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THE BRIDGE

Official Newsletter for Rotarians of District 6330
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By the Glass... Our Rotary Motto

Originally approved by Rotary in 1911 as, "He Profits Most Who Serves Best", the phrase summarizes a philosophy of unselfish volunteer service. Over time, other mottos were suggested and in 1989, the Council on Legislation established "Service Above Self" as the principal motto of Rotary.

The phrase reminds Rotarians to think beyond selfish thoughts and consider how they can help others. It's a powerful call to action, emphasizing the importance of selfless service for the greater good.

What does "Service Above Self" mean to you?

Challenges arise when we consider the needs of our communities, the financial resources we have at hand, our expertise and our capacity to meet those needs. We may have differing opinions on priorities, on distribution of funds, on the way we go about the project. Tempers may rise, personalities may clash. That is when it is time to remind ourselves of our 4 way test: Of the things we think, say and do:

DGE Katherine, President-elect Bill Loucks and DG Sonja at Great Lakes PETS main stage in Kalamazoo, MI.

Is it the TRUTH?
Is it FAIR to all concerned?
Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

It may also be time for your club to review your decision making processes. Do you set annual goals? Is it clear who makes decisions about what? Do you do membership surveys to determine what your members want to focus on? All great ways to keep members engaged.

And please, take the time to celebrate your successes and how you and your club give to your community! Thank you for your "Service Above Self"!

MARCH IS...

Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month

"Clean water, sanitation, and hygiene education are basic necessities for a healthy environment and a productive life."

watch Rotary International's video here.

CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CALENDAR OF THEMES AND EVENTS

Rotary District 6330

Rotary HAND UP

Empowering Communities, Transforming Lives!

Hand Up is an association of Rotary Clubs within District 6330 formed around 30 years ago with the goal of providing international humanitarian aid through the use of Global and District Grants by offering a helping hand to those less fortunate than ourselves.

Initially Hand Up focussed on water, economic and maternal health projects in Cameroon. Unfortunately, due to civil unrest and the unstable political climate Hand Up has temporarily suspended operations in this part of Africa.

More recently Hand Up has been implementing similar projects in Guatemala.

You can help by:

- Joining our team.
- Asking your club to donate.
- Making a personal donation to a project. These are eligible for a tax receipt.
- Asking for a speaker from Hand Up to make a presentation to your club on the latest projects and opportunities to help.

To find out more contact:
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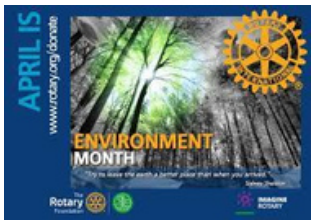
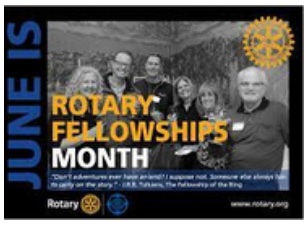
The theme for next month will focus on the ENVIRONMENT

ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES FOR THE YEAR...

Rotary has identified a theme for each month. The monthly themes are meant to highlight the wide range of Rotary's good work and give clubs some suggestions, timing and guidance for their programs and activities.





April -The Environment

May - Youth Services

June - Rotary Fellowships

July - Maternal & Child Health

August - Membership & New Club Development

September - Basic Education and Literacy Month

October - Community Economic & Development

November - Rotary Foundation

December - Disease Prevention & Treatment

January - Vocational Service

February - Peacebuilding & Conflict Prevention

March - Water, Sanitation, & Hygiene

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THE GIFT OF CLEAN WATER FROM DISTRICT 6330

Rotary Club of Stratford's Aqua Box Program

With March being Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Month in the Rotary year I thought I would take advantage and update you on the Aquabox program being operated by The Rotary Club of Stratford.

Did you know that for as little as $30.00 you can provide a family with up to a year's worth of clean drinking water at a time of disaster? Aquabox is a simple gravity fed means of purifying water. Each unit contains two silver impregnated ceramic filters and these filters remove 99.9999% of bacteria and particles as small as .3 microns. Each Aquabox also contains bars of soap, toothbrushes and toothpaste and a solar rechargeable light.

The Aquabox program was started by the Rotary Club of Wirksworth, England in 1992. Our program was started in 2006 after Past District Governor Jim Scott met one of the Wirksworth members while on vacation. Jim brought the idea back to the club and it has been a major program of our club ever since. To date we have built almost 15,000 Aquaboxes and they have gone to 18 countries ranging from A to V. Antigua to Vanuatu.

Like almost all programs, fundraising and controlling costs are key. We are very fortunate in that we have received District grants as well as our club, The Rotary Club of Stratford, donates $5000.00 a year to the program. By working with the aid organization Global Medic all the Aquaboxes that we build are delivered to disaster locations around the world and Global Medic also supplies set up instructions on site. Last year we built one thousand Aquaboxes, the year before fifteen hundred. We'd like to meet the latter number again and you and your club can help. All funds go to building Aquaboxes so if your club needs a WASH project, please consider Aquabox. **For a donation of $300.00 or more we will put your club's name on the Aquaboxes you have funded. For a donation of $1000.00 you and your club can help build them. All donations are gratefully accepted and if you want, we will do a presentation for your club, either virtually or if within a reasonable driving distance, in person.**

So remember Aquabox… A gift of clean water-A gift of life.

To find out how your club can support this important project click here.

It's time to start planning for 2024-2025

District Grants

District Grants can provide up to $3000USD and can support projects such as:

- **Local or international service projects.**
- **Scholarships for any educational level.**
- **Youth Projects, Rotary Friendship Exchange.**
- **Microcredit activities when working with a registered microfinance institution that has operated for at least three years to administer loan programs.**

If your club is qualified and your District Grant Application is approved, you could receive $3000 back in grant funds on a $9000USD project. So, start some conversations with your club members.Get ideas! What do YOU want to do this coming Rotary year in your local or international community? If you have any questions please contact: Pat Cavan District Grants Chair patriciacavan@gmail.com

Get full details here

District Learning Assembly

Sat. May 4th, 1:00 -5:00pm via Zoom

The District Learning Assembly is focused on Learning, Leadership, and Fun and is designed to help current and "-elect" officers accelerate from now through the start of the new program year on July 1.

THE MAGIC OF ROTARY

For new Rotarians, the District Learning Assembly is a unique opportunity to meet experienced Rotarians, learn more about how your club functions, and demystify all of those Rotary acronyms.

Your club leaders will be receiving detailed information shortly.

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DISTRICT 6330

Upcoming District Events

RC of Stratford
50 Shades of Grape
Wine Tasting
Mar 25

Genesee Valley
Hockey Night Fundraiser
Flint vs Sarnia
Mar 23

Commit Fashion Show
April 12

RC of Stratford
Home & Leisure Show
Apr 13-14

RC of Stratford
Rural Urban Dinner
Apr 18

RC of St.Marys
98th Rural Urban
Dinner
Apr 18

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.

District Treasurer- What's Involved?

The District Finance Committee supervises district funds by reviewing and studying the amount of per capita levy and district administration expenses. It also prepares annual reports on the status of the district's finances. The district treasurer serves on this committee RESPONSIBILITIES •In cooperation with the Governor Elect, create a district budget for consideration by clubs and approval by PE's at the ABM •Review and recommend the amount of per capita levy •Ensures accounts are promptly paid •Ensure proper records are kept by district for all District committees •Prepare annual financial reports for the District

QUALIFICATIONS You are a Rotarian in good standing, and must be a member in a club of District 6330. You are experienced in finance or business accounting procedures and the handling of funds. Ideally, you have an accounting designation of some type. You have a keen eye for detail and like ensuring things are in order.

TERM OF OFFICE:

One year minimum, preferably three years.

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.

HELP WANTED

OTHER DISTRICT SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

International Service Committee

Membership Committee Members

Social Media Committee Members

New Generations Service Exchanged Committee Chair

Please reach out to Katherine Hahn for more information
katherine.hahn@rotarystratford.com

Rotary

SERVICE AND ENGAGEMENT

Rotary offers you the chance to engage with a global community and make a positive difference. Make the most of your membership through the many activities and programs available to our Rotary family.

BUILD INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS AND MAKE NEW FRIENDS

Join a **Rotary Fellowship** to explore your interests and hobbies with fellow members.

Take part in **Rotary Friendship Exchange** to discover new cultures and make friends all over the world.

Foster intercultural understanding through an **intercountry committee.** An ICC promotes peace and friendship and strengthens relationships between countries.

Attend a **project fair** to find an international service effort to support.

PLAN BETTER PROJECTS

- Sponsor a **Rotary Community Corps** to engage local residents and businesses and build broad support for your project both now and for the future.
- Work with your **district community service chair** to develop service projects that address needs in your region.
- Collaborate with experts from a **Rotary Action Group** or lend your own skills to ensure that service efforts have a lasting impact.
- Work with your **district international service chair** to find resources and local expertise to help you plan sustainable, successful projects and grants. Find experts in project planning, Rotary's areas of focus, and Rotary grants in the district resource network.

USE ONLINE TOOLS TO MAKE A GREATER IMPACT

Rotary's Service Project Toolkit consists of **Discussion Groups, and Rotary Showcase** — resources that can contribute to the success of any service project, from inception to completion.

Join or start a conversation related to a Rotary topic in **Discussion Groups.**

Share your project successes on **Rotary Showcase** to inspire others.

COLLABORATE WITH ROTARY'S PARTNERS ON SERVICE PROJECTS

- **Ashoka** to find creative solutions to social problems
- **Habitat for Humanity** to build strength, stability, and self-reliance through shelter
- **Mediators Beyond Borders** to work toward peaceful resolutions for communities in conflict
- **Peace Corps** to promote peace and community development
- **ShelterBox** to provide immediate relief following a disaster

RYLA

Seminar for Tomorrow's Leaders

MAY 10th -12th

2024

RYLA is a global leadership program hosted by Rotary Clubs. Each year, numerous young leaders, invited and sponsored by Rotary Clubs, join this exceptional program. Rotary Clubs and Districts cover all participant expenses. The event, ranging from seminars to camps, fosters learning, discussions, and practical leadership skills.

Visit here to see how programs like RYLA promote peace through service and engagement

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Club of St. Marys

98TH ANNUAL

RURAL URBAN NIGHT

APRIL 19, 2024

FEATURING
Hon. Rob Black Senator for Ontario

PYRAMID RECREATION CENTRE

SOCIAL AT 5 p.m.

DINNER AT 6:30 p.m.

$65

Huron Shores Catering Services

Tickets available from any Rotarian, The Hitching Post, Delmar Foods and Stonetown Travel or www.rotarystmarys.ca

View Details here

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