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# ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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District Governor

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It was at the International Assembly in January that Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka introduced his theme for 2012-2013: Peace Through Service. In introducing this theme, he introduced the word about how our Rotary clubs specifically and collectively are doing things that differs among people and cultures. It may mean personal tranquility, happiness for the family, and a sense of contentment for it may mean a situation of safety where human needs are met. How we define peace, it is a goal that can be achieved through which we all will build. A theme embodies much of what Rotary is and can be. (For so generously of their time, talents, and their treasure and associated opportunities for you are the ones who make what we achieve possible.

As I have prepared for my year as District Governor, I have the opportunity to work with youth at the Club on District level. Encourage these youth to continue their association with Rotary as they go on for further education or to volunteer for Club or District committees or leadership positions; then identify and work around the world during increasing our membership, with those who will follow you. Gain additional hands to make the load lighter, skills to improve our projects. By attracting younger members we insure the future of Rotary. By having as local and international service project grants, Group Study Exchanges, and Ambassadorial Peace Scholars. Donate or raise funds for PolioPlus. Participate in District programs and events. our ability to do more with

efforts recognized in the Community. Governor Zabor hosted the year end picnic at Turkey Ridge pavilion at The Woods in Geauga county. Governor Zabor recognized those who assisted him during his year as Governor and was presented a beautifully framed certificate of appreciation to recognize service to District 6630. Attendees enjoyed great fellowship and food in a lovely setting.

One of the advantages of participating in District events is the opportunity to meet and share ideas with fellow Rotarians from other Clubs. It is also a way to meet District leaders and Committee members. I encourage each of you to attend at least one District event this year. The first one is our District Night at Progressive Field on Friday, August 31st with pre game picnic and the raffle winner throwing out the first pitch. Details are available on the District website or through your Club President or Assistant Governor. Look for an announcement soon about a Dis-

not too soon to mark your calendar for the District Conference April 12-14, 2013 at Quail Hollow.

I am excited about this Rotary year. I know there will be many opportunities for learning from one another, pooling our resources (working together), and enjoying Rotary fellowship, and most of them all.



## ShelterBox News

By Jack Young  
 ShelterBox is mobilizing a ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) following a request from communities affected by severe flooding and landslides in southern Russia. ShelterBox will work with Rotary and on the ground to assess their needs. The SRT team is still in the early stages of arranging their transportation, and cannot confirm details at this time.

A ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) recently traveled to South Sudan to discuss the distribution of emergency shelter with other aid agencies. The meeting is in response to the continuing conflict in this African Country. Currently, 58,000 people are living in Yida, a refugee camp in Unity State close to the contested border. Approximately 1,000 more refugees arrive each day. 1,152 ShelterBox disaster relief tents are en route to the affected areas. You may also be interested to know about the ongoing efforts of ShelterBox to assist families in Uganda affected by landslides. For further information, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young and ShelterBox Board member at 4407594000 or Jack1vil1a@aol.com.

## 3 Things To Know About Your District Grants Committee

By Dave Skrzynski  
 As Rotary begins another year with new leaders and new ideas, so does the District Grants Committee. Here are three things that you should know about:

- 1) The Grants Committee has shown meeting place for the 2013-2014 Rotary year. On the first Monday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m., the committee will meet at the Twinsburg Public Library located at 10050 Ravenwood Road, Twinsburg, OH 44087. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, however, if you are planning to submit a grant request please submit a completed Grant Inquiry Form via email at least 30 days before the meeting. Instructions and Forms may be obtained from the District website on District Grants.
- 2) On August 6, 2012 (at Twinsburg Public Library our first meeting of the new year) the Grants Committee will present a training session on the process for submitting a grant application for both District Simplified Grants and Humanitarian Matching Grants. This session, lead by Jim Lechko, 2013-2014 District Foundation Chair, will be most helpful for District Grants Committee members. Assistant Governors and any Rotarian who may be interested pursuing a Matching Grant.
- 3) The Committee is always looking for new members, especially additional representation from Medina County, Cuyahoga County, NE, and Portage County. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the District Grants Committee may email Chair PDG David Skrzynski at DNB9899@aol.com for more information.

The District Grants Committee looks forward to supporting the clubs in District 6630 in all of their Grant endeavors.

# A Word From DGE Bob Johnson

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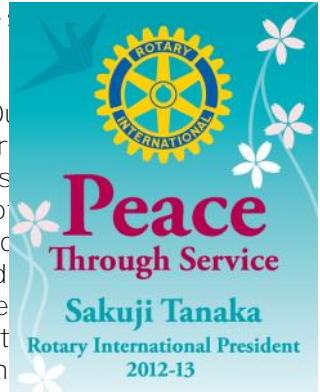
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7/1/2013. There is a vast amount of work and time to be invested in these programs but the new people seem to tackle it. There are many other new faces on board many capacities and we present these as the moves forward. All in all, I have found this district governor time to be very challenging but at the same time very rewarding. Many people; often working unknown behind the

Robert "Bob" Johnson  
 Dist. Governor Elec  
 District 6630

*Please welcome Tracy Jemison, Rotary Club of Linton Middlefield, as our District Treasurer Tracy served for a number of years on the District Finance Committee. At the same time thank outgoing District Treasurer Lynda Rossiter for her years of service.*



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The Honolulu and Hiroshima forums will focus on young people, including New Generation program participants and the common good over personal gain. Through reflection, we recognize that none of us is perfect and that each of us has something to offer. Additional information can be found via a link on the District website, [www.rotarydistrict6630.com](http://www.rotarydistrict6630.com). We embrace Peace Through Service, we strive for greater peace

# Berea Rotary Recycles Over 33,000 Pounds of Electronics

By Linda Kramer

The Rotary Club of Berea again partnered with the City of Berea to conduct a Computer & Electronics Roundup on June 2. Rotarians and student volunteers from Baldwin Wallace College, including members of Rotaract, helped load the semi-truck with more than 33,000 pounds of monitors, keyboards, batteries, cameras, electronic games, adaptors, and even one microwave oven. Volunteers helped unload vehicles as residents pulled into the parking lot at Berea High School. The event was free but donations were accepted to support Rotary projects. Part of the proceeds was donated to the Berea chapter, which is supported by the Rotary Club of Berea. The outdated and non-functioning electronics were taken to the Columbus recycling facility.

Templeman was installed as the new president of Berea Rotary at the annual meeting on June 2. Officers for 2012 include Matthew Lombardi, president; Linda Kramer, vice president; Mary Ann Walter, secretary; Allyn R. Adams, treasurer; Jo Solnick, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer; and Jeremy Rexroad, sergeant at arms.

Paul Harris awards were given to Mary Ann Walter and Matt Lombardi. Linda Kramer was named Rotarian of the Year.

CAMP RYLA: Baldwin Wallace College and the Rotary Club of Berea hosted the Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy). High school students from throughout the district came to the campus to learn how to become effective leaders, not only in their schools but in the community. Rotarians shared a dinner with the students and also shared their career and life experiences. Rotarian Marc West, who is an administrator at WB, was in charge of the camp.

GRINDSTONE FESTIVAL: Rotarians accepted the Grindstone Festival over the Fourth of July holiday. During the three-day festival, Berea Rotarians staffed the Welcome Tent, helped with the paddle boat rides on Coe Lake and assisted with the overnight family campout. We also marched in the Grindstone parade on July 5, which was filmed by an independent film company as part of the Grindstone Film Project. Some of us as extras when the film is released in September.

Berea Rotary is a sponsor of the Annual Wine Festival.

SYSTEMS SPEAKER: Erica Gordon of the Ohio Department of Transportation told us that state funding for transportation has decreased 7 percent over the past 12 years with more than \$1 billion in cuts. Despite that, RTA saw ride increase in 2011 along with revenue.

That trend should continue this year. RTA is busy renovating several of the stations, including the Woodfield station, where construction began and then stopped several years ago. Gordon said RTA has joined the digital age by offering NextConnect, a real-time information on when the next train or bus is scheduled. Riders can access that online on Berea Phones. RTA also can text commuters if the train is running late.

Gordon encourages seniors to apply for the Senior Rate Card, which entitles seniors to a 50 percent discount on bus fares. To apply for the card in person at RTA headquarters, 1240 W. Sixth St., Cleveland, call (216) 566-0000.

Berea Rotary has approved 291 microloans to entrepreneurs around the world. The latest \$25 loans have gone to projects in Indonesia (pigs), Mexico (pawtowers), Samoa (farming), Mali (agriculture), Costa Rica (poultry), Pakistan (agriculture), Cambodia (agriculture), Peru (agriculture and animal sales) and Rwanda (agriculture). Ken Weber is in charge of the microloan program.



- Build peace
- Prevent disease
- Provide clean water
- Improve health
- Promote literacy
- Support community development

## New Year's resolutions

Enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program.

Sign up at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), and make doing good a resolution you can keep.



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• **POD D6600**, Dave Perkins, Asst. Rotary Coordinator of Rotary Zone 29 shows his new Rotary License Plate. Each time he renews his plate he contributes \$15 to The Rotary Foundation. To date TRF has received over \$100,000 from Ohio Rotarians and their friends displaying the Ohio Rotary License Plate.

Some Ohio Rotarians have gotten a little creative with their ROTARY license plates. Here are some examples of those seen around the area: EREY, DRUGHU, DQGT08, RCHANG, H0D0G, CUNK02, RFOU02, LURVY, NTRACT, K0US02, MAKEUP, 0MYT02, D0STRF, 4 TRF, 4 GR0, USA QP, and 0906. Other examples can be seen on our web site [www.rotary.org/plates](http://www.rotary.org/plates) or our Rotary License Plates Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/rotaryplates>

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# Why Rotary Clubs Need to Chronicle a Continuous History

By Barry A. Becker

It is said we are doomed to repeat the past if we are not students of history. I believe that all clubs would benefit from having their own history. Please consider the benefits and I explain the process, and offer an outline. Making it an interesting step X c W i a Y b h Z c f h \ Y W i V D g i g Y c b m W c benefit from the privacy, and diminish the tendency to gloss over items from c i h g j X Y f D g Y m Y g "

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3) Each club needs its own web site as (ClubRunner) which is backed up the physical file. Having an electronic copy assures ready access. The physical needed as the official record.

4) Once the format is established needs to be completed by the club document and his/her officers and chair sons. The outline is run at the beginning of a Rotary year and annotated co important issues during the year. A end of a year an official summary c year is made and preserved for future erence both on the web site, and th cial written physical file.

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such as membership size, group dynamics, and fiscal/financial matters. An idea

might have developed that the club could not handle financially. In review, ma alternatives could have been used to it happen.

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## ROTARY HISTORY SAMPLE REPORT FORMAT

Return Year	____	____	____
Rotary Year	____	____	____
Rotary District	____	____	____
Club Name	____	____	____
Where we met	____	____	____
Meeting times	____	____	____
# of members at start of year	____	____	____
Major fund raising / fund raising	____	____	____
Social activities	____	____	____
Community projects and details	____	____	____
International Projects and Details	____	____	____
Scholarships / awards	____	____	____
Projects considered but not undertaken and why	____	____	____



The Cleveland Indians and Rotary District 6630 have partnered to set up a discounted ticket for all attendees to the Cleveland Indians game on Friday, August 31st, 2012 against the Texas Rangers at Progressive Field. The two organizations have also reached an agreement to have a First Pitch dinner, which will be the grand prize of the raffle.

Tickets can be purchased for the raffle by contacting Julie West at 216-392-6771, Steve Zaher at 330-600-4036, or Steve Bachman at 330-940-2122.

Friday, August 31st, 2012 will be the 67th Annual Rotary District Night at Progressive Field. All tickets will be located in the Upper Box sections on the first-base side of home plate. These are great seats to watch the game and enjoy the post-game fireworks.

Post-game picnic will be at the Hilton Garden Inn at 1100 Carnegie Avenue, a half block from the ballpark, from 5:15pm to 10:45pm. Menu includes chicken, coleslaw, corn, baked beans, potato salad, dessert, non-alcoholic drinks, and a bag of peanuts. Also includes great door prizes.

To purchase tickets, please fill out the order form below. For more information, please contact Steve Bachman at 330-940-2122 or [steveb199@aol.com](mailto:steveb199@aol.com). DEADLINE FOR ORDERING TICKETS IS AUGUST 15th, 2012.

**Cleveland Indians vs. Texas Rangers**  
**Friday, August 31st, 2012 at 7:05**  
**Return All Forms to: Steve Bachman, 73 Lake Front Dr., Akron, OH 44310**

August 31st, 2012 (Game Date)  
**Deadline: August 15th, 2012**

Adult: Ticket Only	@ \$14.00 =	_____
Adult: Ticket and Meal	@ \$18.00 =	_____
Child: Ticket Only	@ \$14.00 =	_____
Child: Ticket and Meal	@ \$18.00 =	_____
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Signature	_____
Checks payable to: Rotary District #8000 Check # _____	

1. Identify the account you want to debit.  
 2. Select the amount you want to contribute and the frequency.  
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The Annual Program Fund, or both.

Learn more at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), or call 847-866-3352.

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 Credit card (US\$25 minimum)

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 or (choose one below)  
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 \$150 of every month  
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Please charge my (bank one below)  
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# Thank You For Your Service

I have been most privileged to contribute to the drive. V and honored to have served as the Governor of District 6630 during the 2011/2012 Rotary year. I have gained tremendous respect for the work of district clubs in their communities. I owe a great debt to everyone who devoted their time, talent and treasure to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity in order to build stronger and more sustainable communities. Thank you for your Service above Self.

As I looked back on my year of preparation and my year of service there are many individuals I should personally thank. First I would like to thank each of the club presidents who provided leadership for their clubs and who helped me understand how to help fulfill your goals for the year. Then I would like to thank those clubs that distinguished themselves by qualifying for the Presidential Citation or the A.Z. Baker Award. This was a particularly difficult year to qualify for the Presidential Citation and Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise, Aurora, and Fairlawn deserve special congratulations for meeting the standards for the award. Many clubs qualified for the A.Z. Baker Award which requires a broad range of service activities in each of the five Avenues of Service. I will be distributing the A.Z. Baker patch to the clubs during the coming weeks.

Three Assistant Governors (Jackie Minotas, Joy Black and Ron Bryski) are completing their terms of service and the District Conference have donated \$500 to The book/games/toys drive for domestic violence shelters throughout our district and every club and Rotarian who

Governors is critical to the success of Rotarians, Clubs and the District.

During my preparation to serve and during my year as Governor a number of individuals stand out as having gone well beyond the call of duty and I hesitate to identify one person in particular or to provide a short list. However, as I thought about it my mind kept coming back to Shelia Hedrick, member of the Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls and Assistant District Governor. Whenever I expressed an interest in a new endeavor and indicated a need for volunteers Shelia was one of the first to step forward to volunteer her own time and to organize others to help me achieve my goals. In addition, her work in her cluster to motivate the clubs and Rotarians in innovative ways deserves special recognition. While I may be doing a disservice to others by signaling her out I have given her my District Rotarian of the Year Award. Thank you Shelia.

Finally, I would like to thank every Rotarian who contributed to the Rotary Foundation. I believe it is a responsibility of every Rotarian to support

the foundation because, as I mentioned in my address to clubs last Fall, I believe the

Foundation is the fuel that enables us to provide service to our communities. Through local grants and international matching grants we can multiply our funds to build stronger communities. But this can happen only if we provide the funds to the Foundation to make it happen. Fourteen clubs averaged over \$100 per member of donations to the Annual Fund (Mantua, Chardon, Medina Sunrise, Aurora, Mentor, Chagrin Highlands, Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise, Cuyahoga Falls, Nordonia Hills, Fairlawn, Barberston, Medina, Burton Middlefield and Akron). Most of these clubs also had one hundred percent participation in the Annual Fund. Congratulations and Thanks! Another fourteen clubs averaged between \$50 and \$100 per member.

So, thank you to everyone for making my year as District Governor fun, educational, and successful. I look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Yours in Rotary Service  
Steve



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Read Rotary Foundation Grant Terms and Conditions available at [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org).

\*Note that all appendices may not be immediately available. Please check back in the zip file or read Rotary Grants News to learn when documents have been updated.

# Buy PGA Tickets & Support TRC Strongsville

By Dan Cricks

The Strongsville Rotary has partnered with the PGA and can now offer YOU tickets to The Bridgestone Invitational Golf Championship event where the top 100 golfers from around the world attend at Firestone Country Club in Akron on August 11th!

Buy tickets through our link and you save big time on the price of the ticket and the dreaded Ticketmaster fees. The regular price of a one day pass is \$35. If you buy your tickets using our code (BUNKER) caps, the cost is only \$20, almost half off plus you save on the Ticketmaster fees.

If you buy an all week pass the regular price is \$70, you save \$25 per ticket and again BUNKERWU d] h U` ` Y h h Y f g`

The easiest way is to click on this link [www.strongsvillerotary.org/golf](http://www.strongsvillerotary.org/golf) If you X c b ð h` WU f Y` h c` c f X Y f` c b` ] b Y` m c i` WU b` g h ]`

click on the link above and download a form to order them by mail if you do it soon.

Everybody wins! The PGA gives 100% of ticket price!!! If you buy the ticket price to our foundation and other 25% will go to the local charity First Tee. Everybody wins, include you!

You can buy as many tickets as you like by going to [www.strongsvillerotary.org/golf](http://www.strongsvillerotary.org/golf) and use the promo code BUNKER to order the tickets. The Strongsville Rotary foundation will pay for the caps.

Dan Cricks, Strongsville Rotary Foundation Director 440.293.8338



# Membership Moment

By Al Conners

aimed at improving retention. All three will be recorded and made available on the RI website. Bottom intention is the 1000 pound gorilla in the closet! Ignore him at your peril. Y h ð g` U g g i a Y` r` l a b l i s h e d g o a l t h a t i s e m b r a c e d b y t h e P r e s i d e n t a n d t h e m e m b e r s h i p. B u t i s t h e r e a p l a n t o m a k e i t h a p p e n? I f n o t, y o u w i l l n o t g e t i t d o n e. S u c c e s s m e a n s y o u h a v e a p l a n a n d h a v e s e l e c t e d a p e r s o n o r a p l a n t o e x e c u t e. T h i s i s n o t a j o b j u s t a n y o n e a v a i l a b l e n e e d t h e r i g h t t y p e o f p e r s o n t o l e a d t h e c l u b. Y o u r p l a n w i l l n o d o u b t i n c l u d e t h e d e v e l o p m e n t o f a p r o s p e c t l i s t. H o w d o y o u d e v e l o p t h a t l i s t? A f e w p o s s i b l e s o u r c e s t h e y e l l o w p a g e s ( m c i f` Wc a a i b ]` h

So where should we start? A handy place is with a measurable goal suggest an increase based on your July 1, 2013 SAR report compared to the July 1, 2012 SAR report. This will measure your REAL progress, if any. Recruiting 3 new members while losing 4 members from your existing roster is not progress. A boast that you gained three new members is an empty-boast because your net gain was minus 1! By the way, Rotary International is sponsoring three webinars

book; friends, relatives, and consider joining our club. This dates of your existing membership could not have happened without social networking contact area recognition earned by community alumni from the activities your club sponsor such as Interact, Rotary, RYLA, 4 Way Test Speech Contest, Youth Exchange winners of scholarships awarded by your club, and local exchange and GSE. The prospects are out there; you are not be a witch doctor to conjure a respectable list.

A final thought there is help available should you so desire. You can reach out for District help by calling me or the Assistant governor assigned to your club. Think of it this way, if you are serious about boosting membership and retaining your existing ones, help is a phone call or Email away! My phone number is 330/995/6142 and the Email is < U j Y` m c i` U g g Y h ] g` [ U` Wc b b Y f V g ð g ] g` [ Y h` [ Y a z` U b ] m c i` \_ Y Y d` [ Y a Ì` " `

# A Tribute to Independence Day

By Lee Quiñones

It was actually on July 2nd when America broke from Great Britain. Two days later the Declaration of Independence was signed, which is why we celebrate the occasion on the 4th of July. I always commemorate the day by reading the lyrics of the national anthem. Most of us know the first stanza of said anthem, but few know the other three. Nor do they know the history leading up to the crafting of its words.

The year was 1812 and the United States was at war with England over freedom of the seas. It was a tumultuous time as Great Britain was struggling with Napoleon. Napoleon was beaten and England turned its attention to the United States. Many naval battles were fought, but eventually centered on the central part of the U.S. as the British attempted to split this country in half. Washington, D.C. fled toward Baltimore, where a mere 1,000 patriots manned the cannons at Fort McHenry, whose guns controlled the harbor. The British would have to take Fort McHenry.

The attack commenced on the morning of September 13, 1814, as 19 British ships began pounding the fort with rockets and mortar shells. After an initial exchange of fire, the Brits withdrew to just outside the fort. The bombardment continued for the next 25 hours. Surprisingly, on board one of the British ships was a poet and lawyer Francis Scott Key, who was arguing for the release of Dr. William Beanes, a prisoner of the British. Even though the captain agreed to the release, the two Americans were required to stay aboard until the attack on Baltimore was over. It was now the night of September 13th as the bombardment continued.

As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry. And, as reprised by famed author Isaac Asimov:

In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream.

American flag was still flying. But toward morning the bombardment ceased, and a dead silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered and the British flag flew above it, or the bombardment had failed and the American flag still flew.

As dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, Key and Beanes stared out at the fort. They saw the American flag flying over the fort. A physician must have asked them, "How do you know the history leading up to the crafting of its words?"

After it was all finished, Key wrote a four stanza poem telling the events of the war. Here it is:

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore  
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion  
A home and a country should leave us no more?  
Their blood has washed out their foul footsteps' pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and slave  
From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave,  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

Now that you know the story, here are the words. Presumably, the old doctor speaking. This is what he asks Key:

Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's gleam,  
Whose broad stripes and bright stars  
Through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts  
We watched were so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting  
In air, gave proof thro' the night that our flag was  
still there. Oh! say, does that star-spangled  
banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the  
brave?  
Even the protective walls or other elevations  
that surround a fort. The first stanza asks  
a question. The second gives an answer:

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist with  
new eyes, I see  
deep Where the foe's haughty host in  
vain  
silence reposes, What is that which the  
beacon  
the towering steep As it fitfully blows,  
half  
conceals, half discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's  
first  
beam,  
In full glory reflected, now shines on the  
stream.

ward the star-spangled banner. Oh! long may it  
wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the  
brave

The bombardment has failed, and the British can do nothing more but sail away, their mission a failure. In the third stanza I feel Key allows himself to gloat over the American triumph. In the aftermath of the bombardment, Key probably was in no mood to act otherwise? During World War I when the British were our staunchest allies, the fourth stanza was not sung. However, I know where it is:

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The fourth stanza, a pious hope for the future, should be sung more slowly than the other three and with even deeper feeling):

Thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,  
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heaven  
restoring land  
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved  
our nation. Then conquer we must, for our  
cause is just,  
And this be our motto: "God is our trust."  
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth  
wave  
O'er the land of the free and the home of the  
brave.

I hope you will look at the national anthem with new eyes. Listen to it, the next time you have a chance, with new attention to the words. And don't let them be fixed with what is right in America.



# What, You May Ask, is a Briefcase Brigade?

By Reena Kanner

Chesterland Rotary AGAIN took place in the Chesterland 4th of July parade. We are not sure how they kept it together for 4 hours. All the practice of 4 hours makes the best synchronized brief case brigade around. For many years Derek Tappan (leader) and Ben Pintabona (cadence leader) have mustered together unknown members and those whom may have forgotten to be the highlight of the parade. The Jones girls pull the wagon and dispense candy to the throng of cheering bystanders. This is something not missed



## Lkwd/RR Sunrise & Interact Partner to Tutor

By Larry Faulhaber

LRR Sunrise Club New Generation Committee Chair, Jean Vahue and committee member, Barb Sabal worked with the Interact Club at Lakewood School to establish a Tutoring Program. The club members selected math as the area to focus on in the 2011/2012 school year. It proved to be a challenge because of language differences and the students varied learning in the country that they came from. The Interact Club President, Ilse Vatamanu led the effort and other members enjoyed the experience.

Typical of the success of the first year of the project was a student who has been in the Lakewood Schools system for 10 years. She is now maintaining a C average in math, up from an F, partly due to the tutoring she received and partly due to the success of the first year of the project.



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As a result of recent years, we once again would like to include some advertising in the District Directory to both subsidize the cost of the Directory and to promote the work of Rotarians and friends of Rotary. The cost for the ads are:

- \$100 for a business card (approximately 1/3 page)
  - \$250 for 1/2 page
  - \$500 for full inside page
- Please talk with members of your Club and encourage them to place an ad at the place where you meet if they would be interested in placing an ad. I encourage you to consider having your own ad in the Directory.

All ads placed will allow us to spend District funds in other ways. Those wishing to place an ad should contact District Secretary Dave Harper, [rotaharper@gmail.com](mailto:rotaharper@gmail.com) or 313-534-2130. He will need artwork and a check made payable to District 6630.

We would like to have all of the ads by July 25th.

Two young boys travel to U.S. from Haiti to both undergo life-saving surgery at Akron Children's Hospital with help of a husband-wife physician team, who open up their home to love, care for the children as their own until they recover.

## A JOURNEY WITH HEART



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## Heart

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ated the growing ties between Children's and St. Damien's Hospital, the only pediatric hospital in the impoverished nation of Haiti.

Steve Judin, Dubuque, a man who grew up in Akron, was working at Children's Hospital in Port-au-Prince as a nurse cardiologist that devastated the region two years ago.

Dr. Jeff Kempf, an emergency medicine physician at Children's, heard about the desperate need in the Haitian hospital from a relative of Judin's. Kempf knew he was called to help.

He and his wife, Dr. Ellen Kempf, director of the Akron Children's Hospital Oak Adolescent Health Center, had already devoted much of their medical careers to caring for needy children across the globe.

The couple made their first trip to Haiti together as volunteers about 17 years ago.

In the years that followed, they took numerous volunteer trips to Africa, Central America and other places where they were needed across the globe.

By their second year or so from the 2010 earthquake, Jeff Kempf organized several trips to bring medical supplies and volunteers to St. Damien's Hospital.

While volunteering at St. Damien's, the Kempfs watched helplessly as a young girl with a hole in her heart — something that would usually find with a simple surgery if — was being born in the United States. Instead, she was sentenced to a slow, suffocating death.

"We saw kids in the clinic who were dying of things we never would be happen here," Ellen Kempf recalled.

When Jeff Kempf learned about the Gift of Life program from a Florida hospital that has provided support for some St. Damien's patients, he realized the couple might help one child or two at a time.

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## HELP FOR ST. DAMIEN

Dr. Jeff Kempf, director of the Office of Pediatric Global Health at Akron Children's Hospital, is organizing a fundraiser to benefit St. Damien's Hospital in Haiti.

The event will take place 6:30 p.m. Oct. 12 at St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, 755 S. Cleveland Ave., Magnolia.

Volunteer Robert Hefner, Haiti national director for business, has been instrumental in bringing medical supplies and volunteers to St. Damien's Hospital in Haiti.

Dr. Kempf is an MPH health program, the coordinator of the Gift of Life program, and the director of the Gift of Life program.

The cost of the event is \$75 per person or \$1,000 per table. For information, email [jeff.kempf@akronchildrens.org](mailto:jeff.kempf@akronchildrens.org) or call 330-369-3022.



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Two Haitian kids return home with bright hopes of longer lives after Akron Children's Hospital surgical team repairs heart defects

## ADIEU, MERCI AND BE HAPPY

**By Cheryl Powell**  
**Matters Heart**  
 Second part of a two-day series

The only way to give their children a better chance at life was to let complete strangers take them away.

Kurtis Pevon and Elie Pierre were born with life-threatening heart defects that are routinely fixed in the United States with a single operation.

But the best lives in Haiti, where resources are scarce and childhood heart surgery simply isn't an option.

So in an attempt to fix-up-Pevon last month, the father of 8-year-old Kurtis entrusted Dr. Jeff Kempf and then to his son go.

The two-month-old had just several days earlier at St. Dominick Hospital, the only pediatric hospital in the Western Hemisphere's poorest country.

With the help of St. Dominick employees and interpreter Denise Gue, Kempf and pediatric cardiologist Dr. John Clark had met with the boy's parents to explain the operations their children would undergo more than a thousand miles away where the doctor works, Akron Children's Hospital.

If all went as planned, they would return to Haiti cured — no longer sick or destined to a slow, painful death before adulthood.

In broken English, Kurtis' father implored Kempf to take good care of his child. Next by, the mother of the two boys added,

"Make sure he's safe," the father said through tears.

Last month, Kurtis and 6-year-old Elie became the first Haitian patients to come to Children's Hospital for life-saving cardiac surgery through Gift of Life North East Ohio Inc.

The charity, affiliated with Rotary International, brings children



Denise Gay (right) interprets for Dr. John Clark (left), a pediatric cardiologist at Akron Children's Hospital, as Joel Pevon expresses last-minute concerns about his 18-month-old son Kurtis leaving Haiti for heart surgery in Akron.



Cardiac nurse Lynn Ullrich leads Elie Pierre to the operating room before his heart surgery at Akron Children's Hospital. She turned 4 in early May.

## Star STUDENTS

Scouts decorate veterans' graves at national cemetery in Rittman



COMMUNITY, B1

## St. Vincent-St. Mary captures team titles at Bedford regional

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Copley Township residents are next on list for Summit County Probate deed project  
BUSINESS, B8 (Inside Community)

## Federal program fails to meet goals

Some states struggling to move elderly, disabled from long-term care facilities into community

**By Janet Bengel**  
**Ohio State News**

WASHINGTON: A multi-billion-dollar federal initiative to move poor elderly and disabled people from long-term care facilities into the community has fallen far short of its goals, as many states have struggled to cobble together housing and other services.

Launched in 2007 during the George W. Bush administration, the states initially projected placing 65,000 Medicaid recipients in the first five years. As of March 31, at least 22,000 had made the transition, about 35 percent below the target goal.

The numbers vary sharply by state. Some, such as Texas and Ohio, have helped thousands find homes in their communities. Others, including North Carolina, Missouri and Kentucky, have moved fewer than 500 each.

In California, only 807 people have made the jump since 2006, although the state was awarded \$4.1 billion during that time. "We're not doing a good job of it here," said Deborah Doctor, legislative advocate for Disability Rights California. "It's pathetic."

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## Historic Akron cemetery losing hope

Dwindling donations make maintaining basic operations difficult at 146-year-old graveyard

People die. Sometimes their cemeteries do, too.

Bob Hollman is "working my butt off out here" trying to prevent 146-year-old Mount Hope Cemetery in South Akron from going the way of Atlantis.

But it's a struggle and he's short on money, and his equipment is old and broken, and often he finds the same way.

When I visited the place last week — at the urging of a reader who had been researching the family tree and was appalled at the conditions he discovered — about 75 percent of Mount Hope's acres were overgrown with grass and weeds. Some of the weeds were 2-foot high.

Piles of brush, branches and dirt were scattered here and there, additional evidence of an effort that ran out of steam.

A one-story mausoleum long ago lost its stained-glass windows, and some seven of the glass blocks that replaced them are broken out, compliments of vandals.

A narrow, one-way road through the heart of the place is a chaotic jumble of brick, asphalt and vegetation, testimony that asphalt replaced brick as the pavement of choice, then vegetation replaced choice.

The flagpole doesn't even carry a flag.

By the time you read this — the Good Lord will — and the mower don't break — the grounds could be semi-respectable, something that happens around Memorial Day if it happens at all.

"We operate strictly on donations," says Hollman, "and over the last few years, donations have dropped off drastically. I can't hire anybody, my equipment is falling apart and I've been out here working for weeks now trying to get it straightened up."

"Ten weeks ago, it was waist deep. It just takes time. I usually try to have it cleaned up by Memorial Day."

The nonprofit operation is



BOB DYER



Larry Doshko of Green places a wreath at the grave of his parents, Andy and Bernice Doshko, at Mount Hope Cemetery in Akron. Andy Doshko was a WWI veteran. The cemetery has been around for 146 years.

Photo see Cemetery, A10

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