

# THE BRIDGE

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

My two and a half year journey preparing for the role as your District Governor has gone by quickly. Thank you to Mike Chaffee, our now Immediate Past District Governor for his leadership, mentorship and patience. I am grateful, knowing that Mike and his predecessors, our Past District Governor Council are there to answer questions and provide guidance.

As we begin the 112th year of District 6330, the year that we “Create Hope in the World”, we face challenges and opportunities. Many changes are taking place in our clubs as we re-evaluate our traditions, make adjustments to become more attractive to new members and determine how we best meet the needs of our current environment. Bound together by our shared values, our drive to better our communities both local and afar, Rotarians will continue to strive to make a positive difference.

I draw your attention to our new Strategic Plan, found in the documents section of our Club Runner site, where we are attempting to become more data informed in our efforts. Specifically, initiatives that we plan on prioritizing this year include:

- Initiating a Visioning Facilitation resource for our clubs that would provide District Rotarians to assist you in reviewing your goals and objectives and help you to create a plan for your club's future.
- Initiate a Diversity, Equity and Inclusiveness committee that will support our clubs in your DEI efforts by fostering awareness, knowledge and relationship building with marginalized communities. Please reach out to Susan Macdonald from the Southampton club and Clay Melnike from the Thornbury-Clarksburg club if you would like to be part of this conversation.

Establish a platform that would allow District 6330 Rotarians interested in sharing ideas around particular topics such as Environmental Initiatives to chat with one another.

We are leaders in our communities. Role models who through “Service Above Self”, inspire others. Please, share your stories with us, so that we can share with others through this newsletter. I look forward to being a part of your team this year.



Questions for Sonja? Email her at [sonja.glass@rogers.com](mailto:sonja.glass@rogers.com)





## Where's Sonja This Month?

July 17 <sup>th</sup>	St. Clair	12:00
July 17 <sup>th</sup>	Fenton	18:30
July 18 <sup>th</sup>	Fenton	07:15
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Algonac	07:30
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Imlay City	12:00
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	Clio	18:00
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Brown City	07:30
July 20 <sup>th</sup>	Port Huron	12:10
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Flushing	07:15
July 25 <sup>th</sup>	Lapeer	12:10
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Marysville	12:00
August 1 <sup>st</sup>	Watford	18:30
August 2 <sup>nd</sup>	6330 Passport	19:00
August 7 <sup>th</sup>	Grand Blanc	12:00
August 8 <sup>th</sup>	Petrolia	07:15
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	Sarnia Bluewater Land	07:00
August 9 <sup>th</sup>	London North	18:00
August 11 <sup>th</sup>	London South	07:15



## Upcoming District Events

RYE Summer  
Conference,  
Grand Rapids  
July 12-16

Greater Flint Sunrise  
Rotary Golf Scramble  
July 21

Grand Bend Container  
Loading for Durban,  
SA  
July 23-29

Nine & Dine  
Charity Gold  
London Hyde RC  
August 23

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





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## 2023-2024 Rotary Theme

The new Rotary International President for 2023-24, Gordon McNally, plans to make mental health a focus, and emphasizes continuity in advancing the goals of previous leaders, including empowering girls and eradicating polio. He urged members to promote peace in troubled nations, help those affected by conflict, and maintain the momentum of initiatives begun by past leaders.

Here is the link to download the 2023-24 presidential theme branding:

[https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-theme?fbclid=IwAR0vt8j-MxLjc-8O8wgCKL9uNKWprExIXHOqd\\_\\_MPIhIAsR5RQGSBCfFyck](https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/office-president/presidential-theme?fbclid=IwAR0vt8j-MxLjc-8O8wgCKL9uNKWprExIXHOqd__MPIhIAsR5RQGSBCfFyck)

We recommend using the theme logo only when communicating with other Rotary members. Please refrain from using the theme logo when promoting Rotary on social media and other media outlets to those outside of Rotary.

How will your club "Create Hope in the World"? Please share your stories by emailing us at [Rotary6330@gmail.com](mailto:Rotary6330@gmail.com)



**CREATE HOPE  
in the WORLD**

**"Rotary  
brings lasting  
change to the  
world, one  
restored or  
newly created  
hope at a  
time."**

-GORDON MCINALLY





# IMAGINE: Protecting the Environment

Rotary  
District 6330  
Conference 2023

## 2022-23 District Conference- That's a Wrap!

Thank you to my Rotary family in the Flint club for your hard work and support this past weekend at the District Conference. Not pictured were Terry Mohrman, Amy Krug, Ellen Brothers Echols, Raymond Gist, Howard Downing, Jerry Knoodle, Rafael Christopher Turner and all the Flint Rotarians that came out for the conference opening lunch. A special thanks to Daniel Crannie for the signage and photo booth. I would be remiss not to acknowledge our committee chair George Ananich and his team of Brian Sanderson, Dave Perry, Rob Jewell, Ashoka Rao and many others. And Michael J. Thorp you never disappoint.

-Mike Chaffee, DG 2022-2023



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District 6330 Conference



June 2023 Flint, Michigan

# "Rotary changed my life."

-Mike Chaffee, 2023-23  
District Governor





# ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

## Saving Mothers and Children

Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation — all of which can be prevented.

## Maternal and Child Health Month



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

<https://my.rotary.org/en/news-media/calendar>

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# COMMIT PROJECT

There are an estimated 750 million open fires, used for daily cooking, in the world today. There is an urgent need to eliminate open fires for cooking. Smoke production contributes to global warming and to negative effects on women, the developing fetus and children. The Nicaraguan Ecofriendly Stove Project is an initiative by the Rotary Club of Stratford and London Hyde Park. The COMMIT Team has worked in rural Nicaragua for more than 10 years.



A small pilot project was started 5 years ago. They examined the Justa Stove, which is about 50% more efficient than traditional open fire cooking. Smoke is vented to the outside to eliminate any indoor smoke pollution.

Fundraising to build these stoves began during the pandemic. Members of the COMMIT Team rode indoor bikes over 6 months to cross Canada virtually. Presentations were made to over 50 Rotary clubs across Canada. Altogether, approximately \$50,000 CDN was raised.

Each stove costs about \$150 USD to build, so close to 200 stoves will be built with existing funds.

The Stove top project in Nicaragua will address only an extremely tiny number of the existing open fires used for cooking, but there will be a real measurable impact.

To learn more about COMMIT visit

<https://commitwithnphnicaragua.simplesite.com/>







Allen Tucker-  
AG lead  
Area 7



Colin Macdonald  
AG Area 1



Dawn Kennedy-  
AG Area 2



Paul Roulston  
AG Area 3



Howard Shears-  
AG Area 4



Mike Hurry-  
AG Area 5



Diane Ives-  
AG Area 6



Andy Conroy-  
AG Area 8



Jeffrey Ferweda  
AG Area 9



Gerry Janssen-  
AG Area 10

## Meet our Assistant Governor Team

Assistant Governors, leaders in our District, play a key role in helping clubs in their area establish and achieve their goals and objectives.



# MEMBERSHIP IN YOUR CLUB

When Rotary clubs are asked what the number one challenge is for their club, the overwhelming majority say it's MEMBERSHIP growth.

Often we see that leadership is more than an attribute for success – it is an essential, over-arching requirement. Strong leaders create strong clubs. More than this, leaders of clubs should focus on 5 key areas.

Outstanding governance – clubs should be organized, have a plan, set goals and have continuity in leadership.

Active, intentional member engagement – A healthy, engaged and inspired membership is key to club success.

Dynamic, meaningful service – engaged members keep busy 'doing' throughout the year. Rotary is about service.

Strong public image – Clubs aren't just doing – they're seen to be doing.

Diversity, Equity and Inclusion – ensuring club membership reflects their community

While not all leaders focussed equally on all 5 areas, most clubs take all these areas seriously.

## ATTRIBUTES OF GROWING CLUBS

DYNAMIC, MEANINGFUL  
SERVICE

ACTIVE, INTENTIONAL  
MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

EFFECTIVE GOVERNANCE  
(Intentional Leadership)

STRONG PUBLIC IMAGE  
(WELL KNOWN IN COMMUNITY)

DIVERSITY, EQUITY &  
INCLUSION

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