

**May 2018** 

From District Governor Rick Caron...

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It's Sunday afternoon, I'm sitting in my office, thinking about a guestion that several people have asked me in the last month. The question is usually preceded by the observation that the Rotary year is winding down. The question is implicit in the statement, "You must be looking forward to the end of the year!". My usual answer is that I have enjoyed the entire year and that I look forward to the next two months. The last five days (April 18 – 22) demonstrate what I enjoy about being governor.

Wednesday evening, I joined Windsor-Walkerville to hear Pickering, Ontario Rotarian John Currie, the Executive Director of Honouring Indigenous Populations. HIP was created by Rotarians in Southern Ontario in partnership and consultation with indigenous people. They are honouring indigenous people by supporting their educational efforts and encouraging all Canadians to be aware of indigenous issues, history and culture. I was so pleased to see both participation by Rotarians from several clubs and the continuing commitment of Windsor-Walkerville to projects related to our indigenous populations. Service and Fellowship – the cornerstones of a successful Rotary Club.

On Thursday evening I was at LaSalle Centennial to learn about human trafficking in Windsor-Essex. Another great seminar on an important topic engaging Rotarians from several Area 9 & 10 clubs. Not only did we have a great talk from an Ontario Provincial Police expert, LaSalle Rotary reached out to the University's ENECTUS chapter to engage them in conversations about their related projects. Rotary makes connections, Rotary brings fellowship, and Rotary tackles large problems.



On Friday night I joined the RC of Huron Township for the Mother-Son Superhero Dance (see more on page 4). The Father-Daughter Dance, held earlier in the year, was so successful that the community asked for a Mother-Son event, and the club responded. To see the young boys dancing, enjoying themselves and having fun with their friends and mothers was rejuvenating. Terri Riopelle made sure I joined in the fun and had me trying to line dance for the second time Ithe year; the first time was at the Allen Park Rodeo event (I still suck

at dancing, but I will try again!).

On Friday, Saturday, and Sunday I attended the "Peace in the Streets" conference (see page 6). This event of the Rotary Clubs of Detroit and Ann Arbor, and the Rotaract Club of Detroit, with support from so many other clubs in and outside of our District, was excellent. After the conference, I felt like I had been looking at peace issues through an opaque window. This conference opened

the window and I learned about peace from speakers that had lived through personal pain and responded, not with hate, but with love. And, now, they help so many others. Every session I attended brought a tear, inspiration and admiration.



So, how can I say I am looking forward to the end of my year as governor? Every day, from beginning to end has improved my life. This last weekend is just a snapshot of what I have experienced all year. I applaud each and everyone one of you for your commitment to Rotary and, therefore, to humanity. In a few days we will celebrate all that you have accomplished during the past year. I look forward to seeing you there. Until then, sit back and enjoy another excellent "News and Notes" created and edited by PDG Sue and PDG Bruce!

Live Long & Prosper 🖈

DG Rick

The Rotary Club of Learnington was proud to have 6 longstanding members recognized at an official awards event that took place in Windsor on April 8th, 2018.

Providing recognition for years of volunteering services is important and the Ontario Volunteer Service Awards, an arm of the Ministry of Citizenship and Immigration, each year honours individuals who have provided continuous volunteer service to their community.

Award ceremonies disseminate across Ontario from March through June and this year 45 events will cover 34 different communities in order to honour more than 9,000 Ontarians.

Volunteers from Windsor & Essex County attended the event and each recipient was awarded an Ontario Trillium service pin and a personalized certificate to acknowledge their many years of dedicated volunteer service.

Rotary Club of Leamington

2018 Recipients

10 years: Ann Robertson-Siegel, Ray Chesterfield 25+years: Wies Wrobel 30+ years: Ralph Will 35 years: John Edwards 35+years: Jim Samson (Right) John Edwards, Ann Robertson-Siegel, and Jim Samson



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The Rotary Clubs of Windsor St. Clair and Leamington were on hand to improve the safety of migrant workers through the installation of 280 rear bike lights during the Migrant Workers Health & Information Fair, held Sunday, April the 22nd at the Roma Club. Well over 350 migrant workers attended.



Pictured above: Char Houle, President Renee Daudlin-lacobelli, Wendy Parsons, Diane Samson, Sandra Morley, Laura Lucier, (in front) Rotary Club of Leamington Exchange Student, Maria Fernanda.





### **Welcome New Members!**

DGE Paul Sincock installed new members Erick Kostoff and Dan Hyman during an April Plymouth Rotary meeting. (L-R) Club President Kent Early, Rich Eisiminger - Erick's sponsor, Eric Kostoff, Dan Hyman and Bill Ventola standing in for Cam Miller who is Dan's Sponsor.





(Left) DG Rick in Canton with new member Sarah Maiga's sponsor Lisa Kennedy, Sarah and Canton President John Kowalski. (Right) Adrian President Nate Smith, new member Bob Behnke (Superintendent of Adrian Public Schools) and Past Assistant Governor Mary Murray,



(Below Left) Westland Rotary Club President Maria Mitter installed two new members: Shelley Holt, Wayne-Westland School District Superintendent and Patty Mroz of "Auto One Glass & Accessories. (Below Right) Monroe club president Bill Bruck (left) and Bruce Diven (right) induct new member Stephen Grech, with 34 years of experience in the financial industry and current President and CEO of the Monroe County Community Credit Union.



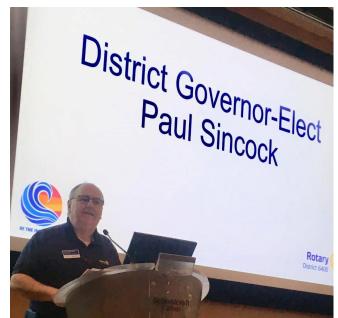


Northville Rotary Club inducted new members Dr Thea Lewis Conway and Jeff Robbins at its April 24th meeting.





# **District Assembly 2018**





200 Rotarians from nearly every club attended the 2018 District Assembly April 14th at Schoolcraft Collge in Livonia. Two dozen Rotarians led fifteen breakout sessions organized by district trainers Sue & Bruce Goldsen; DGE Paul Sincock provided an opening address on the need for clubs to "change the way we operate," and (below) 2019-20 Governor John Chambers and his district trainer, current Governor Rick Caron, provided the 2019-20 club presidents with their first training session.



(Right) Huron Township Rotarians donned their favorite superhero costume April 21st when the club sponsored its Mother / Son "Superhero" Dance Event, featuring pizza, soft drinks, photo booths, portrait booth, raffle prizes, a DJ, dancing, and boys running around everywhere. All of the families in attendance had lots of fun! For more great photos, check out the club's Facebook page here.







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Rotary International's
Structured Programs for Youth
Service are: Interact, Rotaract,
Rotary Youth Leadership
Awards, and Youth Exchange.
The month of May is
designated as "Youth Service
Month" to focus on all Rotary
activities that support the
development of young people
up to the age of 30.

LaSalle Centennial Rotary's Big Hats & High Tea fundraiser took place at the Essex Golf & Country Club Sunday, April 29th









# HERO'S HALL

23156 King Rd. Brownstown, MI

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Email: chiefahles@aol.com

Tickets: \$35 Advance/\$40 Door (SPECIAL: 4 for \$120)

**DINNER - COMEDY SHOW - BEER/WINE & SOFT DRINKS** 

DOORS OPEN 6:30 pm - SHOWTIME 8 pm

### **Peace In The Streets**

Detroit and Ann Arbor Rotarians, in conjunction with Wayne State University and its Rotaract club sponsored the first "Peace In The Streets" event Saturday, April 21st at the WSU School of Law

Featured was a history of the Megiddo Peace Table, Keynote Presentation "My Story" by Barbara Jones.



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Concurrent workshops were held on skill-building and aspects of peaceful schools.

The afternoon highlight was a trip to the Birwood Wall with comments by noted social historian Jamon Jordan and local community activists about the policies that justified racial polarization and how residents lived in northwest Detroit.

(Above) Participants formed a human chain of hands symbolizing unity at Birwood St and 8 Mile Road in Detroit. (Left) DG14 Liz Smith found a mural that "spoke to her."

Amherstburg Rotarian Hazen Price (right) recently had a double-celebration: 70 years as a Rotarian in District 6400, and his 95th birthday! Hazen was honoured last month by club president Dan Hunt and his fellow club members, and featured in a full page story in the Windsor Star! Congratulations Hazen—who also has the distinction of having attended EVERY Meet the Governor night in Harrow since its inception over 62 years ago!



Taylor Rotary sponsored its annual "Sweet Charities" Derby party April 26th—Governor Rick, DGND Noel Jackson and Dean of AGs Paula Talbot were among those who joined in the fun! (Far right) Taylor President Therese Maggioncalda, Kurt Sebaly from Penrickton Center for the Blind, AG Paula and DG Rick!





### **Club Events**



of 25 college scholarships to students from Dearborn schools.

(Below) At an April meeting, Dearborn Rotary celebrated the award

(Above) Dearborn Heights Rotarians had a great time during their Polynesian Paradise dinner April 14th

### Attract and engage members by offering professional development

Looking for ideas to support your club's goals for cultivating future Rotary leaders? Consider improving members' skills with a professional development program. Use our Leadership in Action guide to explore creative ways to design and promote your course or program. Discuss how your club can maximize the program's impact, such as by opening it to nonmembers to stir community interest. You can also discuss how to help other clubs start a similar program. Download the Leadership in Action leader's guide for the suggested curriculum.



Can you recruit a student 15.5 to 18 years of age who is interested in learning a new culture, language and having an experience of a lifetime?

Now is the time to start recruiting potential students, before school recesses for the summer. Applications



are due September 30th for Outbound Youth Exchange students for the 2019-20 school year.

Contact District Youth Exchange Chair Chuck Parsons for more information: youthexchange6400@gmail.com

### **Rotary** District 6400

### Calendar With clickable links

- Thursday, May 3-Sunday, May 6, 2018—District 6400 Conference, Grand Hotel, Mackinac Island, **Click here** for information & to register
- Friday, May 4—Leadercast Detroit sponsored by Wyandotte Rotary & Baker College. Click here for tickets.
- Thursday, May 10—Grand Opening of Windsor-St. Clair Rotary's Children's Green House, 3901 Connaught Street on the grounds of Hotel Dieu-Grace Healthcare.
- Saturday, May 12—Windsor (1918) 100th Anniversary Gala featuring Rotary Int'l President lan & Juliet Riseley and Past R.I. Vice-President Jennifer Jones & Nick Krayacich, Greek Orthodox Church in Windsor. This event is soldout!
- Friday, May 25—"Lobsterfest" sponsored by Windsor-Roseland Rotary, St. Clair College for the Arts, 201 Riverside Drive West, Windsor, click here for tickets, 6:00pm
- June 22-23—Rotary Peacebuilding Summit, Metro Toronto Convention Center, Registration fee \$150.00. Details at http:// www.riconvention.org/en/toronto/rotarypeacebuilding-summit
- June 23-27, Rotary International Convention, Toronto, Ontario. For more information, http:// www.riconvention.org/en

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## **Tree Planting for Earth Day, Arbor Day**

(Right) Responding to
Rotary Int'l President Ian
Riseley's tree-planting
challenge, Plymouth A.M.
Rotarians and their families
planted about 20 dry root
trees around a local school
grounds for Earth Day, April
22nd.















(Above) Northville Rotarians, including exchange student Marie and some family members/partners helped out with the April "Spring cleanup" of Rotary Club of Northville Park. (Left) Belleville Rotary got together to plant 10 trees April 25th on Tyler Road by the water tower. (Below) Huron Township planted with DTE Energy Foundation.



# (More) Tree Planting for Earth Day, Arbor Day







Adrian Morning

District Tree Planting and Windsor (1918) Centennial Hub Park Dedication





# The State of Rotary's Membership -- presentation now available

Rotary's members are our greatest assets. When our membership is strong, our clubs are more vibrant, Rotary has greater visibility, and our members have more resources to help communities flourish.

In our new presentation, the <u>State of Rotary's Membership</u>, you'll learn who is joining — and who is leaving — and the opportunities we all have to make membership a top priority.

We've designed this presentation to be shared: You can easily regionalize the speaker notes in this 15-slide PowerPoint to create a custom presentation for Rotarians.

Watch a recording of the presentation with narration on our Vimeo channel.

Lots of fun at Livonia
Rotary's "Reverse Raffle"
fundraiser Monday night,
April 23rd, where the last
number drawn won the big
prize. The club sold 260
tickets at \$130.00 each for
a final prize of \$3,000!





It was all youth at Windsor-Roseland's April 24th club meeting, where the focus was on Rotary's future leaders: RYLA, Interact, and Scholarships.

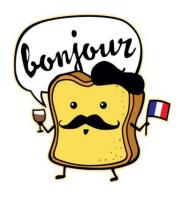


# Boldly go with the crew of Starfleet D6400

# Captain Jeff Adams Starship Livonia A.M.

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

I have proudly been a Rotarian for 4 years and counting.



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

I think my profession has helped me the most when it comes to budgeting for projects really. I'm in Financial Services to small business owners, however, I don't really solicit members for business, I'm mainly here for the community involvement and French Toast.

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?

Taking the lead on the few projects we've done and lining up interesting complete strangers to come in and be a guest speaker to our club. You'd think with my career I'd be a natural at engaging complete strangers but really, I'm not and I tend to work with people I know.

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

Roger Moore, I was working as an independent contract for his insurance agency when he invited me to breakfast one morning, he did tell me it was his rotary club, but he mention free breakfast, so I was in. I liked what the Livonia AM club was doing in town and stuck around to be a part of their success.





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

Some sun screen, a hat, and coconut radio.





### What person has had the biggest impact on your life?

- 1. Is it the TRUTH?
- 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
- 3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
- 4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

My Dad, he wasn't a Rotarian, but he instilled in me the same values of the 4 way test growing up, along with always pushing me to try. You'll never know what you can do unless you try.

### What is your proudest achievement in life?

To date, my family, my wife and 3 great kids, they continue to support me and the club in all that we do, and I couldn't ask for anything more than that.

#### Which cartoon character is your favorite and why?

Scooby-doo, I grew up in the 80's and to this day it's still my favorite cartoon to watch with or without my kids.

#### Without Rotary, I would have never...

Been a part of a great group of people on the club level, but also on the District level. I like the fact that we are people of action in our area.



# Leadercast <

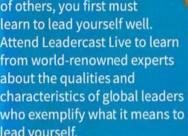


May 4th, 2018

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