



Rotary District 6330

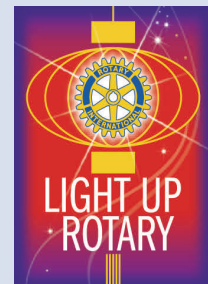
District Governor ~ Doug Burnard

April 2015



*Governor Doug's*

*April Message*



Our District was honoured to have the President of Rotary International and his wife Corinna spend several days (March 19-March 22) with us in London to help celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Club of London. Gary and Corinna attended many events which are highlighted in this issue of The Bridge.

As your Governor, I had the privilege of not only hosting the RI President, I served as his aide throughout his visit and they were most gracious to work with. They are typical Rotarians-very nice people and very dedicated to Rotary.

It was not only a celebration of Rotary in London, but Rotary in District 6330, as the 12 "legacy" clubs that were sponsored by RC of London participated in all of the events, and many other clubs from the District were represented at one or more of the 5 official functions, especially the "gala" on Saturday evening, which was a spectacular event.

**THREE MONTHS TO GO IN 2014-2015:**

As we enter the last quarter of the Rotary year, it is a busy time for most clubs as they work to finish up this year and the new executive plans for the next year 2015-2016. There are many clubs and fund raising events planned in April, May and June.

I would ask 2014-2015 Presidents to submit the **Presidential Citation** for your club by no later than **April 10th**. I have to submit to RI by April 15th. Late submissions are not accepted.

**RYLA SEMINAR FOR TOMORROW'S LEADERS-MAY 8-10, 2015:**

For over 50 years, students from throughout the District have come together to participate in the Youth Leadership event, which has spurred a number of Interact Clubs as well as Youth Exchange candidates. Make sure you have your registration forms to Steve Dietrich by **April 10th**.

**DISTRICT GOALS FOR APRIL, MAY and JUNE:**

Maximize our Foundation and Polio Plus donations; continue to recruit and retain members and continue to *Light Up Rotary*.

Doug Burnard  
District Governor 2014-2015

# Celebrating Rotary Days in London



To celebrate 100 years of service, the Rotary Club of London held several events to “Light Up Rotary” over the Rotary Days of March 20th and 21st, 2015. Club history, youth, service and leadership were themes throughout the weekend.

Thurs. March 19th, 2015

R.I. President Gary C.K. Huang and his wife Corinna arrived Thursday evening on the same date in 1915 when the first group of businessmen met to form the Rotary Club of London!

Friday, March 20th, 2015

Celebration of Service Clubs

12noon-R.I. President Gary spoke to the Canadian Club at their regular March meeting. The subject of the talk was about the importance of volunteers and the service they provide in their communities and in the world. Rotarians were there in good numbers, along with members of Lions, Kiwanis and Civitan.

Celebration of Community Service, Local and International

5-7p.m. Rotarians from District 6330 and their families gathered in the mezzanine at Covent Garden Market to celebrate service to the community and to dedicate the Tower Clock, the major anniversary project. It compliments Rotary Square, which is a skating rink in the winter and an outdoor market and gathering place the rest of the year. The Square is maintained by the Rotary Clubs in London.

R.I. President Huang spoke to the assembled families of Rotary and other dignitaries, and congratulated them for their community service. The plaque for the clock was unveiled.



# Rotary Days Continue!

## Celebration of Youth

Following the reception, about 150 attendees walked across the street to the Budweiser Gardens and enjoyed the hockey game between London and Saginaw. During the first intermission Rotary celebrated youth with Rotaractors, Interactors, International Youth Exchange, secondary school scholars and our current Ambassadorial Scholar on the ice with the Rotary International President and leaders of the District youth programs.

Saturday, March 21st, 2015

## Celebration of History

11 a.m. After briefly meeting with PDG's, President at Fanshawe Pioneer Village for the opening of a don and area. The display features an original iron epidemic. The exhibition will be in place until No-office where much of the historical material will be London's 100th anniversary projects. President Gary sage brunch provided by the Rotary Club of Grand



Gary and Corinna joined Rotarians and their families display of the history of 100 years of Rotary in Lon-lung which was used in the early stages of the polio vember, and will be followed by a storefront Rotary displayed. The office is one of the Rotary Club of and Corinna enjoyed a delicious pancake and sau-Bend.

5-9.30p.m. The 100th Anniversary Gala Dinner was Rotarians, spouses, partners and friends. Youth, once from Western's music school who entertained during Choir sang the anthems of Taiwan, the United States and Canada. Rotaractors volunteered with the Silent Auction and Raffle which raised \$13,500. \$1,184 was raised for Polio Plus with the club's traditional Happy Birthday song which requires a \$5.00 donation. Over 350 guests were present including 6 charter members and wives who "rose" for the occasion!

held at the London Convention Centre, attended by again, played a prominent part with a jazz quartet the reception and 3 members of the Amabile Boys raised \$13,500. \$1,184 was raised for Polio Plus with the club's traditional Happy Birthday song which requires a \$5.00 donation. Over 350 guests were present including 6 charter members and wives who "rose" for the occasion!

The Rotary Club of London, with the assistance of other District Clubs, has committed \$200,000 for Anniversary projects...3 international, 7 local and the Tower Clock. Many of the recipients of \$10,000 grants were present and posed with a giant cheque representing "Service Above Self".

Over 150 (2014-15) Paul Harris donors were recognized from District 6330, along with Major Donors. President Huang greeted each recipient and posed for pictures with the Paul Harris recipients of each club.

Many videos were shown throughout the evening documenting the history of the club and how 26 clubs in total evolved from that first day on March 19th, 1915.

The highlight of the evening was the inspirational keynote address by President Gary who spoke on the importance of the Rotary movement to the world.

The evening concluded with the traditional singing of "Let There be Peace on Earth".



# District News

## Meet Bob Thomas

### AG Area 9



Bob is the AG for area 9 which includes the clubs of Brown City, Columbiaville, Crosswell, Imlay City and Lapeer. He joined the Rotary Club of Lapeer in 1977 and has served his club as Bulletin Editor, Program Chair, Lapeer Days Chair, Foundation Chair and Treasurer.

His classification is Attorney at Law, which he has been since 1975. Bob has 30 years of perfect attendance, which include makeups at over 100 different Rotary Clubs. Bob is a PDG (2002-03) and has served the District as Grants Sub-Committee, Polio Plus Sub-Committee Chair and Membership Retention Chair. Bob and his wife Mary Ellen have three grown children and two granddaughters. Outside of work and Rotary, Bob is still active as a long time soccer referee. Both Bob and Mary Ellen are multiple Paul Harris Fellows.

## What Don't We Know? How Will We Find Out?

From June 2008 to February 2015, the number of Rotarians in our district dropped about 15%.

Truth is, Rotary is Rotarians. Without Rotarians, the good Rotary work won't be accomplished. This trend is frightening. At this rate, in less than a generation our district could fold.

At the President Elect Training Session (PETS) at the end of this month, your incoming president will experience the power of doing an in-club survey to find how club members feel about their clubs' effectiveness. Here is a sample list of what a survey could uncover about what your members are thinking:

1. We would like more fun at the meetings
2. The new member orientation/mentoring process is lacking
3. We have just the right mix of speakers but the meetings are too long
4. We need more about our club in the local news
5. The meal is too expensive
6. More members in the club need to get involved
7. We don't like to sell tickets
8. We want a hands-on international project

Rotarians are a special kind of person. Asking them their opinion, regularly, and then acting on the findings is smart.

Make sure your club does a survey!

Erin Zorzi  
District 6330 Membership Chair

## ROTARY LEADERSHIP INSTITUTE

**SHINING WATERS DIVISION**  
(Districts 6330, 7010, 7070, 7080 & 7090)

**Saturday May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2015, at Lambton College, 1457 London Rd. Sarnia, ON. N7S 6K4. 8:30AM to 4:15PM.**

The Rotary Leadership Institute Program consists of three parts, I, II and III, to be taken progressively. Each part is a one day seminar, those taking Part II must have completed Part I; to take Part III, Part II must have been completed. The Parts are divided into 6 modules of approximately 55 minutes each. Attendees register for one part only at a cost of \$75.00 which covers light breakfast, breaks, lunch and materials.

**TO REGISTER: (PRE-REGISTRATION ONLY). Email to [al@allanhardy.ca](mailto:al@allanhardy.ca), and specify Part I, Part II or Part III, indicating that you will bring your check, payable to "R.L.I. District 6330", with you to the seminar.**

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Register on or before Friday April 24<sup>th</sup> 2015.**

**Class size is limited.**

Courses are fun, topical and interactive. They are geared toward busy business and professional community leaders who wish to be knowledgeable about Rotary and be more effective leaders in their Vocation and in their Rotary Club.

Rotary Clubs are encouraged to select at least two candidates for R.L.I. training annually and to pay the registration fee.

For more information please visit [www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org](http://www.rotaryleadershipinstitute.org) or contact:

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## Last Call for District Grant Proposals

The deadline to apply for a 2015/16 District Grant is fast approaching. If your club is planning a local or international project that could use some additional funding a District Grant is the way to go. Login to the Club Runner Grant Module and complete the Initial Request (Proposal) before April 30, 2015. Read "How to Complete a District Grant" and the "District Grant Flow Chart" posted under District Documents for guidance if you are not sure how to go about making the application, or contact DGSC Ken Wilmott at (519) 649-1232 or email him at...[kwilmott@uniserve.com](mailto:kwilmott@uniserve.com)

# Other News

## Rotary Club of St. Thomas

### 61st Music Festival



The 61st St. Thomas Rotary Music Festival ended Feb. 27 with the competitions for the major trophies and awards. This is always a climactic ending for the candidates who excelled and who often plan to further their music careers. It also provides a most rewarding evening for the audience who delight in such professional performances. The students have from the time the “Syllabus” is released in September until mid December for registration. The “Syllabus” is the selection tool for music teachers and students wishing to participate. It establishes classes and standards for music competition and performance. It also provides entrance requirements and information concerning scholarships. The purpose of this festival is to promote musical interest and development across all ages and interest groups. Pictured above from left to right are the five winners for their respective categories: Joanne Chun-flute, Karlee Dowell-vocal, William Alexander-piano, Brendan Alexander-piano, Vanessa-An Tran-saxophone with Rotarian Trudy Kanellis. Congratulations to all!

### District Conference

The busy bees of London North are gearing up for the District 6330 Conference in May. Plan now to attend and visit the great city of London. Guest speakers are lined up, partners tour, lots of shopping, great entertainment and lots and lots of fellowship is on tap. Don't forget your bathing suit and take advantage of the wonderful facilities that the Best Western Lamplighter has to offer! Check out the District 6330 website for more details and to get yourselves registered. Word has just been received that PDG Eugene Fong from Hong Kong will be RI President Gary Huang's official representative!

## Rotary Club of Chesley

### Level 2 Major Donors



On March 06/15 DG Doug had the privilege of attending a tribute to Percy and Jeanette West of the Rotary Club of Chesley. With great honour, Doug presented to them recognition of Level 2 Major Donors. Congratulations!

### Major Donors Honoured at Gala



Five couples were honoured at the Gala Evening in recognition of being major donors. Pictured above with President Gary and Trustee Bryn Styles are J. Drew and Ethel Annable, Dennis and Eileen Dinsmore, Allan and Bernice Hardy, J. Michael and Janet Henry and Aurelio and Otilia Henriques.

# Polio

## *Experiencing National Immunization Days (NID)*

National Immunization Days (NID) continue to be held multiple times each year in many Asian and African countries to vaccinate children from birth to 5 years of age against polio. Rotarian Pat Simone of the Rotary Club of London South, recently returned from a February NID in northern India and relishes the opportunity to share her experiences.

“Working as the Emergency Manager in a local Public Health Unit, I’m reminded of the blessings that we enjoy as Canadians; living in a country with access to many freedoms and established infrastructures ensuring our health, safety and well-being. Through recent experiences with the healthcare system and government supported insurances, I’ve come to realize how we take for granted our ready access to clean water, sanitation and healthcare. While reminiscing about my previous experience as a Group Study Exchange participant to Taiwan 18 yrs. ago, I decided to participate in an NID this year. *Voluntourism* is a cultural exchange that is a chance to test your strength, to get a little scared doing something new and to see your efforts take shape in a very real way. Through Rotary International, I connected with PDG Nancy Barbee of District 7730, North Carolina and joined a team from Barbados, Canada and the States.

India’s population of 1.272 billion people has an estimated 800,000 households without access to latrines. The public health issues that fallout from these statistics are enormous: pollution, wide-spread disease, poverty, no clean water, crime, sexual assault and literacy issues. Although India’s polio eradication program has achieved the status of no longer being an endemic country, huge risks remain. Bordering Pakistan, Nepal and Bangladesh, the government is keenly aware that the current polio free status could change and, consequently, places great importance on annual mass vaccination campaigns where approximately 172 million children, in 20 million households are immunized. All regions maintain a state of readiness to undertake urgent campaigns for polio detection.

We travelled into Muslim and Hindu slums in cities and rural areas and met with medical officers and field monitors who ensured our safety and acted as translators. Children in these areas are often transient, nameless with their exact birthdates being unknown. Names are not recorded (only dose numbers), children’s left pinkie fingers are marked with an indelible pen and an age assessment is done by moving the child’s arm up and over the head to see if they can touch the opposite ear (maturation only allows this to occur beyond age 5)! Still an oral vaccine, India relies on the assistance of Rotarians around the world to promote and provide encouragement during their February vaccination campaign. The local World Health Organization office armed us with these statistics: 2,500,000 vaccinators disperse through 201 high risk districts in India using 225 million doses of live Oral Poliomyelitis Vaccine (OPV) which must be cold-chain maintained (kept refrigerated to a specific temperature to keep the virus alive). India’s government plans to withdraw OPV by 2018, in favour of the injected Inactivated Poliomyelitis Vaccine (IPV) that public health in Canada has long endorsed, thus further minimizing risks associated in the post eradication phase.

It seems so inadequate to say that our team felt honoured and privileged to experience India the way we did. We also had an opportunity to visit some major historic sites, like the Taj Mahal, as well as holy sites, palaces, forts and memorials. During the NID we were hosted by Rotarians in their homes and were graciously entertained and encouraged to embrace their culture, traditions and beliefs. This is a very life altering journey for any Rotarian to experience. I am so thankful for having been a part of it!”

Patricia Simone  
Rotary Club of London South

