

# THE BRIDGE

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

The Rotary Club of Meaford, my club, lost a great Rotarian just before Christmas. He was our Rotarian who always put up his hand when there was a call for volunteers, the one who made a point of being very welcoming to our new Rotarians, providing guidance and support. He was my sponsor. With his family, he housed over a dozen Rotary Youth Exchange Students over the years and provided leadership to the program. He made a positive impact upon many young people's lives and many years later, they would return to visit him. He participated and led many Rotary committees through the years. He served as Club President more than once and was a member of the Scotland Canada Rotary Curling Team. Always positive, always present, dedicated and compassionate, he was the heart of our club. His contributions to the Rotary Club of Meaford and to our community will be remembered and appreciated by many. As a benefactor, his contribution to the endowment fund will continue to support the work that is done in our District. We all know Rotarians like Wayne Kipp.



Please take a moment to thank each other for your dedication, volunteerism and commitment to your community. You juggle jobs, travel, kids, grandkids, other volunteer roles, and all the unexpected things life throws at you with your voluntary work for Rotary and you do this with effortless grace and unwavering commitment. I am grateful for each and every one of you.

So here we are in 2024! Katherine, Lorna and I look forward to supporting you in your initiatives.

INTRODUCING

Rotary's Theme for 2024-25

# THE MAGIC OF ROTARY



Rotary International President-elect Stephanie Urchick  
with District 6330 Governor-elect Katherine Hahn  
and partner Zdenko Andrekovic

It's simply The Magic of Rotary. People can put any verb they want in front of it. Believe in the magic of Rotary. Spread the magic of Rotary. Build on the magic of Rotary. Celebrate the magic of Rotary. There are all kinds of words that we can use.

Rotary International's president-elect, Stephanie Urchick was inspired from a visit to the Dominican. "We were installing a water filter in a home where a family lived. We assembled the water filter and then put dirty water in it so that the family could see that it came out clean. The women learned how to use the filter and we were getting ready to leave when one of the children grabbed my sleeve and said, "Show me that magic again." That caught me, and I thought: It is magic. We're helping create a change in their lives."



[Watch Stephanie's Theme speech here](#)

## Stephanie's Priorities

"Advancing the [Action Plan](#) to grow membership is at the top of my list. I love this organization, just like every member of Rotary whom I meet. I want Rotary to have a future.

[Healing a divided world through Positive Peace](#) is my second priority. There are several ways to get involved. If everyone would live [The Four-Way Test](#) instead of just reciting it, we would have a more peaceful world. I hope clubs will rally around The Four-Way Test and use it in creative ways. Our [Rotary Peace Centers](#) are powerful activators in changing lives. We're opening a new peace center in the Middle East, in Istanbul. In February 2025, we will have a peace conference at that location.

[Continuity](#) is my final priority. That means two things: all of us in leadership positions working with our predecessors and those who follow us. It also means looking at the things that clubs have rallied around and things that have taken root. Just because a president leaves office doesn't mean that you should drop a successful program. What would have happened if Rotary had abandoned its efforts to eradicate polio after Clem Renouf or James Bomar were no longer president?"

# 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 is now open!  
Early Registration ends 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 <https://www.glrpets.org/>





Basic  
Education  
& Literacy



Maternal &  
Child  
Health



Peace &  
Conflict  
Prevention/  
Resolution



Disease  
Prevention  
&  
Treatment



Water,  
Sanitation  
& Hygiene



Community &  
Economic  
Development



Support the  
Environment

# ROTARY MONTHLY THEME

January is

 **Vocational  
Service Month**

**Next Month:  
Peacebuilding and  
Conflict Prevention  
Month**

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

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

The concept of vocational service is rooted in the Second Object, which calls on Rotarians to “encourage and foster”: Those objectives are:

- To encourage and foster high ethical standards in business and professions, to recognise the worthiness of all useful occupations, to dignify the Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.
- To apply the ideal of service in personal, business and community life.
- To advance international understanding and goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of businessmen and professional men and women united in the ideal of service.

During January, Rotarians are encouraged to focus on this important avenue of Rotary service. Discussions on vocational service can lead to projects that not only develop the ethical consciousness and vocational skills of Rotarians but also the talents within their communities. Vocational Service Month is an opportunity to begin year-long vocational service activities, ranging from Rotary discussions to awards to community projects.





## Newsletter Editor- What's Involved?

The Newsletter editor compiles and prepares the stories and articles for the monthly district newsletter.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

Solicit newsworthy items and information from the District Governor, RI, the District Leadership Team, and the District clubs.

Create layout and design in a professional format, consistent with Rotary International branding.

Submit draft in advance of publication to the District Governor for approval.

Distribute Newsletter electronically once a month on a date determined by the District Governor.

Provide the Newsletter to the District Webmaster to upload to the website.

### QUALIFICATIONS:

Working knowledge of graphics software, ie Canva, or other

Experience in writing or preparing documents and editing written documents.

Experience in formatting and editing photos and graphics.

### TERM OF OFFICE:

One year minimum, preferably three years.



## The Public Image/ Relations committee

It's purpose is to be a resource to the district and its clubs to promote the image and ideals of Rotary.

### RESPONSIBILITIES:

·Develop and implement a district public image program that will promote Rotary to the media, community leaders and beneficiaries of Rotary's programs

·Help to ensure the district website portrays a good public image and attractive source of Rotary information

·Assist clubs to learn ways that they can be most effective in their publicity, public relations and communications

·Encourage and role model the use of the RI Brand Center and the RI guidelines for voice and visual identity

·Communicate with the governor and chairs of key committees to stay informed about district projects and activities

·Unabashedly celebrate Rotary achievements in our district

Qualifications  
Active club members in the district who have experience and/or interest in advertising, marketing, public relations, media relations, public speaking, social media, website development or event planning.



## Upcoming District Events

RC of Clio  
Scholarship Euchre  
Tournament  
Jan 19

RC of Goderich  
Chili Cook-off  
Feb 3

Youth Exchange Ski  
Conference  
Feb 7-9

Festival City Rotary  
Club  
Wine Survivor  
Feb 16,

RYLA Seminar  
for Tomorrow's Leaders  
May 10-12

Please send your pictures  
and stories to:  
bridge@rotary6330.org

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



# Membership Minute

Membership Chair Lorna Gunning Fratschko



Has your club established a Membership Goal for 2024? Achieving goals can be challenging, but if a plan is created, you're halfway there.

If your goal is to grow your club, remember that every January, we see a big increase in inquiries about joining Rotary. These prospective members are waiting to hear from you. You can gain a better understanding of how to turn these leads into members by taking the Online Membership Leads course found [here](#)

RI continues to support the membership endeavours of our clubs. The 2023 Multi-District Membership Summit held in Troy, MI on Dec. 8 – 9 was a time of learning, fellowship and recognition of the commitment of Rotary. We are People of Action and our actions are Impactful. A Powerhouse Team of Rotarians was in attendance, including RIPE Stephanie Urchick; RI Director & Treasurer Drew Kessler; RI Director Elect; Chris Etienne; District 6330 DGE Katherine Hahn; District 6330 DGND & District Membership Chair Lorna Gunning Fratschko amongst many other attendees. A busy, informative, fun and impactful weekend where strategies were presented to help Rotarians and their clubs: Increase their Impact, Increase their Reach, Increase Participant Engagement and Increase our Ability to Adapt. Another learning opportunity provided by Rotary International.

Our District 6330 is holding our own in terms of membership – our membership has increased from 1536 members to 1564 members – an increase of 2% since July 1, 2023. Our goal is to have our membership increased by 5% by June 30th. This should result in membership growth for the year. New Membership Models have been developed to ensure the future of Rotary such as Associate and Corporate memberships, passport, satellite and hybrid clubs; these are just some of the innovative, flexible models that clubs have designed recently.

The Interactor Stream in District 6330 is gaining momentum with an Interact Group starting in Maine City last year and Brown City is starting an Interact club this year. This is a wonderful introduction to volunteering for high school students...their first taste of "Service Above Self". AND ...two Rotaract Clubs in London are being activated at this time as well. Thank you to all the club Membership Chairs for all that you are doing.

Thank you to all of the clubs which have booked a Membership Presentation and do not hesitate to contact me should there be any support which your Membership Chair can provide.

# Getting to know... your District Secretary

## Myrna Inglis

After many years of exposure to Rotary through her husband Morgan's membership, his work on a matching grant and hosting 8 exchange students, Myrna joined the Rotary Club of Walkerton in 2013. She initiated and chaired the World's Greatest Meal as an annual fundraiser for Polio Plus for 6 years. Three times, she chaired the very successful fundraising committee for the Garage Tour. Myrna served as District Grants Chair for 4 years and is now the District 6330 Secretary. Myrna is currently a member of the Rotary Global Passport Club. She is a Multiple Paul Harris Fellow and has completed the 3 levels of the Rotary Learning Institute.

Myrna is a retired registered dietitian who spent 42 years working in hospital, community and Long Term Care settings. She has served on the Hospital Foundation Board, as a leader with Girl Guides of Canada and led a medical program for high school students for 10 years. At the end of this year, she is retiring from the local Physician Recruitment and Retention Committee. She and Morgan worked on 5 mission trips to Nicaragua.

After living on a farm for 51 years, she and Morgan have retired to a condo in Walkerton. They have 2 daughters, 2 sons-in-law and 2 grandchildren. Spare time is spent watching CFL football, curling, reading and walking the community trails.





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# WANTED!

**BOOKS IN GOOD CONDITION  
FOR THE ROTARY CLUB OF SARNIA  
BLUEWATERLAND'S BOOK SALE!**

*Sorry we cannot accept Encyclopedias, Text Books or Readers Digest*

**PLEASE DROP OFF YOUR USED BOOKS AT DEGROOT'S NURSERY  
STARTING JANUARY 4TH, 9AM - 5PM.**

**AFTER HOURS DROP OFF BOX LOCATED OUTSIDE.**

**JANUARY 19 & 20 | JANUARY 26 & 27 | 10AM TO 4PM**

**DEGROOT'S NURSERY**

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**Our upcoming sale dates are: January 19 & 20, January 26 & 27, Feb. 9 & 10 and Feb. 16 & 17 and finally Feb. 23 & 24/24.**

This year we have hundreds of Art books, including how-to, famous artists, arts & crafts, and about 200 business books before we even gather this year's children's books, up-to-date authors, and more fiction and non-fiction than we have ever had before.

Priced to sell, any reader will find more than enough reasons to come out to more than one sale. [Click here for more details](#)





25th January. 2024

# Hot Tropical Meaford Knights

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BEHALF OF ROTARY CLUB OF MEAFORD, MEAFORD  
ROTARY HOUSE & THRIFT SHOP AND MEAFORD FOOD  
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BID ON TROPICAL THEMED COLLECTOR JERSEYS  
WITH SPONSOR LOGOS INCLUDING:

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Thank-you for Supporting Community

Raffles, Jersey auctions of special collector edition Jerseys sponsored by: TCEnergy, Brenda Calvert at Royal LePage Locations North, Meaford Culture Foundation, Big Canoe Project, @Ryan's Repairs and Rotary Club of Meaford. Get out to Sheardown's for tropical cocktails and appies (\$1 of proceeds come to the Rotary House!) Bring your Meaford Food Bank and Outreach food donation to fill the net AND be ready to bid on loads of great prizes from The Kitchen, The Dam Pub, The Refillery, McGinty's and Meaford Hall!



# In the District...

## The Rotary Club of Paisley's Splash Pad



## The Port Elgin Rotary Club 50/50 Draw

The Hello Summer Music Fest 50/50 Draw is run by the Port Elgin Rotary Club in support of the Wellness and Recovery Centre Owen Sound.

Not only do you get the chance to win cash and amazing prizes, but you will also be helping to support individuals with addictions and mental health needs.

Find out more and get your tickets now at

<https://www.rafflebox.ca/raffle/rotaryportelgin1>







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team up + fundraise!  
walk | donate | volunteer  
it's cold out there #cnoy24  
[cnoy.org/register](https://cnoy.org/register)

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OF THE YEAR

The Coldest Night of the Year is a winterrific family-friendly fundraising walk in support of local charities serving people experiencing hurt, hunger, and homelessness. Team up, fundraise, walk, and take a moment to **look closer...** because it's cold out there.

**Register a team in your community  
and then share your pics in the March edition of the Bridge**