



# District 6380

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## July/August 2010



District Governor 6380  
Janet McPeek  
and husband Phil McPeek

### *Greetings from the District Governor*

The new Rotary year has begun, and we have been challenged by RI President Ray Klingensmith to be "Bigger, Better and Bolder." We also know that our Rotary theme this year is "Building Communities, Bridging Continents." What a natural fit for District 6380! As I look at the Rotarians in our 52 clubs, I am proud to be associated with each and every one of you as I think you figured out already that Rotary is all about serving the needs in our local communities and reaching out to the broader worldwide community. I think, though, that our challenge as we live in the present and look to the future is to be fearless in how we approach everything from service to fellowship to networking to technology to embracing youth to just plain having fun.

These are certainly challenging times in so many ways. Yet that can't be a barrier to doing what we do best, engaging in service above self. As I have begun my official visits, I have left every single meeting feeling inspired by stories of effective projects making real differences in the lives of those who are being helped.

I have been energized by the fellowship and have already learned that there must be infinite variations on how to do a 50/50 drawing. I am humbled by your dedication to sharing Rotary with others by growing membership. Most of all, I am filled with hope as I realize what a group of like-minded people who adhere to a Four-Way Test can create, and the change that occurs as a result.

Speaking of change, there are some things that are different this year. We are a Future Vision Pilot District, which means that we are part of shaping the future of our Rotary Foundation. You will be receiving ongoing communication regarding how the grant process is functioning and about our efforts to try some new opportunities such as the Vocational Training Teams that would be part of the Global Grant process.

Our district directory is located at the website, with some additional revising being done as we make this initial attempt at "going green" and at having a directory that can be updated throughout the Rotary year.

As with all new things, we've already learned that we need to make a midstream correction. We will be printing a condensed directory with the essential contact information that so many of you have said that you value as something to have at hand when there is no access to the Internet. The technology committee is hard at work, and we are making great progress.

I consider serving as your district governor an honor and a privilege. I hope to serve you well and appreciate the tremendous leadership of the past district governors whose very large shoes I will do my best to fill. As has become the tradition, I welcome and request your input and ideas. I also welcome your articles for future newsletters!

As you think about why you are a Rotarian, look at President Ray's message on this year's presidential citation. He quotes Ed Caldman as he shares his reasoning behind the benchmarks for clubs to earn this recognition. Mr. Caldman says that Rotary is **"unity without conformity."** I have read and reread those words, yet each time I am amazed at their power. We all share the same core values, but each Rotarian and each club and each district will find its own unique way "do Rotary."



Thank you for what you already are doing and will do the rest of this year. I can hardly wait to hear the ways that carry out the work of Rotary in each of your clubs. As I have already heard one club cheer as a punctuation following The Four-Way Test to end their meeting: We are Bigger, Better and Bolder!

## IRS Offers One-Time Special Filing Relief Program for Small Charities

■ Oct. 15 Due Date to Preserve Tax-Exempt Status

From: Katie Ferguson ~ [Katie.Ferguson@rotary.org](mailto:Katie.Ferguson@rotary.org)

*Dear District Governors,  
Please review this new important announcement from the IRS below pertaining to the tax reporting requirements for Rotary clubs. This message was sent to club presidents where we had valid email addresses. Because all clubs may not have received the message, we are asking your help in further disseminating this information. Please include this message in your next governor's newsletter and on your district website, if you have one. Clubs that have questions about this announcement or about filing their return should contact the IRS or a tax adviser directly.*

### Small Tax Exempt Org. Revised Filing Deadline IR-2010-87, July 26, 2010

WASHINGTON — Small nonprofit organizations at risk of losing their tax-exempt status because they failed to file required returns for 2007, 2008 and 2009 can preserve their status by filing returns by Oct. 15, 2010, under a one-time relief program, the Internal Revenue Service announced today.

The IRS today posted on a special page of IRS.gov the names and last-known addresses of these at-risk organizations, along with guidance about how to come back into compliance. The organizations on the list have return due dates between May 17 and Oct. 15, 2010, but the IRS has no record that they filed the required returns for any of the past three years. "We are doing everything we can to help organizations comply with the law and keep their valuable tax exemption," IRS Commissioner Doug Shulman said. "So if you do not have your filings up to date, now's the time to take action and get back on track."

Two types of relief are available for small exempt organizations – a filing extension for the smallest organizations required to file Form 990-N, Electronic Notice (e-Postcard), and a voluntary compliance program (VCP) for small organizations eligible to file Form 990-EZ, Short Form Return of Organization Exempt From Income Tax.

Small organizations required to file Form 990-N simply need to go to the IRS website, supply the eight information items called for on the form, and electronically file it by Oct. 15. That will bring them back into compliance. Under the VCP, tax-exempt organizations eligible to file Form 990-EZ must file their delinquent annual information returns by October 15 and pay a compliance fee. Details about the VCP are on the IRS website, along with frequently asked questions.

The relief announced today is not available to larger organizations required to file the Form 990 or to private foundations that file the Form 990-PF. The IRS will keep today's list of at-risk organizations on IRS.gov until Oct. 15, 2010. Organizations that have not filed the required information returns by that date will have their tax-exempt status revoked, and the IRS will publish a list of these revoked organizations in early 2011. Donors who contribute to at-risk organizations are protected until the final revocation list is published.

The Pension Protection Act of 2006 made two important changes affecting tax-exempt organizations, effective the beginning of 2007. First, it mandated that all tax-exempt organizations, other than churches and church-related organizations, must file an annual return with the IRS. The Form 990-N was created for small tax-exempt organizations that had not previously had a filing requirement. Second, the law also required that any tax-exempt organization that fails to file for three consecutive years automatically loses its federal tax-exempt status. The IRS conducted an extensive outreach effort about this new legal requirement but, even so, many organizations have not filed returns on time. If an organization loses its exemption, it will have to reapply with the IRS to regain its tax-exempt status. Any income received between the revocation date and renewed exemption may be taxable.

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### SAVE the DATE



- 9/25/10
- 11/13/10
- 11/13/10
- 2/5/11
- 4/29/11~5/1/11

"Knock it Out of the Park" Foundation Extravaganza  
Youth Exchange Outbound Interviews  
Rotary Leadership Institute  
Interact Day  
District Conference in Traverse City

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## **District 6380 Water Activities and Programs** ... our way to celebrate ... our Great Lakes water heritage!

■ Submitted by Marc Forrest - Mitclass56@aol.com  
Water Resource Coordinator



*Would you ever consider drinking such water?*



**T**wenty percent of the world's fresh water is within our state borders or within close reach. Outside of our country, this often is not the case. About 1.6 billion people out of more than six billion do not have access to clean water and 2.6 billion do not have sanitation facilities. What can be done about it? District 6380 is doing something about it, within RI and WASRAG programs. This is our challenge and answer: Provide filters to households and rural schools to raise health conditions, allow kids to attend school on a regular basis, use closely available water and reduce the needs for long trips to the polluted streams.

■ **Dominican Republic:** Sterling Heights and the Bonao Club have installed more than 1,200 BioSand filters over the last five years. Contact [mrsjoyce2@wowway.com](mailto:mrsjoyce2@wowway.com) to support the continuing need for BioSand filters.

■ **Nepal:** Eileen Heasley and husband John travel at least once a year to Nepal to support the implementation of ceramic filters made locally. Their fund-raising is also supported by the Detroit Area Rotaract Club. The Heasleys concurrently provide support to sanitation projects in Nepal. Eileen also researches the manufacture and use of ceramic filters for other parts of the world. Ceramic filters are the oldest known to mankind. Contact Eileen Heasley at [ehasley@avisionforcleanwater.org](mailto:ehasley@avisionforcleanwater.org)

■ **Ecuador - Santo Domingo de los Colorados:** The Pontiac Rotary Club is sponsoring a BioSand filter project, Rotarian Carol Cousineau and husband Ron, have been the implementers at a U.S.-sponsored charity. This project to produce and install 170 filters is coming to completion. The majority of the filters are reported to have been delivered and installed in households or rural schools. Health results are positive and being monitored by a local MD and the team trained by the Cousineaus. Water was tested and sampled in front of the local Press. Tasting of the filtered water after chlorination was the highlight of the interviews in March 2010. Contact Jamey Kozierowski at [jameyk@hutzenlochergruop.com](mailto:jameyk@hutzenlochergruop.com) or

Ron Cousineau at [rjcousineau@aol.com](mailto:rjcousineau@aol.com)



■ **Ecuador - Cuenca** The Rotary Club of Milan together with clubs of Sector 11 is working on a BioSand filter program in Cuenca, together with the Rotary clubs of Tomebamba and Gualaceo. Program drafts are being prepared for a March 2011 implementation. Contact Milan Club president Dr. Eduardo Enriquez at [enritherap@aol.com](mailto:enritherap@aol.com)



### **Ecuador Rotary Project Fair**

Leonardo Galarza, Governor District 4400 - Ecuador, a Vision Pilot District, invites District 6380 Rotarians to participate in the sixth Rotary project fair to be held at the Swissotel in Quito, the capital city of Ecuador, on

**November 13 and 14.** Purpose is to form partnerships for international projects. It will be an opportunity for clubs to start or expand work in international humanitarian projects.

All Ecuadorian clubs have already been trained within the guidelines of the TRF Future Vision Program, and offer projects that lay well within the Future Vision Program requirements and its six areas of interest: peace and conflict prevention; disease prevention and treatment; water and sanitation; maternal and child health; basic education and literacy; economic and community development.

This event will be an excellent occasion for your club to find and undertake projects qualifying for the 2010-2011 Presidential Citation. For detailed information, please visit [www.rotaryecuador.org](http://www.rotaryecuador.org) or contact [mortega@cretertours.com](mailto:mortega@cretertours.com)

Accommodations in Rotarian homes, tours and visits to areas of interest (Galapagos Islands etc.) are being offered. Costs for visiting Rotarians and their companions: registration fee, US\$150, lodging at the Swissotel in single or double room, US\$104 per day, including taxes; staying at homes of Ecuadorian Rotarians, no cost. Additional information contact directly Rotarians Manuel Nieto and Amparo Nieto at ([quimicac@quimicacom.com](mailto:quimicac@quimicacom.com) or [mnietoj@uio.satnet.net](mailto:mnietoj@uio.satnet.net)) Manuel Nieto is the chairman of this sixth project fair district committee.

### **Biosand Filter Implementation Workshop**

a fundamental overview of water quality, hygiene, sanitation, disease transmission, household water treatment options, and safe water storage and more; how to plan and implement a BioSand filter project; instruction and hands-on experience in the construction of the filter, including concrete containers, sand media, diffuser basins and lids; how to install it and how to instruct householders on its correct usage

8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**October 12-15, 2010**

(\$500) Clarkston MI

Contact Eileen Heasley (248) 689-5634  
[ehasley@avisionforcleanwater.org](mailto:ehasley@avisionforcleanwater.org)



# "Knock it Out of the Park" Foundation Extravaganza

## Saturday, September 25, 2010

- *Foundation event/workshop projects, dinner with keynote speaker*
- *Royal Oak Middle School ~ Royal Oak, Michigan*
- *Trip to the Detroit Tigers/Minnesota Twins baseball game*
- *Comerica Park*



What an opportunity! We'll begin gathering at noon for registration. We'll have time to look at club project displays and get the younger crowd settled in their Kids Kamp. While they get started with an exciting afternoon of interactive learning and fun, we'll move into a beautiful auditorium at the school to hear some outstanding speakers at the opening plenary. Breakout sessions will follow, including opportunities to showcase projects and to find clubs who may want to collaborate on projects and grants in your areas of interest. Then we'll move back into the auditorium for a closing plenary.

Tom Thorfinson, Rotary International vice president and our very own Zone 29 coordinator, will be the featured keynote speaker. He has an amazing way of telling the Rotary story, and we are incredibly fortunate to get this opportunity not only to hear him speak but to spend the day with him, not to mention, share an evening together at Comerica Park. Wonder who he'll be routing for? (Hint: he's from Minnesota.)

We have worked extremely hard to set pricing so that it is affordable for Rotarians, partners, kids, grandkids, neighbors, and friends, anybody you'd

like to bring. We'll learn a great deal about our Rotary Foundation and about what's happening in local and worldwide service in the areas of water and sanitation, peace and conflict resolution, basic education and literacy, disease prevention, maternal and child health, economic and community development and so much more.

We have 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! We will have 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.

There will be an opening plenary with outstanding speakers, breakout sessions and a project fair, followed by the closing plenary featuring Tom Thorfinson.

We will offer child care for our youngest future Rotarians and Kids Kamps, divided by age, for elementary, middle school and high school students. This event will include all of our youth programs: Interact, Rotaract, RYLA and Youth Exchange. The Kids Klub will run concurrent to the other sessions. Our kids and grandkids and their friends will learn about peace and conflict

resolution, spend time with our Rotaract and Interact members and get an introduction to service as they enjoy the afternoon at kids camp.

It is an experience that is designed for Rotarians, partners, kids, grandkids, friends, neighbors and anyone who is interested in learning more about the needs and solutions in our communities and around the world.

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We'll have a meal and then head off to seats on the lower deck, first baseline at Comerica Park to watch the Tigers and Twins.

Optional round-trip motor coach transportation will be available for \$12 per person from the school, to Comerica Park, and back after the game.

We will be honoring RI vice president Tom in a pre-game ceremony down on the field. It will be District 6380 at Comerica Park, and we want them to know we are there! For those of you who need additional ball game-only tickets, we have them available.

If you have friends and family who are interested in joining us for the game but who are unable to attend the workshop, please feel free to purchase their tickets on your registration form.

**The registration form is at [www.rotary6380.org](http://www.rotary6380.org). Access forms through your club president and through your assistant district governor.** Questions? contact DG Janet McPeck at [janetmcpeek@comcast.net](mailto:janetmcpeek@comcast.net) or (248) 459-1464

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Club: \_\_\_\_\_  
Guests (18 years or younger, please list ages): \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

●Conference (includes materials, snack at break, and dinner)  
# Adult Tickets (\$20/ea) \_\_\_\_ # Teen (13-18 yrs) Tickets (\$15/ea) \_\_\_\_ # Child (12&under) Tickets (\$10/ea) \_\_\_\_  
Total: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

●Baseball Game: Detroit Tigers vs. Minnesota Twins  
# Tickets (\$25/ea) \_\_\_\_ (Sections 112 and 113, Level 1, First Base Side)

●Bus Transportation from Royal Oak Middle School to Comerica Park and back (\$12/ea) \_\_\_\_ (reserve early!)  
Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Remit payment to Marc Cooper by check (payable to District 6380) or credit card, by mail, email, fax or phone.  
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## District 6380 Friendship Exchange with District 2440 in Turkey

■ Leonard A. Stenger ~ (734) 994-0505 ~ [l.stenger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:l.stenger@sbcglobal.net)

The Rotary Friendship Exchange program gives Rotarians and their families the opportunity to experience other cultures firsthand, by participating in reciprocal visits with Rotarians and their families from other countries.



During the spring and early summer of this year, Rotary District 6380 conducted its first district-to-district Rotary Friendship Exchange with District 2440 in the western part of Turkey.

This exchange began with a suggestion by Phil Alexander of the Ann Arbor RC to PDG Audrey Chevalier. PDG Chevalier took the lead in making a contact with her Turkish counterpart in District 2440 during the Rotary International Institute in 2007. Both governors agreed to the exchange and PDG Chevalier asked Phil Lowman of the Rochester RC, assisted by Len Stenger of the Ann Arbor RC, to chair a district committee to schedule and arrange the details of the outbound and inbound visits with the District 2440 contact in Turkey. The Rochester RC, the Ann Arbor RC and the Chatham Sunrise RC agreed to nominate outbound participants.

The final group consisted of Phil Lowman and Bill Potere from the Rochester RC along with their wives Carol and Leah; Len and Lois Stenger and Jim Reece of the Ann Arbor RC along with Jim's wife Bonnie; PDG Audrey Chevalier of the Chatham Sunrise RC; Eileen Heasley of the Troy RC and PDG Bob Baker of the Mount Clemens RC and his wife Margo of the Clinton Township Sunrise RC.

The outbound group traveled to the Aegean Coast of Turkey where the delegation was hosted by local Rotary clubs in Bodrum, Kusadasi, Soke, Cesme, Ismir and Bursa. In all, 11 clubs participated in some way in hosting us. The highlight of the trip was being hosted by Rotarian families in their home and the friendships begun during our visit. We were shown local sites in a very personal way, and learned much about the life, politics, and history of Turkey and the fun-loving and gracious Turkish Rotarians. In all we spent 10 days with our hosts ending our visit in Istanbul. Costs for the trip were borne by the participants except for home hosting and club sponsored events.

Following the outbound visit, five Rotarians, two Rotarian spouses and one teenage child from District 2440 were hosted by the Chatham Sunrise RC, the Rochester RC and the Ann Arbor RC. The Turkish Rotarians represented the Gaziemir - Izmir RC, Denizli RC and the Didim RC.

Their visit started with the Chatham Sunrise RC. They visited Niagara Falls and toured the Chatham area. The Rochester RC hosted them next. They took them to a Tigers game and then showed them the beauties of northern Michigan at Harbor Spring and Mackinac Island. The Ann Arbor RC was the final host club. They toured Ann Arbor sites and the University of Michigan campus; picnicked with members of the Turkish American Cultural Association of Michigan and dined at the home of the Honorary Turkish Counsel for Michigan. Finally, they spent a day at Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum.

Arranging a Friendship Exchange takes some work and persistence. The key early tasks are to make contact with the district or club with which you want to have an exchange; gain an agreement to do the exchange and identify points of contact. After that, the contacts can negotiate details of timing, itinerary, number of visitors etc. Proactive emailing is essential here. Several ground rules governed our exchange. First, the visits were largely home visits. Second, the visitors paid the costs of the visit except for in-home lodging and meals, and official Rotary events. Third, the exchanges were reciprocal.

All in all, our district's first Friendship Exchange was a real success. We met accomplished and fun-loving Turkish Rotarians, made new friends and saw a culturally and politically interesting part of the world in a very personal way.

The Rotary Website has general information on Friendship Exchanges at <http://www.rotary.org/en/serviceandfellowship/fellowship/rotaryfriendshipexchange/Pages/ridefault.aspx> and also contains a link to a more informative handbook on the program. For more information about the Exchange with District 2440, contact Rtn Phil Lowman of the Rochester RC at [philcarollowman@aol.com](mailto:philcarollowman@aol.com) or Len Stenger of the Ann Arbor RC [l.stenger@sbcglobal.net](mailto:l.stenger@sbcglobal.net)



District 2440 Rotarians Arriving in Ann Arbor and Meeting Their Hosts



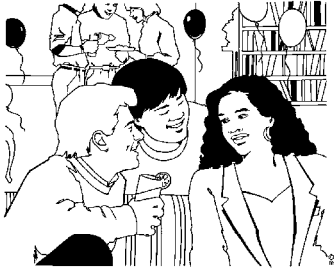
District 6380 Friendship Exchange Team in Bodrum, Turkey

## RYLA and NEW GENERATIONS

■ *submitted by Jim Adams*  
*District 6380 RYLA Co-Chair*

***Congratulations to all on the beginning a new Rotary year!***

In your most recent edition of "The Rotarian," hopefully you noticed two items. First, there was a great feature on a RYLA program in Illinois. Secondly, there was an announcement the Rotary International elected to add a Fifth Avenue of Service called New Generations.



The New Generations Avenue of Service is intended to encourage clubs to work toward bringing youth and young adults into the family of Rotary. RYLA, as highlighted in "The Rotarian," can help your club meet the new avenue.

RYLA is a student

leadership program intended to bring high school students from across the district together to build a foundation of leadership skills and a better understanding of Rotary.

In 2010, 32 clubs from District 6380 sent students to RYLA, including one Interact club and one Rotaract club. In 2011, the RYLA Committee's goal is to have all of our clubs send students to participate in this life-changing event.

RYLA 2011 will be held on May 13-15 in Ridgetown, ON. For budgeting purposes, we anticipate that the registration fees will remain near last year's cost of \$210 US & CDN.

If you have any questions about RYLA or how this program can help your club's youth programs, please feel free to contact me at [jimadams842@hotmail.com](mailto:jimadams842@hotmail.com) or at (248) 330-4449.



Thank you for all that you do!



## Ypsilanti Rotary Club sponsors the Veterans History Project

■ *submitted by William Vollano*

The Rotary Club of Ypsilanti, MI has sponsored the Veterans History Project (VHP) since early 2004. During that time, volunteers have videotaped more than 100 veterans. These stories are archived in the Library of Congress and in the local library and historical museum. The club has also set up a website where interviews are uploaded.

The subjects have been varied. Many participants were in major battles during WWII, Korea and Vietnam. Several were POWs in Germany or Japan. Their experiences range from absolute brutality to mild, almost benign treatment.

The most decorated veteran we interviewed is Charles Kettles. He was awarded The Distinguished Service Cross, The Distinguished Flying Cross, The Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, The Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star, and 27 Air Medals. During one battle in Vietnam he repeatedly returned in a helicopter to rescue troops pinned down by enemy fire. The multiple airlifts, the last one with a shattered windshield and the helicopter battered to the point of making takeoff almost impossible, gained for him the military's second highest medal, The Distinguished Service Cross. There are today nearly 50 veterans who say they owe their life to Chuck.

All interviews are eventually placed on our website, without editing. That website is reachable by: [vhp.ypsi.com](http://vhp.ypsi.com). From there go to the SE Michigan Veterans List. For more information on starting up a local project, contact Bill Vollano at [wmjv@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wmjv@sbcglobal.net)



## CELEBRATE AMERICA! Davisburg Rotary's flag display service project

■ submitted by Collin W Walls, President, Davisburg Rotary



“Celebrate America!” That is the name of Davisburg Rotary's new flag display service project. Residents and businesses in the area were invited to

fly the United States flag on Memorial Day, Flag Day, Independence Day, Labor Day and Veterans Day to help show community patriotism. As a service, the Davisburg club offered to purchase, install, remove, reinstall, maintain and store the flags for a fee of \$30 per year. A drive through Davisburg during Memorial Day or Independence Day holidays shows the success of the project. Flags flying proudly in front of homes and businesses brighten the area almost at every turn.

The project started as a fundraiser and as an effort to improve Davisburg Rotary's presence in the community but none of us could have imagined how successful it would be. We have had projects that made more money but not many with the potential of this one. I have been a member of Davisburg Rotary for more than 40 years and never have I seen the community support that we have generated with our Celebrate America project. Those of us who have been privileged to put up or take down flags have experienced homeowners and people just driving by calling out “Great Job,” “Great Project,” “Thank You” or maybe just a thumbs-up sign. It is not often that we have people thank us as they give us money.



Each time we put up flags we get new requests. When we first put up flags for Memorial weekend, it was 87 but it grew to 93 in two days. We put up 101 flags July 1, and four more the next day, so as this is written, we are up to 105 flags flying proudly. The very first person to order a flag for her yard has since been responsible for



three more flags. She called me from the Kroger store the day after we put up flags for the 4th of July weekend to tell me that her neighbor wanted a flag. After installing flags before Memorial Day I was getting gas and was asked if it was too late to get a flag. I gave them an order form

which the wife filled out while we were pumping our gas. When the order and check were handed to me I heard a voice say “if that is what I think it is I will take one” and another flag order was taken. I even had an attractive young lady chase me down the sidewalk to hand me a check and order a flag. Actually she did not have to run but that sure was a unique experience for this old geezer.

The support and reaction from the community have far outweighed the financial aspect of the project but that too was successful. The fact that new flags are flying in front of businesses and homes that did not come from Rotary shows the impact of the project. More than 100 flag orders in the first year may not seem like a lot but we are very happy with the beginning. People donated to the project who did not order flags and others contributed far more than the \$30 fee for their flag. We found three generous project sponsors whose sponsor fees almost covered the cost of flags, materials and flyers so it was pretty hard not to make money.



The flags were 3X5 mounted on a metal conduit “staff.” The staffs were placed within short sections of plastic conduit previously placed in the ground as holders. A white plastic cap was placed over the ground conduit when the flags are removed to keep dirt out of the conduit and make it easier to find on the next holiday. So far we have managed not to hit any sprinkler or utility lines. We had fliers printed which were hand-delivered by Rotarians and the local Boy Scout troop. A copy of the flier was sent via email to Rotarians, Friends of Rotary and other key individuals with a request that they participate in the project in addition to forwarding the flier to their friends and neighbors. We also received coverage from a neighboring local paper that helped, as we do not have a Davisburg paper.

The project idea was actually borrowed from a Rotary club in southern Ohio that had borrowed it from a neighboring Rotary club that apparently got the idea from a Rotary club in Texas. We did not discover any Michigan Rotary clubs with similar projects but we did find that Rotary clubs from Alaska to Florida and from Washington to Texas are successfully showing their patriotic spirit and making a few dollars for their community projects at the same time. Ironically the discovery of this great project resulted from a boring winter day where that this writer decided to spend in the library trying to learn how to use the Internet. I tried the Club Runner site and began to explore the many different club bulletins and websites available through Club Runner. What a goldmine of great ideas and helpful information.

There should be no doubt in any Davisburg Rotarian's mind that the Celebrate America Flag Display Project will be an annual activity, based upon the success of the first year. We already have more than 100 probable participants for next year. In addition we have already paid for flags and staffs that should be usable for three to five years. Yes, the project is more labor-intensive than selling raffle tickets or some other fundraising activities but, in our experience, nothing has generated the community support or sense of pride, and that is priceless.

**District 6380 Status as of June 30, 2010**

<b>Rotary</b>			YTD		2009-10	2009-10	2009-10	2009-10	Annual	Annual
<b>International District 6380 Statistics</b>	Membership as of Jun-09 SAR	Membership Reported to District 30-Jun-10	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving (actual)	Foundation Annual Giving (Club Pledge)	Foundation Annual Giving 30-Jun-10	Foundation Restricted Giving 30-Jun-10	Foundation Permanent Fund 30-Jun-10	Giving Per Capita Rank	Giving Per Capita
Club										
Anchor Bay	17	17	0	\$ -	\$ 2,300	\$ 100				\$ -
Ann Arbor	309	309	0	\$ 25,077	\$ 35,880	\$ 23,441	\$ 41,388			\$ 75.86
Ann Arbor North	31	33	2	\$ 4,000	\$ 3,000	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,000			\$ 122.58
Ann Arbor Sunrise				\$ 1,100	\$ 1,100	\$ 300				
Auburn Hills	14	13	-1		\$ 1,200					
Berkley	25	24	-1	\$ 100	\$ 2,500					\$ -
Birmingham	74	74	0	\$ 425	\$ 8,600	\$ 2,920	\$ 11,569			
Blenheim	25	23	-2	\$ 3,074	\$ 3,450	\$ 3,398	\$ 2,049			\$ 135.92
Bloomfield Hills	30	35	5	\$ 15,300	\$ 3,105	\$ 3,700	\$ 1,130			\$ 123.33
Brighton	66	70	4	\$ 5,440	\$ 6,900	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,000			\$ 109.09
Chatham	63	61	-2	\$ 5,892	\$ 8,875	\$ 7,961	\$ 1,547			\$ 126.37
Chatham Sunrise	38	40	2	\$ 5,289	\$ 3,800	\$ 4,436	\$ 3,506			\$ 116.74
Chelsea	29	31	2		\$ 2,700		\$ 2,525			
Clarkston	28	22	-6	\$ 7,541	\$ 4,500	\$ 12,368	\$ 4,550		1	\$ 441.71
Clawson	18	17	-1	\$ 2,275	\$ 1,000		\$ 2,000			\$ -
Clinton Township Sunrise	11	11	0	\$ 1,050	\$ 1,200	\$ 1,400	\$ 1,000			\$ 127.27
Davisburg	18	14	-4	\$ 605	\$ 2,300	\$ 250				\$ 13.89
Dexter	32	34	2		\$ 3,828	\$ 500	\$ 1,430			\$ 15.63
Dresden	22	17	-5	\$ 2,613	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000			\$ 45.45
Eastpointe	16	16	0	\$ 2,000	\$ -	\$ 500				\$ 31.25
Farmington	24	23	-1	\$ 3,100	\$ 3,900	\$ 3,300	\$ 4,871			\$ 137.50
Ferndale	19	21	2		\$ 1,900	\$ 345	\$ 3,072	\$ 125		\$ 18.16
Fowlerville	22	27	5		\$ 2,500	\$ 2,500	\$ 2,000			\$ 113.64
Hartland	20	22	2		\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000				\$ 50.00
Howell	34	45	11	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 25	\$ 2,000			\$ -
Lake Orion	26	28	2	\$ 2,700	\$ 1,700	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,525	\$ 1,000		\$ 104.81
Lakes Area	18	14	-4	\$ 2,932	\$ 2,300	\$ 1,769	\$ 2,159			\$ 98.28
Livingston Sunrise	52	52	0	\$ 6,500	\$ 5,800	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,225			\$ 103.85
Lyon Area	15	16	1	\$ -	\$ 720	\$ 1,100				
Milan	22	20	-2	\$ 300	\$ 2,200	\$ 200	\$ 1,800			\$ 9.09
Milford	30	31	1	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,025	\$ 2,351			\$ 67.50
Mt. Clemens	81	84	3	\$ 13,812	\$ 8,400	\$ 7,380	\$ 4,121			\$ 91.11
Novi	35	38	3	\$ 111	\$ 5,740	\$ 5,500	\$ 492			\$ 157.14
Ortonville	14	11	-3	\$ -	\$ 500	\$ 1,000				\$ 71.43
Oxford	39	35	-4	\$ 3,590	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,800				\$ 46.15
Pontiac	26	25	-1	\$ 2,375	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,800	\$ 961			\$ 69.23
Richmond	33	32	-1	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,400		\$ 2,000			\$ -
Ridgetown	30	25	-5	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,795	\$ 3,335	\$ 2,000			\$ 111.17
Rochester	93	87	-6	\$ 16,880	\$ 21,150	\$ 20,000	\$ 1,000		3	\$ 215.05
Romeo	10	10	0	\$ 400	\$ 1,000	\$ 800				\$ 80.00
Royal Oak	38	38	0	\$ 6,662	\$ 8,164	\$ 5,834	\$ 2,000			\$ 153.53
Saline	32	32	0	\$ 2,710	\$ 2,000	\$ 300				\$ 9.38
Southfield	14	9	-5	\$ 200	\$ 1,500	\$ 150				\$ 10.71
Sterling Heights	23	22	-1	\$ 4,250	\$ 2,000	\$ 3,365	\$ 2,590			\$ 146.30
Thamesville	7	7	0		\$ 900					\$ -
Tilbury	21	23	2	\$ 3,731	\$ 2,500	\$ 5,339			2	\$ 254.24
Troy	34	35	1	\$ 1,550	\$ 1,700	\$ 1,470	\$ 700			\$ 43.24
Utica-Shelby	12	15	3	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,596	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,000			\$ 166.67
Wallaceburg	11	12	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 971	\$ 1,000			\$ 88.27
Warren	27	25	-2	\$ 2,025	\$ 2,700		\$ 56			\$ -
Waterford	24	26	2	\$ 6,200	\$ 3,600	\$ 7,345	\$ 2,000			\$ 306.04
West Bloomfield	22	20	-2	\$ 1,039	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,950	\$ 3,101			\$ 88.64
Ypsilanti	21	23	2	1550	\$ 3,565	\$ 1,235				\$ 58.81
District 6380							\$ 480			
<b>District Total</b>	<b>1795</b>	<b>1794</b>	<b>-1</b>	<b>\$ 174,698</b>	<b>\$ 206,568</b>	<b>\$ 165,237</b>	<b>\$ 130,198</b>	<b>\$ 1,125</b>		
		Per Capita ->		<b>\$ 91.75</b>		<b>\$ 92.05</b>				