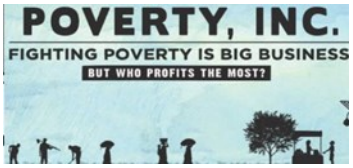
June 2018 From District Governor Rick Caron... **Issue #12 2017-18**

One would think that in this last month of the Rotary year we would be running on auxiliary power, but not so for Star Fleet D6400. We are going out at warp speed. I will be at LaSalle's Movie Night under the Stars on June 1 and at Windsor (1918)'s Art in the Park on June 2-3. Then, I will be engaged in meetings / events at Windsor (1918), Woodhaven-Brownstown, Adrian, Dearborn Heights, Canton, Monroe, Harrow, Taylor, Grosse Pointe, Roseland, Adrian AM, and Plymouth. And those are just the club events. There are also four special events to which everyone is invited:

The Windsor (1918) Centennial Speaker Series has its third speaker on June 11. Sarah Wolf is a registered midwife, nurse and founding director of *Seventh Generation Midwives Toronto (SGMT).* Sara is Anishnawbe (Ojibway) with family ties to the Brunswick House First Nation, Nishnawbe Aski Nation. SGMT has collaborated on research focused on indigenous families during pregnancy and after the birth. The talk is on June 11 at 5:30 – 7:45 PM at the Caboto Club in Windsor. We ask you to register and pay (CDN $25) in advance.

Ralph Zuke, president of the Rotary Club of Fairview Heights, is riding a rickshaw from St. Louis to Toronto to raise polio awareness. He will be riding from Ann Arbor to the Windsor (1918) Centennial Plaza on June 14 arriving at about 1:30 PM. Please join us to give Ralph a Super District 6400 Reception. Keep checking our website and FB pages for more details as we finalize our plans. We hope to welcome him as he enters D6400 and maybe have some ride-along companions in the US and in Canada. In Canada, he will ride from the Huron Church and College parking lot to the plaza.

On the 13th, Taylor and Trenton are hosting a showing of POVERTY, INC., followed by a panel discussion. This movie will change your perspective on how to design a project that helps, rather than hinders local economic development. I'm happy to say that RI does it right with its insistence on a needs assessment and sustainability. Follow this link for more and join us.



With June being the last month of the Rotary year, we all look forward to Meet the Governor Night (MTGN) in Harrow on the 19th. This very well attended District event hosted by the Rotary Club in Harrow will give us a wonderful opportunity for a bit of Rotary "*pomp and circumstance*", a lot of Rotary fellowship, a chance to review past experiences, and, most importantly, a chance to be energized by 2018-2019 Governor Paul Sincock as we **Pursue the Dream** under his leadership to **Be the Inspiration** to the world.

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Hot on the heels of MTGN will be the Rotary International Convention in Toronto. The current registration shows that we will have 105 D6400 Rotarians. A few of us will be travelling on the Rotary train on June 23 (Thank you, Paula Talbot) and many more of us will be together at the Chelsea hotel (Thank you, Michelle Fitzgerald and Christine Young). And, hopefully, we will all be at the Vault at 1 King Street for the D6400 Cocktail reception and food stations (Thank you, Elvira DiGesu-Iarusso). You must register in advance for this fun evening. The cost is CDN $52.

And, when the Convention is over, I will head to the cottage Wendy and we will have our phasers on fun, with plans for evening soaks in the hot tub looking at the Milky Way reminiscing about all the stars of D6400.

Live Long & Prosper

DG Rick

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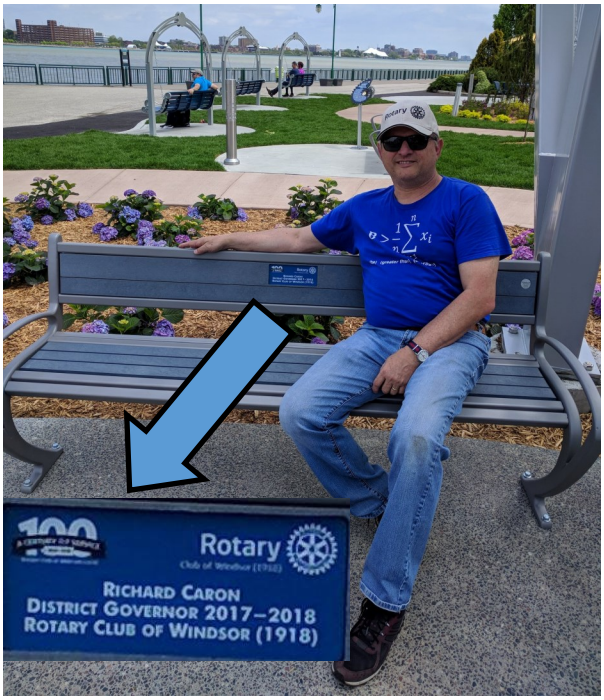

From DG Rick, May 19th at Windsor (1918)'s new Centennial Plaza—"Here is me on my bench. The strange look on my face reflects my state of shock and the deep emotions I am feeling as I am just understanding that Wendy arranged this honour some long time ago and kept it secret until today. And kudos to Brenda Cohen, Janet Kelly and Maureen Lucas for keeping the secret!"

Rotary International President Ian Riseley and his wife, PDG Juliet, were the guests of honour for Windsor (1918)'s Centennial Gala Saturday, May 12th. (Below, L-R) Wendy & DG Rick Caron, President Ian & Juliet, Nick Krayacich and Past Rotary International Vice-President Jennifer Jones.

Livonia Rotarians and community members are hard at work building the beautiful Universal Playscape at Livonia Rotary Park.

Clubs in Communities

(Above Left) Huron Township awarded $1,000 Rotary Scholarships to Garrett Dulecki, Spencer Williams, Logan Russell, Daniel Kessler, Dylan Offman, and Stephanie Yeager. Hailey Boyer, Hannah Mc Keen, Cayman Schefsky, and Connor Watters won $500 scholarships. (Above Right) Club members and their families helped build a new Playscape in Berlinn Park.

Former WDIV-TV personality and community advocate Chuck Gaidica was the guest speaker at Plymouth Rotary's May 18th meeting.

The Rotary Club of LaSalle Centennial is hosting these environmental events.

WHAT'S ACCEPTED? All electronics, including monitors, TVs, printers, copiers, computers, and related equipment.

Bring your clothing donations to the **"Clothes for the Common Good"** Clothing Drive which Supports the Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy

All clothing must be in bags.

Join us for Electronic Recycling and Clothing Drive

Saturday, June 2 and Sunday, June 3

10 a.m - 4 p.m.

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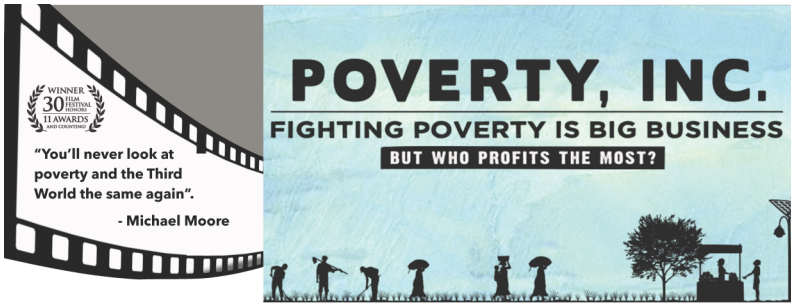
More Tree Plantings and Park Clean-ups!

On May 24th, Windsor (1918) Rotarians dedicated the new, beautiful red oak tree that has been planted at Willistead Park in honour of the 40th Anniversary of Art in the Park Windsor. Art in the Park will run on Saturday, June 2nd from 10:00am to 5:00pm and Sunday from 10:00am to 5:00pm. Randy Winters, chair of Art in the Park, lead the dedication.



Winner of over 60 International Film Festival Honors

Free Screening

Drawing from over 200 interviews filmed in 20 countries, "POVERTY, INC.", unearths an uncomfortable side of charity *we can no longer ignore.*

From TOMs Shoes to international adoptions, from solar panels to U.S. agricultural subsidies, this film challenges each of us to ask the tough question:

Could I be part of the problem?

"Compulsory viewing for anyone interested in social issues".

- Rathna Ramamurthi

FILM SCREENING & PANEL DISCUSSION

Join us for a public screening of the multi-award winning documentary film "Poverty, Inc." followed by a 30 minute panel discussion with Dr. Marilyn Fitzgerald, author of 'If I Had a Water Buffalo'.

DATE: Wednesday, June 13, 2018

TIME: 6:00pm movie (90 minutes) followed by panel discussion

LOCATION: Wayne County Community College District - Downriver Heinz C. Prechter Educational and Performing Arts Center
21000 Northline Rd. Taylor, MI

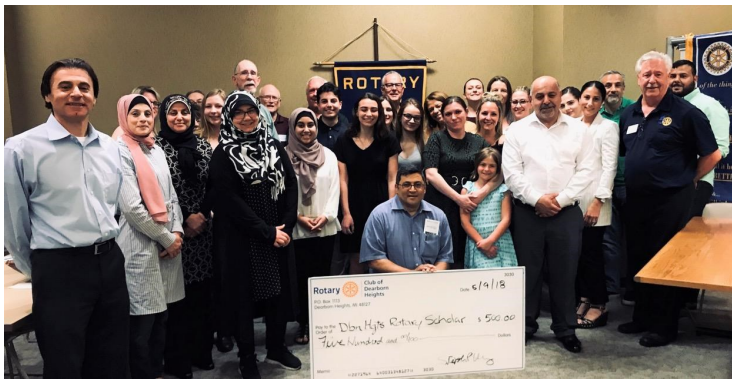
WHO SHOULD ATTEND?
Service Oriented Groups, Faith Based Organizations, Humanitarian Mission Groups, Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis Clubs and anyone who is or plans to be involved with charitable projects.

Sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Taylor and Trenton
For additional information: 1(888) 640-5454

Northville Rotary Club
Tour de Ville
Saturday, June 23, 2018

Dearborn Heights awards scholarships and honors community heroes!

At its annual scholarship dinner May 9th, it gave away 5 renewed scholarships, 7 new scholarships. At a regular May lunch meeting, it celebrated the Dearborn Heights Police Department in recognition of National Police Week (May 13 - 19) and the Dearborn Heights Fire Department in recognition of National Firefighters Day (May 4)



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It was a screeching good time at the St. Clair College Centre for the Arts for this year's sold out 34th Annual Lobsterfest, sponsored by Windsor-Roseland Rotary. The night began with the Celtic sounds of Mark Crampsie and Cameron Rankin, followed by a sumptuous buffet including the signature fresh whole lobster. After dinner local celebrities were put through the paces of the "Screeching In Ceremony" officiated by Veronique Mandal. The celebrities recited the poem, sipped the Screech and Kissed the COD fish. Dancing followed, with music by Bigg Wiggle.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF HARROW PRESENTS

RUBBER DUCK DERBY

Saturday June 9th

Race starts at 12:30PM

Colchester Harbour

100 Jackson Street, Harrow

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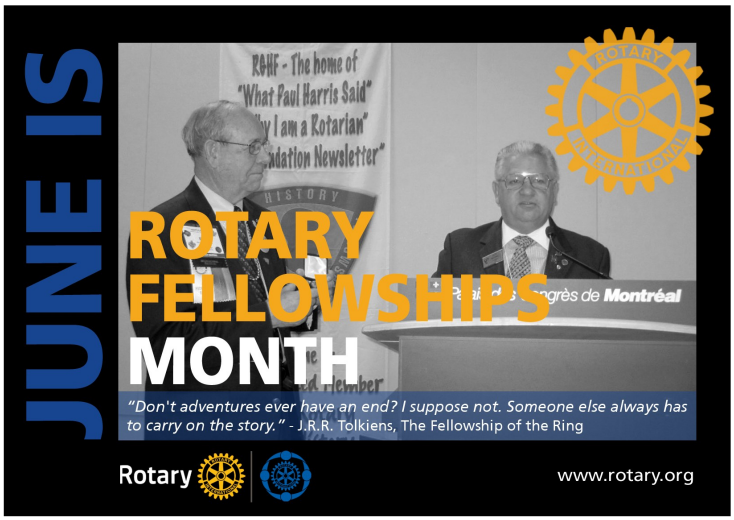
Rotary District 6400

Calendar
With clickable links

- Saturday & Sunday, June 2 & 3—Windsor (1918)'s annual "Art in the Park," Willistead Park, 10am-5pm
- Sunday, June 3—The U12 Caboto United Boys are collecting new or gently used soccer apparel and equipment for less privileged children in Ghana. Donated gear will be distributed through Dr. Godfrey Bacheyie and the Clean Water Project. Fogolar Furlan Club in Windsor, 9am-2pm
- Saturday, June 9—Harrow Rotary Rubber Duck Derby, Colchester Harbour, 12:30pm
- Wednesday, June 13—"Poverty, Inc." film screening, Wayne County Community College-Downriver, 6:00pm
- Saturday, June 16—Flat Rock Rotary's "Pedal Level Pebble", First United Congregational Church, 11:00am
- Tuesday, June 19—*Meet the Governor Night*, Portuguese Camoes Club, Harrow, Ontario, reservations must be submitted through your club, 5:30pm
- June 22-23—Rotary Peacebuilding Summit, Metro Toronto Convention Center, Registration fee $150.00. Details at http://www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/rotary-peacebuilding-summit
- June 23-27, Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Ontario. For more information, http://www.riconvention.org/en
- Saturday, June 23—Northville Rotary's Tour de Ville, downtown Northville, registration begins 7:00am
- Sunday, June 24—Livonia Rotary 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run at "Spree 68", Livonia Senior Center, 8:30am

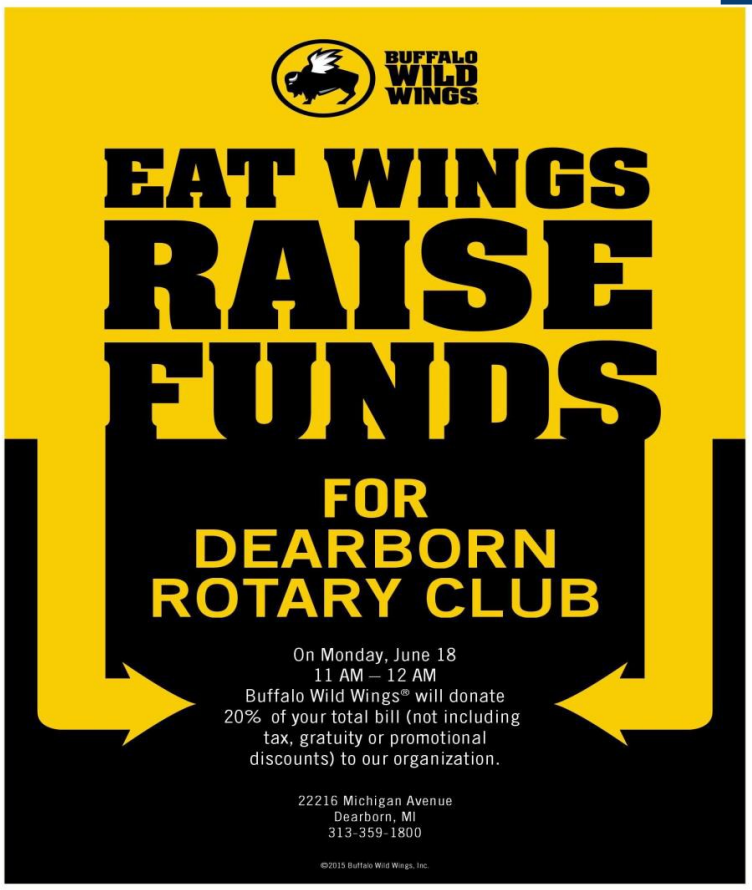
Rotary Fellowships are international groups that share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends around the world, explore a hobby or profession, and enhance your Rotary experience. The hundreds of Rotary Fellowships are open to Rotarians, family members, and program participants and alumni.

To learn more about Rotary Fellowships, click here. And take a moment to see what the International Travel & Hosting Fellowship has planned around the Toronto Convention by clicking here.



Trenton Rotary's Roar On The River July 20-22

Some of the scholarship winners from Belleville Rotary's annual awards banquet May 15th. Recipients were Congratulations to this year's recipients: Nina Hardy, Shelby Ostrewich, Davis Mears, Erika Nofz, Noah Copeland, Alexandria Long and Alec Emerson



Boldly go with the crew of Starfleet D6400

Captain William T. Bruck

Starship Monroe

How many years have you been a Rotarian and what positions have you held?

Started attending late 2013 and became a member in Jan 2014, I am now the President of the club.

How has your profession helped you with Rotary or how has Rotary helped you with your profession?

As a new business owner, It was a great way to engage other community movers & shakers. Prior to becoming a business owner, I did not get engaged in the community outside the few organizations I was in. Rotary opened up an entirely new arena of service organizations, I was introduced to major people in my community and I get to work on great projects to help our local community.

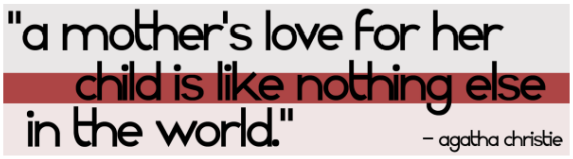
What was your Rotary "To Boldly Go" moment (when did you step out of your comfort zone or how do you plan to do it this year?

My boldly go moment was the night of our Peace conference. We had 2 judges and Jennifer Jones scheduled to present and it was a well published event for community participants. The day of the event, which was being held at the Monroe county Community College Theater, a person cut a tree down and knocked out power to the entire college complex. Unbeknownst to us the college cancelled all events for the day, and the local newspaper put out that the event was cancelled. When we found out we could not conduct the program at the college, and that the News had put out it was cancelled, I was faced with a choice – cancel or reschedule? So, I chose a 3rd choice – continue on and make it happen! We decided to change the location, reorganize the setup slightly, and make it happen. Our 1st Peace conference was almost the one that didn't happen. But our members, staff at the country club and my refusal to admit defeat allowed the conference to be a success in our community.

What and/or who brought you to Rotary and what keeps you here?

During my first visit to a rotary meeting, I was impressed that the group sang a patriotic song, and pledged to the Flag. Honestly this impressed me very much, because of my Veteran background. I thought to myself, this is a really cool group of people. Then I found out the service oriented structure of the organization, and coupled with the fact that all the members are great patriots as well, keep me there.

What person has had the biggest impact on your life?



Myself – Without the failures I've experienced, I would not know how to succeed. But, seriously, my mother – she endured so much to have done and endured so much raising 8 kids on macaroni and oatmeal…

If you were on a desert island what 3 things would you like to have with you?

A knife; A calculator; A shovel

What is your proudest achievement in life?

Serving my country, during my 3 combat tours to Iraq & Afghanistan I truly learned what it means to serve. I have 8 children also, but without having served my country – what is that worth?

Which cartoon character is your favorite and why?

Conan the Barbarian – I loved the aspect of an independent type hero.

Without Rotary, I would have never…

Realized what it really means to be involved in the community at so many various levels.

At the Rotary Club of Windsor (1918) Centennial Plaza Ribbon Cutting Tuesday, May 29th. Featured are His Worship, Mayor Drew Dilkens and the club leadership.

(Top Right) Windsor-Roseland welcomed its newest member at their May 29th meeting—Mara Riccardi, the wife of past president Greg. (L-R) District Governor Rick Caron, Greg Riccardi, Mara Riccardi, current president Anne Chetty and past president Sam Dragich. (Below Right) Northville Rotary president John Kelly welcomes the club's newest member, Luis Gomezdelcampo, during the club's Tuesday, May 22nd meeting.

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