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# DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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- Youth exchange deadline 11/19
- New Generations becomes 5th avenue of service
- 2 Simplified Grants approved
- Andy VonStein, an inspiration to all
- Singing Angels make music, make friends, make a difference
- HELP grow Rotary
- Berea Rotarians are staying busy
- Local Rotarian Joy Black reaches out
- 2011 RI convention to be in May
- Roop's hobby turns into helping hand
- Stow-Munroe Falls provides 500 dictionaries
- Taste of Hudson raised over \$135k to date

## Governor's Letter

### BIGGER BETTER BOLDER

Is District # 6630 Bigger, Better, Bolder? It absolutely is! As I visit the clubs, they are growing with new members. Projects and fund raisers have been bigger and better. We are all trying to think and plan how we can be much Bolder.

Already it is November and this is Rotary Foundation Month! I have been talking about the Rotary Foundation to all of you on my visits. The Rotary Foundation is how Rotarians can advance world peace and understanding, support and improve health, reduce hunger, advance education, alleviate poverty and eradicate Polio. The Foundation supports all of the following:

**Ambassadorial Scholar-** This allows scholars to study in different countries and serve as an unofficial ambassador of goodwill. The Ambassadorial scholarship available is valued at \$ 27,000.

**Group Study Exchange-** It is an annual award made to paired Rotary districts to cover expenses for a team of non-Rotarians led by a Rotarian team leader. This Rotary year our district is having its exchange with Amsterdam, Netherlands.

**World Peace Fellow-** There are 5 Rotary Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution. This allows 110 scholars to earn a master's degree.

**Disaster Relief-** Money can be given to specific disasters such as hurricanes and earthquakes.

**3 H Grants-** These grants fund large scale projects that improve health, alleviate hunger, or promote human development.

**Matching Grants-** These are funds for international and local service projects of rotary clubs in the district.

**District Simplified Grants-** These funds support service activities of district locally and internationally.

Polio Plus to "End Polio Now" along with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation grant of \$ 350 million and our match of \$ 200 million is also part of the Rotary Foundation. Polio will soon be eradicated around the world!

My goal is to have our District increase our giving with the EREY ( every Rotarian every year) Program by 100%.

As Rotarians we also need to emphasize the importance of becoming a Paul Harris Fellow. This is very simple. It only requires an amount of \$1,000. This does not have to be done all at once. It can be attained over a period of months or even years. If you need information on the Rotary Foundation, contact Roger Cram, the District Foundation chairman.

We are already over four months into our Rotary year and the Cleveland Browns have won two in a row. Many clubs have had some great fund raisers, many Reverse Raffles, the Harvest Auction, Clam bakes, a night at the Front Row, and more. In addition, many community projects, career nights, job fairs, food and clothing drives and paper shredding. Also, dictionaries to third graders by 80% of our clubs, book reading to students and much more.

What a treat during my visit to Burton-Middlefield! I was able to recognize a very special person as

we all sang Happy Birthday to John Gander. John was celebrating 97 years of age and 58 years of perfect Rotary attendance.

Plans are underway for our District Conference and Assembly April 29,30 and May 1, 2010 at the Hilton in Beachwood. If you have any speakers, events, displays, projects, entertainment you can provide or suggest, let us know.

Don't forget our 14 International exchange students within the District. They would all like to learn more about us, our culture, and activities. Include them as you make plans for the future. As a group, they have been to Cedar Point, a Halloween party, Amish country for a day, and more. They are a great group of students.

The group Study Exchange ( GSE) Team has been selected to go to Amsterdam, Netherlands. The team leader is Bill Richardson (Rotary Club of Mentor). Along with team members --Alicia Graves from Cleveland, Ohio; Haya Kamhawi from Fairlawn, Ohio; Brandon Linton from Garfield Heights, Ohio; Heather Rule from Middleburg Heights, Ohio; They are an outstanding team and will have a great time in Amsterdam from February 23, 2011 through March 23, 2011. You can look forward to hearing about their exchange trip at the District Conference in April, 2011.

The District Directory has been printed and is being delivered as you read this. Hip, Hip, Hooray!

We are continuing to be Bigger, Better, and Bolder.

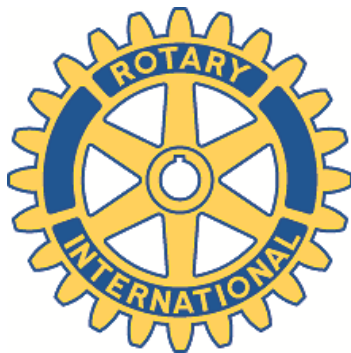
## November Grants Committee Report

By Bob Johnson

The Grants Committee meeting on Nov. 1 was unusually busy with many grants, large & small being presented in various stages of completion. Burton-Middlefield presented their Patagonia III project which is ready for approval at the Dec. 6 meeting. This project is very exciting in that it completes a series of projects over a period of three years to improve educational infrastructure for a group of 25 schools in a very remote and rural area in the Patagonia region of Argentina. Approximately 8 schools have been served each year with computers, teaching materials and student transportation aides. These supplies, many of which were rare and almost unheard of in this area, were purchased by Burton-Middlefield and our many partners for \$25,000. each year under the RI matching grant program and delivered and set up by a group of ex-ambassadorial scholars led by Kimberly Berls, Tanner Wells and Laura Ban and their 501 C3 organization called Project Patagonia.

Project Patagonia purchases the equipment in Argentina therefore eliminating complex importation problems and not only delivers it, but installs and tests everything, and also conducts training not only for the students but for many of the community members that use it after school hours. They have also given the project a much greater impact by providing follow up visits each year to repair or replace any inoperable parts that are difficult for the schools to access and for further training.

These have been very rewarding and successful projects. Burton-Middlefield is still looking for any club that would like to partner with them this year for any amount from \$250. to \$1000. and receive a huge bang for their International Service buck without doing any of the tedious work involved. Please contact Bob Johnson - goracerbob@aol.com (440-834-8447) or Jim Eldridge - jel-dri1786@aol.com (440-564-9281) if you would like more info. or to schedule a short presentation at your club if possible. We need financial commitments by 12/15/2010 but don't need the funds until the project begins. If you want to partner with us you will find that high impact, high visibility, low effort international projects like this don't come along very often. This is a great opportunity for any District 6630 club!



*It's not too early to start thinking about the holidays and how we can help others in our community... tickets are on sale now! Please mark your calendar and invite your friends, family and neighbors to this wonderful Holiday Fun-Event.*

Saturday, December 4, 2010

5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Stan Hywet Hall "A Dickens of a Christmas"

Ticket Donation \$35.00

A lighting fixture will take place at 5:30pm to start the Deck the Hall evening off to a joyous start. That's just the beginning of an incredible experience! Once the Hall - a Dickens of a Christmas, Holiday dinner is all around us Charles Dickens' 1843 novella, A Christmas Carol is recited in the Manor House.

Your visit starts at the Front Gate of the Estate. It's a winter wonderland and the Manor House is bathed in white lights. After all the Courtyard just outside the Hall is "Shop a Cup". With its thousand trees and lanterns - the entire area is decorated to reflect a charming traditional Christmas of long ago. The smell of mulled cider and gingerbread fills the air. Santa is ready to be his workshop. Yes, that's right, he's taking time out of his busy schedule to be at Stan Hywet on each night of Deck the Hall!

Your ticket purchase includes a very special holiday tour of the Stan Hywet Manor home, a Rotarian social hour with your friends and family in the beautiful Stan Hywet Gate House, a variety of appetizers and drinks, a Chinese auction, and more. All proceeds will be used to support making the holidays a little brighter for local children and families.

Tickets can be purchased by contacting Feltz Kevils at 330-658-1134

All tickets must be purchased by November 30, 2010

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## Victim Assistance Creates World Wide Impact

By Jack Harig

Governor Stew asked PDG Jack Harig to represent him and District 6630 at Victim Assistance "Friends of Influence" breakfast. No Rotarian has been more involved in Victim Assistance than Tom Brandt, Past Pres. Rotary Club of Port Summit. Tom is President of the Victim Assistance board and was influential in starting the "Friends of Influence" campaign. Although it is difficult to imagine what victim of violent crime or horrible accidents go through they have had a personal advocate since 1972. Victim Assistance Program has been dedicated to assure that no victim is alone.

Their advocacy efforts are ministered on a variety of levels through: Pro-active crisis intervention to stabilize and provide compassionate aid. Education and advocacy throughout the criminal justice system. A collaborative continuum of care via appropriate referrals to community agencies/resources. Community and professional education focused on victim issues, needs and service.

Like many great Rotary projects, Victim Assistance grew out of a meeting in an Akron Restaurant in 1972 that included Rev. Bob Denton, Executive Director of

the Furnace Street Mission, Capt. Jack Cunningham of the Akron Police Dept. and two others who were concerned about victim of crime and personal tragedy. Victim Assistance has not only served the needs of 15 - 20,000 victims a year in Summit County. This unique outreach has become a model for similar programs in communities throughout the United States. Dr. Denton has been invited to South Korea in 2011 to teach the Koreans set up a similar program. Every 1.2 minutes someone is robbed, Every 3.2 seconds a property crime occurs, every 36.2 seconds someone is assaulted. Crime, pain, and personal grief can impact us, our families or our neighbors. Victim Assistance has offered to share its story with our Rotary Clubs and others in your community. The story of Victim Assistance and how it can be of value in our local communities is a story worth presenting to your club. You can contact Rotarian Tom Brandt, Port Summit Rotary at 330-819-1018, teb9475@yahoo.com or Missy Klein, Community Education Liaison/Advocate at

330-576-0040 .  
mklein@victimassistanceprograms.org or visit their website at: www.victimassistanceprogram.org

## News From TRC Chagrin Highlands

By Marlene Herman

Chagrin Highlands will be sponsoring the Sports Challenge on November 13, 2010 at 4326 Green Road, Highland Hills, Ohio where we provide games for the physically and mentally challenged young adults (and some older). They receive stickers and much applause and smiles for their accomplishments. We also provide lunch and give them t-shirts.

Our club will be having a "Game Night" for club members to play cards, games etc. in January 2011. In the summer of 2011 we will be touring Lake View Cemetery.

We are also planning a Super Bowl party in February, 2011. More specific details later.

Mr. Ken Brown to be installed November 18, 2011.

[Click here to see coverage of TRC Stow's salute to veterans](#)

## TRC Solon Raises \$6k for Clean Drinking Water

By Les Proctor

Solon Rotary, one of newest clubs to join the Rotary Family (chartered in May 2010), raised more than \$6,000 with its inaugural fundraising event called "Bowl for Water" at Freeway Lanes in Solon Ohio on October 23, 2010.

Unsafe drinking water is the leading cause of sickness and disease in developing countries, and Solon Rotary Club is doing its part to raise money for the cause. The charity was supported by Cleveland's own Katie Spotz, the courageous young woman who captured the hearts of America when she became the youngest person to row solo across the Atlantic.

Katie was on hand to support this event as well as other local celebrities, including: Solon Mayor Susan Drucker, as well as local news celebrities Brian Duffy, Jen Picianno, and Jeff Tanchak from Action 19 news.

"It's great that we raised \$6,000," Katie said. "But more than the money, the great achievement is making people aware that there are 1.1 billion people—that's 1 out of every 6 people in the world—who do not have access to safe, clean drinking water. I've made it

my mission to raise awareness for this cause."

The Rotary Club of Solon's \$6,000 donation will benefit the Blue Planet Network, a group of passionate people, working with a global network of experienced water groups, who are committed to bringing sustainable safe drinking water to people throughout the world, primarily in rural communities.

"The goal for next year is \$10,000," said Rob Previte, President of Solon Rotary. "Because \$10,000 buys a village of 110 families a complete water system."

Caption for Photo: "Solon Rotary President Rob Previte as SuperHero "Rotary Man" on a Crusade for Clean Drinking Water with Special Guest Katie Spotz"

Callout: "[...] More than the money, the great achievement is making people aware that there are 1.1 billion people—that's 1 out of every 6 people in the world—who do not have access to safe, clean drinking water." ~ Katie Spotz



Who is that masked man?

## Winds of Change

By Jack Miaskowski

Rotary lives and breathes in our 33,000 clubs, and it is the clubs that improve lives by Building Communities - Bridging Continents. If we succeed in helping clubs to become Bigger, Better, and Bolder in the next year, then it will be clear that the best days of Rotary

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are still ahead. We are fortunate to be Rotarians! Together, we can make

the world a better place. Those are the words of our International President Ray Klingensmith from the July issue of the Rotarian just in case you missed them.

In looking at two of the articles in that issue "A World through rose-colored glasses" and "Life evolves in a jungle", I thought what it must be like for those people to get help from someone they don't even know. Those someone's are Rotarians helping people all over the world.

That is where District 6630 comes in by getting more Rotarians to help in those kind of missions. Share with your friends and families about these feel good true stories and ask them to become a part of helping people all over the world. Pick your own story to share with prospective members to show them the great work we do all over the World.

If you don't like International tell them about some local success stories your own club

has done. We put our efforts where the work will help to build a better life for all.

As you should be aware of by now, Rotary wants to talk about the good things we have done and are doing. We have the right to brag so don't be shy about talking up to potential members. Get them excited, get yourself excited, tell them why you joined Your Club. Maybe by rethinking why you joined, you can find the reason you want others to share in those good feelings you get from helping others. Service about self!

How do you crank up your Meetings to attract more members?

At our Meeting in Strongsville this morning we had our Veterans Day event and heard from a WW II veteran along with honoring family members who served in WWII. We had to set up extra tables to accommodate the crowd. We had over 110 people this morning. Two weeks ago we had a Business Expo in combination with the Chamber of Commerce and the City of Strongsville. It was sold out!

In October we copied the Aurora Club's Taste of Restaurant Idea and that was sold out as well! Two weeks ago we had a Clam Bake with the profits going to Camp Cheerful! That was a success as well!

It is your Club's responsibility to make your Club attractive to new members, survey your club, and ask the members how to make it better! Yes it is hard work but the results are most satisfying and that is how you grow. I have a sign in my home office it says., "BE NOT AFRAID OF GROWING SLOWLY, BE AFRAID ONLY OF STANDING STILL."

Is your Club standing still ?

*Glamour Magazine names Katie Spotz "Woman of the Year"*

## ShelterBox USA Update

By Jack A. Young, PDG

Below is the latest information on the response to recent disasters by Shelter Box in helping to provide aid to the affected areas.

1. INDONESIA: Families in the Mentawai Islands once again have a place to call home thanks to SB. Hundreds of families lost their homes in the Mentawai Islands, Indonesia when an under sea earthquake triggered a deadly tsunami at the end of October. The wave washed up to 600m inland in places, completely destroying a number of villages.

A Shelter Box Response Team (SRT) immediately traveled to Indonesia after the tsunami and within several days distributed 50 Shelter Boxes to families in desperate need. To read more: [www.shelterboxusa.org/news.php?id=519](http://www.shelterboxusa.org/news.php?id=519)

2. ST. LUCI:

Emergency Shelter and lifesaving supplies for up to 800 has been sent to the Caribbean Island of St. Lucia after Hurricane Tomas devastated the coun-

try. The hurricane struck on Sunday, October 31 and is the worst storm to hit the island in more than 20 years. Torrential rain lasted for more than 14 hours, causing chaos across the country and triggering a series of deadly land slides. For more information <http://shelterboxusa.org/news.php?id=515>

3. MEXICO: Distribution is now complete in the Villahermosa, Veracruz and Tabasco regions. SB team members handed out SB to those who have lost everything during the recent flooding. The only access to many families was by a ninety minute boat ride and a two hour road trip from home base. Many families received no aid up until this point of the Shelter Boxes being delivered and were living in what can only be described as appalling conditions. 545 Boxes have been delivered in this region of Mexico.

4. PHILLIPINES: An international team is responding to the damage caused by the Typhoon which struck the country last month. 200 S. Boxes have cleared customs. there are areas of need in the far north, some only accessible by boat. The

weather is also causing problems and there are reports of more flooding in the north. Many areas cannot rely on roads and thus helicopters are locating boat access routes. In addition other storms have been developing in the area.

5. HAITI At this time no further assistance is required from SB in response to Hurricane Tomas. Haiti escaped the worst of the hurricane although there was a large amount of rain fall.

Loney Planet writer Paul Clammer emailed Shelter Box from Haiti last week and said "I was out in some of the tent camps near Delmas 33 and still saw plenty of Shelter Box tents. In talking to one of the families who received a SB tent, they said it was easily the best tent in the country. Most of the other tents you couldn't stay in until late day because of the heat factor. This was not the case of the SB tent. When Paul complimented the wife on how neat the tent was, her response was, "Of course, this is my home."

## News From Garretttsville~Hiram

By Carol Donley

Thursday, November 11, the Garretttsville-Hiram Rotary held its annual fundraising Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction at the Sugar Bush Golf Course in Garretttsville. The event was attended by more than 100 people who enjoyed their steak dinners and fine singing by County Commissioner Chuck Keiper. Past 6630 District Governors included Al Connors, Jim Frame and Bob Jackson. Current DG Stew Buchanan and Foundation Chairman Roger Cram also attended. The AVI Foodsystems at Hiram College catered the event with additional special help from Hermann's Pickles, McDonald's, and the Sugar Bush Golf Club.

Many items were donated for the Silent Auction including gift baskets, tools, a

decorated Christmas tree, and an original water color by the gifted Darlene Jackson. But the Reverse Raffle and Side Board betting drew the most attention, with a 1 in 100 chance of winning \$1000.

The funds collected from this event will go to help the club carry on its projects, from sponsoring Family Week in Garretttsville, the Power of the Pen, Santa project and People Tree to helping with a water well in Kenya and a Children of the Dump project in Nicaragua. The club also supports the interact Club at James A. Garfield High School and the Rotaract Club at Hiram College. Last year it sent two students to the RYLA week at Hiram. An update from Bob Jackson says we cleared about \$6400 after expenses.



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## Bread Pickup Continues

By Larry Faulhaber

The Sunrise Rotary Club of Lakewood/Rocky River is collecting loaves of bread for the 2010 Thanksgiving and Christmas Food distribution of the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp. Each Friday a Sunrise Rotary Club member goes to Breadsmith Bakery at West Clifton and Detroit in Lakewood, to pick up surplus bakery, which it generously donates. Sunrise members have made arrangements for storing the bread in freezers at member's churches, businesses and homes.

On Friday, November 19, it will be brought to Masonic Hall in Lakewood for thawing, and then to be put in the bags that the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation puts together for delivery to 300 needy and elderly families in Lakewood, on the Saturday before Thanksgiving and Christmas. Additional loaves will be made available for the Christmas food distribution, as well. It is expected that nearly 600 loaves will be donated by Breadsmith for the 2010 distribution.

After the Christmas 2009 food distribution, the Sunrise Rotary Club decided to continue the Friday night pick up, and find agencies that distribute food throughout the year, or other groups that provide community meals year round. Breadsmith continued their generous donations, and each Friday night from 60 to 100 loaves of bread were picked up. In Lakewood, bread went to the Community Meal program sponsored by St. James, and now at St. Luke's Church. In Rocky River, bread went to the Rocky River Assistance program which provides for food pick ups for needy families once a month out of the Beach Education Center in Rocky River. Several deliveries were made to Brother Herman's House of Friendship for homeless men in Cleveland. Monthly Bread deliveries were also made to the Lakewood United Methodist Church for their food and meal programs.

With the cooperation and funding from the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Noon Club, the Sunrise Club has received \$1,200 in Rotary District 6630 Matching Grants funds for the purchase of 4 freezers to facilitate bread storage for future Thanksgiving and Christmas. Members will continue the Friday night pick ups as long as Breadsmith provides the bread. The Club will continue to deliver bread to agencies that help people in need. The Rocky River Assistance and the Lakewood Community Meal programs will continue to receive bread, and the Club will look for additional agencies to support in the coming year. The new freezers will be a great help in making the project a success.

## Rotary Microfinance News

PHOTOS

By Donna Elms

In October of 2007 the Barberton Rotary Club undertook one of its largest projects in the history of the club. They chose to partner with a Mercy Economic Development International Corporation (MEDIC), a non-profit Christian organization located in Tallmadge, Ohio, who provides micro-financing to the poorest of the poor in developing nations.

In two years, the Rotary Club of Barberton raised \$14,290 of the \$50,000 that was awarded to the non-profit for Trust Bank Financing. Rotary District 6630 Northeast Ohio and Rotary International also provided much needed funding. The results of the funding from the Barberton Club and Northeast Ohio District are almost beyond description for the women and children.

When the Barberton Club sent their grant to the Northeast Ohio District for funding they had no idea that this grant would have a ripple effect reaching farther than the small villages in Togo, West Africa. That in itself was a very large undertaking.

In January of 2009 a delegation from the Barberton Club traveled to the Nation of Togo to distribute the first of the loans from the micro-finance grant awarded to the recipients in and around the city of Lome' Togo, West Africa. The Rotarians (Margie Roop- Rotary Club President at the time, Paulette Kline - Barberton Health Director, and Larry Lallo- co-founder of MEDIC) were met with the smiling faces of African widows as they received their first loans after 12 weeks of training. They had hope in their eyes and hearts for a better future for themselves and their children.

Clients are dependent on each other in the Trust Banks. This increases their sense of community and chance of success. With a 98 percent repayment rate in Benin and 100 percent in Ghana, this provided the experience needed for Rotary to launch into the partnership with MEDIC in Togo and grant funding to the non-profit organization.

As a result of the trip, the Akron Beacon Journal reported the events in their daily news on March 2, 2009. In this article Lallo spoke of the

conception of MEDIC and his service from 1997 -2002. Mercy Ships is a non-profit Medical Mission Organization that provides health care to the poorest of the poor in port communities around the world.

To Lallo's surprise, a short time later he received a phone call from Don Stevens (Mercy Ships Founder/President). Mr. Stevens is also a Rotarian fellow. This phone call led to discussions which opened the door to a whole new area of clients in the nation of Togo, West Africa. As stated in the Mercy Ships blog (posted on their web site), Mercy Ships recognized the need to help its patients re-enter the world after surgery. In a new pilot program, Mercy Ships is partnering with MEDIC in some of the very same areas where the first rotary funding is working. With the success of the pilot program in Togo, MEDIC and Mercy Ships hope to expand into other West African countries where both of these organizations are working. MEDIC currently has offices in 4 countries of Africa where Mercy Ships provides ports of call.

The original Rotary Grant was to have supported 8 Village Trust Banks, but I am happy to share with fellow Rotarians that this grant exceeded more than we ever expected.

Reports from the MEDIC Togo office show that the original Rotary grant of \$50,000 provided for 17 Trust Banks, totaling 500 clients. These clients are working very hard to advance their businesses and improve their quality of life. This grant doesn't just help the client; it also impacts their family and community. For each client funded, the effect touches their spouse, children and neighbors. The clients form strong connections with other Trust Bank members as well. It has always been said that there is strength in numbers and it's very true in this program.

If you would like to know more about the Rotary/MEDIC project, or the MEDIC /Mercy Ships project, please visit the MEDIC website at [www.MEDICInternational.org](http://www.MEDICInternational.org) . A reprint of the MEDIC Micro-loan can be viewed at [www.Mercyships.org](http://www.Mercyships.org) (Search the word MEDIC in the blog section).

## Rotary Shares 2007~2008

PHOTOS

By Bob Prevette

Rotary Shares year 2007-08 in District 6630 had one of our great GSE entry Level Teams visit our District from District 1800 in North Central Germany.

Bob was able to select the District 1800 due to the fact that his Company Kuenkel Wagner located at Alfeld, Germany is in District 1800. He had one of his co workers Ditmar Bertram investigate District 1800's Web Site that was in German to find the then DGE Max Will, who Bob then contacted for agreement to set up the Group Study Exchange.

PDG Bob & Caroline Prevette of Nordonia Hills Rotary Club met with their District Governor Elect Max and Renate Will at The Rotary International Convention in Copenhagen in June 2006 to confirm the agreement between our two districts.

Our District Foundation Chair PDG Al Conners of the Aurora club and GSE Committee Chair Stan Socha of The Brunswick Club with our GSE committee leaders and hosts prepared the agenda for the arrival of the incoming team. They were with us through most of May 2008 Attending our District Conference at The Bertram Inn.

The District 1800 Team Leader and their team members became close friends of all they met and were hosted by in District 6630. Bob & Caroline became great friends with the team Leader Klaus Kuhn and all of the Team Members.

Bob had a planned short notice business meeting visit to Germany 7-26 through 7-30-10. He contacted PDG Klaus to see if they could meet with each other. Klaus living in Clausthal-Zellerfeld about 50 miles from Alfeld agreed to meet with him on Thursday 7-29. Klaus arranged for his team to join them. Klaus picked up Bob at His work place in Alfeld and took him to Hildesheim for a Rotary Meeting and City tour.

All of the team members except Denis Schmid in the Military and Carsten Lange

with a new Job were able to Join Bob & Klaus. Stefan Schubert came up by train from Gottingen and Markus Prestin Came by train down from Hanover. Mark Zimmermann works in Hildesheim. Mark since being with us is now married and expecting a child.

The fellowship and good time experienced by Bob from the team was exceptional. Such outstanding people and good friends. They attended a Rotary Club noon Meeting at Hildesheim, a Club of 55 with the President a legal counsel for Kuenkel Wagner. Following the Meeting we walked around the town together near 3 hours visiting three old Churches one dating back a 1000 Years.

Klaus and his team member's spoke of their various experiences and friends they made in District 6630. Their hosts were especially mentioned and revered. Remember their talking of visiting an elementary class in The District that sang a German Song to them and the Nordonia High School German Class they visited.

Bob once again found Klaus and this young team to be outstanding global citizens, leaders and outstanding men of high Integrity.

One of the Highlights of our Rotary Shares Year 2007-08 was their being in our District and an the exceptional opportunity to again be with, "hug" and respect these men is a high light Bob will never forget and cherish forever.

Klaus and his wife will be at the 2011 Rotary International Convention in New Orleans. They have been invited to stop at Bob's before or after the convention.

They all wish to be remembered by Their District 6630 Friends . Please send them an E-mail.

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## TRC Shaker Turns 50

By Sandy Bendis

The first snow of the winter welcomed the Shaker Heights Rotary members, alumni and honored guests at The Cleveland Skating Club on Nov. 6, 2010, for a gala celebration of our 50th anniversary. The tables were lined with Rotary flags collected by club members from Rotary clubs all over the world, as well as with displays and an ongoing power point presentation of old club photographs, documents and newsletters.

Along with old documents, there were displays of information about our current projects including The Dictionary Project, providing dictionaries for all Shaker Heights 3rd graders, The International Project of raising funds for a Minivan for an Orphanage in Flora Azul, Honduras, Qua Scholarships for graduating seniors, and Interact/Youth Ending Hunger.

The evening began with a cocktail hour of camaraderie and sharing of old times. Shaker Heights Mayor Earl M. Leiken stopped by to offer congratulations to the Club. Rabbi Lloyd Goldman then gave a moving invocation and dinner was served.

Current President Charlie Mayer started the after-dinner program with introductions of our Distinguished District Rotary Officers: District Governor Stew Buchanan, Rotary Assistant Governor Coordinator Julie West and Assistant District Governor Jackie Minotas.

Ed Pellegrin, the longest ongoing member in the club, having joined the club when it was four months old, served as the Master of Ceremonies for the evening, introducing Charter Members: Stanley Wardwell, First Shaker Heights Rotary President, and Dr. Jack McMahan, as well as alumni members Thomas Eakin and Bob Kohl.

It was an honor to have the first Shaker Heights Rotary Club President, Stan Wardwell, speak about how The Club began. He told wonderful stories with great detail and humor about how 23 men gathered to start the club in 1960.

Keynote speaker was Roger Cram from Rotary Foundation. He presented a moving and powerful story of 'Children Heroes of Peace', children from around the world who have really made a difference. Included in his stories was one about Alex who had contracted cancer when she was one. At four years old she started a lemonade stand to raise money to fight cancer. She raised \$2,000.00 the first day. Alex passed away at the age of 8 but her cause lives on as the "Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation", continuing to raise millions of dollars for cancer research. This was just one of a number of inspiring stories that had everyone mesmerized.

How apropos that we reached the mark of \$50k donated to The Rotary Foundation in our 50th year. It was a truly wonderful and memorable event.

PHOTOS

## District Governor Visits Berea Rotary

By Linda Kramer

District 6630 Governor Stew Buchanan paid a visit to the Rotary Club of Berea on Oct. 19, explaining Rotary International's organizational structure and the many opportunities Rotarians have to volunteer in their communities. Stew stressed the importance of recruiting new members and retaining current members. The night of Stew's visit, Berea Rotarians welcomed new member Jim Rump. Stew also discussed the Zone Institute in Rochester, N.Y., and the need for continued Rotary help to the people of Haiti. His slide presentation was very informative and Berea Rotary's chance to meet with him and his wife, as well as Ron Bryski and his wife, was very much appreciated.

Update on the schools: Derran Wimer, superintendent of the Berea City School District, gave Rotarians an update on long-range plans for the school district on Oct. 12. A 2.95-million bond issue on the November ballot would have provided funds to build a new high school and update other buildings in the district. Mr. Wimer explained that the district is faced with declining enrollment and no longer has a need for two high schools and two middle schools. The bond issue failed at the polls Nov. 2. That means Midpark High School will become a middle school for grades 7 and 8 and all students in grades 9-12 will attend Berea High.

Biz Expo: The Rotary Club of Berea took part in the annual Biz Expo sponsored by the Chambers of Commerce for Berea, Brook Park and Middleburg Heights on Oct. 26. The highlight of the booth was a promotional poster designed by Rotarian Chuck Stanko's daugh-

ter. It depicted the various activities of the club throughout the year. The club also raffled off a Lou Groza Charity Golf Outing jersey. Rotarians staffed the booth, explaining Rotary and its programs to potential members.

What's next for Berea?: Guest speaker on Nov. 2 was Rebecca Corrigan, executive director of the Berea Community Development Corp. She explained the role of her office in attracting and retaining businesses in the area. The BCDC also will be instrumental in the development of the North End of Berea.

Goodwill Drive: In conjunction with the City of Berea, Rotarians sponsored a Goodwill Donation Drive Nov. 3-7. The Goodwill trailer was located behind Berea City Hall and was attended by a Goodwill representative and various Rotary volunteers. Accepted were donations of clothing, toys and small household appliances. Each donor received a coupon worth \$1 off any item at a nearby Domino's Pizza.

Thanksgiving Project: Berea Rotarians are teaming up with local agencies for the 18th year to collect cash and food items for local pantries. Since 1993, the club has distributed more than \$40,000 to ensure that local residents in need can enjoy a Thanksgiving dinner. The donations will be divided among Berea Welfare Assistance, SCAN Hunger Pantry and Church Street Ministries. The money will be used to buy food and food certificates. Deadline for donations is Nov. 23. Checks should be made payable to Berea Rotary Foundation and mailed to Berea Rotary, P.O. Box 55, Berea, OH 44017. For more information, contact project chairman Allyn Adams at (440) 243-6612.

## TRC Barberton Raises Over \$9k in Latest Event

By Ruth Kaser

Tailgate Party 2010 was the theme of the Barberton Rotary Foundation Annual Reverse Raffle. The fun filled event was held October 28th at Prime at Anthe's Restaurant in Akron Ohio. The guests enjoyed several of Anthe's signature food stuffs, bid on silent auction items, played bingo and the 50/50 raffle until it was time for the major event of the evening-the reverse raffle. The club had offered 130 tickets for sale, with the main drawing of a grand prize of \$1500.

The evening was a success as the expected net will be in excess of \$9400. A large portion of the Reverse Raffle proceeds will go towards the clubs International Pediatric Wheel-

chair Program. In partnership with Hope Haven Ministries, the club has applied for grants from the District as well as RI and hopes to acquire 150 wheelchairs for disabled children in El Salvador. These specially designed pediatric wheelchairs can be adjusted to grow with the child. They can also accommodate a wide range of body shapes and physical disabilities, while maintaining proper alignment and maximum trunk support. Some of our other projects and programs include micro-finance trust banks for widows in Togo, Africa, NCS Paint Your Heart Out, Barberton Beautification, and a multi-handicapped playground at Johnson Elementary School in Barberton.

## District RYLA Summary

By Dan Sveda

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp is a leadership training program that focuses on Juniors in High School to help them become more effective leaders in their Senior Class year.

The District 6630 RYLA Camp was held this year from June 13-17 at Hiram College.

This year was a banner year with 56 students attending, representing 34 area high schools. The students were sponsored by 25 Rotary Clubs in District 6630. Each sponsoring Rotary Club pays the \$425 tuition for the students they sponsor.

During the 5day/4 night camp the students were housed in a dormitory and participated in a variety of leadership activities including: A day-long low ropes course that stresses team development. A Meyers-Briggs analy-

sis of leadership styles. An interactive "Pay-it-Forward" program Speakers on topics such as Time-Management, Careers, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, and Student Service Projects. A variety of team projects as well as other activities.

The RYLA experience allows the students to develop a network of peers outside of their own high schools that can be used throughout their Senior year and beyond.

RYLA Camp is conducted by a profession coordinator from Baldwin Wallace College and four college-age counselors who are graduates of the RYLA program.

This year marked the 20th RYLA Camp in District 6630. For the students, RYLA is invaluable in preparing them to be leaders in their school and into the future.