



District 6380

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District Governor 6380
Janet McPeek
and husband Phil McPeek

Greetings from the District Governor

What a year it has been!

We began with a commitment to follow our International President Ray Klingensmith's theme of *Building Communities and Bridging Continents*. This task was easy as the clubs in District 6380 are immersed in work in their local communities and are deeply committed to helping in every corner of the Rotary world.

We were also asked to be **"Bigger, Better and Bolder"** Rotarians. Those words clearly resonated with all of us as incredible things have been accomplished. We knocked it out of the park, we learned and celebrated at the park and we worked diligently all year long across all Five Avenues of Service.

We have embraced youth, as evidenced by the chartering of new Interact and Rotaract clubs, the successful RYLA weekend, our amazing Inbound and Outbound Exchange Students and the establishment of our "BRAG Team" to help facilitate the growth and inclusion of younger Rotarians in all

of our clubs. You have worked hard, membership has increased, you have supported the Foundation (and it is still not too late to give more!) and you have built the family of Rotary.

As I look back on the year I will remember each and every one of you and the awe I felt as I heard your individual Rotary stories. I shared in my initial message to you that Rotary is so much like music. It can be composed in infinite ways and performed in a multitude of styles. It involves feeling and communication and can energize or soothe or just bring joy.

I now know first hand that there are 52 clubs with their own Rotary songs that come together to make a combined district composition that is second to none in the Rotary world. I thank the club presidents and officers, the assistant governors and the rest of district staff and all of you who took on extra responsibilities over the year. I especially thank each Rotarian who

came to a meeting, helped at a club fundraiser, worked on a local or international service project and all of the countless things that were you engaged in, showing service above self.

Phil and I will never forget your friendship, your support and heart for Rotary. It has been the experience of a lifetime, and I am so honored and humbled to have had the opportunity to serve as District Governor 2010/11.

Maya Angelou once said that "One must not just know how to accept a gift, but with what grace to share it." As Rotarians we have been given a very special gift, the privilege of being part of this incredible organization.

I hope that you all take pride in being a Rotarian and that you continue to share the gift. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for truly making this a **"Bigger, Better and Bolder"** year.



Open Position: District Secretary

- * The Executive District Secretary serves as an executive member of the District Staff
- * This individual will attend District Staff meetings and keep minutes for those meetings
- * All committee meeting minutes are organized and compiled by the District Secretary
- * The District Secretary serves a term of at least one year

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Council on Legislation

■ *submitted by Jeff Lichty*

2013 Council on Legislation Representative

The Council on Legislation takes place every three years. The next council meeting will take place in the spring of 2013. The purpose of the council is to allow Rotarians to make changes in the rules that govern Rotary. Some of the changes that have occurred in recent years have been significant including the addition of a fifth Avenue of Service, New Generations and making e-clubs official. Other actions tend to be more procedural such as changing the number of members on Rotary International committees. One change that took place at the last council that affects us all was an increase in our dues, from \$50 per year in Governor Janet's year to \$51 in Governor Steve's year, and a \$1 increase in each of the next two years.

Rotary International's Council on Legislation meets to debate and vote on legislation submitted by clubs, districts, and the RI Board. The deadline for submittal by your club for consideration at the next council is December 31. Remember in submitting a proposed enactment, the change needs to be something that is applicable to 34,000 Rotary clubs and relevant in many different countries not just Canada and the United States. Proposed resolutions can be somewhat more country-specific.

The Council has the authority to amend RI's constitutional documents, as well as adopt resolutions. There are two types of legislation: proposed enactments and proposed resolutions. **Proposed enactments** seek to change RI's constitutional documents (the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution), while **proposed resolutions** seek actions by the Council that do not amend the constitutional documents.

It is my pleasure to be your representative to the council in 2013. If you have a proposal you would like to make, please give me a call at (248) 625-4244 or email me at jlichty11@earthlink.net to find out more about the procedures necessary to get your proposal to the council. I would also be willing to come to your club to talk about the council and in general how Rotary works to make clubs the most important part of Rotary.

Hugo Rossini's Passing

■ *submitted by Keith Koke*

Please be informed that Hugo Rossini passed away. Hugo and his wife were avid supporters of Rotary and hosted the annual District 6380 executive staff summer meeting for about 20 years. I had the pleasure of visiting him recently and he was in good spirits but passed away quickly from pneumonia.

PolioPlus

■ *submitted by Keith Koke*

Another year has past and another year closer to polio eradication. The fundraising has continued this past year and each club was asked to partner with the Gates challenge by having a fundraiser and contribute at least \$2,000. Many clubs in District 6380 have done their share but there are still some clubs that have not sent in their pledge. There is not much time left before our Rotary fiscal year of June 30. The challenge continues next year and we must meet the Gates \$100 million challenge by June 30, 2012. We are almost three quarters of the way there.

All clubs in our district that contributed \$2,000 or more this past year will be recognized with a certificate by incoming District Governor Steve Youtz during his official governor's visit.

Polio co-chairs Ginger Barrons and PDG Keith Koke are armed with a new Rotary polio presentation and hope you will set one meeting aside this coming year and invite them to update your club.

Please take five minutes and watch "The last hurdle"

<http://www.rotary.org/en/ServiceAndFellowship/Polio/Pages/ridefault.aspx>

Rotary Leadership Institute

■ *submitted by Judy Garver*

The Rotary Leadership Institute courses give Rotary club members the opportunity to learn a great deal about Rotary beyond what they already know because of their involvement in their local club.

Rotary clubs have always been the core from which all humanitarian projects -- local and international -- begin, but it is really beneficial for club members to know more about the organization and how the various parts all fit together and make this great organization function so beautifully. All levels beyond the club exist to support the clubs and their work, and learning more about that support system and how it makes projects work helps Rotarians really appreciate what a superb organization Rotary is. We are changing lives for the better and making the world a much nicer place for people to live in.

The next Institute will be held in our own district at the Troy Somerset Inn on August 6. Each Institute offers all three parts, so Rotarians who have not yet attended a session will sign up for Part 1. When Part 1 is completed, Parts 2 and 3 will be taken at future Institutes.

Several of our district Rotarians have already completed all three parts and some have gone on to become Certified Facilitators for upcoming Institutes. We have heard very positive comments regarding the experiences Rotarians have had taking the courses.

The sessions run from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. each time they are held. There is a breakfast served at 8 a.m. and lunch at noon. Each part has six sessions covered in one hour segments. Attendees meet other Rotarians from clubs in Michigan and Indiana. In addition to making new acquaintances, there is an exchange of ideas and experiences that open up new avenues for service. Registration is \$70, and you may register on the website: www.rligreatlakes.org Take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. You will find that you have spent a very worthwhile day.



I have just recently become aware of how devastating Agent Orange has been in many lives. We have a wheelchair bound vet at Historic Trinity who is there because of being sprayed with Agent Orange while he was serving in Vietnam. What I learned at the convention is that Agent Orange is still wrecking havoc in Vietnam because of three "hot" spots where it has leaked into the soil and water sources. Babies are being born with birth defects and adults are suffering a variety of illnesses because of it. I would just like to make people aware of the efforts that are being undertaken by a coalition of organizations to Make Agent Orange History forever. There is a 10-year plan in place that is already being implemented to clean up the mess. I thought this would even be part of our Peace Initiative. ~~ Submitted by Judy Garver

THANK YOU for taking the time to visit **Make Agent Orange History** in the House of Friendship by Xuan Quach Thank You Rotarians! Agent Orange is a humanitarian concern that we can do something about. We know that when Rotarians get behind a cause that great things happen, so we hope you and your club will join us to help Make Agent Orange History. We have seven key ways for Rotarians to get engaged:

1. Tell another Rotarian about Make Agent Orange History.
<http://makeagentorangehistory.org>
2. Endorse the 10-year Plan of Action. On June 16, 2010, members of The U.S.-Vietnam Dialogue Group on Agent Orange/Dioxin unveiled a comprehensive 10-year Plan of Action to address the toxic legacy of Agent Orange and other herbicides in Vietnam. The group called upon the U.S. and Vietnamese governments to join with other governments, foundations, businesses, and nonprofits in a partnership to clean up dioxin "hot spots" in Vietnam, and to expand humanitarian services for people with disabilities in that country. You yourself can endorse the plan here or your club can make a formal endorsement. Contact us at info@makeagentorangehistory.org to learn more about a formal endorsement.
3. Invite a speaker to your club! We

have several individuals who can speak with credibility on this issue and the Make Agent Orange History effort. Please email info@makeagentorangehistory.org to inquire about a speaker.

4. Host a fundraiser with your club. There are several great NGOs working to help children and families in Vietnam. Find out what they're doing and what donations can do to help here.
5. Visit Vietnam to learn more about Agent Orange. If you are interested in participating in an upcoming Rotary-led delegation to Vietnam to learn more about this issue first-hand. Please email: info@makeagentorangehistory.org
6. Organize your own Rotary delegation to Vietnam. If you would like to organize your own visit to Vietnam, we can help you plan and organize your visit. Please email: info@makeagentorangehistory.org.
7. Commit your club to a long-term service project in Vietnam. If you would like to take on project to help address Agent Orange, we can help you develop an appropriate project. Examples of what a project might be: • build an accessible school, park or home • Provide physical training for caregivers • provide social work care for families • support an existing program that works with environmental clean up, or • support families affected by Agent Orange



Agent Orange and Addressing the Legacy of the War in Vietnam Conference
University of California, Berkeley
October 28-29

Please join us for a two-day conference to learn about the continuing impact of Agent Orange in Vietnam. Organized by the Rotary Club of San Francisco, Rotary Club of Berkeley and Active Voice, the conference will kick off with a film screening on Friday, Oct. 28, followed by a day-long conference on Saturday, Oct. 29. Participants will have the opportunity to hear from a wide range of speakers about the continuing impact of Agent Orange and engage in a collective conversation about how we can all help Make Agent Orange History!

To register for the conference:
<http://makeagentorangehistory.org/conference>

If you have questions, comments, ideas, suggestions, we would love to hear from you. If your club is currently involved in project(s) in Vietnam, we would also love to hear about it! info@makeagentorangehistory.org

Rotary is a critical partner in the effort to make Agent Orange history. We look forward to working with you on this very important campaign.

MAKE AGENT ORANGE HISTORY
A HUMANITARIAN CONCERN WE CAN DO SOMETHING ABOUT

Another Successful RYLA ~~ Jim Adams

As noted in the May issue of the district newsletter, the 26th RYLA weekend, held on May 13-15 at the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph was another huge success. The 41 Canadian RYLArrians, along with their 99 cohorts from the U.S. and their 18 leaders worked hard, ate very well and enjoyed a Friday night pizza party as well as dance Saturday night.

The 117 first-year students were divided into 11 different teams. At their first meeting together, they had to pick a team name and come up with a 30-second team cheer, presented to the group as a whole. Later on, as part of their work on communications, in groups of three or four, they had about 40 minutes to design a container, using very limited materials, which would protect an egg when dropped from a height of 15 feet. Of the 30-plus groups, only three were successful. As well, each team presented a five-minute skit on one of the five leadership skills, drawn by lot, which were performed and judged after the Saturday night banquet. As usual, the judges had a difficult time choosing the top three presentations.

The 23 second- and third-year RYLArrians, divided into groups of four or five, had to choose a fundraising project for a charity of their choice. Each group then had to devise and present, to a panel of judges, their project, how they would raise the necessary funds to run the project and how it would be put into practice. As with the first-year skits, the judges had a difficult time choosing the winning project, which was given a generous \$500 start-up donation from our guest speaker (Harold) Mike Pankrac. Mike spoke to the new RYLArrians on the "Fun Factor" and to the returning folks using the theme "Today." As usual, Mike's presentations were very well received.

Kelley Ilisevic, Team #8 leader and a member of the Chatham Rotary Club had this to say about her first experience at RYLA:

The students selected the team name of Zhan Wunderbar, which translates into the word 'awesome' in Taiwanese and German. This was reflective of the two exchange students on our team. As the Team Leader, it truly was an "awesome" experience to see the leadership skills development by the 10 students over the weekend. The students built upon their natural leadership abilities and further refined these skills through facilitated discussion, activities, and guest speakers. At the conclusion of the weekend, Zhan Wunderbar was awarded first prize for their skit on goal setting. It was evident that the team embraced their learning from the leadership weekend and applied it to life situations that teens could use in a practical manner when they returned to their communities. I would recommend this experience for other Rotarians. Think of it as a small investment of your time to be a role model for our youth, while building future leaders.

Karen Crouse, president of the Hartland Rotary Club and at her second RYLA as Team #5 Leader, attended the report given by RYLA students at the Davisburg club. She said:

One of the girls from Davisburg was in my group at RYLA and invited me to the meeting. All three girls said they believed that every high school student should be sent to RYLA. I should have recorded their presentation, because they were soooooo gung-ho about RYLA. My mouth hurt from smiling and I wanted to cry at the same time -- I was so proud! They also commented on how their eyes had been opened to how they pick their friends. How very open and easy it was at RYLA to just include everyone versus the selection process in the schools. They matured! I was so proud of them, and the impact we made on them. YEAH RYLA! I could go on and on -- but I won't. But, did I tell you how proud I was of them!?!?!?



RYLA co-chair Jim Adams welcoming the 140 RYLArrians to the 26th annual RYLA weekend.

As Jim Adams noted in the May issue:

We urge all clubs to plan now to send students from their area schools to RYLA 2012. We know that many of our outbound exchange students first hear about the Rotary Exchange program through RYLA. As well, many of our club leaders are former RYLArrians, and many have joined or started Interact and Rotaract clubs back at their schools, universities or communities after attending RYLA. The future of our clubs depends on attracting new members. What better way to introduce them to Rotary than by sending students to RYLA. At the 2011 RYLA committee's wrap-up meeting held June 16, it was decided that the 2012 RYLA will take place May 11-13, 2012 at the Ridgetown Campus of the University of Guelph in Ridgetown Ontario. The theme will most likely be "Find the Leader Within."



The RYLArrians played "Human Bingo" getting to know each other during the opening activities.



Photos from Fred Beutler: The Ann Arbor Rotary Club had 50 people earn Paul Harris awards. DG Janet McPeck was there to present the awards with president Beth Fitzsimmons on June 1 at their regular meeting. What a special moment to see all those people together who represented \$50,000 in contributions that will do so much good in the world through the work of the Foundation!



“Like” the Birmingham Rotary Club

■ *submitted by Susan Earp*

Rotary Club of Birmingham submitted information about its financial literacy program for a “CLASSY” award. The CLASSY awards recognize the top philanthropic achievements by charities, businesses, fund-raisers and volunteers from across the country. Now we need the support of our fellow Rotarians to “Like” the award so we can advance to the judging panel, comprised on nonprofit leaders and celebrities. The top 300 achievements will be announced and America will decide their favorites. The winners receive national exposure and more than \$150,000 in cash and prizes for their cause. What a great way to inform the nation about the mission of Rotary!

Please take a minute and visit www.stayclassy.org Scroll down the screen and click on “Recognizing the Top Charitable Achievements Across the country,” click on “View All Achievements,” type “Birmingham Rotary” in the lookup box; click on the information that comes up describing our program to get further information; and then click on “Like.”

Or visit directly from your facebook page by searching for “Stayclassy.org,” locating the Birmingham Rotary submission and “Like” our achievement.

We need at least 100 people to “like” our submission by June 29 to continue. Then, we need the support of all Rotarians to win. Please share with friends and family. We appreciate it!

Howell Rotary Club

■ *submitted by Jeanne Clum*

The Howell Rotary Club just celebrated a tremendous year of success in their community and beyond. Great strides were made in net gain of membership, we had tremendous programs all year long, and 100 percent of our members were involved in the community in numerous ways throughout the year. We’ve created quite an awareness of the vitality and viability of the club. Just because the new year is upon us, we’re not slowing down! On June 26 the Howell Rotary Club’s 4th Annual Tour de Livingston kicked off and created awareness for the October event. Riders enjoy a quick ride to the Michigan Challenge Balloonfest (the state championship of hot-air ballooning, held in Howell), then ride either a 10-mile or 25 mile loop to start “gearing up” for the Tour de Livingston being held on October 9 (Visit www.tourdelivingston.org for more information.)

The club is also the coordinator of Melon Ice Cream sales throughout the Howell Melon Festival weekend (Aug. 19-21). People are already asking how they can get on the list to get their tasty treats for this year! The club was able to support numerous area youth programs with the dollars raised. Nearly 100 percent of the membership was involved and the Howell Rotary Club was highly visible throughout the festival. For more information, contact pgriffith@fnbsite.com or sandie@fipprint.com Much more is taking place as we kick into our new year; the excitement in our club is contagious!



Customary banner exchange by Manish Mehta (Ann Arbor North) with PDG Kamal and Lalita Seth of Rotary Club of Kolkata Midtown

Project Dignity Update ■ submitted by Manish Mehta

The Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North in partnership with the Rotary Club of Kolkata Midtown (India) and a consortium of five District 6380 Rotary Clubs (Ann Arbor, Ann Arbor North, Ferndale, Milan and Saline) was awarded a District Simplified Grant in January. Project Dignity was kicked off in April with the Rotary Club of Kolkata taking the lead with the interfaith NGO, Ramakrishna Ashram. The project aims to provide up to 100 toilet-septic systems to rural families in the Sunderbans Islands, an ecologically vulnerable part of Eastern India, in order to dignify and empower women from rural households to become economically independent and productive by resolving pervasive health and sanitation problems their families face. The project enables literacy for girl schoolchildren, while ensuring that rural families learn clean toilet habits. In this way, they are less likely to fall sick or succumb to diarrhea (a leading cause of death from waterborne illnesses in India and many developing countries).

Following are highlights from an insightful interview Rotarian Manish Mehta conducted with Kolkata Rotarian Project leader Paresh Rajda (via email) and PDG Kamal Seth of the Rotary Club of Kolkata Midtown, who briefly visited metro Detroit in early June after attending the New Orleans RI convention. Kolkata Rotarians have invited a goodwill delegation from District 6380 clubs to visit Kolkata Midtown Rotary for great fellowship (perhaps, even a Friendship Exchange), as well as to tour the project site. Manish explained them the significance of the new Ambassador of Goodwill Award pioneered by a group of District 6380 Rotarians; the AGA arose from a Friendship Exchange Ann Arbor Rotary Club led with Bangalore Midtown and Pune Central Clubs in India in the mid-2000s under the leadership of Rotarian Phil Alexander.

- Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North's India Sanitation Project (matched by District Foundation funds)
- District 6380 Club Consortium's India Sanitation Project Kicked Off – There's Room for More Club Partners!

① How many toilets will be constructed/installed with the committed \$10,000 Rotary grant funds and by when?

What is the schedule for starting and completing the current Rotary project?

Please give us a brief outline and approximate completion dates.

We should get between 65-70 toilets with the funds (depending on what currency exchange rate we get for US dollars). Also, note that the price of building materials is soaring in India, and if we don't make quick purchases of construction materials, then we cannot meet our original goal of 100 toilets. The work has started with Rotary Club of Kolkata Midtown's contribution and will be completed by December 2011. There will be a break between July-September due to monsoons, when it rains almost continuously in this water-logged area which often floods, preventing construction activity.

② What is the total number of toilets needed by the community, and what progress has been made so far to meet the needs?

We are addressing a huge population and thus the need is too difficult to enumerate. Our target is to complete about 5,000 toilets by 2013. We are currently at a figure of 3,000+ toilets completed already.

③ Is there a map or survey of the Nimpith/Sundarbans area where we can see the prospective sites planned for new toilet installation?

We can send to you a general map of the area but it is difficult to show prospective sites as many are very close by. Once installed, we will send to you the list and names of villages receiving the Project Dignity toilets. Also from a Google Maps search on "Nimpith, 24 Parganas District, West Bengal," you can see via satellite imagery the general area which has benefitted from Project Dignity [Rotarians – try searching on Google Maps!]. Nimpith is lush with dense vegetation and also considered the home of the Sundarbans Tiger (an endangered species.) We want the poor people of this area to pursue economically useful activities rather than poach tigers. Some poor villagers sell off their teenage children to the sex trade just out of desperation and inability to free themselves from the poverty cycle.

④ What are some of the criteria for prioritizing which specific rural families receive a toilet?

Family unit size -- specially number of women and children. Here people live in joint families and it is the women and children who suffer most in terms of dignity of illness due to bad hygiene. Of course, we also check the cleanliness maintained by earlier beneficiary to put social pressure that if level is poor -- no new toilet installed in the locality until everyone meets a certain standard of hygiene.

⑤ Has RK Ashram already begun the work based on Rotary Club of Kolkata Midtown's \$2,700 contribution?

Yes -- sites/families selected and work in few units underway.

⑥ Is the installation work being done in phases or batches?

Yes, we try to pick a locality and complete a batch of say 10 in the nearby surrounding area, then move on.

⑦ Will the work be affected by the monsoon season?

Yes -- between July-September work will be halted. Latter half of June and early October -- depends on start of the monsoon and intensity.

The District 6380 Club consortium welcomes contributions in multiples of \$100 (per toilet) from other District 6380 clubs, which will increase the number of installed new toilets toward the goal of 5,000 toilets. Help liberate these rural women and transition them and their families to a more productive life of economic opportunity, and develop higher sense of self-esteem.

Please contact Rotarian Manish Mehta for details on how to contribute to the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor North Foundation at manishm@comcast.net or (734) 604-7989.

Rotary Club of Dexter ~ Rotary on Parade: Memorial Day 2011

■ submitted by Steve Feinman

A clear sunny day provided the perfect setting for the 2011 Dexter Village Memorial Day parade. Our club is always honored to participate in the Memorial Day parade. Memorial Day is a day to remember those who served our nation and those who gave their lives to protect our nation. The parade serves as the backdrop for public the debut of our 2011 playhouse. The streets were lined with children, who yearn for the playhouses, and the parents/grandparents hoping to take this magnificent trophy home to their yard.

The playhouse this year is modeled after a cottage on the southwest corner of Third and Hudson.

We were fortunate this year as to have our president, Caryle Burke and our exchange student Lani, lend an air of elegance to the parade as well as provide security for the playhouse while chauffeured under the watchful eyes of Jim Brady in his deftly modified 007 Thunderbird.

Jeff Brown, who was out of uniform, navigated the playhouse carefully and along the parade route in one of Dexter Builders newly armored vehicles. Additional security was provided by Julie Schumaker and Jerry Paulissen who trailed the playhouse to prevent a "playhouse -jacking" and perhaps sell a few raffle tickets along the way. Their efforts were complemented by Dexter providing guard dogs services directly behind the playhouse.

The playhouse is now a resident at Bush's supermarket. So gang, it's time to sell tickets, the more the better. Remember the proceeds fund scholarships for DHS students. If you need more tickets, posters, or want to sign up for sales duty, see or email Jim Brady. He will be happy to provide them. See you at Bush's or any of our other raffle ticket sales venues.



Dexter Rotary: DHS Senior Awards Program

■ submitted by Steve Feinman

This year the Rotary Club of Dexter awarded five scholarships to deserving Dexter High School students. The five winners were selected by our robust scholarship committee from 36 applications. The committee was chaired by Stephanie Kalwender. The committee members included: Larry Cobler, Julie Schumaker, Mary Marshall, Lori Sprague, Lennart Johansson, Fred Fahner and Jerry Paulissen. The committee reviewed the applications narrowed the list down to 10 finalists, then interviewed each of the finalists.

The scholarships were announced and awarded at the DHS senior awards program. The DHS senior awards program is by invitation only. Student award winners are invited to the program but not informed for the most part of what awards or scholarships they will receive. Students are called up in alphabetical order and the list of their awards are read as they receive them from the school and the wide spectrum of civic groups presenting awards, including the Rotary Club of Dexter.

This senior class had 267 students. Mary Marshall estimated that 60 percent of the seniors received one or more awards at the ceremony. As you can see from the pictures at right, the stage and auditorium were packed.

Caryl Burke, 2010-11 Rotary club president, was honored to be on stage to present the Rotary Club scholarships to each student. The Dexter Rotary scholarship winners for 2011 are: Jaclyn Williams, Eleni Lazarou, Avery Marvel Evan Oxner, Lisa Crompton. We were able to capture Caryl and four of the five scholarship winners after the awards ceremony. Our very own exchange student Lani received an academic award for excellence in geometry.



Dresden Rotary Club from Janet McPeck

I am pleased to announce that the Dresden Rotary Club has been selected by Rotary International to receive the RI Significant Achievement Award. The purpose of the RI Significant Achievement Award is to recognize a club activity that addresses a community problem or need, to encourage new projects on the part of every club, and to promote increased awareness of the importance of exemplary club efforts. This very special honor was in recognition of a summer concert series that also involved collaborating with other local service clubs in what turned out to be a summer-long community event that gave a needed morale boost to a very wide audience. I attended their club meeting on June 20 to formally present the award. Please join me in congratulating the members of the Dresden Rotary Club!

Lakes Area Rotary Club

■ submitted by Fred Bratumil

An extraordinarily informational Rotary meeting was held June 21. Our speaker was Dr. Eric Mintz, D.C. who spoke about BrainCore Therapy, a cutting-edge treatment for ADD, ADHD, learning disorders, fibromyalgia, insomnia, migraines, memory loss, addictions, allergies, chronic pain and chronic fatigue. He is one of two doctors in the Midwest utilizing BrainCore Therapy to treat patients with these symptoms.

BrainCore technology and science are based on a training procedure that effectively teaches patients on how to control their own brain waves. In some individuals the normal brainwave patterns are disrupted resulting in a condition known as Neurological Dysregulation Syndrome (NDS). BrainCore Therapy is complex but the training activity is simple, painless, drugless and non-invasive in treating NDS. Dr. Mintz said there is an epidemic of over-medication in America. We think it's just easier to give a pill.

His passion is to help children as well as adults with NDS by utilizing BrainCore Therapy with low-force chiropractic care adjustments, nutritional programs, nutritional supplementation and noninvasive cold laser. Many people state that the greatest appeal to this type of therapy is the fact that it is holistic and completely non-invasive, painless, no puncturing of the skin nor application of electric current. There are numerous published medical studies at www.braincoretherapy.com.

Dr. Mintz is a graduate of MSU and Life Chiropractic Institute in Atlanta, Georgia. His practice is at 5640 W. Maple Road in West Bloomfield (248) 862-2202. His website is www.drericmintz.com

Lakes Area Rotary Responds to Urgent Refugee Need

■ submitted by Lorene McVey



When Past District Governor, Keith Koke, learned from his neighbor of an urgent refugee need "in his own backyard" he quickly responded with an SOS to district

Rotarians for help, and within hours help was arranged.

On June 9, Dr. Dayana Senra Delgado left Cuba to participate in a physician's work exchange in Mexico. Upon arrival in Mexico, Dr. Senra immediately set into action her intent to defect to the U.S. After an eventful, but successful bus trip to the U.S. border, Dr. Senra entered the U.S., exchanged her passport for papers related to her request for asylum and, with the help of friends, flew to Detroit where she was able to secure a motel room.

Realizing she was dependent on friends and the cost of the motel exceeded the cost of apartment rental (and expecting apartment rental to be easy) she left the motel with her luggage to rent a room in order to save money. Hitchhiking is common in Cuba, so she attempted to hitch a ride on Eight Mile Road and was shocked to find the driver taking the car in a different direction than she expected.

When he refused to respond to her questions, she jumped from the car leaving her luggage with asylum documents behind. Fearful she would be returned to Cuba, she did not seek police assistance and proceeded to attempt to get asylum documents from Canada, which turned her down and returned her to the U.S.

U.S. border guards treated her with compassion and provided names of free legal counsel to assist her. By this time it was late Friday and she could not get immediate assistance. With the help of her friends she got a motel room.

On June 18 the situation was brought to Keith Koke's attention and he sent out the SOS to fellow Rotarians. Lorrie McVey happened to see the SOS and was the first to respond offering her home and assistance to Dr. Dayana, as she has come to be known. Since that time Dr. Dayana has met with an immigration attorney who has been a great help and – as of this writing – she knows her documents are in transit from Texas to Detroit and she will soon have new documents issued. Dr. Dayana intends to remain in the U.S., improve her English (which is already excellent), get a driver's license, sit for the necessary exams to establish licensure as a general practice physician and seek work as soon as possible.

In the meantime Lorrie, as AG for Sector 9, has been taking her to various club meetings and events. Dr. Dayana will be staying with Paul and Lorrie McVey as long as she desires. Various Rotarians has offered gift cards and support to Dr. Dayana who wishes to say a big "THANK YOU."

The future may hold a number of challenges for her, but at this time it is not known exactly what type of help will be most beneficial. Immediate needs are for daily essentials and some clothing. The future would benefit from guidance from those who know something about immigration and medical licensing in Michigan for immigrant physicians.

Housing, a car and home furnishings will one day be a concern. If you are interested in helping, please let Lorrie McVey know at lorenemcvey@yahoo.com or by calling (248) 390-8572.

We should all be proud of ourselves as Rotarians who respond quickly to need and especially so in this case where the need came knocking at our door and we not only opened the door but quickly embraced this young woman with love, concern and support. Thank you, Keith, for giving us this opportunity.



Who's YOUR Hometown Hero?

Join the **Milford Rotary** and the Carls Family YMCA in recognizing and celebrating the Hometown Heroes that make our community such a great place to live, work, worship and play. This event is targeted to bring our community together with a community picnic, music, games for kids and adults, and recognizing and celebrating those individuals who are nominated as someone's hometown hero. It might be your teacher, your neighbor who shovels your snow, your favorite nurse, teacher, swim instructor, pastor, or local veteran. I am sure we all have that person or group that comes to mind that goes that extra mile, does that special little thing to make you feel good, or silently works behind the scenes to bring a smile to others. Those are our hometown heroes.

There are so many people in our community that make it a better place and we want to celebrate those who make it a better place. This is not a fundraiser, but a self-sufficient event that will bring our neighbors together.

This FREE community event will feature "Half-Wacked" playing their music, our local American Legion participating in an opening ceremony and lots of family fun.

To submit your local hometown hero, volunteer or if you are interested in sponsorship opportunities, contact Sharon Peterson, Community and Financial Development Carls Family YMCA Milford, at (248) 505-7954 or Dave Bernardi at (248) 778-5738.



Submitted by Mark Hiller: The Lyon Area Rotary Club has named its two scholarship winners for this year. They are Kayla Nunez, a 2011 graduate of South Lyon East High School and Cassandra Meister, a 2011 graduate of South Lyon high School. Kayla will be attending Miami University in Oxford, Ohio this fall and Cassandra will be attending Ohio State University. Both students received \$1,000 scholarships from the club. Pictured are Bill Swearingen, Rotary President-elect, Kayla Nunez, Cassandra Meister, Mark Hiller, Rotary President nominee, and Rotary District Governor Janet McPeck.

West Bloomfield Rotary Club

■ *submitted by Kelly Wong*

The West Bloomfield Rotary Club received a Community Achievement Award at the 39th annual Michigan Week awards breakfast on May 20 at the Pine Lake Country Club. The club was chartered in 1998; club members practice Service Above Self and strive to bring peace by "Building Communities and Bridging Continents." Some of their programs include Haiti relief, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, Strive Scholarships and eradication of polio. The West Bloomfield club also chartered an Interact club for local students.

Two Interact students received the Honor Roll Awards. They are Angela Ng and Zara Pylvainen. Angela is the president of the West Bloomfield Interact Club and Zara is a director of the Interact club and president of the Japanese Club at West Bloomfield High School. The Interact club was chartered in November 2010 with 26 student members ages 12-18. In April, Angela and Zara and their team members (Interact club and Japanese Club) worked on a Japanese Relief Benefit Concert with musical performance, raffle and refreshments to aid Japanese earthquake and tsunami victims. The fundraiser raised more than \$2,500 with more than 200 people attending the event. Money was given to the American Red Cross. The West Bloomfield Rotary Club is proud of what the Interact club members have accomplished.



Pontiac Rotary Club

third annual

Pancake Breakfast

8 a.m. to noon

Saturday, August 13



**All-you-can-eat pancakes,
three sausage links, beverages**

**at the Pontiac Pancake Shelter
on Water Street off Wide Track Drive
behind the Pontiac Public Library**

\$5

**Proceeds go to match Bill & Melinda Gates
Foundation funds to stamp out polio**

**For tickets or more information contact
Anne Scott (248)388-6587
ascott6386@aol.com**

Rochester Rotary Club Teams Up with Docs in Southwest Detroit Clinic to Promote Literacy

■ *submitted by Linda Eastman*

Reading aloud to young children is the single most effective tool for developing language and literacy skills. Covenant Community Care and the Rochester Rotary Club have joined hands to make sure the children of southwest Detroit have the basic language skills they will need to learn to read.

The Covenant Community Care clinic at 5716 Michigan Avenue is a medical and dental facility dedicated to providing primary health care to the uninsured and under-insured in southwest Detroit. Dr. Mary Hakim is one of the pediatric care providers at the clinic. She took the initiative to start Reach Out and Read at Covenant. Reach Out and Read is a national program that prepares America's youngest children to succeed in school by partnering with doctors to prescribe books and encourage families to read together. Reach Out and Read builds on the unique relationship between

parents and medical providers to develop critical early reading skills in children, beginning at six months of age. In the exam room, doctors and nurses speak with parents about the importance of reading aloud to their young children every day and offer age-appropriate tips and encouragement. The pediatric primary care provider gives every child, six months through five years old, a new, developmentally-appropriate children's book to take home and keep. In the waiting room, displays, information, and books create a literacy-rich environment. When possible, volunteer readers entertain the children, modeling for parents the pleasures and techniques of reading aloud.

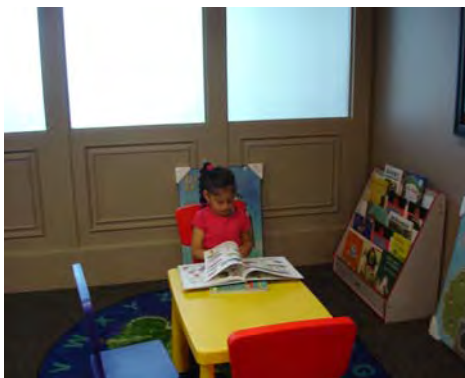
The Rochester Rotary Club learned of Covenant's wish to implement Reach Out and Read and offered to help. They gave Dr. Hakim and the other pediatricians a generous supply of new books for their littlest patients and set

up the waiting areas to create enthusiasm for reading. With Rotary Club and Rotary District 6380 funds, the Literacy Committee purchased book displays, wood-mounted posters with children's book characters, a bulletin board to post community literacy resources, a carpet depicting The Very Hungry Caterpillar by Eric Carle, and a book cart to hold gently used books for patients of any age who come in for sick or well visits.

In addition, book bins on the walls of the exam rooms were filled with appealing children's books so that parents can read to their children while waiting for the doctor to come in. Learn more about Reach Out and Read at www.reachoutandread.org If you would like to organize a gently used book drive to keep the clinic's book cart well stocked, please contact Dr. Mary Hakim at mhakim@covenantcommunitycare.org



Dr. Mary Hakim (center) and Rochester Rotarians Johanna Allen (left) and Linda Eastman (right)



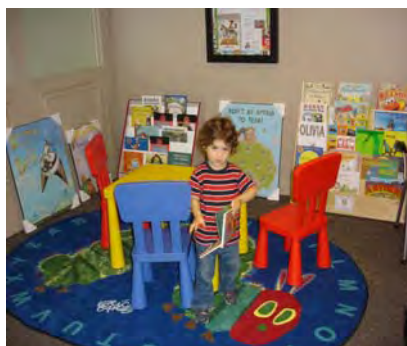
These colorful, brand-new books are irresistible!



Pediatric patient enjoying her time in the waiting room



Literacy-Rich Waiting Room at Covenant Community Care Clinic



Child eager to look at all the new books!

Novi Rotary Club ~ Ecuador: Agua Limpia

■ submitted by Gary Sobotta

Leaving Ecuador on the morning of May 25 was bittersweet. I developed very close relationships with several of my fellow Rotarians, non-Rotarians, and travel companions while traveling in the Andean highlands and along the Pacific coast. Our hosts welcomed us as friends and made us feel so comfortable in their homes. I was delighted with compatible traveling companions in Erica Gwynn, Lindsay Nicoson and Eduardo Enriquez. Our days were filled with several magical moments of laughter, revelation, and wonder. However, I was looking forward to seeing my lovely wife who was picking me up at the airport, and spending the Memorial Day holiday weekend with the grandchildren.



The purpose of our trip was to establish a solid relationship with our fellow Rotarians and assess the intervention sites in Cuenca, Gualaceo, Zaruma and Esmeraldas, Ecuador. Our goal is to successfully provide access to pure drinking water. After attending the Project Implementation for the BioSand Filter Workshop in October 2010, I had the knowledge to manufacture and install a BioSand filter. But, what were physical obstacles in Ecuador? What were the cultural conventions which may interfere with the transfer of knowledge? Finally, what were the resources of the clubs involved in completing the project? These questions can only be answered with an onsite assessment.

On May 13, Erica Gwynn, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar; Lindsay Nicoson, Ann Arbor Rotaract Club; Eduardo Enriquez, president Milan Rotary; and myself, past president Novi Rotary, traveled to Ecuador to perform an assessment as the initial step for a Future Vision Global Grant. We visited the Rotary Clubs of Tomebamba-Cuenca, Gualaceo, Pinas, Zaruma and Esmeraldas. Also, we met with several local Rotaract clubs that work very closely with the Rotary clubs. Rotaract members accompanied the team on every section of the trip.

We traveled to Cuenca, a beautiful city in the Andean Highlands. Our hosts were Marco Alvarado and Mercedes Baccetti. Marco Alvarado will manage the Global Grant in Ecuador. The Rotary Club of Tomebamba-Cuenca is an award-winning club. We accompanied the club and Rotaract members on a long drive into the Andean Highlands to a project site in nearby Cajas National Park. The next day, we met with the Rotary of Gualaceo and visited a school the club supports. Erica and Lindsay presented the BioSand water filter concept in Spanish to nearly 50 members of the community and answered their questions. It is something new to them; their response has been very positive.



In Zaruma, Erica, Lindsay and I were hosted by president Angel Loaiza, an environmental engineer with the National Institute of Irrigation and Drainage. Here the team traveled four hours along a winding dirt road to visit the farming families of Guanazan. For the past four years, the Zaruma Rotary Club has been working with the Edmonton Northeast Rotary Club to provide and improve the sanitation and farm production among the 3,000 inhabitants of Guanazan. Angel Loaiza arranged a meeting with members of the community to present the BioSand water filter concept. After the meeting, Angel gave the team a tour of the farms supported by the irrigation project. This regular water supply is improving the nutrition and health of the people of Guanazan. Also, we met with Pinas Rotary Club. Its members are all women. They served us humitas. Humitas are savory cakes made from a mixture of freshly ground corn, onion, garlic, cheese, eggs, and cream, which is cooked inside corn husks. Along with local coffee and later a glass of wine, we had a talkative meeting.

The last Rotary club visited by the team was Esmeraldas. Here we were hosted by Marcelo Pintado, Esmeraldas Rotary Club president, in his beautiful condo on

Atacames beach. It is smaller than the clubs visited earlier and are new to international projects. Esmeraldas is a coastal city in northwest Ecuador. Driving north of Esmeraldas, we traveled roads which faded to gravel before our progress was halted by a labyrinth of vegetation and water. The team visited several jungle intervention sites and took samples of the water sources. Lindsay and I visited the local Catholic University where they met a senior microbiologist who offered to designate four students for water quality testing and project support. We spent one night in the village of Cube with Amber Nyblad, a Peace Corps volunteer from Grand Rapids. Erica and Lindsay presented the BioSand water filter concept in Spanish to nearly 20 members of the community, and answered their questions. Their response is equally as positive.

This assessment was necessary before we could set the project in motion. When planning this project it is necessary to identify the water access points, sanitation facilities and hygiene practices. We needed to observe the variety of human usages and practices which may contaminate an otherwise near pristine water source. Because the nature of water usages in these communities were different, it was necessary to obtain water quality data and observe water storage practices. Our observations of the physical obstacles, cultural conventions, and clubs' resources will help us to develop suitable training materials scheduled this fall.

Any Rotary club interested in supporting the project, please contact Gary Sobotta past president Novi Rotary Club at gsobotta@earthlink.net



District 6380 Status as of April 30, 2011

Rotary			YTD	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	2010-11	Annual	Annual
International District 6380 Statistics	Membership as of July 1-10	Membership Reported to District May-31-11	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving (actual)	Foundation Annual Giving (Club Pledge)	Foundation Annual Giving May-31-11	Foundation Restricted Giving May-31-11	Foundation Permanent Fund May-31-11	Giving Per Capita Rank	Giving Per Capita
Club	SAR									
Anchor Bay	17	18	1	\$ 100	\$ 1,700		\$ 100			\$ -
Ann Arbor	309	318	9	\$ 23,441	\$ 21,100	\$ 28,459	\$ 8,882			\$ 92.10
Ann Arbor North	33	31	-2	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,200	\$ 2,618	\$ 700			\$ 79.33
Auburn Hills	12	12	0		\$ 1,300	\$ 600	\$ 1,250			\$ 50.00
Berkley	22	20	-2		\$ 550		\$ 2,000			\$ -
Birmingham	65	71	6	\$ 2,920	\$ 7,400	\$ 2,950	\$ 5,165	\$ 100		\$ 45.38
Blenheim	23	22	-1	\$ 3,398	\$ 2,650	\$ 6,071	\$ 2,034		2	\$ 263.96
Bloomfield Hills	36	33	-3	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,800	\$ 3,875	\$ 132	\$ 20		\$ 107.64
Brighton	69	70	1	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,500	\$ 3,500	\$ 2,500			\$ 50.72
Chatham	60	80	20	\$ 7,961	\$ 6,500	\$ 3,922	\$ 2,026			\$ 65.37
Chatham Sunrise	39	38	-1	\$ 4,436	\$ 4,100	\$ 1,878	\$ 107			\$ 48.15
Chelsea	29	30	1		\$ 1,550	\$ 300				\$ 10.34
Clarkston	22	21	-1	\$ 12,368	\$ 2,875	\$ 7,748	\$ 2,350		1	\$ 352.18
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	\$ -	\$ 1,724				\$ 132.62
Dexter	36	32	-4	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 850	\$ 2,650			\$ 23.61
Dresden	17	18	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,000		\$ 1,117			\$ -
Eastpointe	16	16	0	\$ 500	\$ 500					\$ -
Farmington	23	23	0	\$ 3,300	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,985	\$ 350			\$ 129.78
Ferndale	19	20	1	\$ 345	\$ 1,300	\$ 70	\$ 376	\$ 149,807		\$ 3.68
Fowlerville	26	27	1	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,015					\$ -
Hartland	21	22	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 1,300	\$ 500			\$ 61.90
Howell	37	51	14	\$ 25	\$ 3,200		\$ 2,100			\$ -
Lake Orion	21	22	1	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,900	\$ 2,652	\$ 2,200			\$ 126.29
Lakes Area	12	15	3	\$ 1,769	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,583			\$ 225.00
Livingston Sunrise	48	48	0	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,600				\$ 95.83
Lyon Area	14	14	0	\$ 1,100	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Milan	18	18	0	\$ 200	\$ 1,000		\$ 3,100			\$ -
Milford	31	35	4	\$ 2,025	\$ 2,325	\$ 7,382			3	
Mt. Clemens	81	75	-6	\$ 7,380	\$ 5,380	\$ 1,351	\$ 500			\$ 16.68
Novi	37	40	3	\$ 5,500	\$ 4,000	\$ 4,000	\$ 1,726			
Ortonville	11	11	0	\$ 1,000	\$ 550					\$ -
Oxford	35	34	-1	\$ 1,800	\$ 3,400	\$ 3,050	\$ 1,350			
Pontiac	25	28	3	\$ 1,800	\$ 1,000	\$ 250	\$ 225			\$ 10.00
Richmond	31	33	2		\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000				\$ 32.26
Ridgetown	26	17	-9	\$ 3,335	\$ 3,335		\$ 6,784			\$ -
Rochester	87	87	0	\$ 20,000	\$ 8,900	\$ 2,870	\$ 2,100			\$ 32.99
Romeo	10	12	2	\$ 800	\$ 360		\$ 200			\$ -
Royal Oak	29	32	3	\$ 5,834	\$ 4,255	\$ 1,376	\$ 500			
Saline	32	33	1	\$ 300	\$ 2,000	\$ 100	\$ 2,550			\$ 3.13
Southfield	10	18	8	\$ 150	\$ 500	\$ 100				\$ 10.00
Sterling Heights	22	23	1	\$ 3,365	\$ 2,300	\$ 3,495	\$ 497			\$ 158.86
Thamesville	7	7	0		\$ 500					\$ -
Tilbury	23	22	-1	\$ 5,339	\$ 2,300	\$ 2,697	\$ 2,651			\$ 117.26
Troy	34	37	3	\$ 1,470	\$ 2,700	\$ 700	\$ 300			\$ 20.59
Utica-Shelby	15	14	-1	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,600			\$ 140.00
Wallaceburg	11	10	-1	\$ 971	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Warren	24	23	-1		\$ 2,500	\$ 1,680	\$ 1,000			\$ 70.00
Waterford	24	29	5	\$ 7,345	\$ 3,900	\$ 5,110	\$ 2,000			\$ 212.92
West Bloomfield	21	20	-1	\$ 1,950	\$ 2,000	\$ 2,775	\$ 75			\$ 132.14
Ypsilanti	25	25	0	\$ 1,235	\$ 1,250	\$ 250	\$ 50			\$ 10.00
District 6380										
District Total	1735	1796	61	\$ 164,937	\$ 142,195	\$ 120,188	\$ 66,430	\$ 149,927		
			Per Capita ->	\$ 91.75		\$ 69.27				