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# ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

**Julie West**  
District Governor

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## Governor's Letter

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I am writing this newsletter as Gary and I travel in Europe prior to attending the Rotary International Convention in Lisbon, Portugal. Our first stop was in Karlsruhe, Germany to visit recent Ambassadorial Scholar Alex Hoffmann whom many of you have met. We then traveled to Amsterdam where we visited with the 2011 Group Study Exchange team from the Netherlands: team leader Ellen, and team members Andre, Mark, Terrence, and Florian, who is now a Rotarian. They each send their greetings to all of you. And now we have had an opportunity to briefly experience their countries and their culture first hand as they experienced ours. These international friendships and the knowledge and understanding we each have gained are part of the strength of Rotary.

It has been an honor to serve as your District Governor. Although it has been a very busy year, the benefits have far outweighed the effort. As I have said numerous times, one of the rewards of being a District Governor is visiting all of our Rotary clubs. We have an incredible number of very dedicated Rotarians in our District who are doing wonderful work to improve the lives of others. At the same time they are forming friendships that will last a lifetime, both locally and internationally. I encourage all of you to take the time to visit other clubs - to meet their members, support their events, and perhaps gain some new ideas

that you can introduce in your club.

Both in our Clubs and at the District level we have worked hard to accomplish the goals we set. Our accomplishments are the result of the combined efforts of many. And so, I thank the Club Presidents who have led their clubs and with whom I have enjoyed working. I thank our District Committee Chairs and their Committee members for the time and resources they have provided this year. I thank all the Rotarians who in their individual and collective ways have made a difference in communities locally and around the world, through "hands on" efforts and their monetary support of their clubs and The Rotary Foundation. And last but certainly not least, I thank those who came before me in this role of District Governor for laying the groundwork that we built on this year and for the support that they and future District Governors have provided.

This year RI President Sakuji Tanaka asked us to build Peace Through Service. We have done that by doing good in our local communities and working on International projects; by helping people meet their basic needs and beyond. And we have tried to do so in a sustainable way, so that once our work is done, local people can maintain what we have initiated. In our District I asked you to focus on building Sustainable Rotary Communi-

ties. We do that by strengthening our membership; attracting younger members; having continuity of leadership, including strategic plans at the Club and District level; spreading the word about Rotary and the good work we are doing; supporting The Rotary Foundation; and having depth in leadership at the District.

So how have we done? As of mid June we are one below our beginning membership District-wide. I hope by the end of the month to at least pull even with our July 1st membership. At the same time 23 of our clubs, including several of our smallest clubs have successfully increased their membership. Congratulations! We are building our potential pool of future Rotarians by making sure we have strong New Generations programs: Interact, Rota-ract, Youth Exchange, RYLA and youth-focused club programs as well. At the District level our Interact clubs came together for sharing and team building at Interaction 2012 and fun and fundraising at the Dodge Ball Tournament. And we added a New Generations Conference during the District Conference, to which members of all our New Generations programs were invited.

At both the Club and District levels we worked to strengthen our continuity of leadership and to develop strategic plans. At the District, past, current, and future leadership worked together ex-

## Governor's Letter cont'd

tremely well, both in documenting current practices, and identifying future needs. A District Strategic Plan, which included input from members at the club level, is in the final stages of development and will be shared with members in the near future.

Progress has been made in increasing our Public Image. Short videotapes, produced with funds from our 2011-2012 PR Grant from RI, featuring local Rotarians talking about what Rotary means to them were distributed to all clubs for promotional use as well as placed on the District website. This year's PR Grant from RI spread the word about Rotary locally through use of Humanity in Motion billboards featuring fellow Rotarians, targeted digital ads, and upgrading our District Facebook page. There were several opportunities for clubs to learn how they can strengthen their social media presence. And many clubs continued or strengthened their coverage in local newspapers with some regional coverage in newspapers, and on radio and TV as well.

As of mid June, our support of The Rotary Foundation, which provides matching grant monies for our international and local projects as well as funding educational programs, such as this year's Group Study Exchange with District 3640 in Seoul, South Korea and an Ambassadorial Scholar to Australia, has exceeded our goal with an average giving of just under \$80 per Rotarian. And we have 13 clubs above \$100 per capita. Thanks to the individuals and clubs for your generosity! Top giving

clubs will be recognized at the Foundation event on November 9th.

At the District level we are strengthening our continuity between leadership years and working to identify pools of future leaders. This year we brought in a new Treasurer and several new Assistant Governors, initiated an Assistant Treasurer position, have a new leader for Interact/Rotaract and began rebuilding our Youth Exchange team as several longstanding leaders moved on to other opportunities. We continue to look for future leaders for all aspects of the District, so please let Bob Johnson or your Assistant Governor know if you might be interested or want to learn more.

This year also saw extensive preparation for the implementation of Rotary's new Grants Model, currently known as Future Vision, which will be in place worldwide on July 1st.

An organization is only as good as the people who believe in it and support it. Rotary is able to "Do Good in the World" because of Rotarians who give of their time, their talent, and their treasure. Thank you for what you have done and are doing, and for the opportunity to serve as your District Governor. I look forward to our paths continuing to cross in the years to come. Beginning July 1st, the District will be in very capable hands of incoming District Governor Bob Johnson and his team of dedicated Rotarians and I will support them in any way I can. I know you will do the same.

## Upcoming Events in Ashtabula

### TABS - The Arts on Bridge Street, July 27th.

This event will include Art, Jazz Music, Soap Box Derby, and much, much more. The Ashtabula Club will offer beer and wine sales as a fundraising activity. "The Arts on Bridge Street" (TABS) is the first annual Art event brought to you by the Lift Bridge Community Association of the Historic Ashtabula Harbor. The festival is expected to draw hundreds of artists and art enthusiasts to Bridge Street and Ashtabula County. TABS is a day-long event starting at 10:00am on July 27, 2013. The After School Discovery program will kick off the day with the Soap Box Derby. Scheduled events will include a juried art show, vendors, a variety of musical events, book signings and discussions with local authors, a wood carving demonstration, a children's art area, and a Chinese auction. The day will end at 6:00pm with an informative presentation by a local home wine maker on wine and wine making. For more information please visit [www.TABSULA.com](http://www.TABSULA.com)

### Wine & Walleye Festival, August 23, 24, 25th

Join us for the 5th Annual Wine & Walleye Festival!

Ashtabula County is known for some of the best wineries in the country. Come sample all that we have to offer as well as taste the flavors of other grape growing regions. Enjoy live music and great food while you sample your favorites by the shores of Lake Erie! Over \$10,000 worth of cash and prizes will be given out during this year's Walleye Tournament. There were 35 Amateur boats and 13 Pro boats competing last year...so come join the fun! To add to the excitement, this event is attempting to break the GUINNESS WORLD RECORD for the Most Portions of Fish & Chips sold during an 8 Hour Event on Saturday, August 24 from 12pm-8pm! The current record is 12,105 and the plan is to sell over 15,000 Portions of Lake Erie's Finest Perch & Walleye! Don't miss out! The Ashtabula club will offer beer sales to raise funds for the Ashtabula Rotary Foundation to support local scholarships and the Herzog - Ashtabula Rotary Park. Proceeds from the Wine and Walleye Festival are earmarked for a new sound system for Ashtabula Harbor Bridge Street and a grant to support the Pairings Project in Geneva. For more information visit [www.wineandwalleye.com](http://www.wineandwalleye.com)

## Volunteers Needed For Tall Ships Fest

Dear Rotarians:

We need people to be present to hand out literature and answer questions about Rotary at the Tall Ships Festival in Cleveland Ohio.

The event runs from Thursday July 4th through Sunday July 7th. The hours are 9 AM to 6 PM each day.

Free admission for those who sign up to help and they can stay to visit the ships.

It is a good place to watch fire-

works on the 4th.

Thank you and if you have any questions let me know,

John Bosco, PDG

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## News From TRC West Shore

By: Dan Fronczak

Greetings from the West Shore Rotary. I am writing concerning my club's international OMNI truck project that was needed in Zambia, Africa. Over the last nineteen months my committee and I have visited many of the clubs in our district to ask for your monetary assistance. Well they say pictures don't lie (Please see the enclosed pictures!) Thank you to the following clubs for making this dream into a reality.

### Clubs that have helped us from District 6630:

Andover, Aurora, Ashtabula, Bedford, Berea, Burton-Middlefield, Chagrin Highland, Chagrin Valley, Chardon, Conneaut, Cuyahoga Falls, Euclid, Fairlawn, Hillcrest, Jefferson, Kent, Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise, Lakewood Rocky River PM, Nordonia, North Ridgeville, Painesville, Ravenna, Rock Creek Grand Valley, Shaker Heights, Solon, Strongsville, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, Westlake-Bay Village, and Willoughby.

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

I recently had the opportunity of attending the Tallmadge Rotary Club's weekly meeting to share with them my new vision. (What a great club!) They open their meeting with a prayer that reminded all of us that there are those who stand before us and those that stand behind us and that we should always be aware of those in need. It dawned on me that we Rotarians stand side by side; each of us are asked to help each other, communities and Rotary International, to help make dreams come true. The OMNI truck project is living proof of Rotary at its finest! First, we recognized the need; found out what monies were needed; put together a



strategy; and then made it happen.

I must also recognize the Rotary Club of Ndola, Africa and especially Rotarian Don Karunanandan, who went beyond the call of duty to accommodate our request. Remember that a large part of any international project is getting a good check and balance system in place; through Don and the Ndola Club we had a great one.

Where do we go from here? In reviewing, the need has now been fulfilled - they have the truck. But now I am asking us to make sure that this truck is able to fulfill its mission: *to improve and save lives*. I am asking you to join us in making sure that the insurance (approximately \$2900.00 a year) is covered and that there is always fuel in the gas tank (approximately \$3000.00 a year) totaling approximately \$5900.00 a year. Some maintenance may be needed; at this point we do not know.

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So here is the deal: my club, the great Rotary Club of West Shore, will put in the first \$500.00 each year. I am asking all of the other fifty-four clubs to pitch in \$100-200.00 per year for two years to make sure that our mission gets fulfilled: *to improve and save lives*. We will keep you updated on the progress. If you'd like us to come out and talk to your club, please call me. We are asking every club to pledge their \$100-200.00 a year by calling me (440.221.6411) or emailing me

([bartonhab@gmail.com](mailto:bartonhab@gmail.com)) no later than September 1, 2013.

The OMNI African team will be coming to Cleveland in the October/November timeframe and will be joining us for a special cocktail party - date yet to be determined - to officially thank our District 6630 and to share their stories with us. At this party I would like to present our two year commitment to OMNI.

Please help us make sure this project is a success. If you have any questions please call me (440.221.6411) or email me ([bartonhab@gmail.com](mailto:bartonhab@gmail.com)).



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## Taking Food Inventory at Providence House

By: Tony Corrao

On Saturday morning, June 15, four Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise, visited Providence House which is located on W 32 St. in Cleveland. With the guidance of Bobby Richards, Facilities Manager, Cindy Ginsburg, Joe Delibero, Fred Havlice and Tony Corrao took inventory on thousands of food items. They ranged from baby food to canned fruits and vegetables. Annual inventory is currently required and going forward, the non-profit will be taking inventory on a quarterly basis.



"Thank you Hillcrest Rotary! You saved us at least two days of work" said Bobby Richards. "You will always be welcome at Providence House".

Providence House was founded in 1981 and is Ohio's first licensed crisis nursery. It is a 501(c)

3 non-profit that provides emergency shelter and care to neglected children due to a family crisis. The children range in age from newborn to age 6. Currently, there are 11 children being cared for. SB 242 allows for the provision of residency at Providence House for up to 90 days. The average stay is approximately 32 days.

Their model goes beyond emergency shelter for children and includes a range of case management and supportive services for both children and their families. Their goal is to stabilize, strengthen and reunify each family. It receives its funding from individuals, foundations and corporations.



## Coach Dambrot Presents to Akron Club

By Shon Crist

University of Akron Zips basketball coach Keith Dambrot was the featured speaker for the Akron Rotary Club on June 11<sup>th</sup>. Dambrot, an Akron native, entertained a packed house that included Rotarians, U of A administration, alumni and donors to the program. Many folks brought their children for the up close and personal interaction. The coach addressed the current and future state of the Zips basketball program and mid-majors, in general. He believes we aren't far away from seeing a mid-major win a national championship and "it might as well be the Zips!" He is also still very close to LeBron James and had very insightful comments and observations.

The Akron community is very fortunate to have a coach like Dambrot. His commitment to the area and strong desire to make Akron a destination of choice really resonated with a club full of members with a similar perspective.

The enjoyable lunch was capped with an

unexpected surprise. Club President Bill Manby, Jr. was presented the "Peace Through Service 2012-13 Presidential Citation" from Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka. The Akron Rotary Club was 1 of 3 clubs in a district of over 50 clubs to earn this distinction. The club also received the AZ Baker award.

The Akron Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at noon at Portage Country Club. Guests are always welcome. Pictured below is Club President Bill Manby, Jr. with Coach Dambrot and Bill's sons Greyson (age 9) and Ashton (age 12).



## Upcoming Membership Seminars

**August 3rd** Hilton Garden East, 700 Beta Drive, Mayfield Village, Ohio. Starting with a buffet breakfast at 8:30AM; adjourning at noon.

**August 24th** Doogan's Restaurant, 55 Barrington Town Square, Aurora, Oh 44202. Buffet Breakfast at 8:30AM, adjourn at noon.

**August 31st** Strongsville Safety Town, in the Strongsville Recreation Center, 18300 Royalton Road (Route 82). Breakfast at 8:30AM, adjourn at noon.

Registration cost for each session is \$12 per person, including breakfast.

Any Rotarian may register for any of the three Seminars; the agenda for each will be nearly identical. The agenda will be developed from input from the various Rotary Clubs in District 6630. Please register online at the District website in advance. District Rotary Clubs are urged to use the closest Seminar site, if feasible to do so.

Questions may be addressed to Tony Corrao (216/952/7434) or to Al Connors (330/998/2518) after July 6.

## Upcoming Foundation Training

The District Foundation Training Seminar is being offered on several dates this Fall. The purpose of this seminar is to update the Clubs on the Foundation goals, share materials that your Club can use at its Foundation meetings in November. Who should attend: Anyone is welcome but it is especially important that the President, President Elect, Foundation Chair be present for the seminar - it is also helpful if your program chair attends so they understand Foundation month which is November 2013 and can help your Club plan accordingly.

**Confirmed Dates/Locations:**

6:30 pm October 10, 2013 Brunswick Library 3649 Center Road - Sycamore Room South

6:30 pm October 17, 2013 Akron Rotary Camp, 4460 Rex Lake Drive Akron OH 44319

Two other dates pending: September 19 and 26.

## Membership Seminar Input Sought

How would you like to participate in a membership Seminar that is tailored to your specifications? Tony Corrao and I are requesting your club's input concerning Membership Seminar agenda. We are planning 3 Seminars at different locations on 3 dates in August, 8/3, 8/24, and 8/31. Your input will determine the agendas, i.e. what topics, questions, etc. does your club want us to cover? Let us target and address your major concerns when shaping the Seminar agendas and presenters. We intend to maximize the return from the time invested by your membership team.

The Seminars will begin at 8:30AM with breakfast and conclude by noon. The cost will be the price charged for breakfast, \$ 12. We have tentatively selected three locations for the Seminars, Mayfield Heights on August 3; Aurora on August 24; and Strongsville on August 31. Remember, your questions and concerns will be the major ingredients of these Seminars. Please share them with me at the address listed below.

Your club will be invited to a specific Seminar located in your geographic area. You are free to attend any of these Seminars, however, and may wish to be represented at more than one by different members of your Membership team. The agenda items will be available in advance and will be largely the same at all three seminars.

Please respond to Tony as soon as possible with your suggestions for agenda items. These Seminars will be a response to your input!

Al Conners and Tony Corrao

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## News From TRC Berea

By Linda Kramer  
**Berea Rotary sponsored five RYLA campers this year.**



Front row, from left, Monica Moody & Judy Norton. Back row, from the left, Moises Garcia-Ponce, Marlon Roberson and Philip Hathcock.

Because of the wet weather, the annual RYLA picnic on the grounds of Baldwin Wallace University on June 11, was transferred to The Hive - a "hangout" in the BW Union. Berea Rotarians dined on hamburgers, hot dogs and sausages with the campers, who came from throughout Northeast Ohio. Thanks to Berea Rotarian Marc West, the Rotary Youth Leadership Award chair for District 6630.

Campers sponsored by Berea Rotary are: Monica Moody and Marlon Roberson of Berea High School; Moises Garcia-Ponce, Philip Hathcock and Judy Norton of Olmsted Falls High School.

Monica coaches youth soccer and is a member of the BHS basketball, soccer and track (captain) teams. She is a peer minister at St. Adalbert Church and participates in Relay for Life. She is a class officer and member of National Honor Society.

Marlon takes part in soccer, basketball and track at BHS. He is active with BW's Martin Luther King Jr. Week Committee and founded and is president of the Realizing Your Potential African American social improvement program.

Moises is a junior volunteer at Southwest General Health Center. He is president of the Spanish Honor Society and a member of the History and Math honor societies at OFHS. He also is a member of the Multi-Cultural Club, Robotic Club, Film Club and is a Bulldog Ambassador.

Philip takes part in Relay for Life and helps with serving Thanksgiving dinners at a local church. He is a member of the OFHS Academic Team, plays football and is a member of the track and field squad.

Judy is a church server and takes part in Relay for Life. She is a member of the soccer team at OFHS and is vice president of Student Council. She also is a member of the History Honor Society.

**Rotarian Describes His Group Study Exchange to Korea**

Dave Diffendal, a member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and host of Rotary Radio on WELW, talked to Berea Rotary on June 18 about his recent trip to South Korea. Dave was team leader for a Rotary Group Study Exchange.

The group spent four weeks in South Korea, visiting the border of the Demilitarized Zone and experiencing the culture and lifestyle of the country. He said South Korea has about 3,500 Rotarians in 62 clubs. Rotary has been active there since 1954, shortly after the conclusion of the Korean War.

Dave said he found the Korean Rotarians to be kind and generous and very friendly. While Rotary Clubs in the U.S. might emphasize Service, he said Clubs in Korea listed Fellowship as their No. 1 priority. They host golf outings, luncheons and dinners to facilitate networking and camaraderie. Besides golf (Dave said there is screen golf equipment in almost every building), Koreans also love hiking and the Cleveland Indians. Although Shin Soo Choo, a native of Korea, is no longer with the Tribe, Dave said he spotted Indians gear throughout his visit.



Dave Diffendal explains his month-long visit to South Korea with a Rotary Group Study Exchange.

**KIVA LOANS:** Kiva committee chair Ken Weber has made several new Kiva loans. Kiva offers low-cost \$25 loans to small business entrepreneurs around the world, usually in developing countries. The latest loans went to Samoa (farming), Cambodia (farming), Costa Rica (agriculture), Azerbaijan (livestock), Mali (farming), Vietnam (pigs), Guatemala (agriculture) and Senegal (animal sales). For more on Kiva, visit [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org).

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To: 2012-13 and 2013-14 district governors, assistant governors, district committee chairs and district executive secretaries; club presidents, secretaries, executive secretaries, treasurers, foundation chairs, and membership chairs

June 2013

Dear Rotary Leader,

I am pleased to announce the final launch of [Rotary Club Central](#)! In this phase we have developed several key features that will further help you plan throughout the Rotary year. While the 2012-13 year is coming to a close, club and district leaders can update goals in Rotary Club Central for one year after your term ends. The new features in Rotary Club Central include:

- **A Global View** that shows a summary of the goals and achievements of clubs worldwide.
- **Age & Gender Trends** are now available in the Your Club tab. These trends can help your club work on specific membership initiatives.
- **Import service projects** from Rotary Showcase and Rotary Grants to help your club plan for the year. This feature will save you time and prevent duplicate records.
- **New reports** will help you utilize the information stored in Rotary Club Central.
- **Performance improvements** have been made to speed up the site's loading time.



Visit the [Learning Center](#) in the coming months to download reference guides to help you use this new resource.

I also encourage you to watch the [Rotary Club Central: What's in it for you](#) webinar which took place on 12 June. We were joined by Rotarian panelists who shared their experiences with Rotary Club Central and talked about why it is important for clubs to track their goals and progress. At this time, the webinar is only available in English. We will schedule additional webinars based on interest. If you would like to see this webinar in your language, please [let us know](#).

I'm also happy to announce that new enhancements have been added to [Rotary Showcase](#). These improvements will make it easier for your club to share its successful projects with the Rotary world.

Please contact your [CDS representative](#) or the [Contact Center](#) with any questions about these online resources.

Best regards,

John Hewko

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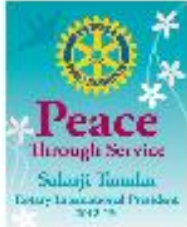
All Club President's, Members of RC of Cleveland & Burton-Middlefield,  
District Administrators, PDGs and Spouses/Partners are Invited to attend the

## District 6630

### Governor's Banner Exchange and Induction of 2013-2014

## Governor Robert "Bob" Johnson

### July 10, 2013



District Governor Julie West  
2012-2013



District Governor Elect Robert Johnson  
2013-2014

**Location:** West Woods Park and Nature Center at 9465 Kinsman Rd.  
(Rt. 87), 1.5 miles east of Chillicothe Rd. (Rt. 306) in Russell Township, OH.

The reception will be held in the Deer Run Shelter at the end of the road into the park.

Attire: Casual / Pavilion is open—dress appropriately for temperature & weather

**Time:** 6:00 PM Refreshments, drinks (pay by donation) and social time  
7:00 PM Dinner / "Picnic" fare will be served

Desserts be provided by members of RC of Burton-Middlefield

Ceremony Following Dinner

Induction will be performed by PDG Dr. Tim Wright

**Cost:** \$15 per person / Refreshments & drinks paid by donation

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## News From TRC Medina-Sunrise

Vance Truman, President of the Medina Sunrise Rotary Club, presented Sandy Calvert with a check for \$2,500 and a great big hug at the Feeding Medina County center located at 901 West Lafayette Road in Medina.

Ms. Calvert accepted the check along with a red rose which was given by a Feeding Medina County volunteer, Cadet Joshua Brown, US Army - ROTC, Kent State University. "This year, Calvert said, "We will have grown from providing 450 children with meals each week to 700 in the fall, thanks to generosity of our volunteers, corporate sponsors,



faith-based groups, school partnerships, local service organizations such as the Medina Sunrise Rotary Club and the US Military. Thank you Medina. Thank you all so much for caring."

The next Free Food Distribution in the Community Center at the Medina County Fairgrounds will be on Thursday morning, May 20th.

This 4th of July You Can Help FEED THE HUNGRY - Watch for the Shopping Cart Brigade during the Medina Parade.

## Doing Very Good!!!

Congratulations and thank you from the district and from all who will benefit from our collective generosity. According to the latest numbers that I have seen, we have surpassed our goal this year of \$160,000. When the final numbers do come out after June, I will update you on those.

As you know, this is an excellent and easy way to fulfill the "International" part of our organization. By our contributions we are able to help people not only in our local communities, but also throughout the world.

Once again many thanks.  
Michael P. Davanzo  
Annual Giving Chair

## Ambulance Sought

In our continue efforts to help Medical Response/fire fighter members in the Dominican Republic/Nicaragua, we are looking for a working in good condition either a box style or van type AMBULANCE. If you know of a city, town or private organization that has an ambulance and or used firefighting equipment that could be used in the Dominican Republic or Nicaragua please contact Past 2005/2006 District Governor Jack Young for further information.

Jack has contacts with other Rotary leaders in the United States and around the world along with the United States Military that can help him transport medical equipment/supplies to assist the needs of emergency personnel in these two countries. Therefore, if anyone in our Rotary District knows of available equipment

supplies, please contact PDG Jack at the following: Cell 440 -759-4000 or email Jack1vil-la@aol.com.

To date our Rotary District has been responsible for obtaining/sending 1 Fire Truck and 2 ambulances and is in the process of sending a third ambulance along with other medical equipment to the above mentioned countries. Your support in this process is greatly appreciated by those fire fighters and medical teams who have saved the lives of hundreds of people with limited equipment.

Thank you for your consideration.

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship

PDG Jack A. Young

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