

#### Welcome to our newsletter with the new look



Mue Chaffee
DISTRICT GOVERNOR
ROTARY CLUB OF FLINT



Membership month has passed and congratulations to the eleven clubs that have added new Rotarians this year. I think every month should be membership month. What is your strategy for attracting new Rotarians? How can your district membership team assist?

I hope you like the new format for our Bridge monthly newsletter. We would love to see more club news, fundraiser promotions and service project reports. The deadline is the 25th of each month and may be sent to our new Bulletin Editor Murtada Ahmed, Global Passport Club at murtada@elv.rw.

Summer is nearly over, and we move into Basic Education and Literacy Month. Please share your club's current projects in this area with me. What a great legacy we leave when we focus on this. Raising the world's populations out of poverty starts with the ability to read and have an adequate education.

I start my club visits next week and look forward to meeting each of you and sharing in your successes.

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### **Rotary Service and Engagement**

#### 2022 Rotary Peace Corps Week

Join us for the 2022 Rotary-Peace Corps Week 19-23 September! This week is an opportunity for members of both organizations to collaborate, share their resources, and cocreate projects that will have an even greater impact. It is hosted by Partnering for Peace, a group of Returned Peace Corps Volunteers who are also Rotary members and are passionate about the impact we can make together through the official Rotary-Peace Corps partnership.

The week's theme is **Peacebuilding on the Ground** and starts on Monday, 19 September with a panel webinar including:

- Chief Financial Officer of Open Doors
   Asheville, Keevon Baten, who is a Founding
   Rotaractor Club President, and Returned
   Peace Corps Volunteer;
- President Emeritus of the National Peace
   Corps Association and Former President of
   the Alliance for Peacebuilding, Charles
   Dambach, who was nominated for the 2017
   Nobel Peace Prize and received the 2017
   Institute for Economics and Peace
   Leadership and Service for Peace Award;
- Past Rotary International Director Peter Kyle who has been an active peace builder and former chair of the Rotary Peace Center Committee; and,
- U.S. Representative for Frontline Defenders, Ana Patel, who is a Rotary Peace Fellow, Returned Peace Corps Volunteer, and a Rotary Representative to UN Women.

The week's other events include:

- Tuesday, 20 September What does "Peacekeeping on the Ground" mean to you? (Social Media Discussion on Partnering for Peace's Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn)
- Wednesday, 21 September Breaking Down the Design of a Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership Project with Peace Corps, Namibia, Director of Programming and Training, Jane O'Sullivan (Webinar, 11 am EDT)
- Thursday, 22 September Rotary-Peace Corps Partnership Question & Answer "Drop In" Session with Rotary International, Partnerships Manager, Carrie Golden, and Peace Corps, Office of Strategic Partnerships & Intergovernmental Affairs, Acting Director, Ted Adams (Zoom Meeting, 10 am EDT)
- Friday, 23 September Information Sessions:
   From Rotary to Peace Corps: Continuing Your
   Legacy of Service (Webinar, 2 pm EDT)
- Friday, 23 September Deepen Your Impact: Get Started on Your Journey to Become a Rotary Peace Fellow (Webinar, 3 pm EDT)
- Friday, 23 September Virtual Cultural Happy Hour (Zoom Meeting, 4 pm EDT).

Partnership Manager

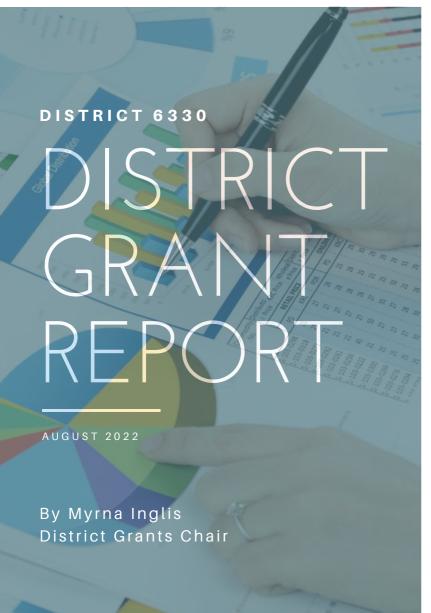
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On behalf of Partnering for Peace, an affiliate group in support of the Rotary-Peace Corps partnership Partnering for Peace

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District Grants can be carried out both locally and internationally. This month, I would like to focus on the projects completed in 21-22 that were outside our District. London East – Support was provided for post secondary education for people living in a refugee camp in South Sudan. Careers involved included health care, education, legal training

Stratford – Purchased a corn grinder and a water tank in Nicaragua. The corn grinder provided this service close to the farms and the water tank is larger than previously in place as increased irrigation is being used.

Thornbury Clarksburg – Provided support to a community-based organization for homeless youth in Uganda including latrines, showers and water storage.

Meaford – Constructed 2 fresh water wells on the Island of Ukerewe in Lake Victoria, Tanzania

London & London Satellite – Provided student tables and chairs for a school in Mexico.

Grand Bend – Purchased and delivered various PPE to area hospitals and clinics in Eswatini, South Africa London South – Provided clean water through solar disinfection and promoted menstrual hygiene in Kenya. Should you have an interest in any of these projects, please send me a message and I will connect you with the Grant Administrator for the project.

District Grants for 22-23 are primarily in the application phase although 5 have already been approved. Looking forward to hearing from Grant Administrators in the near future. I will be away from Sept 6 to 14 and although I will have my laptop, I will not have much time to concentrate on District Grants

Enjoy the rest of summer,

# CONVENTION (ZIC

#### OCTOBER 20TH-23RD, 2022

# Rotary Zones 28 & 32

Dear Rotary Family,

The exciting Zone 28 & 32 Interact Convention (ZIC) is taking place October 20th-23rd, 2022 and we want to see students from your district there!

This is an opportunity for Rotarians to show their support for our young leaders who have been working very hard organizing this first-ever Zone event that includes Interact delegates from Canada USA, Bermuda and St. Pierre et Miquelon!

Here's where your help is needed:

1. We are seeking Delegates: If your club currently sponsors an Interact club please connect with them and consider sponsoring one or more delegates. Clubs & Districts in Zones 28 and 32 are able to reserve spots for Interact students and chaperones at the Zone 28 & 32 Interact Convention ahead of time. Each spot is \$991 Canadian dollars (\$850 registration fee plus a \$141 refundable deposit).

2. We are seeking Donors/Sponsors: If your club does not currently sponsor an Interact Club, kindly consider becoming a Donor/Sponsor of the event in support of youth leadership! Thank you for your kind consideration. We also encourage you to take a look at our website (www.zoneinteractconvention.org) to learn more.

If you have any questions regarding the registration process, the event in general, or would like to invite our team to speak to your club/district leadership about the event please feel free to contact admin@zoneinteractconvention.org



SHELTERBOX

# **EMERGENCY IN PAKISTAN**

#### SEVERE FLODDING

#### DEATH COUNT REACHES 1100 AND MILLIONS HAVE BEEN DISPLACED

ShelterBox is responding in
Pakistan, as over 33 million have
been affected by severe floods.
People's homes have sunk in flood
water or been swept away, and
livelihoods have been ruined. More
than 1,100 people have lost their lives
and this number is still climbing.

A Response Team has been deployed, and we are in close contact with Rotary officials in Pakistan. Our teams are well placed to provide emergency shelter and supplies to those who need it most. ShelterBox has responded to flooding before in Pakistan in 2010. We have also responded to flooding at least 75 times since 2000, providing emergency aid and support to tens of thousands of families around the globe. As official Project Partners in international disaster relief, Rotary and ShelterBox work together to ensure no one is left without shelter after disaster. Any support you can offer will help people's recovery. If your district would like to set up a fundraising page, please click on the link below. Donations can be made via the link below or by sending a cheque to ShelterBox Canada at 200-2010 Winston Park Drive, Oakville ON. L6H 5R7. Thank you very much for your

Stephanie Christensen



#### **DONATE**

#### DONATE TODAY AND DELIVER EMERGENCY SHELTER TO THOSE IN URGENT NEED

our support today will provide lifesaving aid for families affected by flooding in Pakistan.

Any additional money raised will help ShelterBox provide emergency shelter to families affected by disaster around the world.

Please note: To be as effective as possible we do not accept donations to specific disasters.



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#### **EMERGENCY RESPONSE**

**ShelterBox** is sending an emergency response team to Pakistan after monsoon flooding has left thousands of people with nowhere to live.

More than 33 million people have been affected and we are closely monitoring the situation. The sheer scale of the flooding is disastrous – people's homes have sunk in floodwater or been swept away, livelihoods have been ruined, and more than 1,100 people have lost their lives.

Teams will be focusing their attention on the most affected areas of Sindh, Punjab, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Balochistan.

Please donate today to provide lifesaving aid for families affected by disaster and conflict around the world





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# ROTARIANS GOING THE EXTRA MILE

ADG Al Tucker Area 7, District 6330

Thousands of runners, walkers and wheelers filled the streets of Flint, Mich., to take part in the 45th running of the HAP Crim Festival of Races. The annual road running event includes 10-mile, 5-mile and 5K races, along with a Teddy Bear Trot for children.

Approximately 4,000 participants in the 10-mile race had a unique opportunity to see Rotary in action while winding their way through mile markers six and seven, an area officially designated as the "Rotary Mile." This one-mile stretch is staffed by Area 7 club members and guests who volunteer their time assisting with traffic control and operating a water station to help keep participants hydrated.

Overhead banners define the start and end points of the Rotary Mile, and customized yard signs promoting the Rotary values and information about each Area 7 Rotary Club are displayed along this special section of the course.

A total of 28 Rotarians and 12 Interactors volunteered during the event, which kicks off early in the morning (like 5:45 a.m. early) with a breakfast hosted by District 6330 Governor Mike Chaffee.

The Rotary Mile is sponsored by the Fenton, Flint, Flushing, Genesee Valley, Grand Blanc and Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary Clubs. It is not only a unique service opportunity for Rotarians, but also a means of showcasing Rotary to a large segment of the community. This year saw the highest level of Rotarian participation and organizers look forward to adding new and exciting amenities to the Rotary Mile in future years.

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"An historical car rally along the backroads of Perth County."

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Shine On CARRALLY

Rotary and Stratford Perth Museum's Dave Blackburn Memorial Shine On Car Rally was a huge success last year, welcoming more than 80 participants.

This October will mark the fifth time that people can go for a Sunday drive and enjoy a history lesson along the way – this year's theme is Saints and Sinners.

Beginning at 10 a.m. Oct. 2, cars will head out on paved backroads of Perth County to a number of historical destinations where they will meet up with re-enactors who go into character as famous former citizens of Stratford and Perth County.

It's the fifth annual Dave
Blackburn Memorial Shine On
Car Rally and it starts at the
Stratford Perth Museum.



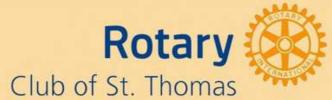
#### **Participation Details**

Each registrant will get a boxed lunch from the Boar's Head Pub before departing. The rally finishes at the Boar's Head where participants can use the \$10 gift card given to each participant.

The event is organized by the Rotary Club of Stratford and the Stratford Perth Museum and presented in memory of Dave Blackburn who died in 2013. Dave was a devoted Rotarian, antique car lover and former branch manager at TD Bank in Stratford.

Some clarification, the content of the rally may be historic but your vehicle doesn't have to be as cars, pick-up trucks, even RVs are more than welcome to take part. Pre-registration for the rally takes place online at www.ShineOnStratford.ca. Before setting out, each vehicle will be provided a detailed navigation guide to help them find their way. The cost to take part in the car rally, including lunch, is \$75 (price includes a driver and a navigator). Back seat drivers are an additional \$25.

For more info and to register go to <a href="https://www.ShineOnStratford.ca">www.ShineOnStratford.ca</a>, call John at 519-393-5312 or email info@shineonstratford.ca





# **Rotary Discovery Tour**

# Sunday, October 2, 2022

Starting at Ferguson RV World located at 1249 Talbot St., St. Thomas

Anytime between 10:00 AM and 2:00 PM

Tickets available from any Rotary Club of St. Thomas member or through our website at

www.rotarystthomas.org





**Event Platinum Sponsor** 







## **CerviCAL ACT!ON Canada**

July 2022 Society Newsletter

# The Research is Ready. It's time for Action WE NEED YOU!!

#### Our Call to Action is to Leave no Girl Behind.

Every year more than 56,000 women in Latin America and the Caribbean are diagnosed with cervical cancer and more than 28,000 die from it. That's 3 women an hour. Three women in the prime of their lives. Many with dependent children. Wouldn't it be wonderful to save these mothers, sisters, community leaders?

The CerviCAL ACT!ON Implementation Congress is scheduled for August 24th - 26th 2023 at the BMO Centre in Calgary, Alberta, Canada. If you want more information, feel free to reach out to our team at <a href="mailto:ccp.HEWRAG@gmail.com">ccp.HEWRAG@gmail.com</a> or join our Congress attendee waitlist.

#### How can you help?

Data Collection: We need data from your local communities on vaccination rates, barriers to cancer screening and treatment options. Could you please connect us to people in your community and we will send them a very short survey to fill out? This data will greatly assist us in developing strong implementation plans during our Congress.

**Sponsorship**: Can your club sponsor stakeholders within your community to attend the Congress?

Financial Sponsorship: We are also currently looking for sponsors for the congress. If you know of an organization that would be a good fit, either send us their contact or feel free to send them our <u>Sponsor Package</u>.

# WE HAVE THE TOOLS TO ERADICATE CERVICAL CANCER IN THE AMERICAS. IT'S TIME TO CREATE THE PLAN.

Rotarians, you CAN save the women in your communities from this devastating disease. Please spread the word that we are hosting an Implementation Congress next summer where you, someone in your club or someone in your healthcare system could participate in the development of implementation plans to eliminate cervical cancer in the Americas?

"We all have dreams but acting on them is a choice. Imagine a world that deserves our best, where we get up each day knowing that we can make a difference." Jennifer Jones, RI President

#### Robbi Howlett

PhD, MASc RI Cadre of Technical Experts District 6330 Liaison For HEWRAG Cervical ACTION Treasurer, D6330 RC Global Passport docrobbi@rogers.com

Click <u>here</u> for information on who we are and how we plan to eliminate cervical cancer by 2030. "To empower a woman is to empower her children, her family, and her community. The smartest investment we can make is in women." **Barbara Bush** 



# Dragon Boat Festival

25th running



Avon River!
The Stratford Rotary Club celebrates the 25th running of the Stratford Rotary Dragon Boat Festival welcoming back spectators, participants,

On September 27th, the Dragon will be awakened again in Stratford on the

running of the Stratford Rotary Dragon Boat Festival welcoming back spectators, participants, volunteers, vendors, and bands with the support of our Platinum Sponsor, Gilly's Pubhouse.

#### The History

Kevin McCann proposed the "crazy idea" to put forward \$10,000 to \$20,000 to start what became the annual Rotary Dragon Boat Festival in Lower Queens Park in Stratford. The first event was held in September 1996 and has occurred every year since except for 2020 and 2021 due to the pandemic.

#### The Sporting Event

The Rotary Dragon Boat Festival will host over 25 teams consisting of up to 20 individuals each in a Dragon Headed Boat that is the length of a city bus. With close to 100 volunteers required to ensure the event runs smoothly, we are expecting the festival to attract between 2,000 and 3,000 people. The professionally organized and timed races are amazing to watch from the shores of the Avon River!

#### The Fundraising

While this is a sporting event, it is also a major fund-raising event for the Rotary Club of Stratford having raised over \$890,000 in its 24 previous running's thanks to our wonderful sponsors and volunteers. This money has been reinvested back into our community for such things as the Stratford Perth Rotary Hospice, AquaBox, Rotary Respite House, The Local Community Food Centre, Literacy Projects, Avon River Enhancement, and the Stratford Rotary Complex.

Lower Queens Park and on the Avon River with the finish line located near Tom Patterson Island

8:00am 1:00pm

n be found <u>here</u>.

#### ShelterBox Update

September 2022





# IMAGINE A WORLD WHERE NO ONE IS LEFT WITHOUT SHELTER AFTER DISASTER

Kick off this new Rotary Year with a District wide fundraising challenge to **help us make this** a reality; join the Stock the Box - Rotary District Challenge.

In the last year, we've seen extreme conflict, massive storms, unpredictable earthquakes, and so much more... operations teams have been busy responding to these disasters and supporting hundreds of thousands of people on their journey to rebuild their homes and their lives. This is only possible because of Rotarians like you!

**But now our supplies are running low.** We've depleted our resources, and now we need your help to fill them up again! Will you help us **STOCK THE BOX**?

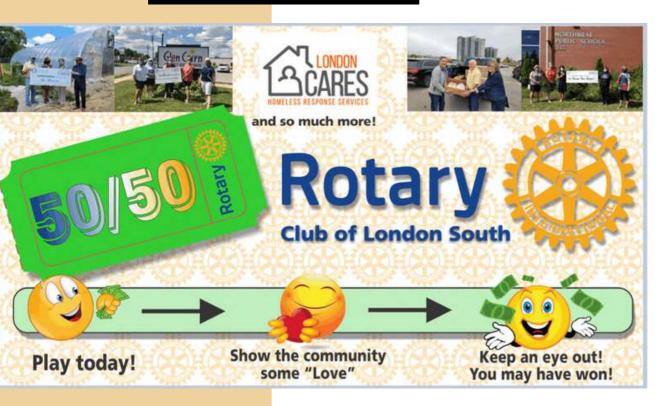
Stock the Box – Rotary District Challenge encourages Rotary clubs in their District to fundraise collectively. Rotary clubs can support their District by joining their <u>Stock the Box team</u>! If you need technical support to set up your fundraising page, check out this <u>video</u> and/or email us with questions at <u>support@shelterboxcanada.org</u>

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ShelterBox and Rotary are official project partners in international disaster relief. ShelterBox is a registered charity independent of Rotary International and the Rotary Foundation.



## 50/50 JACKPOT DRAW



ONLY OPEN TO ONTARIO RESIDENTS 18+

**SOUTH 50/50** 

LONDON

OF

ROTARY CLUB

Ontario Clubs is running a 50/50 Jackpot Draw. This will be a quarterly draw and the Summer edition is up and running as we speak. It will be open until September 28th, with the draw on the 29th.

Buy tickets and perhaps you will win the 50/50. If you have any questions, please call me at 519-859-4441 or email us

Website:

https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/rotarylondonsouth



Anette Grue

Rotary Club of London South 519-859-4441

#### GREATER FLINT SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB FUNDRAISER



#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 10<sup>TH</sup>, 2022 • 6:30PM FLINT GOLF CLUB

(3100 Lakewood Drive)

\$50.00 Per Person (Includes 1 Pull) \$85.00 Per Couple (Includes 1 Pull)

#### Wine & Craft Beer Pull

Every couple or individual will take home their choice of a bottle of wine or a 4 pack of craft beer.

Hilarous Comedy Show

**Heavy Appetizers & Cash Bar** 

BEER & WINE DONATIONS DONATIONS ARE BEING ACCEPTED!

All proceeds will benefit local non-profits serving children and fund educational scholarships.

Make checks payable to Greater Flint Sunrise Rotary (P.O. Box 105 • Flint, MI 48501) or pay via Zelle at sunriserotaryflint@gmail.com.

# MEMBERSHIP

#### 11 CLUBS HAVE ADDED NEW ROTARIANS

Congratulations to the following clubs for installing new Rotarians in July and August



Rotary (A)





**Rotary Club of Flint** 

**Rotary Club of Global Passport** 

**Rotary Club of Goderich** 

**Rotary Club of Grand Bend** 

EACH ROTARIAN:

**Rotary Club of Imlay City** 

**Lapeer Rotary Club** 

**Rotary Club of Meaford** 

**Rotary Club of Mildmay** 

**Rotary Club of Strathroy** 

**Rotary Club of Thornbury & Clarksburg** 

President Bob Burchett
President Elizabeth Jordan
President Debra Seabrook
President Rosemary Davis
President Tom McCann
President Justin Shattuck
President Greg Bullen
President David Glass
President Dawn Kennedy
President Jenny Veeke
President Lib Kennedy



Keep the good work

DG Mike Chaffee



#### New Members in District Leadership Team

#### Erin Zorzi - Friendship Exchange Chair Rotary Club of Port Elgin

Erin is a long-time resident of Saugeen Shores but has lived in a variety of places other than Ontario, including Manitoba, Pakistan and Taiwan. Erin is married for 44 years to Paul. They have two married children and 2 beautiful granddaughters, ages 12 and 10.

Throughout her 30-year banking career, Erin volunteered on many community committees and boards, and continues to share her certified financial planner skills during retirement. Erin's passions are many, including clean water, affordable housing, and quality health and spiritual care for all ages.



Erin has been a proud member of the Rotary Club of Port Elgin for 21 years. Jumping in with both feet, she has served on her club's board for 18 years, taking on numerous roles including President. Erin is a past District Chair of Membership.

Thinking about Rotary, Erin says it is easy to say yes to helping in all areas as the work Rotarians do is making life better for families everywhere.

Erin believes it is through programs like Rotary's Youth Exchange and Friendship Exchange that we break down barriers around the world, cheering each other on for the good of humankind.

#### Rebecca Price - Rotaract Chair Stratford Rotaract Club



Rebecca joined the Rotaract Club of Stratford over five years ago following the clubs participation in the Stratford YMCA Youth Centre Rejuvenation Project

Rebecca spent four years on the board including a year in the role of President. Her favourite projects and initiatives have been building relationships and connections with others. Rebecca is excited to bring this passion to the position of Rotaract Chair in order to help strengthen the four clubs in the District



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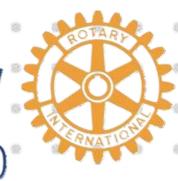
Murtada is from Sudan, living in Rwanda and is the PR chair of Rotary Club of Global Passport.

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PR Chair of RC Kigali Virunga 20-2021 PR Chair of RC Global Passport for 21-2022 and 22-2023

Ranked No. 1 in District 6330 on Rotary Learning Center.





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