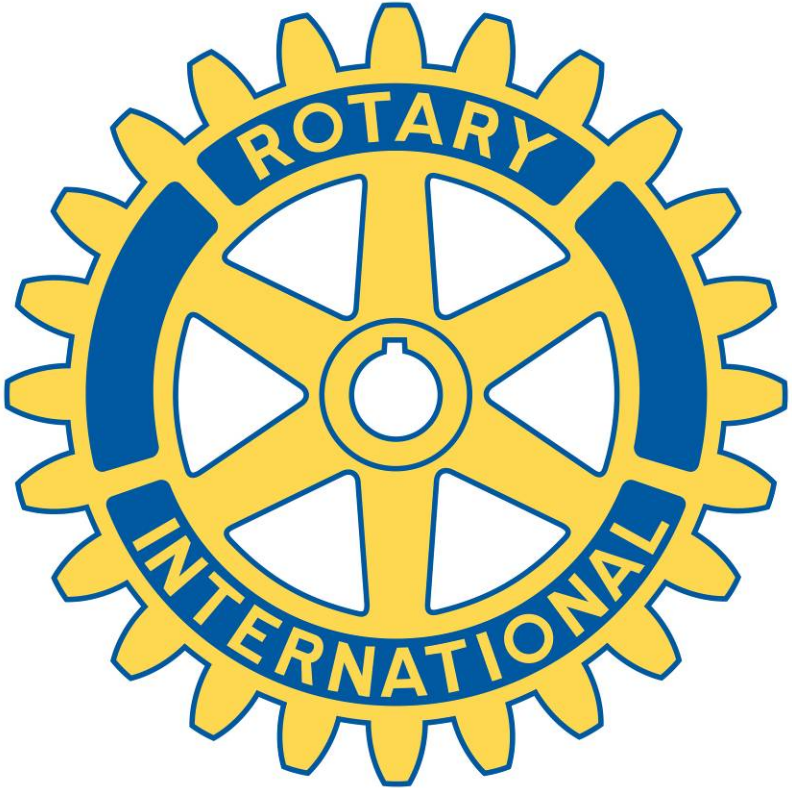


ROTARY INTERNATIONAL ZONES 28 & 29



DISTRICT PROFILES

**Urban Zone
Leadership Forum & Institute
October 6-11, 2009**

October 8, 2009

To the attendees at this the first Institute for new Zones 28 and 29:

As I thought about the realignment of the zones, my biggest concern was to make sure everyone felt welcome and understood that no one among us was a newcomer to someone else's zone. We are simply all charter members of the new Zones 28 and 29.

To help us get started early, Ron Axel and I pulled together PDGs from all around our new zones to organize our training and put on this institute. What this means is new friendships, new traditions, new opportunities and a sudden sense of freedom to make this our institute.

This District Profile Booklet was put together to let everyone know a little something about all 29 districts. You get a sense of where each district is located, how each district has been serving those in need and what is unique about each district. My special thanks to PDGs Tamara Koop and Mary Berge as well as Mary's husband Ivar for putting this booklet together. Well done!

In my travels so far around the districts I realize how unique each district is and truly strong the passion is to serve. It is an honor to be the first director from these our new zones 28 and 29. Don't hesitate this weekend to reach out and shake the hand of one of the charter members of Zones 28 and 29. You can always say you were there from the beginning. Let us make it one absolutely superb beginning and then we can build from there.

Yours in Rotary,

Tommie T



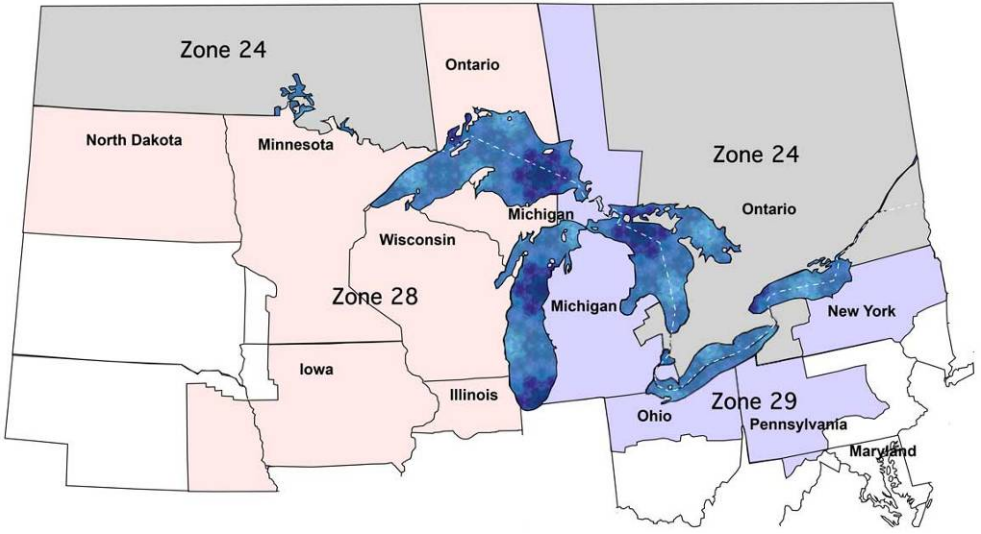
GET TO KNOW YOUR RECONFIGURED ZONES 28 & 29

This first ever profile booklet is designed to give you a quick look at each district in the new Zones 28 & 29. We encourage you to meet and mingle with the people in the new districts that have been added to the Zones.

On July 1, 2009, the new alignment of Rotary International zones went into affect, resulting in the reconfiguration of old Zones 27-28 into Zones 28-29.

- No districts left old Zone 27, now Zone 28. There were 11 districts in that zone. The new zone is numbered 28 and it has 12 districts. District 5580 has rejoined our zone. District 5580 includes northern Minnesota, part of northwestern Wisconsin, all of North Dakota and a section of Ontario, Canada that runs all the way north to the Hudson Bay.
- Three districts left old Zone 28. District 6540 in northern Indiana, went south. District 6330, in eastern central Michigan and includes part of Canada, is now part of Zone 24, which is largely a Canadian zone. District 7090 in upstate New York around Buffalo and included Niagara Falls in Canada, also went north to be part of Zone 24.
- Six districts came over from old Zone 31 to new Zone 29. Four of those districts are in central and upstate New York. They are districts 7130, 7150, 7170 and 7190. They include the major cities of Rochester, Syracuse, Binghamton, etc. Two of the districts include central Pennsylvania – those are districts 7350 and 7370. In addition, 7370 includes a portion of western Maryland and northern West Virginia.

Welcome new Districts, new Clubs and new Rotarians from North Dakota, northern Minnesota, Ontario, northwestern Wisconsin, upstate New York, central Pennsylvania, western Maryland and northern West Virginia. We are delighted and excited to have you be part of the new Zones 28-29 family.



ZONE 28 & 29 DISTRICTS

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Zone 28 – District 5580

The district includes the state of North Dakota, northern half of Minnesota, northwestern Wisconsin and northern Ontario longitude 85 degrees to 90 degrees. If you were driving at the average speed of 70 MPH, it would take 17.5 hours to drive across the district. The biggest city is Fargo, North Dakota.

Rotary Clubs in district: 66

Rotarians in district: 3,286

Interact clubs: 14

Rotaract clubs: 8

The district participates in the RYLA program.

When asked about other opportunities for youth, it was indicated that various clubs participate with the Rotary Club of Winnipeg in the Model United Nations Assembly each May.

The district participates in the YE program through Central States RYE.

DG: Ajoy Chatterjee,

DGE: Roland (Roly) Turner

DGN: Tom Riley

Fun Fact 1: The Duluth, Bemidji and Thunder Bay Rotary Clubs conduct Dragon Boat races as fundraisers.

Fun Fact 2: The district encompasses 240,000 square miles.

According to TRF Trustee Carolyn Jones, this is the only district in the world that assesses all members (currently \$15.00/year) for a specific fund (World Community Service Fund) that the Grants sub-committee uses to match funds for clubs' brick and mortar international and local projects.

Information provided by PDG Tully Chambers

Zone 28 – District 5650

The district is located in Nebraska and Iowa. Driving time from north to south is 5 hours and 3.25 hours from east to west. The biggest city in the district is Omaha, Nebraska.

Rotary Clubs in district: 46

Rotarians in district: 2,380

Interact clubs: 0

Rotaract clubs: 3

The district does not have a RYLA program.

The district partners with South Central (SCRYE) to do Rotary Youth Exchange.

DG: Rich Rowland

DGE: Roger Carnell

DGN: Bob Perrin

Fun Fact 1: RI President John Kenny will attend the 100th Anniversary Celebration of Lincoln Rotary # 14 in June of 2010.

Fun Fact 2: District has one of the oldest clubs and one of the newest (chartered in February 2009).

Information provided by PDG Sharon Wherry

Zone 28 – District 5950

District 5950 covers that portion of Minnesota which is south of the southern boundaries of the counties of Wilkin, Otter Tail, Todd, and Morrison; west of the Mississippi River, the Minnesota River and U.S. Highway 169; northwest of the northeastern boundaries of the counties of Lac Qui Parle and Yellow Medicine, and east of the eastern boundaries of the counties of Yellow Medicine, Lyon, Murray, and Nobles, excepting there from the territorial limits of the Rotary Club of North Mankato, including the territorial limits of the Rotary Clubs of Great River (Sauk Rapids/Sartell), Burnsville, Apple Valley, Eagan and Shakopee. From north to south the drive time is 4 hours and from east to west is 3 hours. The biggest City in Minnesota is Minneapolis with a population of 376,000. The Twin Cities metropolitan area of Minneapolis, St. Paul and surrounding 13 counties population is 3 million.

Rotary Clubs in district: 60 *(2 new clubs starting this year)*

Rotarians in district: 2,950

Interact clubs: 0

Rotaract clubs: 3

The district participates in 2 different RYLA programs.

The district partners with district 5960 to do Rotary Youth Exchange.

DG: Dr. Sandra Schley

DGE: Larry Zilliox

DGN: Chuck Berg

Fun Fact 1: District 5950 has a strong sense of community responsibility. They gave \$695,000 to TRF last year (6th in the world). District clubs raised more than one million dollars that was put back directly into projects in their own communities.

Fun Fact 2: 5950 is the home district for RID Tommy T.

Information provided by PDG Chris Holm

Zone 28 – District 5960

The district spans territory in both states of Wisconsin and Minnesota. Driving time from north to south is 5 hours, from east to west 2.5 hours. The biggest city in the district is St. Paul, MN.

Rotary Clubs in district: 64

Rotarians in district: 3,350

Interact clubs: 9

Rotaract clubs: 4

The district participates in the RYLA program.

The district partners with District 5950 to do Rotary Youth Exchange.

DG: Newell Krogmann

DGE: Craig Leiser

DGN: Judith Freund

Fun Fact 1: The district, when previously joined with 5950 as District 595, sponsored the Winnipeg Rotary Club, which made Rotary “International”.

Fun Fact 2: The district has the second most active RYE program in the US.

The district has a tradition of donating a full second GSE team with a developing district. In addition they have initiated the Club leadership plan model and the Vision Facilitation program for RI. The district was accepted in the Future Vision Plan for Rotary Foundation. The district has an active Board of Directors that helps the District Governor manage all the district committees.

Information provided by PDG Roy Sjoberg

Zone 28 – District 5970

The district is Northern Iowa. The driving time/distance from east to west is some 6 hours and 300 miles from Dubuque to Spencer. Driving distance/time north to south is 120 miles which takes over 2 hours. The biggest city in the district is Cedar Rapids with 7 Rotary clubs.

Rotary Clubs in district: 55

Rotarians in district: 3,000 (*approximately*)

Interact clubs: 1

Rotaract clubs: 0

The district is working on starting a RYLA program.

The district participates in the YE program through Central States RYE with 4-6 in and outbound students each year.

DG: Gerry Retzlaff

DGE: Roger Kueter

DGN: Jim Patton

Fun Fact 1: The district had a special effort to handle the major floods in Iowa last year.

Fun Fact 2: Claim to have the best-looking board members of any Rotary district and they are known as a humble district.

The district has high levels of Rotarian involvement in many international projects.

Information provided by PDG William Jacobson

Zone 28 – District 6000

The district is in Iowa. Similar to District 5970, the drive time from east to west is 3.5 hours and 2 hours north to south. The biggest city is Des Moines.

Rotary Clubs in district: 63

Rotarians in district: 4,238

Interact clubs: 11

Rotaract clubs: 3

The district participates in the RYLA program.

The district participates in the YE program through SCRYE.

DG: Cal Litwiller

DGE: Gary Welch

DGN: Don Patterson

Fun Fact 1: The district chartered a new Rotary club this year – The Rotary Club of Greater Des Moines.

Fun Fact 2: District is at 50 percent of their 200 million dollar Polio Plus Challenge.

Information Provided by PDG Susan Herrick

Zone 28 – District 6220

The district spans two states – the majority of Upper Peninsula of Michigan and northern/northeastern Wisconsin. Drive time is a bunch of hours – not as many as North Dakota! Green Bay, WI is the biggest city in the district.

Rotary Clubs in district: 41

Rotarians in district: 1,944

Interact clubs: 2

Rotaract clubs: 0

The district participates in the RYLA program.

The district participates in the YE program through Central States RYE.

DG: Mary Schwaiger

DGE: Steven Selvick

DGN: Joe Jones

Fun Fact 1: The newest club in the district is also the youngest club. Their average age is under 30!

Fun Fact 2: The city of Milwaukee was once in this District.

District 6220 is partnering with District 6270 to train facilitators to do 'visioning' with the Rotary Vision Facilitation.

One un-named quarterback that wears the # 4 once played on a NFL team located in Green Bay.

Information provided by PDG Tom Friese.

Zone 28 – District 6250

The district is in the state of Wisconsin – it covers the southern/southwestern geography in the state. Drive time from north to south is 4 hours with drive time from east to west at about 3 hours. The biggest city within the district is the capitol city of Madison - home to University of Wisconsin, Madison.

Rotary Clubs in district: 60

Rotarians in district: 3,335

Interact clubs: 6

Rotaract clubs: 3

The district participates in the RYLA program. The district also does a speech contest as a special opportunity for youth.

The district participates in the YE program through Central States RYE.

DG: Dean Dickerson

DGE: Kristin Duckart

DGN: Chuck Hanson

Fun Fact 1: Sixth largest club in the world is in the district. It is the Rotary Club of Madison Downtown.

Fun Fact 2: Home to the largest water parks in the US.

Information provided by PDG Tom Marshall.

Zone 28 – District 6270

The district is in the shape of a seven. The eastern border of the district is the west shoreline of Lake Michigan. Drive time from north to south, Illinois state line to the Fox Valley area is about 3 hours. Drive time from east to west in the leg part of the 7-shape is about 1 hour, in the northern part of the 7-shape, drive time is about 1.5 to 2 hours. The biggest city is Milwaukee with 6 Rotary club's covering meeting times in the morning, noon time and early evening.

Rotary Clubs in district: 60

Rotarians in district: 3,326

Interact clubs: 10

Rotaract clubs: 2 (*2 more in the forming stages*)

The district does not have a RYLA program.

The district RYE is part of the Central States RYE – we have 20 inbound students and 21 outbound students. The special youth opportunity in the district is the World Affairs Leadership Seminar (WAS), which is a weeklong leadership session in June, focused on an International issue such as hunger in 2009. The 2010 educational focus will be on Water. This session is held in Waukesha at Carroll University.

DG: William Wresch

DGE: Paul Decker

DGN: Nancy Rhodes

Fun Fact 1: The district chartered a Latino focused Rotary Club in June 2009 - The Rotary club of Amigos de Milwaukee.

Fun Fact 2: Rotary founder Paul Harris was born in Racine which is in the district.

Information provided by PDG Tamie Koop

Zone 28 – District 6420

The district is in north central & northwest Illinois, from the western suburbs of Chicago to the Mississippi River and from the Wisconsin state line south past I-80. It is 2.5 to 3 hours driving time north to south and 3 plus hours east to west. The biggest city is Rockford with a population of 155,000.

Rotary Clubs in district: 49 (*starting 2 new ones*)

Rotarians in district: 2,400 (*approximately*)

Interact Clubs: 11

Rotaract Clubs: 2

Early Act Clubs: *Starting several this year*

The district participates in RYLA with over 100 students attending each May.

The district participates in the YE program through Central States RYE with 13-15 inbound and 15-18 outbound each year. Our Short-Term YE Program is growing.

DG: Elise Cadigan

DGE: Don Ahrendsen

DGN: Leo Patterson

Fun Fact 1: The Downtown Rockford Club was chartered on the boat *The Illinois* in 1916 by Chez Perry with 68 members. The boat later sank but the club is still alive and well.

Fun Fact 2: Hosted the first Ambassadorial Scholar in US from Rwanda.

As far as they know, they're the only district to have an immediate PDG now serving in Iraq. They are part of *Reach Out To Africa* through volunteers to Nigeria, MGs in 3 African countries, GSE with D9125, and hosting Dr. Tunji Funsho of Kano, Nigeria who is teaching medical students delivering two public forums in the district on "Polio: The Final Mile".

Information provided by DG Elise Cadigan

Zone 28 – District 6440

The district is located in the north and the northwestern suburbs of Chicago. Driving time from Antioch to Batavia is 53 miles or about 1.5 hours. From side to side Evanston to Woodstock it's 54 miles and about 1 to 1.5 hours of drive time. The biggest city is Elgin with a population of 106,330.

Rotary Clubs in district: 71

Rotarians in district: 2,700 (*approximately*)

Interact clubs: 15

Early Act clubs: 2 (*2 more planned in 2009 – 2010*)

Rotaract clubs: 3

The district has 2 RYLA sessions each year with over 100 students in each weekend session. The District also provides youth with a special opportunity – The Chicago Fleet of the Yachting Fellowship of Rotarians invites all of the Youth Exchange students in 6440 and 6450 for a day of sailing on Lake Michigan in September each year.

The district participates in the YE program through the Central States RYE.

DG: Bill Ferreira

DGE: Bruce Baumberger

DGN: Carlos Frum

Fun Fact 1: Chartered the Chicagoland Korean - Northbrook Club in 2008 and the Carpentersville IL club in June 2009.

Fun Fact 2: Rotary International headquarters is located in the District.

The district did a “hands on” service project in Guatemala with 42 volunteers in 2009 and now planning on 2 trips with 30 volunteers each in 2010.

Information provided by PDG Pam Kerr & DGE Bruce Baumberger

Zone 28 – District 6450

The district is located in Northeast Illinois. Driving time in the district north to south is 75 miles or about 1.5 hours and drive time from east to west is 1 hour with 50 miles. The biggest city in the district is Chicago.

Rotary Clubs in district: 66

Rotarians in district: 2,250

Interact clubs: 31

Early Act clubs: 15

Rotaract clubs: 7

The district participates in the RYLA program.

The district participates in RYE through Central States RYE.

DG: Jim Czerwionka

DGE: Robb Knuepfer

DGN: David Templin

Fun Fact 1: The district is birthplace of Rotary. The burial places of Paul P. Harris and Sylvester Schiele, president of the First Rotary Club, are also located within the district.

Fun Fact 2: In 2005 it was the host district for the Rotary International Centennial Convention.

Chicago is a contender for the 2016 Olympic Games.

Information provided by DG Jim Czerwionka

Zone 29 – District 6290

The district is located in Michigan, USA and Ontario, Canada. Driving time from north to south is about 8 hours and from east to west it's 2 hours. The biggest city is Grand Rapids, NY.

Clubs in District: 62

Rotarians in District: 3,100 (*Approximately*)

Interact Clubs: 6

Rotaract Clubs: 1

The district participates in the RYLA program. They have also organized a Life Leadership Conference for 61 years. It's the longest running Life Leadership in Rotary.

The district participates in the YE program through Central States RYE.

DG: John Salan

DGE: Kim Knaggs

DGN: Jane Millar

Fun Fact 1: Our District is so large, we touch three of the Great Lakes; Michigan, Superior and Huron.

Fun Fact 2: The largest suspension bridge in the world is located in our District; The Mackinac Bridge which is 5 miles long. We also have another major bridge; The International Bridge, connecting Sault St. Marie Canada and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan.

We have some of the finest Rotarians in the world in our District.

Information provided by PDG Bob Gandolfi

Zone 29 – District 6310

The district is located in northeast central Michigan. Driving time north to south is 6 hours. From east to west it only takes 2 hours. The biggest city is Saginaw.

Rotary Clubs in district: 32 (*plus one provisional*)

Rotarians in district: 1,481

Interact clubs: 3

Rotaract clubs: 2

The district participates in RYLA.

The district also hosts a 3 day session on leadership at Camp Rotary, a local Boy Scout camp.

The district participates in YE program through Central States RYE.

DG: Joseph Brozzo

DGE: Eileen Jennings

DGN: Allan Nietzke

Fun Fact 1: The Rotary Club of Shepherd held a Cow Patty Bingo. Unfortunately the cow escaped and died.

Fun Fact 2: The district hosted the first ambassadorial scholars from both Czech Republic and Afghanistan.

The district hosts an annual Foundation Gala celebrating our successes and recognizing our donors.

Information provided by DG Joseph Brozzo

Zone 29 – District 6360

The district is located in Southwestern Michigan. It takes 2.5 hours to drive from North to South and 3.5 hours to drive from East to West. The biggest cities in the district are Lansing and Kalamazoo.

Rotary Clubs in district: 58

Rotarians in district: 2,900

Interact Clubs: 10

Rotaract Clubs: 2

Our RYLA is the only one in the world, which features three programs. RYLA Basic – a weekend leadership camp; RYLA Advanced – held during PETS, where students learn leadership and teambuilding techniques, and practice good etiquette over a business meal, and RYLA College Mentor, where students have a vocational mentor through four years of college. We arrange paid summer internships. College Mentor students help fund the RYLA Basic weekend.

The district participates in the YE Program through the Ohio-Erie YE organization.

DG: Kathleen Tosco

DGE: Don Frohm

DGN: Paul McNamara

Fun Fact 1: Our district just initiated a brand-new Rotary Leadership Institute, Great Lakes Division.

Fun Fact 2: Our district was recognized in The Rotarian for our Biosand Filter project.

Information provided by PDG Renée Merchant

Zone 29 – District 6380

The district is located in Michigan, USA and Kent County, Canada. The district is 80 miles long from north to south and 102 miles wide from east to west. The biggest city is Ann Arbor, Michigan.

Rotary Clubs in District: 53

Rotarians in District: 1,875

Interact Clubs: 31

Rotaract Clubs: 3 (*soon to be 4*)

The district participates in the RYLA program.

The district participates in the YE program through the Ohio-Erie YE organization.

DG: Judy Garver

DGE: Janet McPeek

DGN: Steve Youtz

Fun Fact 1: Our District was one of the first seven Districts in the world to have a female Governor: Virginia Nordby, DG 1995-1996.

Fun Fact 2: Our District was a Pioneer District in the Peace Scholar Program.

Our District is International. We have 45 clubs in the US and 8 in Kent County Canada. Our largest Club, Ann Arbor, has 309 members and was chartered in 1916.

Information provided by DG Judy Garver

Zone 29 – District 6400

The district is located in Michigan, US and Ontario, Canada. The driving time from North to south is a little over an hour (60 miles) and from East to West about 2 hours (100 miles). The biggest city in the district is Detroit.

Rotary Clubs in district: 51

Rotarians in district: 1,800

Interact Clubs: 26

Rotaract Clubs: 3

The district participates in the RYLA program.

The district participates in the YE program through Central States RYE.

DG: Neil McBeth

DGE: Kim Towar

DGN: Michael Duben

Fun Fact 1: The two Rotary International Presidents hailing from our District (Richard Hedke and Hugh Archer) are memorialized with awards in their names that recognize club achievement and new project development. These are celebrated each year at our District Conference and are highly sought after by clubs.

Fun Fact 2: The international service bug has taken our district by storm and more than 150 Rotarians have traveled in service to the world over the past three years.

Rotarians in District 6400 have a strong history of actively supporting the Rotary Foundation and have to date contributed more than 6.5 million dollars. This has aided us in granting more than 130 Ambassadorial Scholarships, 2 Peace Fellowships, more than 26 GSE teams and a Health Hunger and Humanity Grant.

Information provided by PDG Bruce Goldsen

Zone 29 – District 6600

The district is located in Northwestern Ohio. The driving time from north to south is 2 hours and from east to west 3.5 hours. The biggest city in the district is Toledo.

Rotary Clubs in district: 67

Rotarians in district: 4,000 (*approximately*)

Interact Clubs: 10 (*approximately*)

Rotaract Clubs: 12 (*approximately*)

The district does not participate in RYLA. However, they do hold a World Community Workshop in co-hosted by Defiance Rotary Club and Defiance College. They also sponsor STRIVE – a program for high school juniors and seniors who are in the lower third (academically) of their class.

The district also participates in the YE program through the Ohio-Erie YE organization.

DG: Jim Heinrich

DGE: Dave Dayne

DGN: Helyn Bolanis

Fun Fact 1: The current National Easter Seal Society got its start in Elyria, Ohio when Edgar (Daddy) Allen started what was then the National Society for Crippled Children.

Fun Fact 2: The District sponsors a Mesa Bike-Ride every summer. The week-long event raises around \$50,000 every year. MESA (Medical Equipment and Supplies Abroad) collects used, but usable medical equipment and transports it to needy countries, especially in Central America.

Information provided by PDG David Daugherty

Zone 29 – District 6630

The district is located in Ohio. Driving time from north to south is 1.5 hours and from east to west it is 1.5 hours. The biggest city in the district is Cleveland.

Clubs in District: 55

Rotarians in District: 2,400

Interact Clubs: 10

Rotaract Clubs: 4

The district participates in the RYLA program. They also hold an annual “Four Way Test Speech Contest” for students in grades 9 through 12 with \$500 being awarded to the winner.

The district participates in the YE program through the Ohio-Erie YE organization.

DG: John W. Bosco

DGE: Stew Buchanan

DGN: Stephen L. Zabor

Fun Fact 1: The district has its own Facebook group named “Rotary District 6630”.

Fun Fact 2: To raise money for the Polio Plus initiative, the district hosts “Christmas in July”. The event is an all-you-can-eat dinner and auction.

District 6630 is the Home District of Arch C. Klumph.

Information provided by DG John W. Bosco

Zone 29 – District 6650

The district is located in Northeastern Ohio. The driving time from north to south is 3.5 hours and from east to west 3 hours. The biggest city in the district is Canton.

Rotary Clubs in district: 48

Rotarians in district: 2,200

Interact Clubs: *No info*

Rotaract Clubs: *No info*

The district participates in RYLA and sends students to the World Affairs Council in Pittsburgh every year.

The district participates in the YE program but is not affiliated with any of the multi district organizations.

DG: J. Douglas Simpson

DGE: Jim Russell

DGN: George W. S. Hays

Fun Fact 1: Canton is the home to the National Pro Football Hall of Fame and the Timken Company.

Fun Fact 2: Orville is the home of Smuckers - and with a name like that, it has to be good!

The district also has a large Amish community that is fun to visit.

Information provided by PDG Bob Pattison

Zone 29 – District 7120

The district is located in upstate New York within the heart of the Finger Lakes region. Lake Ontario is our Northern border and within the district we have Canandaigua Lake, Honeoye Lake, Kueka Lake and Seneca Lake. The driving time from north to south is 4.5 hours and from east to west it's 2.5 hours. The biggest city in the district is Rochester.

Rotary Clubs in District: 68

Rotarians in District: 2,700 (*approximately*)

Interact Clubs: 48

Rotaract Clubs: 6

The district participates in the RYLA program. They also arrange both a Vocal and an Oratorical Contest.

The district participates in the YE program, but is not affiliated with any of the multi-district organizations.

DG: Mark Wyse

DGE: Jeff Krans

DGN: Norma Reilly

Fun Fact 1: Our district started Pennies for Polio, which was featured on the Rotary International website.

Fun Fact 2: For many years our district has hosted incoming district governors from around the world the week before the International Assembly. This is known as the Milt Matthews Governors-Elect Hospitality program.

From Rochester to Elmira we have beautiful landscapes, historical architecture, festive nightlife, live theater and activities galore. We look forward to hosting next year's Zone Institute.

Information provided by PDG Michael Leone

Zone 29 – District 7150

The district is located in Michigan and New York. The biggest city in the district is Syracuse, NY.

Rotary Clubs in District: 47

Rotarians in District: 1,450

Interact Clubs: 10

Rotaract Clubs: 2

The district participates in the RYLA program.

The district participates in the YE program, but is not affiliated with any of the multi district organizations.

DG: Paul Scott

DGE: James Gascon

DGN: Will be selected In January 2010

Fun Fact 1: The district does “Books for the World”, a collaborative effort to find surplus book from Kindergarten to the Senior High School level. The books are distributed through South Africa to the southern regions of Africa.

Fun Fact 2: The district is concentrating its international efforts to water projects in Ghana, Sudan, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic, Guatemala, Honduras, and Haiti

The district is very active in International Literacy (Books for the World).

Information provided by PDG Larry Calabrese

Zone 29 – District 7170

The district is located in New York State. It takes 2.5 hours to drive from north to south and 3.5 hours from east to west. The biggest city is Binghamton.

Rotary Clubs in district: 45

Rotarians in district: 1,600

Interact Clubs: 12

Rotaract Clubs: 4

The district participates in RYLA. They also arrange an essay contest every year.

The district participates in the YE Program but is not affiliated with any of the multi-district organizations.

DG: Selean Koury

DGE: Orville Wright

DGN: Dr. Robert Ross

Fun Fact 1: Our district contains Cooperstown - and the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Fun Fact 2: Binghamton Noon Club was the 64th Rotary Club to be formed.

The district has 9 major schools of higher learning including Cornell University and Binghamton University.

Information provided by PDG Lana Rouff

Zone 29 – District 7190

The district is located in New York State. The driving time from north to south is 2.5 hours and from east to west it's 2 hours. The biggest city in the district is Albany.

Clubs in District: 46

Rotarians in District: 1,500

Interact Clubs: 12

Rotaract Clubs: 6

The district participates in the RYLA program.

The district participates in the YE program through ESSEX.

DG: John Eaton

DGE: Daniel Stec

DGN: William Nathan

Fun Fact 1: Annually, on January 1st, a number of PDG's and upcoming DG's jump into the freezing waters of Lake George as part of the District's Polio Plunge to earn money for the Rotary Foundation.

Fun Fact 2: We are the most eastern district in Zone 29.

Information provided by PDG Michael Popolizio

Zone 29 – District 7280

The district is located in Northwestern Pennsylvania. The driving time from north to south is a little over 2 hours and from east to west a little over 3 hours. The biggest city is Erie.

Rotary Clubs in district: 43

Rotarians in district: 1,440

Interact Clubs: 7

Rotaract Clubs: 2

The district participates in RYLA. They also started their own program ROVA (Rotary Outstanding Vocational Awards) to recognize students in the vocational schools. In addition, they also sponsor students for the World Affairs Council in Pittsburgh.

The district participates in the YE program through ESSEX.

DG: Ronald J. Errett

DGE: Christopher R, Fiely

DGN: Michael W, Visconti

Fun Fact 1: Home of two of the first 100 clubs; New Castle #89 and Erie #91.

Fun Fact 2: Home of Punxsutawney Phil and the Drake Oil Well – the first oil well in the world.

While the district economic structure has been severely damaged, we have some GREAT Rotarians!

Information provided by PDG C. Leon Ahlum

Zone 29 – District 7300

The district consists of the greater Pittsburgh area in western Pennsylvania. Driving time from north to south and/or east to west is about 1.5 hours. The biggest city is Pittsburgh.

Rotary Clubs in district: 49

Rotarians in district: 1,325

Interact Clubs: 25

Rotaract Clubs: 5

This year, for the first time, the district participated in the RYLA program. The district also sponsors students to the World Affairs Council in Pittsburgh.

The district participates in the YE program through ESSEX.

DG: Rick Martin

DGE: Cindy Sakala

DGN: Sue Kelly

Fun Fact 1: Home of the Super Bowl Champions; the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Fun Fact 2: Home of the Stanley Cup Champions; the Pittsburgh Penguins.

Information provided by PDG Jim Kunkelmann

Zone 29 – District 7330

The district consists of Southwestern Pennsylvania; west, south and east of the greater Pittsburgh area. Driving from north to south and/or east to west takes about 3 hours. Johnstown, mostly known for its floods, is the biggest city in the district.

Rotary Clubs in district: 44

Rotarians in district: 1,319

Interact Clubs: 24

Rotaract Clubs: 1

The district participates in the RYLA program. The students get CPR instruction and certification. The district also sponsors students to the World Affairs Council in Pittsburgh.

The district participates in the YE program through ESSEX.

DG: Frank Aiello

DGE: Walter Olshanski

DGN: Jeanne Morrison

Fun Fact 1: The RC of Westmoreland arranged a Kickball tournament. Team names ranged from “got rotary?” to those not fit for print. With only one broken nose, the event was a great success!

Fun Fact 2: In 2008 the district held a “World Peace” art contest for Middle School students. The winning entries have been made into a set of occasional cards being sold to benefit the RI Centers for International Studies in Peace and Conflict Resolution.

We are the home district of PRIP Chuck Keller (1987-88). At the RI Convention in Philadelphia in 1988, Chuck announced that the first ever Polio fundraising effort had raised \$247 million. *Counting inflation, the equivalent amount in 2009 would be about \$450 million!*

Information provided by PDG Mary Berge and Ivar Berge

Zone 29 – District 7350

The district consists of west-central Pennsylvania, western Panhandle of Maryland, & eastern panhandle of West Virginia. Being a long and narrow district, the driving time from north to south is a good 5 hours while driving from east to west only takes 2 hours. The biggest cities are Martinsburg, WV and Hagerstown, MD.

Clubs in District: 44

Rotarians in District: 2,067

Interact Clubs: 3

Rotaract Clubs: 2

The district participates in the RYLA program.

The district participates in the YE program through ESSEX.

DG: Joe White

DGE: Williams (Bill) Wylie, Sr.

DGN: Melinda Golden

Fun Fact 1: We are the only Pennsylvania district that is not completely within Pennsylvania, and it includes portions of two other states (mountainous portions).

Fun Fact 2: Mostly rural areas with farming and small businesses.

20% of our clubs have less than 20 members. However, in some cases those clubs are the most productive in the district.

Penn State University, located in State College, is in the district.

Information provided by PDG Ron Keyser

Zone 29 – District 7370

The district is located in Pennsylvania. The driving time from north to south is 2.5 hours and from east to west 3.5 hours. The biggest city is Williamsport.

Rotary Clubs in district: 35

Rotarians in district: 960

Interact Clubs: 13

Rotaract Clubs: 3

The district participates in RYLA, but not every year.

The district participates in the YE program through ESSEX.

DG: Carl Askew

DGE: Connie Wydra

DGN: Alice Kissinger

Fun Fact 1: We have great District Conferences that are educational plus lots of fun.

Fun Fact 2: Groups of clubs get together in the summer months for fun and fellowship at a local amusement park.

Although a small district, we do have the distinction of giving very well to the Rotary Foundation each year.

Information provided by PDG James Gruber

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