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## DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Editor

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### Governor's Letter

June is Fellowship month in the Rotary World. What does Fellowship mean to you? It is a word that every Rotarian has probably heard from the very first time they attended a Rotary meeting. It is used over and over again, but does it really hold any special meaning for you?

Recently I spoke to a Rotarian from one of our districts larger clubs. He informed me that he has been a Rotarian for over 10 years and has never visited another club, attended a District Conference, been to an international convention or attended a district assembly. His entire Rotary experience is based on what he sees and hears from the same people every week. Yes, he enjoys the Fellowship of the members of his club, his friends, but think of what he is missing by not extending his network. Many opportunities exist to broaden our horizons; we only need to take that first step and venture into the unknown. Believe me it is well worth stepping out of your comfort zone to meet fellow Rotarians. I challenge

each of you to do one thing next year that you did not do this year. You will be amazed at what a difference it will make in your Rotary life.

The accomplishments of the Rotarians in District 6630 this year are far too numerous to mention. I am so proud of the hard work and dedication to SERVICE ABOVE SELF that I witnessed first hand as I visited the Clubs. Each Rotarian, in his or her own way, contributed to the fantastic year we all enjoyed. I urge each of you to continue to be a Rotarian to the best of your ability.

Because of the hard work and dedication of so many we were able to charter two new Rotary Clubs this year. The Rotary Club of Solon and The Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise became members of District 6630 increasing the number of Clubs to 57. Please visit these new clubs and plan on attending the upcoming Charter Nights. Each existing Club should present the new clubs with a gift to help them get started. Please

contact the club president to see what the club needs. For Solon contact Rob Previte at [robinsurance@hotmail.com](mailto:robinsurance@hotmail.com) and for Hillcrest Sunrise contact Mike Johns Jr. at [stonecut@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stonecut@sbcglobal.net).

This is my last newsletter as your District Governor. I said many times that writing the article every month is something I dread. The truth is I really only dreaded the thought of doing it. Once I got started typing, I didn't want to stop. There is so much information that I want to share with everyone. I have had a very rewarding and exciting year as your D.G. I hope that I have been able to leave the District a little bit better than when I started. I tried to build on what PDG Fran Bayless started and I know that the District's future Governors, (Stew Buchanan, Steve Zabor and Jim Lechko) will continue to move our District forward in the true spirit of Rotary Fellowship.

God bless you and your families.

Yours in Rotary,

John

### New Program in 6630 - Rotary leadership Institute

The Rotary Leadership Institute also known as RLI, is a new part of District 6600, 6630, and 6650. The faculty of each district was trained this past November. This coming July we are adding five more districts to our North Coast Division.

Rotary's Leadership Institute is designed to prepare Rotarians for leadership at the club and district level. There are no prerequisites for participation in the program, beyond you being interested in furthering your interest in Rotary.

Classes are conducted by a trained group of facilitators who represent each of the participating districts. Each session, three total, consist of a seven to eight hour training day, supplemented by individual work at your leisure.

RLI was founded in 1992. There are currently over 200 districts participating. We are very excited to be a part of this active group. We want you to become a part of this terrific program and the benefits it offers to those that attend, for Rotary as well as the business

of the individual.

When you receive your invitation to participate or want to volunteer to help, please join the group of dedicated Rotarians to carry your club and our district into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century!

Please contact Bonnie Housley, PDG (Faculty Member and RLI contact) [BEHousley@aol.com](mailto:BEHousley@aol.com)

H: 330-923-1374

Or contact your Assistant Governor

## TRC Parma Hosts Annual Fishing Derby

By Tim Graydon

The Parma Rotary Club hosted 96 children to a morning of fishing and fun Tuesday, May 25<sup>th</sup> at the Pine Hills Golf Course in Hinckley, Ohio. For better than 30 years Parma Rotary has taken the physically challenged children attending the Parma City Schools fishing at a pond at Pine Hills Golf Course. The children attend Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Parma. The children and their teachers as well as several support staff were guests for the morning of fishing and later a hot dog and hamburger lunch cooked for them. The event was initially scheduled for a week earlier on May 18<sup>th</sup> but due to inclement weather it was postponed until May 25<sup>th</sup>. The weather could not have been better, bright sun and warm temperatures to go along with the “sunny faces” of the children who so eagerly await their morning of fishing each year! A fleet of 5 specially equipped busses transported the children from their school to the golf course. Upon arrival the children were transported via golf carts from the parking area to the pond where Rotarians and volunteers waited for these special children to try their luck at catching some fish in the pond.

Some children are wheel chair bound, others are able to walk with assistance but all of them enjoy riding in the golf carts and having special attention placed on them for the morning. A host of volunteers and Rotarians assisted in baiting hooks, taking fish off hooks, untangling fishing line and laughing and enjoying the morning with these special children. After an hour and a half of fishing the golf carts

were summoned and the children were transported up to the cart barn where a “lunch room” of sorts was organized for them to sit with their friends and enjoy lots of hot dogs, hamburgers, cookies and soda pop. After finishing up their lunch and relaxing for a short while the kids got back on the buses, waived good bye and headed back to Pleasant Valley Elementary School in Parma.

Many in Parma Rotary feel this is the best service project the Club does over the course of the year. The smiles, the laughter and the fun the kids give to Parma Rotary and the many volunteers who offer their help for the morning is priceless. These special children bring a special feeling to the hearts of those involved and is a great example of why Rotary is so special. For more than 30 years Parma Rotary has taken great pride in bringing some additional fun to these special kids. We look forward to doing this again next spring!

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## Christmas in July

The year of Building Communities and Bridging Continents is coming soon—less than 1 month away. Presidents have been prepared to lead their clubs into this new year and goals have been set.

One goal is to meet the 255 million dollar challenge set forth by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The challenge is for Rotarians around the world to match the grant with \$100 million. District # 6630 is helping to meet this challenge with *Christmas in July*. We need you and your friends to come join us at the **Tall Ships Festival** on July 9<sup>th</sup> at the Port of Cleveland. The \$ 50 per person fee gets you into the festival, onto a tall ship reserved for District # 6630, food, and participation in the live and



silent auction and the \$ 2000 raffle at the hospitality tent. The **Tall Ships Festival** is celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> birthday of the Rotary Club of Cleveland.

Christmas in July was started last year by DG John Bosco as a way to meet the district’s responsibility to the Rotary Foundation and a way to have fun! Let us continue this new tradition by making this Christmas in July bigger, better, and bolder. ( a favorite phrase of RI President Ray Klingensmith) We need all of you to come and bring your friends for an exciting evening of fellowship and fun.

Stew Buchanan

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## TRC Cuyahoga Falls Awards 8k to Students

By Shelia Hedrick

On May 19<sup>th</sup> in the Cuyahoga Falls High School Auditorium, 250 students were recognized as Rotary Scholars for outstanding scholastic achievement. The Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls has sponsored this annual ceremony of recognition at CFHS since 1966. To be recognized as a Rotary Scholar, the student must achieve a cumulative grade point average of 3.50 or better. Five scholarships were awarded during the ceremony in the amounts of \$4,000,

\$1,000 and \$500. Pictured below are four of the recipients. Ivy Meloy, recipient of the top scholarship in the amount of \$4,000 was unable to attend the ceremony. At a separate ceremony, Jimmy Cooper was awarded a Rotary Scholarship in the amount of \$1,000. Jimmy, a senior at Cuyahoga Valley Christian Academy, is the first student from CVCA to receive a Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Scholarship. The Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls was chartered on November 5, 1925.



## ShelterBox USA Distributes Press Release

### ShelterBox Board Member Honored by Rotary International

*Jack Young receives the Service Above Self Award*

LAKESWOOD RANCH, Fla., May 19, 2010 - ShelterBox USA board member, Jack Young, follows the principle that life is about helping those less fortunate. He claims he gives back in his own small way, but Young is a man who has a positive impact on the lives of many in his home state of Ohio and of disaster survivors around the world. This passion for service was recognized by the President of Rotary International and last month Young was presented with the distinguished Service Above Self Award, an award only given to 150 people around the world each year.

Service is a passion for Young, a long time Rotarian and Past District Governor for his district 6630 in Ohio. For several years, Young has devoted this passion to ShelterBox USA, the only disaster relief organization to specialize in providing shelter and life-saving equipment to disaster survivors around the globe. During his time as a board member, Young has seen ShelterBox USA grow tenfold in its effort and ability to provide assistance to those who have lost everything.

"This has been a very busy year for ShelterBox," said Young. "Since January of this year, ShelterBox has responded to 10 disasters and helped to shelter up to 180,000 people."

In addition to Young's involvement with ShelterBox, he has been instrumental in working with an impoverished community in Nicaragua. Each Decem-

ber, Young and other Rotarians lead a trip to distribute thousands of shoe boxes filled with school supplies, toiletries, an outfit, flip flops and a toy to children recommended by their teacher. Young said more kids go to school for the hopes of receiving a box.

"It's the only Christmas present, these children receive," said Young. "A solid education will help to break the poverty cycle in their community."

In addition to providing school shoe boxes, Young has been instrumental in sending a fire truck and two ambulances to the community. In all, Young's Rotary District has sent over \$500,000 of medical supplies, children's shoe boxes, and emergency vehicles to Nicaragua.

Young was appointed to special positions within his zone by three Rotary International Presidents. Young was the Rotary Zone 28 membership coordinator for 2007-08, the Zone 28 Literacy Coordinator for 2008-09 and the Literacy Coordinator for Zone 29 for 2009-10.

John Kenny, Rotary International President, said it was a pleasure to award the Rotary Service Above Self Award to Young. The award is only given to up to 150 people around the globe each year. Young is only the second Rotarian to receive this award in his Rotary district.

Kenny said, "I believe (Young) is an extraordinary example of how each Rotarian can make a difference."

## TRC Berea Honors Veterans

By Linda Kramer

This year, for the first time, the Rotary Club of Berea honored Rotarians who are military veterans as well as major corporate sponsors during the annual Honors Dinner.

The dinner, May 25 in the Baldwin-Wallace College Student Union, was opened by

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the American Legion Post 91 Women's Auxiliary color guard, which also provided each guest with the traditional red poppy. The Pledge of Allegiance was followed by the National Anthem, led by the Women's Chorus of Berea High School. The invocation was by Rotarian William Beyer, a retired Marine colonel. Rotarian Consolina Templeman, who also served in the Marine Corps, presented the White Table ceremony for those Missing and Killed in Action.

Guest speaker was Berea Mayor Cyril Kleem, who noted that true heroes are not athletes and rock stars but the military men and women who have served the country in

## Christmas Auction Items Still Sought

We would like to have all areas of District 6630 represented July 9th at our Christmas in July event at the Tall Ships Festival.

We are requesting your help to obtain Silent and Live auction items. We are looking for donations of gift certificates, baskets of goodies, overnight packages, event tickets, travel packages, boat cruises, merchandise, etc.

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peace and in war.

Club President Sally King presented each veteran with a certificate honoring their military service. Recognized were William Beyer, Marine Corps; Ray Bartlett, Army; Linda Kramer, Air Force; Michael Orr, Air Force; Oz Arey, the only member to have served in three branches of the armed services - Navy, Air Force and Army; Allyn Adams, Army; Bob Huges, Army; Consolina Templeman, Marine Corps; John Chapman, Marine Corps; Ed Montgomery, Army; Jack Kafer, Army; John Spooner, Army; Rudy Kamper, Army; and Jack Winget.

Honored for supporting Rotary projects, especially the Lou Groza Golf Outing, were Don Voight of Today's Business Products, representing his son, Rick; Ted Moss, of Crim-Check; Tony Dick of the Cleveland Browns; Al Matyas of Southwest General Health Center; Jake Pease of The Hoffman Group; and Phil Coury and Tammi Cummins of Berea Lake Towers.

The evening closed with a concert of patriotic music by a brass quintet from Berea High School.

The dinner provided a fitting beginning to the Memorial Day weekend.

tant Governor or Margie Roop at 330-753-5038 with your donations. We will make arrangements to pick up the donations.

We are also in need of volunteers for the event - if you are interested in volunteering, please contact [Stew Buchanan](mailto:stewb1898@aol.com) at [stewb1898@aol.com](mailto:stewb1898@aol.com).

Thanks in advance for your support.

## News From Nordonia Hills

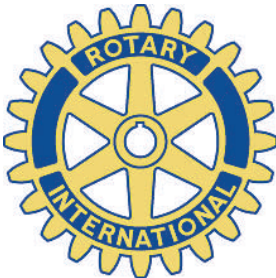
By Carol Lewis

All around us families are holding first communion celebrations, graduation parties and other events. Here in Nordonia Hills we are concentrating on having a unique and enjoyable installation party. With the Rotary year ending in June, all the clubs are getting ready to welcome new presidents, officers, and board members

Each year the incoming president likes to make his or her installation make a statement. One year we had dinner at the local racetrack, and watched the harness racing afterwards. One time we tried out a new local restaurant. Last year we had an Amish caterer for a tasty and unusual meal.

This year we in Nordonia have hit a new high. We are attending a pig roast at the home of the incoming president. For anyone that has done this, you know about the aroma, the taste, and the atmosphere surrounding the event.

This installation dinner should have close to a 100% attendance, and should go down in the annals of Nordonia Hills Rotary history. We have special plans for some of our charter members, some of our Paul Harris recipients, etc. But the menu will probably be the memorable portion.



### EDITOR'S NOTE

*Please feel free to send stories, articles or photographs to be included in future issues...*

*This newsletter is intended to be a complement to our District Website...*

*District Committee Chairs please submit minutes and articles to keep clubs up to date about what is happening in the District*

*Deadline for publication is the 23rd of the month...*

*Please submit correspondence to [stonecut@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stonecut@sbcglobal.net)*

## Anonymous Rotarian Praises DG

Thanks to Governor Bosco, after 15 years in Rotary and a term as President, this past year has stood out as one of the most inspirational years I have had with our Rotary District. His overwhelming kindness, exuberance and leadership has helped me grow as a Rotarian and an individual. I am blessed that he touched my life, and those around me, in such a positive manner.

## Break a Leg Tom Hill

Painesville Rotarian Tom Hill will be appearing as Max Bialystock in this summer's Chagrin Valley Little Theater production of *The Producers*, Mel Brooks' hilarious stage adaptation of his classic movie of the same name. The Broadway production became the most successful show in history, winning 12 Tony awards. The CVLT production is the first community theater production of this snow in Northeast Ohio, and opens Friday July 23 and runs for 5 weekends (Sunday matinees available August 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.)

*The Producers* tells the story of scheming Broadway producer Max Bialystock and his partner, mousy accountant Leo Bloom, as they try to get rich quick by producing the worst play ever written. Full of song, dance, satire and humor, *The Producers* has been called "a love letter to Broadway."

**Please be advised that there is strong language and adult innuendo (often not very subtle) in this show.**

Chagrin Valley Little Theater is located in the heart of Chagrin Falls at 40 River Street. Parking can be a challenge so carpooling and early arrival is encouraged. With many restaurants within walking distance from the theater, dinner and a show may be good option. Information about tickets can be found at <http://www.cvlr.org> or by calling the box office at 440-247-8955. Group discounts are available.

## President's Farewell Message

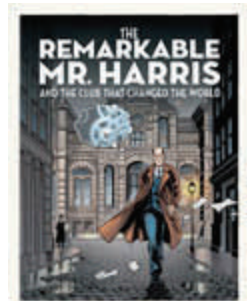
RI President John Kenny says in his last message as President, "These past 12 months have given me the opportunity and the privilege of observing firsthand how our service touches the lives of others, and how great are the needs we address."

Click the link below to read more.

[President's Message](#)

## The Remarkable Mr. Harris

Read about the life and times of Rotary's founder in a 16-page illustrated biography. This comic-book-style feature debuted in the December issue of *The Rotarian*. This delightful and informative booklet is available in single copy orders for \$ .75 each. To ask about bulk orders, contact the Publications Order Services



at [shop.rotary@rotary.org](mailto:shop.rotary@rotary.org) or 847 866 -4600.

### \*\*Stew's Induction Info\*\*

Date: July 1, 2010

Time: 5:30 doors open 6:00 program

Location: Akron Women's City Club

732 W. Exchange Street, Akron, OH 44302

Price: \$20/pp - Make checks payable to Rotary Club of Akron

Seating is Limited. RSVP By June 24 to [dant@akronymca.org](mailto:dant@akronymca.org) or by calling 330-644-4512

Hors d'oeuvres and Rotary bar included.

## 2010 Council on Legislation

Representatives to the 2010 Council on Legislation enacted a number of monumental measures, including a fifth avenue of service for New Generations, making E-clubs a permanent part of Rotary, and minimal dues increases. Click the link below to read more.

[2010 Council Highlights](#)

# I Stand Humbled Before You

By Roger Cram

On New Year's Day in 2004, I came home and put my pocket change into an empty jar resting on the kitchen counter. It came to 54 cents. The next day I did the same and decided to continue each day speculating I might have \$50 by the end of the year, and I could take my daughter out to dinner at a fancy restaurant. A gift never missed from serendipity! I was wrong. At the end of the year I did not have \$50 in the jar, to my disbelief had \$354!

I have done this every year since 2004. My highest yield was \$402, and my lowest was \$326. What a wonderful way to create a windfall, and if another family member did the same thing, well,  $\$354 \times 2 = \$708$  would go a long way! A weekend get away? A new digital flat-screen TV? A Rotary District Conference including conference fee, hotel, meals, drinks, transportation, and incidentals? A donation to Polio Plus or the Annual Fund?

## Please Do Not Stop Reading

I suspect some readers are now thinking they will stop reading this article. Please don't. I understand that you are tired of being asked to give to the Rotary Foundation. You give money to your local Club and their projects; you can't possibly give to every Rotary need - there are just too many of them. You know there are starving children in this country and you want to care for their needs (water, food, and shelter, medical) before you send money to children overseas. Rotary should be appreciative of the time and money you give; after all, your club dues are over \$100 annually, you spend

over \$50 dollars a year on the weekly "happy buck" at your meetings, you donate your time and money to your club's local projects, and you have spent money by supporting your District Conference, District fund-raising programs, your club's inauguration dinner, and other club's special fund raising events like the Taste of Aurora or the Chagrin Valley annual fundraiser. You give lots of money to Rotary and you donate many hours of your time and labor on Rotary projects. You give enough!

What you do for Rotary and the world's indigent is immensely appreciated. The fact that you are a member of Rotary International signifies your willingness to get involved with caring for the impoverished. Your Rotary membership and pin serve as a medal of your compassion and announce to all that you eagerly sacrifice your resources for the betterment of mankind. I am proud to be a Rotarian, and I'm proud to know you as well.

## A Comparative Scenario

It rained heavily for five days straight and it was inevitable the dam was going to break. Community members worked throughout the night to near exhaustion strengthening levies, building sandbag retaining walls, relocating people to safety from their homes, and stock piling food, medical supplies, and fresh water to combat the impending disaster. A twenty-foot, sandbag retaining wall was needed to prevent thousands of deaths; the volunteers worked feverishly trying to build this life-saving structure. The wall was at a height of nine feet. It continued to rain. Volunteers, exhausted and barely able to stay awake, called in their

friends and relatives to assist. Cries for help went out across radio and television programs. Cell phones were clogged with pleas for more volunteers. The retaining wall was then constructed to 13 feet. The volunteers, fatigued near the point of collapse; simply couldn't give anymore. It continued to rain. Everyone continued to work. The dam broke. Over 21,000 people died. Now the work really begins.

## A Real-Life Scenario

Last night during the eight hours we slept, about 2,700 children were kidnapped from city streets or sold into slavery for either the world's sex trade or sweatshop forced labor. About 10,000 children under five years of age died from the effects of bad drinking water. About 9,000 other people starved to death. The dam has broken in this scenario as well.

What should I do when everyone has given more than their fair share, but it isn't enough? In order to try and prevent the impending disaster, I ask for more. I try and find more people (members); I try to attract new audiences and I sheepishly ask those who have been so incredibly generous with their time and resources in the past - for more. It's embarrassing for me to do so. It seems very ungrateful of me in light of all you've already done.

## Helping Without the Sting

So, I've found a way for you to give \$100 a year to the Rotary Foundation without it creating another stinging pinch on your good nature or purse strings. Pull down from your pantry cupboard a large jar. Empty your pockets and put those few coins within. Do it every day. Next year you can give \$100 to the Rotary Foundation and become a sustaining member. You will save a few lives of a small number of starving or sick children as well. You can also take someone you love out for an expensive dinner or buy a flat-screen TV.

You could also have \$10 per month taken out of your checking account and sent to the Foundation. This is what I do. You'll never miss it. That way you can keep all that money in your jar. Go to [http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en\\_pdf/123en\\_write.pdf](http://www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en_pdf/123en_write.pdf) for the necessary deduction form. Our Rotary year ends June 30<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for maintaining my dignity as I dare be so bold to ask you for even more. I stand humbled before you. Thank you for being who you are. Thank you for being a Rotarian!

## **\*\*A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT\*\***

- We are pleased to announce that 2 new Rotary Clubs have been chartered in our district.
- The Rotary Club of Solon was chartered May 28, 2010. Rob Previte, a Past President of TRC Hillcrest is the Charter President. The Solon club meets the 2nd 3rd and 4th Wednesday at Freeway Lanes, 33185 Bainbridge Rd Solon 44139 7:15 am but meets the 1st Tuesday at Signature of Solon CC 39000 Signature Dr, Solon, OH 44139 6:30 pm.
- The Rotary Club of Hillcrest-Sunrise was chartered June 9, 2010. Mike Johns, Jr a Past President of both TRC Hillcrest and TRC Chesterland is the Charter President of that club. TRC Hillcrest-Sunrise meets Tuesday 7:15 am at the Mayfield Village Civic Center 6622 Wilson Mills Rd, Cleveland, OH 44143
- The Solon Club was co-sponsored by TRC Bedford and TRC Hillcrest
- Hillcrest-Sunrise was sponsored by Hillcrest
- Stay tuned for info regarding their respective Charter Celebrations

## TRC Wickliffe Keeps Busy

By Charles H. Haskell

In April, Wickliffe Rotary Club co-sponsored the City of Wickliffe's Annual Arbor Tree. The Club has sponsored this community event from its inception.

In May, Wickliffe Rotary Club handed out 144 dictionaries to all third graders at Mt. Carmel School and Wickliffe Elementary School. This was done with through the Dictionary Project.

Also, in May, Wickliffe Rotary Club, through its Foundation, awarded a \$500 College Scholarship to Miss Devin A. Daro. Miss Daro is graduating from Wickliffe High School and plans to attend Denison University and major in Psychology. She is the daughter of Nick and Carolyn Daro of Wickliffe.

## Mentor Rotarians go to School

By Brenda Piraino

On April 26th with the diligence of President Lisa, the support from some our Rotarians, Kevin Newcomb, Jack Butler, Doug Grose, John Solich, Linda Clements, Vickie Curtis, Denis Nowacki, John Konrad, Doug Anderson, Dave Noble, Fred LaRiccia and Brenda Piraino arrived at Mentor High School promptly at 7:30AM. No tardy slips given here! We were able to speak and raise the awareness of our Bone Marrow program to the Class of 2010 of 600 plus graduates. With the guidance of Melissa Kirby, MH organizer for this event we were able to obtain over 70 potential donors for the National Bone Marrow Registry. President Lisa already has plans underway to enhance our partnership with Mentor Public Schools and Lake Catholic to increase on-site recruitment and engage the larger community in the commitment of Mentor Rotary's mission with the power to help save lives.

## Ambassadorial Scholar Recaps His Experience

By Lou Piconi

Questions:

1. Why promote TRF Ambassadorial Scholarships?
2. Why seek Endowed TRF Ambassadorial Scholarships?
3. Are they relevant today and will they be relevant in the future?

Take just 3 minutes to read the below. The above questions will be answered and should give everyone the dream to see another 100,000 Ambassadorial Scholars making the world a little more peaceful over the next 3-5 decades!

At 28, Chesa Boudin has lived a rich and adventurous life. He's hitchhiked through Latin America, trekked across Asia, landed a Rhodes Scholarship, worked unpaid in the foreign relations office of Venezuelan President Hugo Chávez, and authored *Gringo: A Coming-of-Age in Latin America*.

Now a student at Yale Law School, his childhood was marked by tragedy and privilege. His parents, David Gilbert and Kathy Boudin, were members of the radical group the Weather Underground. In 1981, when Boudin was 14 months old, his parents attempted to rob a Brinks truck, and two police officers and a security guard died during the incident. When his parents went to prison, Bill Ayers and Bernardine Dohrn stepped in and raised him. They lived in

Chicago's Hyde Park neighborhood, the enclave around the University of Chicago campus, where Boudin attended a university lab school.

Over the years, Boudin has taken a lot of heat for his parents' behavior. His accomplishments are often a counterpoint to his unconventional childhood. But whatever it is that fuels his ambitions, one thing is clear: It was a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholarship that launched him into the world.

"Rotary profoundly shaped the future of my life," he says. "The scholarship exposed me to a huge part of the world that I hadn't experienced. I became fluent in Spanish, and the service component gave me an appreciation for getting involved in people's lives."

Boudin knew when he was a freshman at Yale that he wanted to spend his junior year abroad. After consulting with the university's study abroad office, he decided the flexibility and generosity of the Ambassadorial Scholarships program offered the best opportunity.

"I put all my eggs in one basket," he says. "Rotary was generous enough to make a full year of immersion possible, and because Rotary is all over the world, I could go anywhere."

Most Ambassadorial Scholarship recipients have already completed their undergraduate degree and use the opportunity to do graduate work abroad, so Boudin had an uphill battle. He researched Rotary clubs in Chicago and New Haven and eventually was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Woodbridge, Conn., after receiving guidance and support from the Rotary clubs of Hamden and New Haven.

"I was in school in New Haven and was able to find a club that was open to my application," he recalls. "They called me in for an interview, and it went really well."

Having traveled a bit in Guatemala before heading off to college, Boudin knew he wanted to go somewhere in Latin America. He felt it was important to choose a country that was stable and had a good university system because he would spend an entire

5th Annual  
**Rotary Poker Run**  
to benefit Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs

Sunday, August 29, 2010  
9 to 11 a.m.  
Registration and Breakfast  
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4460 Rex Lake Dr., Akron 44319

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11 a.m. - Last Bike/Car Out  
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academic year there. In the end, he decided to study in Chile. He learned that he had won the scholarship right before his sophomore year, which he used to prepare for his trip by taking Spanish classes and courses on Latin American history.

His decision was filled with opportunities. Because South America's academic year is opposite to that of the United States, Boudin was able to spend a few months traveling before he started school, armed with enough Spanish to pick up subtleties and communicate. The trip became the background for Gringo, which was published last year. "My book wouldn't have been possible without Rotary and the experiences I had because of their support," he says.

He wasn't quite fluent in Spanish, but the scholarship paid for him to take immersion classes in Santiago. "The importance of language acquisition is something that Rotary puts a lot of emphasis on, and rightly so," Boudin says. "They call it an Ambassadorial Scholarship because there is a sense that you're going to represent

your home district, and language is an important part of that process."

He was in Chile when terrorists attacked the World Trade Center in New York City on 11 September 2001, and it deeply colored his experience. With family and friends in New York, Boudin watched events unfold from the other side of the world. Although his Chilean friends were concerned for him, they also couldn't help point out the significance the date played in their own history - and the U.S. role in it. In Chile, 11 September is also a tragic day. On that date in 1973, General Augusto Pinochet's military overthrew democratically elected president Salvador Allende, which began a dark period in Chilean history that cost thousands of lives.

"It was never directed at me in a hostile way, but it did force me to come to terms very early on with the impact of U.S. involvement in Chile," he says. "I had friends who were injured or had family members who died on 11 September, but I also met people in Chile who had rela-

tives who suffered under Pinochet, and it made the tragedy of his regime clear in a really stark way."

When Boudin returned from his year abroad, he shared his experiences with Rotary clubs throughout New England. He also applied for - and received - a Rhodes Scholarship. Although many see the Rhodes as the pinnacle of academic achievement, Boudin says it couldn't have happened without Rotary.

"The Ambassadorial Scholarship was a necessary building block for the Rhodes, which is better known but in many ways more limited than Rotary's because it only sends you to Oxford," he says.

Years later, Boudin still keeps in touch with his Rotarian sponsors and remains committed to the organization. "The Rotary community has been very supportive and very interested in what I'm doing. They gave me their stamp of approval, and I think they want to see what I've done with it."

### District 6630 Grants Committee Activity 2007-2010

#### International Matching Grants

Grant Number	Lead Club	Project Summary	Approval Date	Cash Contribution (Local)	District 6630 DDF	TRF World Fund	Total Project Budget
MG 0865499	Burton-Middlefield	Patagonia Literacy Project	12/3/2007	\$7,100.00	\$7,100.00	\$10,700.00	\$25,000.00
MG 0965684	Kent	Zawamli, El Salvador Water Tank	12/3/2007	\$6,360.00	\$6,360.00	\$15,500.00	\$37,200.00
MG 0965717	Barberton	Mico finance revolving loan fund in Greater Lome area, Togo	1/7/2008	\$14,290.00	\$14,290.00	\$21,485.00	\$50,165.00
MG 0864890	Wastlake-Bay Village	Pharmaceuticals and Medical Equipment to Beninville, Ivory Coast	2/4/2008	\$1,443.00	\$7,043.00	\$9,414.00	\$21,000.00
MG 0865642	N/A	Nigerian Medical Mission Learning Center Equipment/Supplies to Pampagna, Philippines	2/4/2008	\$0.00	\$3,333.00	\$24,000.00	\$48,000.00
MG 0867184	Strongsville	Equipment to the Hospital of Charity in Carguçu, Brazil	3/3/2008	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$6,050.00	\$14,150.00
MG 0867171	Lakewood-Rocky River	Equipment to the Hospital of Charity in Carguçu, Brazil	3/3/2008	\$2,150.00	\$2,138.00	\$6,644.00	\$15,797.00
VS 0968428	Barberton	Volunteer Service Project to Togo	10/6/2008	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$18,000.00
MG 1069256	Twinsburg	Thailand Water project	12/1/2008	\$6,100.00	\$6,000.00	\$13,750.00	\$38,650.00
MG 1072084	Aurora	Zambia Water Project	6/1/2009	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$14,144.00	\$33,207.00
MG 1072084	Aurora	Clean Water Project for children in Kakuru, Kenya	10/5/2009	\$5,000.00	\$44,050.00	\$0.00	\$49,150.00
MG 1072081	Burton-Middlefield	Patagonia Literacy Project Part 2 (Computer Lab)	10/5/2009	\$3,600.00	\$21,300.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00
MG 1072080	Lakewood-Rocky River	Furniture and Learning Materials to Shree Janajyoti School in Nepal Chading,	10/5/2009	\$2,000.00	\$10,211.00	\$0.00	\$12,311.00
MG 1072080	Cleveland	AIPNO Medical Pilgrimage to India	10/5/2009	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$35,000.00
				<b>\$54,543.00</b>	<b>\$128,325.00</b>	<b>\$127,693.00</b>	<b>\$310,661.00</b>

### District Simplified Grants

Grant Number	Lead Club	Project Summary	Approval Date	Club(s) Contribution	District 6630 DDF	TRF World Fund	Total Project Budget
DSG 64008	Burton Middlefield	AID for Geauga County Fairground	10/1/2007	\$825.00	\$625.00	\$0.00	\$1,650.00
DSG 64008	Burton Middlefield	Holiday GIR Packages for 150 Army Reservists stationed in Iraq	10/1/2007	\$1,147.71	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,147.71
DSG 64008	Chesterland	School Benches	10/1/2007	\$1,921.44	\$890.00	\$0.00	\$2,811.44
DSG 64008	Hudson	Bicycle Repair Program	10/1/2007	\$1,452.66	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,452.66
DSG 64008	Geneva	Geneva Park Walking/Exercise Track	10/1/2007	\$2,500.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00
DSG 64008	Conneaut	Study Skills Program	10/1/2007	\$1,500.00	\$729.00	\$0.00	\$2,229.00
DSG 64008	Aurora	Tuskegee Box Project	10/1/2007	\$385.00	\$385.00	\$0.00	\$770.00
DSG 64008	Aurora	Police Dog Vest	10/1/2007	\$1,057.10	\$1,057.00	\$0.00	\$2,114.10
DSG 64008	Chesterland	WomenSafe Project	10/1/2007	\$27,928.99	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$29,428.99
DSG 64008	Chesterland	WomanSafe Project	6/2/2008	\$0.00	\$846.00	\$0.00	\$846.00
DSG 64008	Mentor	Bone Marrow registry	12/3/2007	\$13,746.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$15,246.00
DSG 64008	Hillcrest	Special Olympics Bowling Event	12/3/2007	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00
DSG 64008	Berea	Security System for Lou Greca Field	6/5/2008	\$4,984.03	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,384.03
DSG 64008	Aurora	Nature Conservatory Improvements	6/2/2008	\$1,570.97	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$3,070.97
DSG 66444	Burton Middlefield	AC Junit for Geauga County Historical Society	10/6/2008	\$2,940.00	\$840.00	\$0.00	\$3,880.00
DSG 66444	Nordonia	YMCA Tipl Project	12/1/2008	\$2,343.84	\$2,375.00	\$0.00	\$4,718.84
DSG 66444	Cleveland	District Child Mortality Conference	12/1/2008	\$6,026.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$8,526.00
DSG 66444	Strongsville	District Child Mortality Conference	2/2/2009	\$6,026.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$8,526.00
DSG 66444	Chardon	Rotary Pavilion at Mountain Run Station	4/6/2009	\$30,617.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$33,117.00
DSG 66444	Chardon	Rotary Pavilion at Mountain Run Station	6/1/2009	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00
DSG 66444	Mentor	Deepwood Center Youth Programs	4/6/2009	\$4,324.14	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$6,824.14
DSG 66444	Mentor	Deepwood Center Youth Programs	6/1/2009	\$0.00	\$663.50	\$0.00	\$663.50
DSG 1070280	Kent	Kent City Schools Reading Program	2/1/2010	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00
DSG 1070280	Twinsburg	Fallen Officer Memorial	4/5/2010	\$1,700.00	\$1,700.00	\$0.00	\$3,400.00
DSG 1070280	Cleveland	YES! Sail Training Program	5/3/2010	\$47,410.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$49,910.00
				<b>\$163,998.88</b>	<b>\$37,680.50</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$201,679.38</b>
				<b>\$218,539.88</b>	<b>\$166,005.50</b>	<b>\$127,693.00</b>	<b>\$512,238.38</b>