

THE BRIDGE

Official Newsletter for Rotarians of District 6330
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By the Glass...

Our Rotary International President Gordon McNally' writes a monthly message and in his October message he says: "Right now, there is someone you know in the Rotary world — in your club, from a project you've worked on, in a Rotary Fellowship or Rotary Action Group — who could use a little more of your time and attention. Rotary is this great gift of global friendship, and that also means being there for each other."

Discovering the human connections that bind us is what we do through our membership every day. It's what Rotary has always been about, and we can build on it by helping each other find peace at home. We need to learn how to ask not just "How are you?" but also "How are you really?" By doing so, Rotary can continue to "Create Hope in the World."

Yesterday, the Rotary Club of Meaford, my club, introduced a new program into our community— a Women's Shelter counselling service. The data that the counselling team presented about the extent of domestic violence in our community was overwhelming and incredibly sad. This problem is growing as we experience higher levels of poverty. The North American statistics are alarming. Having the opportunity to do something supportive to address this issue was incredibly fulfilling for every one of our members. We are now sadly more aware of the issue, but relieved that we are doing something to address it.

So, if you ask me "How are you really?", I will say to you that I am proud of the things that my club and all of you are doing to address the needs in your community, either locally or elsewhere.





Where's Sonja This Month?

October 17th	Paisley
October 19th	Sarnia Lambton After Hours
October 24th	London Lambeth
November 3rd	Walkerton
November 13th	St. Mary's
November 15th	Mildmay 80th anniversary

Rotary Leadership Institute PART I

Monday evenings –
November 6 & 13
6:30-9:30 pm

ON LINE – BY ZOOM –
with Facilitators
email

dianechantler@hotmail.com

HELP WANTED

We are looking for dedicated
Rotarians to help us support clubs
with the following:
Assistant Governors in areas: 4, 9, 10
Rotary Leadership Institute
Public Images/ Relations
Newsletter Editor

Please email DG Sonja for
more information
sonjaglass@rogers.com



(L-R) Assistant
District Governor
Dawn Kennedy,
District Governor
Sonja Glass, Club
President
Rosemary Davis,
David Glass, Sonja's
husband and
Rotarian

Upcoming District Events

RC of Stratford
Aquabox Build
Oct 21

RC of Goderich Octoberfest
Oct 28th

Mildmay Rotary Club
Halloween Dance
Oct 28th

Southampton Rotary Club
20th Annual Dinner Auction
Oct 28th

Burton Rotary Club
Bowling Fundraiser
Nov 3rd

RC of Stratford
Gordon Lightfoot Tribute
Nov 3

RC of Stratford
Christmas Craft Show
Nov 10 -12

Thornbury Clarksburg
Kindness Gala
Nov 11th

Be sure to add your upcoming club event on
the district calendar so we can share it here.



WORLD POLIO DAY

24 OCTOBER

I Choose Rotary



ROTARY MONTHLY THEME



Next Month: Rotary Foundation Month

TO VIEW THE ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR OF
THEMES AND EVENS, CLICK ON
THE LINK BELOW.

[https://my.rotary.org/en/news-
media/calendar](https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/calendar)

Community Economic and Development Month

Rotary Clubs all over the world help communities and people in other countries with projects that aim to provide sustainable ongoing development and help, not just immediate charity.

The Rotary Foundation enables Rotarians to invest in people by creating sustainable, measurable and long term economic improvements in their communities and livelihoods by :

- * Building the capacity of entrepreneurs, community leaders, local organizations, and community networks to support economic development in impoverished communities;
- * Developing opportunities for productive work;
- * Reducing poverty in under-served communities; and
- * Supporting studies for career-minded professionals related to economic and community development.

Find out more about the work of the Rotary Foundation and how you can help it at <https://www.rotary.org/en/about-rotary/rotary-foundation>

October is
Rotary
Economic & Community
Development





YOU THINK YOU'RE SO SMART...

Trivia Nights: Putting the “fun” in Fundraising

In our district, we have seen an uptick in the number of clubs hosting trivia nights.

In the hustle and bustle of daily life, it's often hard to make time to have fun with others. Trivia nights are appealing because they allow you to team up with your besties and don't require audience prep work to participate. It's a great way to foster friendship and fellowship, while fundraising for your club at the same time. Some clubs, like the Stratford Rotaract club, host regular monthly trivia nights.

TRIVIA NIGHTS

Meaford Rotary
Trivia Night 2023
Oct 27th

Sarnia Lambton After Hours
Trivia Night
Nov 4

RC of Strathroy
Trivia Night
Nov 10th

Stratford Rotaract Club
Trivia Night
Second Wednesday
of the month



Jeffrey is the president of Sedgewick + Ferweda Architects, a boutique firm of six in Flint, Michigan. Bringing a personal enthusiasm and excitement for design to the firm, He is highly skilled in design and design development, and excels in meeting unique challenges demanded by specialized projects. His creative designs have been realized in a broad range of project typologies in Flint and across the Midwest. The firm's mission statement is simply, "Good Design, Good Clients, Great Architecture". President since 2001, Jeffrey is responsible for the direction and vision of the firm. Jeffrey is licensed in Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, Illinois and Minnesota.

Community involvement is an important asset for all his employees. Jeffrey is AG for Area 9, Past President for Genesee Valley Rotary Club, Liaison to the Powers Catholic High School Interact Club and Membership Chair.

Jeffrey and his four children, Morgan, Evan, Jack, and Paige enjoy the outdoors, fishing, hunting, golfing and tubing. A member of his church Pastoral Council and Liturgy Commission, he is a Catechist, Lector and Eucharistic Minister and Choir member.

Getting to know... your Assistant Governors



*Assistant Governor for Area 9
Jeff Ferweda- Genesee Valley*



*Assistant Governor for Area 8
Andy Conroy - Thornbury-Clarksburg*

In 2006, Andy left his hometown of Manchester, England, to seek new opportunities and a better life for his family. Emigrating to Canada, he set his sights on the Georgian Bay area.

In 2009, Andy was inducted into the Rotary Club of Wasaga Beach. Andy's passion for service led him to take on various roles. In 2019, he was club president. The family relocated to the Thornbury area in 2022. Eager to continue his service and contribute to his new community, he transferred his membership to the Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg.

Andy's commitment to Rotary was quickly recognized by his peers within the Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg. He was nominated as president-elect within a short time of joining the club. Andy had previously established a strong track record of community involvement and service. Prior to his relocation to Canada, he actively participated in church committees and community service groups.

Andy enjoys a successful career as a Project Manager in the security industry. His expertise and entrepreneurial spirit led him to establish his own security systems company in 2008. He looks forward to retirement in the foreseeable future!

Andy and his wife, Helen, who is also a highly active Rotarian, have been married for 35 years. They have two sons, Ashley and Cameron. Andy enjoys a variety of activities, which include playing golf, fishing, traveling, boating and he is in the process of obtaining his private pilot's license.

MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR CLUB

Hello Everyone! It gives me great pleasure to be greeting you today as the Membership Chair, District 6330. Thanks to Sue for assisting with the transition of this role... I have big footsteps to fill!

I am learning so much about our district, the leadership and our 60 clubs. We are a busy district! I look forward to meeting more of you and visiting clubs with the RI Membership Message. WELL DONE District 6330 -- we have grown our Rotary presence in our district by 15 members. A special shout out to the Rotary Club of Clio who grew their club by 3 members in September! Congratulations to President Brianna Fuller, their membership committee, and the club.

There is a strong focus on Membership from RI, which translates into LOTS & LOTS of membership materials available for our use. My intention is to organize this material into an easily understood, coherent package that is not overwhelming for clubs to use. We are on this learning curve together, so please stay tuned as we build up and work with these Membership materials.

The Zone Leadership Conference, Learning to Lead, was held in Toronto in September. I participated in membership sessions, "5 Attributes of Growing Clubs" & a "Coaching Creates Hope for Rotarians". Thank you to the district & zone Leadership for assembling and presenting this material.

KEY CONCEPT: Membership is every club members' responsibility. Rotary is a Membership organization. The health of our Rotary Clubs is determined by the health of our Membership. Building from this concept, the ROTARY CLUB HEALTH CHECK is a good place for us to begin this Membership journey.

When our Rotary clubs take some time to work through this health check, the club Membership really becomes a resource for our clubs. Clubs tend to become more interactive when membership is involved & committed. We know that when a club has a consistent focus on membership, that club's membership will grow. The seeds of a growing club are nurtured through this process.

Next month we will pay attention to the 5 Attributes of Growing Clubs. Please reach out with any questions or comments you may have. I look forward to speaking and working with you!

DYNAMIC, MEANINGFUL
SERVICE

ACTIVE, INTENTIONAL
MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE
(Intentional Leadership)

STRONG PUBLIC IMAGE
(WELL KNOWN IN COMMUNITY)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY &
INCLUSION



IT'S
kindness
AT PLAY!



The
KINDNESS
Gala



Rotary Club of Thornbury-Clarksburg
invites you to join us **November 11th**
at the Georgian Peaks Club for
dining, dancing, and more!

Kindness
CHANGES
EVERYTHING



It's time to dust off your fancy dancing shoes because
The Kindness Gala is back! This year, we are selling "keys" to unlock
an exciting prize cage! Proceeds from this special evening
will once again benefit the Rotary's community initiative,
Moreau Park... Kindness at Play! Tickets are \$195.

For more information and tickets please go to:

tcrotary.ca



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6330's Disaster Reaction



AQUABOX- Earthquakes. Hurricanes. Tsunamis. Floods. Refugee displacements.

Disasters such as these seem to be increasing in frequency and severity around the world. They leave behind damaged infrastructure and contaminated water supplies.

People resort to drinking any water they can find, usually from polluted sources. Those who drink this unsafe water are at increased risk from water-borne diseases such as cholera and typhoid. The elderly and very young are particularly vulnerable, with approximately 2,000 children under 5 years dying every day*.

The AQUABOX project, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Stratford Charitable Foundation, is helping to change that. And you can help too.



ShelterBox

TÜRKIYE EARTHQUAKES

2023 response report

ShelterBox responded to a series of powerful earthquakes that struck southern Türkiye, near the northern border of Syria in February 2023. In partnership with Rotary in Türkiye, ShelterBox was quick to respond, providing shelter and vital household items including mattresses, stoves, and blankets to more than 12,500 people who had been left with nothing.

shelterboxusa.org

SOCKTOBERFEST

Photo credit Matthew Henry

Here is a simple way to provide basic essentials for those in need, particularly as the temperatures start to dip.

Rotary Club of St. Clair

We have 12 St. Clair Rotary SOCK-tober new socks and underwear collection boxes throughout our community.



Rotary Club of Wiarton

Just a few weeks remain to purchase or knit socks, any size or colour for all in need.

Collection boxes are waiting to be filled at Josies, the Dollar Store, the CO-OP, Home Hardware, TD and RBC banks, as well as the Hepworth UPI Gas Convenience store.

Items must be new and will be thankfully received by the Salvation Army and local schools.

[Details here](#)



Great Lakes Rotary PETS

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THE DATE!**

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March 14 to 16, 2024, in Kalamazoo, MI

REGISTRATION FOR GLRPETS opens

December 1, 2023

Early Registration December 1, 2023 to

January 31, 2024

The District Governor team is excited to announce plans for next year's president-elect learning as we join the Great Lakes Rotary President Elect Training Seminar (GLRPETS), a partnership of seven Rotary districts.

President-elect's will be inspired and educated in a very professional, inviting atmosphere. They will be given tools to be good leaders for their clubs, and have an opportunity to hear keynote speakers that are second to none.

Learn more about GLRPETS by watching [this video](#) or visit greatlakesrotarypets.org



MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT

Get Ready
to Grow
Membership

2600 West Big Beaver Road

Troy, MI 48084

December 9, 2023 | 9 am to 5 pm

Membership Summit Registration \$25



Stephanie Urchick
RI President Elect



Tom Gump
President Elect Aide



Chris Etienne
RI Director Elect



Drew Kessler
RI Director

Multi-District Membership Strategy & Collaboration Summit

Keynote Speakers, Breakout Sessions, and Leadership Panel

DGN Brianna Scott—District 6290

DG Melanie McCoy—District 6310

DGE Katherine Hahn—District 6330

DGN Jackie Huie—District 6360

DG Collyer Smith—District 6380

DG Russ Jones—District 6400

Rotary Membership Coordinator Doug Logan

Innovative Club Advocate Louisa Horne

Assistant Rotary Coordinator Margie Haas

Assistant Rotary Coordinator Bala Murthy

REGISTER by December 2 at <https://tinyurl.com/322rxhfp>



Pre-Summit Dinner | December 8 | 6 to 9 pm | Tickets \$35
2600 Big Beaver Road | Troy, MI

Summit Dinner | December 9 | 6 pm to 9 pm | Tickets \$55
American Polish Cultural Center | 2975 E. Maple Road | Troy, MI 48083

Embassy Suites Troy—Friday and/or Saturday | \$149 per night