



District 6380

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District Governor 6380
Janet McPeck
and husband Phil McPeck

Greetings from the District Governor

Since the last newsletter much has happened that has made me understand Rotary and the meaning of the family of Rotary in a whole new way.

We had our district conference the last weekend in April. More than a year of hard work and planning by so many people resulted in our district assembly kicking off a truly *Bigger, Better, Bolder* weekend. The club displays, our keynote speakers, the breakout sessions, the desserts and the fun at the Top of the Park, our youth exchange students, the evening at the Opera House, the Sunday morning memorial service and, most of all, the energy generated when District 6380 Rotarians gather made it a weekend to remember. Be sure to visit our district website to see the pictures, the video, and the recap of the weekend.

Driving home from the conference, Phil and I talked about how the entire experience was a complete immersion in what makes Rotary so special and such a powerful vehicle for positive change in all areas of service. We also said many times that it would be good to have things slow down a little and have life "return to normal" as the weeks getting ready for the conference had been more than a little hectic.

As you all know, two days later he fell down a flight of stairs at home, and life for the next several weeks was anything but quiet or normal. That's when we felt the presence of the family of Rotary. From the bottom of our hearts, thank you for the cards, the prayers, the calls, the emails and the overwhelming expressions of concern. We felt your support, and it made an impact

that we will never forget. I am happy to report that he is home now and well on his way to a full recovery. The accident is behind us, but your care and kindness will be something we will remember the rest of our lives.

Also in the past weeks I received a package in the mail that included Presidential Citations for more than half the clubs in our district, as well as citations for Rotaract and Interact clubs. I also received reports from the assistant governors about what you have accomplished in all 52 clubs over the past year. The cumulative impact is astounding. You have individually and collectively touched lives in your local communities and around the world.

Membership is growing, new Interact and Rotaract clubs are being chartered and more and more clubs are going through the Visioning Process. The present is amazing and the future looks even better.

Congratulations on what you have done already. Use the month of June to keep the momentum going. Make those commitments to the Foundation a reality, complete what is yet to be done and get ready to begin another exciting Rotary year. Thank you again for not only your efforts but also for your amazing support.



District 6380 Water Activities and Programs ~ Our way to celebrate our Great Lakes water heritage!

■ Submitted by Marc Forest

Let's celebrate the fact that 20 percent of the world's fresh water has been entrusted to our care for being close to us and to our immediate State and International neighbors!

Let's treasure this responsibility by being good citizens in our use of this unique resource, needed for human life. Let's not be indifferent and wasteful to it because it happens to be within our State borders and close reach.

In today's world, 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 actively pursuing water purification projects, through Rotary Foundation District and Global Grant Applications. Workshops on the management of these grants have been conducted during the month of May to ensure clubs' understanding of the goals and opportunities offered to Vision Districts.

WASRAG has received clarification of its mission from Rotary International. In a meeting in New Orleans, prior to the International convention, WASRAG presented its new organization and its programs. Sanitation and water are closely linked programs going forward.

District 6380 is providing locally made and ready-for-installation BioSand filters to households and rural schools to raise health conditions, allow kids to attend school on a regular basis, use most, if not all, closely available water and to reduce the needs for long trips to polluted streams.



The Ecuador Group consisted of Gary Sobotta, Dr. Eduardo Enriquez of Milan, Erica Gwynn and Lindsay Nicoson. The trip went well. We were able to communicate by Skype and receive progress reports through Mercedes Baccetti, wife of the Ecuadorian Project leader. The group was well-received by the leadership of the clubs they visited. The interest in BioSand filters is becoming very visible, so the group was invited to visit the "All-female-members" Club of Las Pinas, close to Zaruma.

Dominican Republic

Sterling Heights and the Bonao Club have installed more than 1,200 BioSand filters over the last five years. Late April, additional monies had been raised to be sent to the Bonao club to continue their BioSand filter. The Dominican Republic is not located in a Vision District, limiting the availability of major grant amounts. Through their diligent fundraising, the Joyces were able to provide monies to pursue the project. Among the contributors of late were the Lakes Area and Bloomfield Hills Club.

During February 2011, a District 6380 group of Rotarians traveled to Bonao to review the current status and projected needs for BioSand filters in the Bonao area. During conversations at the district conference, Joyce indicated that the needs to provide clean water were more pressing than ever. To date mostly households have been supplied with filters. The Bonao Rotary Club has indicated the need to equip institutions such as an orphanage close-by. To assist in fundraising, contact 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 fundraising is also supported by the Detroit Area Rotaract Club. The Heasleys concurrently provide support to sanitation projects in Nepal. Contact Eileen Heasley at ehasley@wideopenwest.com

BioSand Filter Workshop

Troy Rotary, working with Eileen Heasley's "A Vision for Clean Water," provided a BioSand filter workshop from April 15 to 18 at Colombiere Center in Clarkston. The workshop was attended by 17 trainees including Erica Gwynn, former Ambassadorial Scholar and Lindsay Nicoson, Rotaract member from Ann Arbor, who are part of a multi-club Global Grant Application to provide BioSand filters to several communities in Ecuador.

The entire program was given over a weekend to better accommodate those who are working. All activities were conducted at Colombiere, enabling the participants to get the maximum out of the well-conducted training. Evening sessions allowed outside speakers to participate and share their experience.

This workshop provided knowledge and hands-on experience in the construction of all filter components, as well as additional topics regarding water issues and their impact upon developing countries.

Another workshop is planned for the same period during 2012. This workshop formula proved to be very successful, limiting disruptions to the participant's professional life. For more information, please contact Eileen Heasley, ehasley@wideopenwest.com

District 6380 water activities and programs, continued

Ecuador - Santo Domingo de los Colorados:

The Pontiac Rotary Club sponsored a BioSand filter project to produce and install 170 filters in households and schools. The project is nearing completion. Health improvement results are positive, as monitored and being reported by a local MD and a support team trained by the Cousineaus. A new project for 150 additional filters has received a grant under the Rotary Foundation District Grant Program. Contact Jamey Kozierowski at jameyk@huttenlochergroup.com at the Pontiac Rotary Club

Ecuador - Rotary Clubs of Tomebamba Cuenca, Gualaceo, Esmeraldas and Zaruma

The Rotary Clubs of Milan, Novi and Chatham Sunrise are working with the Ecuadorian clubs to implement a BioSand filter program including training, manufacturing, installation and production under a concept encouraging the development of local manufacturing and sales to the public at large. Program proposal per Rotary Foundation Global Grant has been reviewed by the District leadership and participating clubs in District 6380 and 4400. The proposal has been approved by the Rotary Foundation. Application has been drafted to be formally submitted early June.

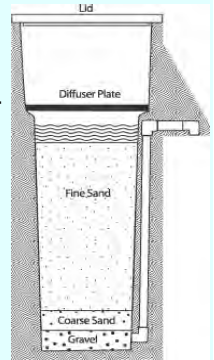
Project leader Gary Sobotta, Milan Club president Dr. Eduardo Enriquez, Erica Gwynn and Lindsay Nocason have visited the Ecuadorian clubs involved, starting May 15-25. Their onsite visits enables finalization of the application. All involved volunteered their time and resources to accomplish the site reviews.

Clubs interested in assisting this project may consider providing "scholarships" for future participation in the BioSand workshop program or volunteer to participate in the Communication Development Program, led by Erica and Lindsay. Contact Gary Sobotta at gsobotta@finlan.com

BioSand Filter - Communication Development

Rotary Foundation-sponsored projects are requiring a greater degree of sustainability. Technically, products such as BioSand filters have achieved a high degree of sustainability; their life is extended through their durable construction - concrete shell, the use of media impervious to organic decay, calibrated and washed sands, easy and simple maintenance. Experience shows that, despite the training and support given to the users, the filters are not always used as intended. The root cause is mostly due to onsite trainer's inability to ensure a good and long-lasting understanding of the system offered. In other words, communication must be able to reach the user in spite of the level of language and concept understanding.

Within District 6380, the need for better communication with the poorest of the poorest is now the object of evaluation and remedy through the development of pictorial means of communication. On November 23, 2010, Former Ambassadorial Scholar and water management specialist, Erica Gwynn, presented to the Birmingham Rotary Club, her experience in organizing for effective communication during her work in Mexico and the first sketches developed to reach users of BioSand filters.



This work is inspired by the results of Linda Eastman (Rochester club) during the implementation of her midwife program in Guatemala. Eileen Heasley, BioSand implementer and trainer, Gary Sobotta, leader of the Ecuador Global Grant initiative and Marc Forest are together next to Erica after her presentation. Erica is currently leading the development of pictorial aids by talents recruited within existing Interact clubs in the district. Her initiative is giving a new meaning to the contributions by Interactors to the sustainability of projects. Still in its infancy, Erica's work is called to become a key support in successful project implementation. Those interested in joining this effort, may want to contact Erica at: erica.gwynn@gmail.com Erica's work is the beneficiary of a small stipend from the Bloomfield Hills Rotary Club.

Birmingham club meeting of November 23, 2010

Since this earlier meeting, Erica and Lindsay have made presentation the Bloomfield Hills Rotary during its "Get acquainted with Rotary" meeting on May 12. Since then, support from professional talents to assist the communication development has been suggested and is being explored. Interested clubs may want to contact Erica at: erica.gwynn@gmail.com

Stay tuned! We will report on the Ecuador trip in the next governor's newsletter. In the meantime, for further information, please contact the coordinator for water resources (2008-2011) at: mforest@alum.mit.edu

RYLA 2.0

■ Megan Reddy, 2.0 Rylarian

After attending RYLA in 2010, I was sure I wanted to come back. The people you meet and the things you learn change your life forever. I still remember what we learned from that weekend in May 2010 and that just made me all the more excited to be able to go to RYLA in 2011 as a 2.0. When I got to Canada I could tell that it was going to be different than the first year. First of all, I knew a couple people from 2010. But not being with the same exact people from my group last year was weird but exciting.

I enjoyed being a 2.0 because, unlike everyone else, we knew what to expect from the weekend. I also liked the opportunity to get the 1.0s excited and not be quite as quiet. One of the speakers at RYLA was an amazing and inspirational man. He talked to us about how to view life, a cup half full, half empty, or overflowing. He kept talking about our group project and how we would have to take the things he taught us and put them to use. We weren't even aware of what our project was yet. When we finally were told what the project would be, all the 2.0 attendees were excited to get started.

We were split up into random groups. With the people in our groups we were to pick a nonprofit organization to

sponsor and come up with a fundraiser idea. Harold, the speaker, was generous enough to donate the winning team an amount of money that we could receive when we actually went through with our fundraisers. My group picked UNICEF which is an organization to help child abuse. Our fundraiser idea was to host an art slam and have people donate photography, tell poems, play instruments and show artwork. Unfortunately we did not win but we are still planning on going out and making our idea come to life.

RYLA has really helped me be more open with others and not be so quiet around people I don't know. It has not only made me a better sister or friend; it has transformed me into being a better leader and overall person. I am truly blessed to have had the opportunity to attend RYLA 2.0 this year. I will never forget the songs we sang, the friends I have made, and the leader I have become. As I enter my senior year, in the fall of 2011 at Our Lady of the Lakes Catholic High School in Waterford, I plan on using the many leadership skills I learned from the three days I spent at RYLA. I cannot thank The Clarkston Rotary enough for giving me this amazing opportunity, for the second time, an experience that will be a part of my life forever.





Alissa Reddy checks RYLA riders onto the bus in Southfield

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards

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

On May 13, District 6380 hosted its annual RYLA program with its largest group of attendees ever! We had more than 140 participants taking part in our event this year. This is nearly a 30-person jump from a year ago. We also had 35 clubs sponsor students this year, which is also our largest number yet in this event's 26 year history.

The RYLA committee would like to thank everyone for all of your support in helping us make this the most successful RYLA ever. The effort that you put into raising the money and finding the students is greatly appreciated.

Your dedication to the RYLA program goes beyond just sending the students to RYLA. Your dedication provided a student an opportunity to realize their leadership potential and provided them skills that will serve them for a lifetime.

During the RYLA weekend, our first year students worked on concepts involving our five Principal Leadership Tools. These five tools are Passion, Goal Setting, Communication, Teamwork and Attitude. The five tools were the main concepts behind each part of our program and represented the main ideas that we wanted our students to take home with them.

We hope that your club will invite your RYLA participants to serve as a program speaker sometime in the near future. Quiz them on the five tools. They will know them. Most importantly though, we hope that your club will provide these students an opportunity to share with your club the lessons learned from our program and how they are now a stronger leader. Thank you for all that you do and for supporting RYLA.

RYLA 2.0

■ **Alissa Reddy**

Less than three days is all it takes to grow as a person, meet new people, and have an amazing experience, which you hope will never end. That is what many students learned at RYLA. RYLA is a Rotary Youth Leadership Awards conference held for high school students. Students come together from Michigan and Canada to learn the importance of teamwork, leadership, and new friends. It is an amazing experience because students not only learn about themselves as a person, but others as well.

My name is Alissa Reddy and I am going to be a sophomore at Albion College. This May, I attended RYLA for my third time. However, I had a different experience because I was a leader of a group for my first time. This was yet another amazing learning opportunity because I not only learned about the five key points that we were talking about, but I also received a group of 10 high school students. This gave me the chance to teach them and ensure that they were having a good time. Not only did I have the opportunity to be a leader of my small group, but I also helped with activities that involved all 140 students attending RYLA this year.

Over the course of the weekend, we learned about the theme of "Building You." This consisted of passion, communication, goal setting, attitude and teamwork. Each topic had an activity to go along with it so the students could understand the topic better and see how it could be used in their everyday life. For the topic of teamwork, each group was to make up a five-minute skit where they were assigned one of the five topics. My group, the "Transformers of Passion," received the topic of passion.



The students worked as a team to come up with an amazing skit where, in the skit, they changed the hearts of others who did not believe in passion or know what it was. Each of the eleven groups performed their skits. Saturday night, the winners were announced at the last seminar with all the Rylarians. My group ended up receiving second place! I was so proud of them because they worked so hard to achieve their goal and worked as a team.

I have to admit I was nervous to take on a group by myself, but right when we met up, they were willing to have fun. My group grew so much over the weekend both as friends and leaders and I grew as well. I found that if you are willing to have fun, so will the students. I loved being a leader because the students were so caring and I could tell they looked up to me. I hope to continue volunteering at RYLA because I enjoy it and love making others smile. Once you attend, you will understand why I keep going back.

The STRIVE Program Rotary Club of Ann Arbor

■ submitted by Wendy Correll

On May 27, the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor celebrated the 13th year of the STRIVE program by awarding scholarships to Washtenaw Community College to students of Stone High School. The awards ceremony took place during a weekly Rotary meeting and was witnessed by more than 125 Rotarians, scholarship winners, their family, and school staff. \$15,000 in scholarships was awarded to 11 deserving students.

STRIVE stands for "Students Taking a Renewed Interest in the Value of Education." Many Rotary clubs have a STRIVE program and each is uniquely designed to serve their community. The STRIVE program was started by the Rotary Club of Ann Arbor in 1998, offering college scholarship opportunities to Stone High School seniors who make a commitment to academic success, school attendance, positive behaviors (drug- and alcohol-free) and attendance at STRIVE activities. Stone is an alternative high school that offers a smaller learning environment with a variety of credit recovery options, individualized student learning programs, and hybrid schedules. Students attend Stone because they were not succeeding at the traditional high schools.

In 2008, a financial review indicated that while scholarships were being awarded, they were being used at a low rate -- some years less than 50 percent. Rotarians worked to identify why students weren't using the funds. Frankly, it was easy for the students to identify barriers to starting college; many are the first in their family to apply for college, some have children of their own, some lack parental support, some lack transportation or housing, some lack confidence, and some are just afraid to try. In 2009, the STRIVE committee began a more formal mentoring program, pairing prospective scholarship recipients with Rotarians. Once students have been identified as probable scholarship recipients, they are matched with Rotary mentors based upon career interests. The goal of the mentorship program is 100 percent utilization of scholarship awards within two years of being awarded. The utilization rate is now more than 80 percent. No longer is the "prize" in only receiving the scholarship; it is using the scholarship and coming back to ask for more!

STRIVE students and mentors had five Subway lunches at Stone High School and made other opportunities outside of the lunch dates to spend time together. The Subway lunches are a fixed time for students and Rotarians to exchange personal stories if they wish, discuss career aspirations, college fears, college applications, barriers to starting college, barriers to staying in school, ways around these barriers, Rotary projects abroad, The Four-Way Test, etc. All in all, a lot gets done in a 20-minute lunch period. In addition to the lunch times, some mentors meet with students during school hours to work on math and science homework, to have dinner with their family, to attend a



Rotary lunch meeting or to visit Washtenaw Community College.

Rotarian Lois Jelneck has been with the STRIVE program since the start. "The STRIVE program has touched many lives. It's important to never give up on these kids," she said. "We need to really nurture them and encourage them to go on. Give them a sense of worth."

For their part, students sign contracts at the start of their senior year promising to maintain good attendance, stay drug- and alcohol-free and improve academically. Students with the most-improved GPAs receive the scholarships. Rotary mentors sign on for two years: the first to guide students through senior year to graduation and college enrollment; the second year to mentor them through their first year at WCC.

Scholarships are earmarked directly for WCC enrollment and Rotary works closely with the registrar and financial aid office for a smooth transition. Money for the scholarships is raised mainly through the Rotary golf and tennis outing fundraiser in September.

Another way that students are encouraged to think about college and future careers is the STRIVE@Work program. Rotarian Rick Reid coordinates this part of the program, which takes students into the workplace for part of a day. There, they learn about corporate culture, available careers and talk with professionals. "They really get a taste of what work is," he said. "Most employers are more than willing to be part of this." He said encouraging students is one of the best gifts adults can give. "If you steal their hope in the future, then you've stolen everything," he said. "The scholarship opportunity is the hope. I think it's essential."

While the promise of a \$1,000 or even \$2,500 scholarship is not a lot to most college-bound students, for these students, it can be a life-changer. For many students in the program this acknowledgment of their worth and value by caring adults is enough to propel them into a world they had not dreamed about -- college. These scholarships change the lives of the students, their children, and oftentimes their siblings and parents. Rotarians are making a difference right here in our community.

Rotary Club of Dexter and the new Dexter High School Interact Club

■ *submitted by Steve Feinman*

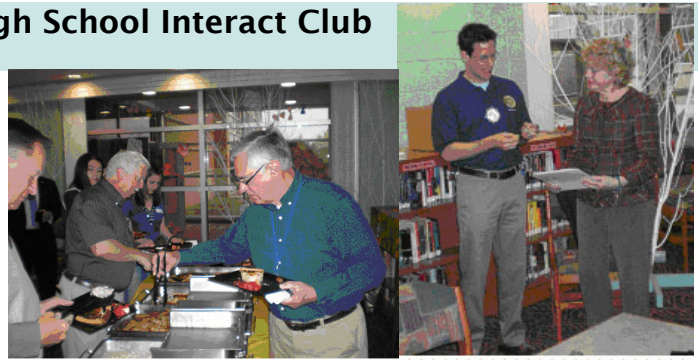
Cheery faces and good spirits filled the air at the Dexter High School media center on May 12. That sunny day was the day both the Interact club and Rotary members had long been awaiting – charter presentation day!

The Interact club was chartered in November 2010 but the official charter from Rotary International was not available on charter night. For that reason, the charter was presented at the first annual joint meeting of the Rotary Club of Dexter and its affiliate, the Dexter High School Interact Club. Rotary President Caryl Burke and Interact advisors, Rotarians Brent Kolb and Lori Sprague, presented the charter to the Interact club co-presidents, Josie Cohen and Colleen Stabler as DHS faculty advisor Jeanine Fletcher looked on. Other Interact members in the photo are Alexandra Wallenberg and Noelle Stabler, club secretary.

The second big event of the morning was honoring Jeanine Fletcher for her work by awarding her an honorary membership in the Rotary Club of Dexter. Mrs. Fletcher teaches library science at DHS and has served as the faculty advisor for the Interact club since September 2010.

Interact clubs are required to perform both community and international service projects each year. Interact co-presidents Josie Cohen and Colleen Stabler told about their first international service project which the club developed on its own. Interact members have collected pillowcases to make shorts and dresses for children in an orphanage in South Africa, a project known as "Little Dresses for Africa." The Interactors are now in the process of sewing the pillowcases into clothing. In addition, they had a bake sale to raise funds so they can ship the goods to the orphanage. A great project for their first effort. In community service, the Interact students planted potatoes last Saturday morning at a local farm in Dexter. The students plan to harvest the potatoes in the fall and donate them to the Faith In Action Food Pantry in Dexter. The Rotary club applauds their work. The Interact club is off to great start on their first service projects.

The breakfast, arranged by Mary Marshall, Dexter School Superintendent, was prepared by the DHS food service staff. In addition to wonderful presentations and opportunities for Rotarians to network with Interact affiliates at the high school, the food was exceptional. Here Fred Schmid, Gil Campbell, and Steve Gergely enjoy the breakfast buffet.



STEP – Short Term Youth Exchange Program

■ *submitted by PDG Bob Baker, Youth Exchange Program Outbound Chair*

Rotary District 6380 currently participates in the academic year and short term youth exchange (STEP) programs. Candidates must be between 15 and 18 -1/2 years of age at the time of departure and must not have graduated from high school. So now is the time to identify potential candidates, and assist them with their applications. Applications are available online at www.ohioerie.org. Completed applications for the academic year program (four completed copies, each with original signatures in BLUE INK) are due to the outbound chair, Bob Baker, no later than October 30 for the 2012-13 academic year; and to Dan Zimolzak for the 2012 STEP program. Selection interviews will be in Mount Clemens, Michigan on Saturday, November 12; so as you can see time is getting short. Please help find good candidates for this program NOW. There is about a year's lead time to identify, select and orient the candidates, so we need your help now.



Lakes Area Rotary Club

■ submitted by Lorrie McVey

Subsequent to January we were able to make inroads toward establishing an Interact club at the third high school in our service area. Walled Lake Western High School is nearing the point where they will be submitting their bylaws, constitution and club membership list to RI for chartering. They have 17 or 19 students and have been active already this year. They have raised more than \$100 for polio through an immunization purple pinkie week during lunch hours. Their goal was to immunize the entire school. And, while they were a new club undertaking this they succeeded in getting more than 33% participation of the student body. Before year's end they will have a collection of children's books which they will share with local

doctors' offices and the local food pantry which gives each child visitor a book to take home. This group of students represents an amazing balance of ethnic groups and gender. We will be holding a chartering party for them after school (date to be confirmed). The club has elected to call themselves the Walled Lake Western High School Interact Club. All but one are underclassman and are eager to grow next year.

This club would qualify for Presidential Citation if chartered, but as they are not they have not completed the form for submission. During the eighth-grade orientation evening (which I attended with them), they established an information table which drew the attention of far more parents than any other table in the room.



Lakes Area Rotary Awards Paul Harris

■ via Ginger Nickloy/Cheryl Savage

The Lakes Area Club awarded Pat Wlodarczyk a Paul Harris Fellowship at a surprise ceremony on May 17 at Bayside Grille that included all the organizations Pat has faithfully served. More than 60 people attended from the Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, Walled Lake Downtown Development Authority, Hospitality House, Relay for Life, and Rebuilding Together. A representative of each organization made comments about her contributions. The award was presented by incoming governor Steve Youtz and club president Chris Nesbitt. Each representative commented about Pat's recruitment promise of "having fun." The fun in the award presentation included making Pat the "Queen of Hearts" with a cape, crown and scepter. Paddles were handed out to all attending with various messages about each organization. A slide presentation ran continuously with pictures of her with family and organization activities.



*Photos
submitted by
Emma
Jackson*



*Ypsilanti Rotary Club's annual Scholarship Luncheon
May 9 at the Eastern Michigan University Student
Center. Five students received scholarships this year.*



*Rotarian Aaron Taylor presenting student
Lucy Yurko with her scholarship.*

Milford Rotary Club Fundraising

■ *submitted by Julie Booth*

One of the Milford Rotary Club's signature fundraising projects is the Wine Tasting and Chocolate Sampling Event. This year's spring event was held at Baker's of Milford, on May 19. More than 270 guests enjoyed a spectacular selection of more than 70 wines presented by Colasanti's Market and Wine Shop of Highland and a special selection of fine chocolates offered by Trifles Confectionery of White Lake, Ross Fine Candies of Waterford, Confection Perfection of Highland, and Sweet Retreats Chocolate Shoppe of Milford. In addition, the guests savored hors d'oeuvres provided by Colasanti's, Baker's, and Sweet and Savory Bakery of Milford, live music, door prizes and a silent auction.

The success of The Milford Rotary Club's 17th Annual Wine Tasting and Chocolate Sampling Event was in large part due to their sponsors and contributors. This year's sponsors included: Huron Valley Law Center, Rashid Construction, LaFontaine Automotive, Huron Valley State Bank, Hines Park Ford, Feldman Automotive, and DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital. The contributors include: Colasanti's Market and Snook's Butcher Shop of Highland, Baker's of Milford, Sweet and Savory Bakery of Milford, Trifles Confectionery of White Lake, Ross Fine Candies of Waterford, Confection Perfection of Highland, and Sweet Retreats Chocolate Shoppe of Milford.

The Milford Rotary Club has been a long-standing member of the Huron Valley community, supporting many worthwhile local causes. They regularly donate funds to Community Sharing, the DMC Huron Valley-Sinai Hospital's Critical Care Nursery, Carl's Family YMCA Strong Kids, and yearly scholarships to deserving seniors from Milford and Lakeland High Schools.



Rotary Club of Pontiac -- June 18 Pontiac 150 Rotary Ride

■ *submitted by Carol Cousineau*

We especially welcome Rotarians to join us, 7 a.m. - 4 p.m., as the Pontiac Rotary puts on "The Pontiac 150 Rotary Ride," in celebration of the sesquicentennial -- the 150th anniversary of Pontiac -- on June 18, the Saturday of Father's Day weekend. We thought it would make a great gift for dads and a wonderful event for families and friends to enjoy together.

Riders can choose from five bike rides. Two are for serious road bikers, the highlight of which is a 150 K (93 miles) ride in honor of the 150 anniversary, heading north through scenic Oakland County country roads including Lake Orion. Another is a more relaxed, 45-mile version. Three rides, from 9 to 17 miles, are historical bike tours, featuring free, prearranged guides at the Oakland Pioneer and Historical Society, located just a few blocks from the beginning of the rides, the West Bloomfield Museum and the Walter P. Chrysler Museum (of vintage cars to present) plus more than a hundred historical and modern points of interest. The historical rides are each different and can be combined if you like. Children age 10 or so and up would enjoy doing this with their families. Two sag vehicles will be in operation all day to rescue and assist.

There is an early-bird discount for registering before June 4 to give us the time we need to order custom T-shirts (included in the price of the ticket) before the event. Every rider will also get refreshments along the ride at designated rest stops, lunch and a coupon book, with lots of coupons for ice cream, on all the rides, and several Pontiac businesses and restaurants (stay for dinner!) after the rides. There will be lots of festivities celebrating the ribbon-cutting of 55 new businesses that day and evening! Please see our blog for more details and online registration: <http://www.pontiacrotary.org/>. or contact Ron or Carol Cousineau (248) 335-8353 for more information.



From May 13 to May 25, Erica Gwynn, Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar, Lindsay Nicosan, Ann Arbor Rotaract Club, Eduardo Enriquez, President Milan Rotary, and Gary Sobotta, Past President Novi Rotary and Project Leader, traveled to Ecuador to perform an assessment as the initial step for a Future Vision Global Grant. They visited the Rotary Clubs of Tomebamba-Cuenca, Gualaceo, Pinas, Zaruma, and Esmeraldas. Erica, Lindsay, Eduardo, and Gary visited the BioSand water filter intervention sites and met with the local leaders of these communities. Fluent in Spanish, Erica and Lindsay presented the communities attendants on how the Bio-Sand filter water works and information on the project.



Ridgetown Rotary Club Tulip Fest

■ submitted by PP Ron Bolohan

On the 7th of May, the Ridgetown Rotary Club held its first Tulip Fest for the Ridgetown community. It was a dream idea of President Ben VanHeeswyk based on all the tulip bulbs that were planted in the fall of 2010 received from the City of Ottawa. The idea of the tulip bulbs were an idea of Terry and MaryJane Youlton the year previous as to what could be done to beautify the town and Ridgetown. As a result, around 5,000 bulbs were obtained, husked, dried in early summer 2010 and subsequently distributed throughout the Ridgetown community by the Ridgetown Rotary Club in the fall of

2010 to be planted. From the idea of the tulip bulbs and the colourful blooms to be realized, President Ben and the Ridgetown Rotary Club pulled together an event to include the tulips and the community by holding a Tulip Fest. It consisted of a wonderful meal prepared by Carla VanHeeswyk and her four assistant cooks (Elaine, Henny, Liz, Terry) and enjoyed by the 150-plus guests present. One of the major highlights of the day and evening was a performance

by the Tomato Soup Band, a group of Dutch musicians from London, who, dressed in their colourful costumes, performed familiar tunes for the guests. Pictures of the band are included in this submission along with pictures of Rotarian John VanHaren and his wife Betty in Dutch costume who greeted the guests as they arrived at the hall. Entertainment was also provided by the Thamesville Cloggers -- a high-stepping ladies group from the town of Thamesville. Dance music was provided by the Ridge Road band for the remainder of the evening. The proceeds raised from this event are going towards the Ridgetown Rotary Club's commitment pledge of \$25,000 to the Ridgetown Health Centre. It was an excellent evening, enjoyed by many with a genuine interest for this happening again.



Ortonville Rotary Club hosts Community Housing Network ~ speaker on affordable housing

A representative from Community Housing Network will be on hand June 7 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at the Brandon Public Library to discuss a number of issues related to affordable housing for people with disabilities. The Ortonville Rotary is hosting the talk as part of a community awareness effort to inform patrons about local resources and information.

Chuck Bratton, Housing Resource Manager at Community Housing Network, will discuss a number of housing-related topics, including:

- A brief history of housing for people with disabilities, and how the mental health system fits in
- Ways to obtain affordable housing
- How to use resources such as websites to help you reach your housing goals
- Different types of housing, and the differences between subsidized housing programs and voucher programs

This event is free and open to the public, refreshments provided. The Brandon Public Library is located at 304 South Street in Ortonville. For more information, please call the library at (248) 627-1460.

Community Housing Network is a nonprofit organization committed to securing permanent solutions to homelessness, and access to affordable housing for people in need, through proven strategies of prevention, housing assistance, community education and referral, advocacy and additional services. The organization carries out its work in metro Detroit.

For more information, visit

<http://www.communityhousingnetwork.org>

Or contact Anne Osmer (248) 269-1336

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Steve Reif, of the Rotary Club of Royal Oak and president of the Royal Oak and Southfield campuses of Oakland Community College, holds more than 200 pairs of donated eyeglasses that were sent to the Rotary Club of Oaxaca, Mexico for its Medical Brigade project. Students from Oaxaca, who were here for a recent exchange program with Oakland Community College, hand-carried the glasses on their return to Oaxaca. (Submitted by Bill Sullivan, International Committee, Royal Oak Rotary Club)

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 Apr-30-11	net gain or loss	Foundation Annual Giving (actual)	Foundation Annual Giving (Club Pledge)	Foundation Annual Giving Apr-30-11	Foundation Restricted Giving Apr-30-11	Foundation Permanent Fund Apr-30-11	Giving Per Capita Rank	Giving Per Capita
Club	SAR	Apr-30-11								
Anchor Bay	17	17	0	\$ 100	\$ 1,700		\$ 100			\$ -
Ann Arbor	309	317	8	\$ 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	73	8	\$ 2,920	\$ 7,400	\$ 2,950	\$ 5,165	\$ 100		\$ 45.38
Blenheim	23	22	-1	\$ 3,398	\$ 2,650	\$ 4,586	\$ 2,034			\$ 199.39
Bloomfield Hills	36	33	-3	\$ 3,700	\$ 3,800	\$ 75	\$ 132	\$ 20		\$ 2.08
Brighton	69	69	0	\$ 7,200	\$ 3,500		\$ 2,500			\$ -
Chatham	60	77	12	\$ 7,961	\$ 6,500	\$ 3,922	\$ 1,626			\$ 65.37
Chatham Sunrise	39	39	0	\$ 4,436	\$ 4,100	\$ 1,873	\$ 102			\$ 48.03
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	\$ -	\$ 1,000				\$ 76.92
Dexter	36	32	-4	\$ 500	\$ 100	\$ 850	\$ 2,650			\$ 23.61
Dresden	17	18	1	\$ 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	\$ 376	\$ 149,807		\$ 3.68
Fowlerville	26	27	1	\$ 2,500	\$ 1,015					\$ -
Hartland	21	22	1	\$ 1,000	\$ 500	\$ 800	\$ 500			\$ 38.10
Howell	37	51	14	\$ 25	\$ 3,200		\$ 2,100			\$ -
Lake Orion	21	23	2	\$ 2,725	\$ 2,900	\$ 1,568	\$ 2,200			\$ 74.67
Lakes Area	12	15	3	\$ 1,769	\$ 1,500	\$ 2,700	\$ 2,583		2	\$ 225.00
Livingston Sunrise	48	47	-1	\$ 5,400	\$ 5,000	\$ 4,600				\$ 95.83
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	\$ 6,382				
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	26	1	\$ 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	\$ 220	\$ 2,100			\$ 2.53
Romeo	10	12	2	\$ 800	\$ 360					\$ -
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	24	2	\$ 3,365	\$ 2,300	\$ 3,495	\$ 497			\$ 158.86
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	\$ 300			\$ 20.59
Utica-Shelby	15	14	-1	\$ 2,000	\$ 1,000	\$ 2,100	\$ 1,600			\$ 140.00
Wallaceburg	11	11	0	\$ 971	\$ 1,000					\$ -
Warren	24	23	-1		\$ 2,500	\$ 1,640	\$ 1,000			\$ 68.33
Waterford	24	28	4	\$ 7,345	\$ 3,900	\$ 5,110	\$ 2,000		3	\$ 212.92
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										
District Total	1735	1784	44	\$ 164,937	\$ 142,195	\$ 102,953	\$ 60,805	\$ 149,927		
			Per Capita ->	\$ 91.75		\$ 59.34				