Club in Richmond (Michigan) to provide educational books to all grade levels, more than 1,000 new books in total. However, that is not the end of the story.

In the summer of 2010, club member Richard Shapack was impressed by articles in *The Rotarian* magazine and the *New York Times* regarding the urgent need for financial literacy, and the opportunities to make inroads at an early age. Recognizing that the club was in a position to lead an effort coupled with the importance of financial literacy and its impact on the lives and livelihood of everyone, those in their teens and twenties in particular, he brought the concept of club participation to the club's board of directors. The commitment to a financial literacy project was unanimous.

First off, what is financial literacy? It is the ability to read, analyze and manage one's personal finances and use that understanding to budget, plan for the future, and respond competently to life events that affect everyday financial decisions. Those with financial literacy deficiencies often don't manage money and suffer the consequences.

Increasing one's financial literacy is a first step toward a better financial condition.



Some sobering statistics support the critical need for financial literacy:

- Conservative estimates put the number of households not using banks at 10 percent of the population. This problem is greatest among low-income families, seniors, immigrants, minorities and young people.
- A great percentage of families earning less than \$50,000 a year spend nearly half of their income on debt payments, concomitant with a high percent being in the form of interest on that debt coupled with high interest rates.
- 43% of U.S. adults at the lowest level of financial literacy live in poverty, compared to only 4% of those at the highest level of financial literacy.
- While a recent National Endowment for Financial Education survey shows that over 50% of people want to reduce their debt, consumer use of payday lending and check cashing firms has increased.
- Approximately 57% of all divorces in America are due to arguments over money.
- Statistics show that personal spending has increased more than disposable personal income.
- The average American household carries a credit card balance exceeding \$5,000.

Fellow club members, Linda Hatfield and Susan Earp, were already familiar with programs focusing on financial literacy and presenting to elementary age children. The convergence of the identified need, background experience and relationship with Davison Elementary presented a natural fit. Club president Mark Farlow leaped into action and brought the proposed project to the club and received a resounding support of the membership.

Under the leadership of these Rotarians, and the extensive efforts of Earp and Hatfield, the club refined materials and created a formal program. The materials were crafted into a PowerPoint presentation and the decision was made in connection with the school representative, Callie Hayes, Director of Literacy, to target the financial literacy program to the seventh-graders. After the curriculum was finalized into a seven-part program, it was determined that the parents should also be involved and they were presented with a two-part summary at their PTA meetings to ensure that the club and school had their support. The parents became enthusiastic supporters of the concept and materials. The 17 participating Rotarians come from a myriad of vocations, not limited to the financial field, including rare coin expert, nonprofit executive, computer consultant, attorney, railroad logistics consultant, dry-cleaner and, of course, a banker and credit union specialist. The feedback from presenters has been that they truly enjoy interacting with the students.

The club is nearing the completion of this first training program. The 54 seventh-graders have been engaged, enthusiastic and full of excellent questions. Questions such as, "If we have these financial problems in America, why don't we just print more money?" keep club members involved on their toes at all times! The last session will conclude with a poster contest in which every child will create a poster highlighting the concepts learned in the program. All the posters will be displayed in the gymnasium and all the other school grades will have an opportunity to view the poster display. At the end of the final session, the Birmingham Rotary Club will present all the seventh graders with a backpack tote filled with special prizes. The backpacks and prizes were donated by club members and their employers.

Project leader, Susan Earp will present a summary of the Financial Literacy Project at the District 6380 Conference on April 29 in Traverse City. Our club is already working on the expansion of this very beneficial project, both with other school districts and with the District Governor, so as to involve more schools and more Rotarians.





## The Dangers of Drunk Driving

■ Submitted by Nicholas Casteel ~ President, Sterling Heights Rotary



Fraser, Roseville, St. Clair Shores Edition

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### Teens learn about dangers of drunken driving

By DEBRA KASZUBSKI  
Contributing Writer

With prom season near, approximately 30 high school students learned a first-hand lesson about the dangers of driving drunk March 24 at Kart 2 Kart in Sterling Heights.

Henry Ford II, Stevenson and Sterling Heights high school juniors and seniors attended a two-hour program, which has been annually hosted by the Sterling Heights Police Department, the Rotary Club and Kart 2 Kart for the past 10 years. A handful of students from Dakota and Armada high schools also attended. Most of the attendees are involved in their schools' Drug Abuse Resistance and Education or Students Against Destructive Decisions programs.

During the program, students took turns wearing goggles that simulated an impairment of approximately a .20 blood-alcohol level while trying to make their way through an obstacle course on a go-cart. Few successfully made it around the orange cones.

"I kept hitting everything; it was a lot harder than you think," said Sterling Heights High School student Patty Szczepanski, 17. "This really makes you think twice before getting into a car with friends who have been drinking."

Even walking with the Fatal Vision goggles proved challenging to students. Adral Raggio, 17, from Henry Ford II High School, couldn't walk a straight line during her field sobriety test while wearing Fatal Vision goggles.

Information about the consequences of driving drunk was presented by several speakers, including Lt. Dale Dwojakowski of the Sterling Heights Police Traffic Safety Bureau; firefighter/paramedic Eric Post; Magistrate Michael Platek; AAA insurance agent Craig Lekich; and Brenda Hoskins, president of Determined Friends, a nonprofit group that tries to prevent drunken driving.

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Photos by Debra Kaszubski

Above, a Kart 2 Kart employee helps Patty Szczepanski, 17, get back on the track after veering off several times. At right, Adral Raggio, 17, from Henry Ford II High School, couldn't walk a straight line during her field sobriety test while wearing Fatal Vision goggles.



We had an outstanding event on March 24. Our program at Kart 2 Kart gave an opportunity to about 35 high school students to learn about the dangers of drunk driving. Steve Neirinck obtained a grant for our club to help sponsor this program and he worked with Aaron Burgess of the Sterling Heights Police Department to organize the program. The program consisted of talks by an officer in the Police Department Traffic Safety Bureau, a paramedic, a

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Sterling Heights Mayor Richard Notte and Mayor Pro Tem Joseph Romano urged students to listen and learn from the presentations.

Also on hand, Sterling Heights Police Chief Michael Reese asked the teens to make good choices.

"As you know, prom season and graduation is coming and we don't want to ruin your graduation or your prom, but we do want you to use some common sense," Reese said. "Get out of a situation that you know is wrong. If you are caught with alcohol and you are driving, you will get a ticket and you will go to jail."

Sterling Heights Sgt. Aaron Burgess first introduced the program to students a decade ago after teaming up with Kart 2 Kart owner Tony Eckrich.

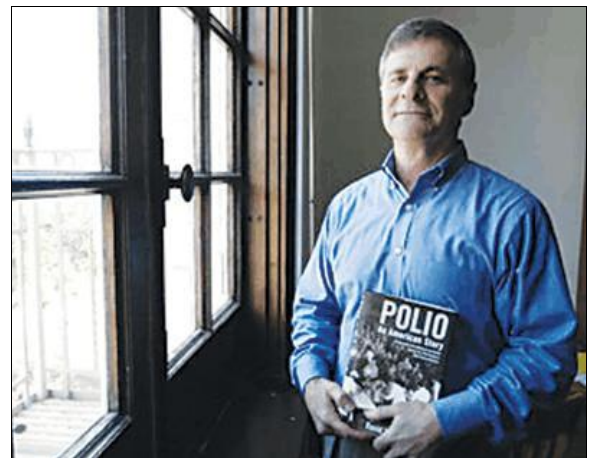
"A drunk behind the wheel is basically guiding a 4,000 pound guided missile," Burgess said. "It's so important that we get the message out that alcohol and vehicles are a fatal combination."

judge in the 41-A District Court, a representative of an insurance company and Brenda Hoskins who described the repercussions of being the victim of a drunk driver. The students also had opportunities to wear special glasses which simulate being under the influence while performing various tasks. We thank all involved and also the Rotarians and guests who attended to support the program. The program picked up a lot of local press including being shown on Sterling Heights TV and in the paper, see attached newspaper article.

## Local Polio Publicity

■ Submitted by John Joyce & Nicholas Casteel

Sterling Heights Rotary Club and Macomb Community College recently worked together to publicize polio and Rotary's current push to eradicate polio on a worldwide basis. As part of their cultural series, MCC had invited Pulitzer Prize-winning historian Dr. David Oshinsky to give his presentation on "Polio: A Look Back at America's Most Successful Public Health Crusade." President Nicholas Casteel noted this and arranged for a regular SHRC meeting to be switched to this venue. Nick and John Joyce publicized the event in the district and arranged for displays, posters and brochures from Rotary International for the evening. Linda May wrote an article beforehand for *The Macomb Daily*. In his talk, Dr. Oshinsky detailed the polio epidemic in the '40s and '50s for which swimming pools were closed, fall school openings were delayed etc. He described the massive efforts to develop a vaccine resulting in the Salk vaccine followed by the Sabin vaccine. After an informative history, Dr. Oshinsky gave high praise to Rotary for the tremendous efforts to eradicate the disease elsewhere and pointed out that they lead this effort! Several Sterling Heights Rotary members passed out brochures entitled "Our Gift to the World: Polio Eradication" from Rotary International to about 150 attendees. Many of the attendees were pleasantly surprised to learn of Rotary's efforts and leadership.



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## *A Taste of Spring*

# **A Wine Tasting Gala**

*at Oakhurst Golf & Country Club  
7000 Oakhurst Lane Clarkston, MI  
(off Clintonville Rd.)*

**Wednesday, May 11, 2011**

**6:30-8:30 pm**

*Tickets \$50/person (limited to first 300 )  
or \$60/person at the door*

## *Food*

**Presented  
by:**

**Appetizers  
by  
Oakhurst  
Golf &  
Country  
Club**

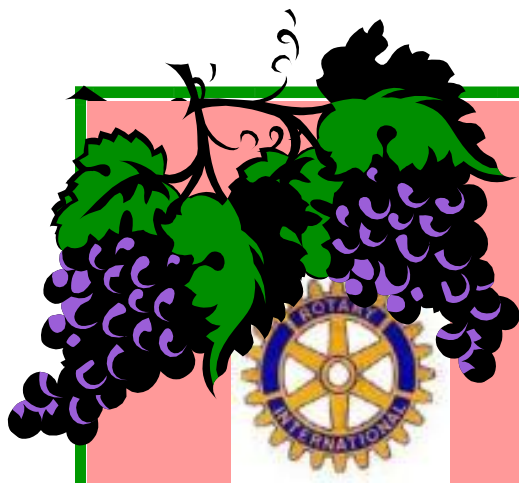
**GREAT  
RAFFLE  
PRIZES:  
SILENT &  
DROP BOX**

**TICKETS  
AVAILABLE  
AT EVENT**

**Proceeds benefit Clarkston Rotary's community projects.**

To order tickets contact your local Clarkston Rotarian, or  
Jason Webster at 248-210-4925 or Joel DeLong at 248-625-9741. Tickets  
also available at: Clarkston Area Chamber of Commerce, 5856 S. Main St. 248-625-8055





*The Milford Rotary Foundation  
In cooperation with Snook's Colasanti's  
and Baker's of Milford presents our*

# **17th Annual Wine Tasting Event & *Fine Chocolate Sampling***



**Thursday,  
May 19, 2011  
7 PM to 9 PM**  
At  
**Baker's of Milford**  
2055 S. Milford Road  
Milford, MI 48381



Enjoy a spectacular selection of more than 70 wines, presented by Colasanti's knowledgeable staff, along with a very special selection of chocolates from the area's finest chocolatiers. Hors D'oeuvres, Live Music, Door prizes, and special Wine Discounts from Colasanti's. Silent Auction fun, too! All proceeds benefit Milford Rotary Foundation Community Projects.

**Advance Tickets are \$38 Per Person, \$45 at the Door.**

***For More Information and Tickets, call***

Linda Lazar: (586) 612-5673 or  
Sally Harvey: (248) 701-6579 or

**[www.milfordwinetasting.com](http://www.milfordwinetasting.com)**

Tickets are also available at Colasanti's Wine Shop, Baker's of Milford and through any Rotary Club of Milford member.

**HURRY! TICKETS ARE EXTREMELY LIMITED!**



**Win a Garden Cart  
of Wine!!!**

**District 6380 Status as of March 31, 2011**

<b>Rotary</b>			YTD	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	Annual	Annual
<b>International District 6380 Statistics</b>	Membership as of July 1-10	Membership Reported to District Mar-31-11	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving (actual)	Foundation Annual Giving (Club Pledge)	Foundation Annual Giving Mar-31-11	Foundation Restricted Giving Mar-31-11	Foundation Permanent Fund Mar-31-11	Giving Per Capita Rank	Giving Per Capita
Club	SAR	Mar-31-11								
Anchor Bay	17	17	0	\$ 100	\$ 1,700		\$ 100			\$ -
Ann Arbor	309	321	12	\$ 23,441	\$ 21,100	\$ 26,259	\$ 8,882			\$ 84.98
Ann Arbor North	33	30	-3	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,468	\$ 700			\$ 74.79
Auburn Hills	12	12	0		\$ 1,300	\$ 575	\$ 1,250			\$ 47.92
Berkley	22	20	-2		\$ 550		\$ 2,000			\$ -
Birmingham	65	69	4	\$ 2,920	\$ 7,400	\$ 2,950	\$ 5,165	\$ 100		\$ 45.38
<b>Blenheim</b>	23	22	-1	\$ 3,398	\$ 2,650	\$ 4,586	\$ 2,034		<b>3</b>	<b>\$ 199.39</b>
Bloomfield Hills	36	33	-3	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,800	\$ 75	\$ 132	\$ 20		\$ 2.08
Brighton	69	67	-2	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,500		\$ 2,500			\$ -
Chatham	60	75	12	\$ 7,961	\$ 6,500	\$ 3,922	\$ 1,626			\$ 65.37
Chatham Sunrise	39	40	1	\$ 4,436	\$ 4,100	\$ 1,830	\$ 97			\$ 46.92
Chelsea	29	30	1		\$ 1,550	\$ 300				\$ 10.34
<b>Clarkston</b>	22	22	0	\$ 12,368	\$ 2,875	\$ 7,748	\$ 2,350		<b>1</b>	<b>\$ 352.18</b>
Clawson	18	17	-1		\$ 2,500	\$ 1,000				\$ 55.56
Clinton/Macomb Sunrise	9	11	2	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,000	\$ 100	\$ 100			\$ 11.11
Davisburg	13	13	0	\$ 250	\$ -	\$ 1,000				\$ 76.92
Dexter	36	32	-4	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 850	\$ 2,650			\$ 23.61
Dresden	17	17	0	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000		\$ 97			\$ -
Eastpointe	16	16	0	\$ 500	\$ 500					\$ -
Farmington	23	25	2	\$ 3,300	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,985	\$ 350			\$ 129.78
Ferndale	19	20	1	\$ 345	\$ 1,300	\$ 70	\$ 326	\$ 149,807		\$ 3.68
Fowlerville	26	27	1	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,015					\$ -
Hartland	21	20	-1	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 800	\$ 500			\$ 38.10
Howell	37	46	9	\$ 25	\$ 3,200		\$ 2,000			\$ -
Lake Orion	21	23	2	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,900	\$ 1,484	\$ 2,200			\$ 70.67
<b>Lakes Area</b>	12	15	3	\$ 1,769	\$ 1,500	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,583		<b>4</b>	<b>\$ 141.67</b>
Livingston Sunrise	48	46	-2	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,000	\$ 2,200				\$ 45.83
Lyon Area	14	14	0	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Milan	18	18	0	\$ 200	\$ 1,000		\$ 1,100			\$ -
Milford	31	31	0	\$ 2,025	\$ 2,325	\$ 4,100				
Mt. Clemens	81	74	-7	\$ 7,380	\$ 5,380	\$ 1,351	\$ 500			\$ 16.68
Novi	37	40	3	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 726			
Ortonville	11	11	0	\$ 1,000	\$ 550					\$ -
Oxford	35	34	-1	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,400	\$ 2,950	\$ 350			
Pontiac	25	25	0	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,000	\$ 250	\$ 225			\$ 10.00
Richmond	31	33	2		\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000				\$ 32.26
Ridgetown	26	25	-1	\$ 3,335	\$ 3,335		\$ 6,784			\$ -
Rochester	87	86	-1	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,900	\$ 220	\$ 100			\$ 2.53
Romeo	10	11	1	\$ 800	\$ 360					\$ -
Royal Oak	29	32	3	\$ 5,834	\$ 4,255	\$ 1,376	\$ 500			
Saline	32	32	0	\$ 300	\$ 2,000	\$ 100	\$ 2,550			\$ 3.13
Southfield	10	18	8	\$ 150	\$ 500	\$ 50				\$ 5.00
<b>Sterling Heights</b>	22	24	2	\$ 3,365	\$ 2,300	\$ 3,495	\$ 397		<b>3</b>	<b>\$ 158.86</b>
Thamesville	7	7	0		\$ 500					\$ -
Tilbury	23	22	-1	\$ 5,339	\$ 2,300	\$ 350	\$ 2,651			\$ 15.22
Troy	34	36	2	\$ 1,470	\$ 2,700	\$ 700	\$ 100			\$ 20.59
Utica-Shelby	15	14	-1	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,600			\$ 140.00
Wallaceburg	11	13	2	\$ 971	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Warren	24	23	-1		\$ 2,500	\$ 300	\$ 1,000			\$ 12.50
<b>Waterford</b>	24	28	4	\$ 7,345	\$ 3,900	\$ 5,110	\$ 2,000		<b>2</b>	<b>\$ 212.92</b>
West Bloomfield	21	16	-5	\$ 1,950	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,775	\$ 75			\$ 132.14
Ypsilanti	25	25	0	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,250	\$ 250	\$ 50			\$ 10.00
District 6380										
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1735</b>	<b>1778</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>\$ 164,937</b>	<b>\$ 142,195</b>	<b>\$ 93,379</b>	<b>\$ 58,350</b>	<b>\$ 149,927</b>		
			Per Capita ->	<b>\$ 91.75</b>		<b>\$ 53.82</b>				