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ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

FELLOW ROTARIANS

The first one third of my year as your District Governor has passed by and here we are in the month of November. As you know, November is Rotary Foundation Month and an opportunity to celebrate the great work that our foundation does. We had 110 Rotarians attend the Grand Foundation Event held Nov. 9th. at the Beachwood Doubletree Hotel. It was great to see so many Rotarians I have met during my 54 club visits. It certainly appeared that everyone had a good time. The food was very good and the speakers, Janet Newcomer; major gifts officer for Rotary Zone 29, Dennis Crawford; major gifts coordinator for Zone 29 and Geoff Goll; a Rotarian from District 6650 (Salem, OH) and a polio survivor in his youth, did a wonderful job of telling the story of our foundation.

During the event we had an opportunity to thank many dedicated Rotarians who, over the years, have given of their talents and resources in sustaining the Rotary Foundation. Choosing to use Rotary as your legacy of service and giving in your life is an important decision. Both Janet and Dennis had an opportunity to speak individually with several of our honored guests to explain various options available to them. All in all, I was very pleased

that so many took the time to attend the event and hear the message of the Rotary Foundation.

Mike Davanzo, District 6630 District Governor Elect, is well on his way to planning several training sessions in the second half of this Rotary year. 1) PETS 1 on Jan. 25 at "Windows on the River" at the Powerhouse in the flats, all club presidents elect and AGs; 2) All Ohio PETS (AOP) Mar. 14/15 at the Renaissance in Columbus, club presidents elect and AGs; 3) District Training Assembly, Mar. 29 at the Doubletree Hotel in Independence, any club officers and interested Rotarians.

And please mark on your calendar, April 25 & 26 for the District Conference at Quail Hollow Resort in Concord Twp. All clubs are asked to schedule their weekly Rotary meeting for the week of 4/20 to 4/25 for noon on Friday 4/25 when we will have a joint district/club meeting for all Rotarians in the district. This will count as your weekly club meeting. Many other programs and interesting tours are scheduled for the 2 1/2 day event.

We are still in the planning stages of the district version of a Rotary Leadership Development program. District Trainer, Dick Farkas, is working with

me and others to put this program together. Obviously, the first step is to identify potential prospects for the program. I am asking district level officers, club presidents and Assistant Governors to help us identify individuals that have knowledge and leadership ability to step into a district level position, an Assistant Governor, or possibly the District Governor position. Our goal would be to expose these individuals to as many aspects of district operations as possible to give them a broad knowledge of Rotary at the district level and how to apply that to better district/club interaction. We are aware that we have many good Rotarians that fit this description. Some may not be in a position to accept a district assignment at this time due to family or work restrictions, but could at some point in their careers, be a candidate. The idea is to prepare them now so that when the need arises, we have a strong pool of candidates available. Please send your ideas for likely candidates to the District Governor or your AG.

I want to remind all Rotarians in the district of my Governor's Challenge that I announced last month on World Polio Day. Please keep your sights set on having each club collect from every member the minimum of \$26.50. This would

Governor's Letter cont'd

be above and beyond your regular foundation contributions or E.R.E.Y. and would be strictly for polio eradication. We will not be successful in beating polio unless we continue to reinforce our efforts. WE WILL WIN THIS BATTLE! This money can be sent to the Rotary Foundation in individual's names or as a club donation. If you need assistance, please contact District Secretary Rick Pollak.

We have all been following the extreme tragedy in the Philippines. This is another opportunity for Rotary to step up and make a difference in lives that have been torn apart. I urge you to discuss with fellow club members, your club president and officers about part-

nering with Shelter Box and their efforts to ease the pain and suffering of some of these families in the Philippines. Google: "Shelter Box" and get information there or call our own PDG Jack Young at: 440-759-4000 to find out how your club can get involved. I thank the ones who have stepped up already for quickly responding.

Have a pleasant Thanksgiving day and enjoy the gift of family.
Bob Johnson

Rotaract at the University of Akron

By: Douglas Hausknecht

On a cold but no longer snowy Wednesday evening a group gathered at the Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs. Students, parents, and members of Rotaract came together to welcome members of the New Generation into the family of Rotary. The inauguration was headlined by District Governor Bob Johnson and Assistant Governor Steve Smetana.

Fifteen students form the core of the charter membership of the Rotaract Club. The opportunity arose when an incoming freshman, Tyler Humphrey, met an Akron Rotarian who is a member of the university's faculty, Doug Hausknecht. During that first conversation, the seeds of the effort were planted. Tyler's energy and enthusiasm (not to mention a family history with the Sandusky Rotary Club) brought the idea to quick fruition.

Although the official inauguration of the club just occurred, members already had participated in two projects with the Akron club. On a Saturday morning Rotaractors had joined with members of Akron's chapter of Lambda Chi Alpha to pack boxes in support of the orphanage project spearheaded by Akron Rotarian Kevin McGee, stationed in Kuwait. For Halloween, Rotaractors returned to camp to help distribute candy as part of the neighborhood and camper Trick or Treat party.

Do YOU know someone at The University of Akron who might be interested in Rotaract? Contact faculty adviser Douglas Hausknecht hauskne@uakron.edu. We'll keep you updated as the club develops its social media messaging and will continue to share activities and photos here.

Mantua Christmas Tour

The Rotary Club of Mantua will be hosting its eighth biennial Christmas Tour of Homes the first two weekends of December. Guests may visit four beautifully decorated homes in the Mantua area Friday evening, 4:00 to 8:00, Saturday, 10:00 to 5:00, and Sunday, 12:30 to 5:00. Tickets may be purchased on tour days at the Mantua Station Drug Caboose. (Rt. 44) Reservations must be made for the Candlelight Tour on Thursday evening at the cost of \$20, by calling 330-274-2376.

That entitles guests to enjoy hors d'oeuvres at the church home of George and Helen Hazelett and visit all the decorated homes either Thursday evening or daytime over the weekend.

A craft show will be open for visitors all the tour hours (first weekend only) at the Mantua Center Elementary School on Rt. 82, west of Rt. 44. Free tours of the old school which has recently received national historical status will also be available.



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Boy Scout Jamboree 2013

by Jack Young

BSA Chief Scout Executive Wayne Brock joined more than 80 Rotarians for a meeting hosted by the International Region of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians at the 2013 BSA National Scouting Jamboree in Beckley, West Virginia.

Scouting Rotarians from across the country took part in this special luncheon which was opened by World President and PDG Fred Brenner. PDG Fred recognized those attending and volunteering at the both which

included President Brenner, Dan O'Brien, William Davies, Robert Jackson, Patrick Lesley, Mark Milby, Bill Walker, Bob Westfall, FSR Ohio Representative PDG Jack Young and Channing Zuker.

Over 32,000 scouts were hosted at this year's Jamboree. International Scouting Rotarian Commissioner and PDG Brian Thiessen thanked everyone for their leadership and support of scouting. For further information please contact Jack Young or go to the web site: www.ifsr-net.org.

Christmas Collaborations in Conneaut

By: Bert C Drennen

The Rotary Club of Conneaut celebrates Christmas with many and varied activities. Most are long-standing partnerships with members, other organizations and the community-at-large. One of our members owns Markko Vineyard so our adult Christmas party for members and spouses is always held there during December. But planning for holiday projects and activities starts before the beginning of November.

Our fund raising project is Christmas wreath sales. We team up with our local florist who orders the fresh green 20-inch wreaths and then adds a red bow and pinecones. Our members pre-order the holiday decorations for delivery around Thanksgiving so that doors, offices and windows are ready for Christmas. Sales are mostly to friends, relatives and members but the club makes a few dollars off of each wreath to fund other activities.

Our major holiday project involves a display of Christmas cards offering greetings from businesses and organizations in the Conneaut area. These 4X8 feet Christmas "cards" are erected around the driving circle at Lakeview Park and are lighted for evening or daytime viewing. The display is free and open to the public from Thanksgiving through New Years. Up to sixty cards offer both secular and religious holiday wishes with a spectacular view of Lake Erie as the backdrop. Again, we partner with the community as we purchase the plywood, paint and 4X4's, the local prison inmates paint the scenes and greetings, and the local Tourism Board uses the park for a Santa House and sleigh rides. Rotary charges the initial cost of the cards and a small maintenance fee to each business or organization and we erect and store the cards each year. The community loves it

and we make a little profit.

The Conneaut Rotary Club is involved with other joint Christmas ventures such as ringing the bell for the Salvation Army Red Kettle project. Our members take turns ringing the bell for one or more days and often challenge other service clubs to see who can raise the most money. Another collaboration is the County-wide Christmas project called Holiday Angels Loving Others (HALO). The local food pantry provides our club with a list of shut-ins that could use a Christmas dinner. We collect money from our members, pack up to twenty boxes of food (really enough for a week) and then deliver a box to each address. We also have a Christmas lunch for Rotary families including children and grand children. For this event we partner with the High School. They provide the space and the entertainment, usually the Show Choir or the music department, and one of our catering members provides the lunch.

Of course many of our Conneaut Rotary members are involved with other events that celebrate the holiday season such as the Community Christmas Parade, the Chamber Lights of Love ceremony, and church and school activities. Our Dictionary Project provides an early Christmas present to all third graders in the Conneaut Area City School System and we usually donate to PDG Jack Young's Shoebox Project. The Rotary Club of Conneaut provides many opportunities for "Service Above Self" while getting in the Holiday Spirit through Christmas Collaborations.

On to Sidney

If you are planning to go to Sydney for the International Convention, please sign up before the deadline for the discounts. The first deadline is December 15 (cost \$310), the second deadline is March 31 (cost \$360). After March 31, 2014 the cost is \$410 to register for the convention. If

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(mdavanzo@zoominternet.net). Also, you could always go online to the convention site and see what it being planned.

Once again, if you are planning to attend, please send me your contact info while in Sydney, either a phone number or your hotel. The attendees from the district try to get together for a dinner one night.

The dates of the convention are June 1 to June 4. The speakers and programs are extremely uplifting. In addition you will get to experience the true internationality of Rotary. You will meet many people and have a most memorable experience.

Attention Presidents Elect

The district is busy planning the PETS ONE training for the incoming presidents. The training will be on January 25, 2014 at Window on the River in downtown Cleveland. The exact time schedule will be published shortly. The cost for the event is \$55. There will be online registration for the event. The training ses-

sion is mandatory for all incoming presidents. The next event is the All OHIO PETS. This is March 14 and 15 in Columbus, Ohio. Registration for this will be online at the All OHIO PETS website.

Attention All Club Leaders

The District Training Assembly (the District Assembly) will be March 29, 2014 at the Double Tree in Independence, Ohio. The education committee is working on the agenda for that. There will be an announcement as to what it is when it is finalized. This is a great place for all officers of clubs and Rotarians to find out more about Rotary and the programs at the district level. In addition to this training, there will be a GMS (grant management seminar). Attendance at a GMS is mandatory for those clubs wishing to apply for a grant for the 2014-2015 Rotary year. The Assembly portion of the day will be until noon. The GMS portion will start will lunch and go into the afternoon. Once again, as details are finalized, I will announce them.

Please consider attending this training session. It will help you in your role as a Rotarian. In addition, it will allow you to meet other Rotarians in the district and share ideas and thoughts.

Please mark your calendars and save the dates. We are looking forward to seeing you there and interacting with you. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact me.

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District 6630 Membership Statistics

By Al Conners

The SARS returned to RI reported membership of 2,117 Rotarians as of July 1, 2013. This compares to the 2,184 Rotarians reported on July 1, 2012. The numbers represent a loss of 67 members or 3.1%. The biggest loss was 15 members when the RC of Middleburg Heights was terminated. Another club reported a net loss of 9 members, two others lost a net of 7 members each, while 4 other Rotary Clubs reported a net loss of 6 members each. In short, a net of 62 members was lost at 8 clubs.

On the other side of the ledger, The RC of Akron reported a net increase of 8 members, while the RC of Parma reported a net gain of 6, and the RC of Conneaut and the RC of Fairlawn reported a net gain of 5 members each.

Congratulations to these clubs for their leadership in growing club membership.

The 10 year statistics show a loss of 278 members in D6630 (2455 declining to 2117). This amounts to an 11.3% decline in district membership over the years 2004-2013.

The District Membership Committee recommends that every club examine their retention efforts. A pro-active policy to orient and activate new members is essential if our clubs are to grow new members into active Rotarians. If our retention efforts are ineffective, new mem-

bers will find the exit door quickly. We can't afford to let this happen. Another article reports the orientation program documented by the RC of Willoughby. Read the article to see if there is something your club can do to improve retention.

RC of Willoughby Orientation Activities

While sifting through my orientation files, I found a document prepared by the RC of Willoughby. The activities covered are well worth sharing, in my opinion.

1. New members receive a Formal introduction to the club at a General Membership meeting.
2. New members serve as a co-greeter for one week, ideally the first week of membership.
3. The new member is formally inducted at a club meeting (the spouse/partner is invited).
4. The new member delivers a 5 minute classification talk: this can be done the day the new member is inducted.
5. The new member works with the club president to find areas where the new inductee can participate during his/her first year.
6. The new member and sponsor visit another Rotary club during the first three months of membership.

7. The new member attends a club Board of Directors meeting during the first three months of membership

8. The new member attends a "President's Coffee" during the first two months of membership.

9. The new member and spouse attend a New Member Dinner as guests (no charge).

10. The new member and sponsor attend a Rotary meeting at another club within the first three months.

11. The new member participates in a "lunch buddy" system for the first 4-6 weeks of membership. The new member joins his/her lunch buddy at a different table each week thereby interacting with various members. Lunch buddies would be the sponsor on the first week, and then individual members of the Membership Committee.

11. New members spend 15 minutes each reviewing the Club website, D6630 website, and various RI websites.

A worksheet is maintained recording the dates that the new member completes each of the activities mentioned above.

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News From TRC Akron

Rotary Club of Akron Awards 14 Paul Harris Fellows on November 26, 2013

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Brad Jeffries	PHF
Dominic Frisina	PHF
Dan O'Connell	PHF +1
Doug Hausknecht	PHF +1
Bill Manby, Jr.	PHF +1
Frank Field, Jr.	PHF +2
Mark Krohn	PHF +2
"Bud" Rogers	PHF +3
Vivian Harig	PHF +5
Bill Manby, Sr.	PHF +5

Of the 124 Members & Honorary Members of the Rotary Club of Akron: 59 are either current Paul Harris Fellow recipients, on their way to becoming Paul Harris Fellows, or, as in many cases, are adding another Paul Harris Stone.

Rotary International Director Nomination

I was extremely privileged to represent our district on the Rotary International Director nominating committee two weekends ago. The committee was comprised of representatives from 14 of the 16 districts in our zone. When we met Saturday night I was chosen to be the chair of the committee and consequently led the development of the questions we would ask the candidates and then, on Sunday, managed the interview process.

I was inspired and energized by the passion and commitment of both the committee members and the director candidates. Through the process I know that I made some new, and lasting, Rotary friends. I probably knew only four of the committee members well prior to the meeting.

Interestingly I knew each of the people who had been nominated to become director. Each of the nominees have impressive credentials having served their districts, zone and Rotary International well. Each demonstrated passion, an ability to inspire and a commitment to support individual Rotarians and their clubs.

Current and Past Rotary District Leaders,

As you all know the need in the Philippines is great. Shelter Box has had team members on the ground in an effort to help those in need.

In addition to what already has been sent to District Leaders, I am including this email ways in which young people can become involved.

Young Shelter Box was developed as a way to help our younger population understand and help in their way during disasters. Therefore, it is their way they can assist Rotary Clubs, communities and others. As an example several years ago, a 4th grade class in an Ohio small community was responsible for helping educate others and raised \$ 26,000 dollars for Haiti. They involved all of the schools, parents, Rotarians, businesses, churches, scouting, etc. What a wonderful way to get our children involved and learn about service.

Therefore, anything you can do to help those in the Philippines would greatly be appreciated. If you have any questions,

ShelterBox/Young ShelterBox

please feel free to contact me. Thank you for all that you do for Rotary.

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,
Jack

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Did You Know?

... that you could sponsor a Rotaract Club beyond your local community? The Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise did. Their award-winning Rotaract Club in Portoviejo, Ecuador, sends the attached poster ~ "Just This Close" - End Polio Now. Please join me in congratulating them for creating an outstanding Public Image of Rotary in their community.

Very respectfully,

David Lariviere



Directory Updates

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TRC Lakewood/RR Delivers Dictionaries

Once again this year, the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River purchased dictionaries for all 769 third grade students in Lakewood and Rocky River.

Club members take the dictionaries into the classrooms and deliver them personally to each student. They then spend time talking to the students about how Rotary is active in their communities and internationally.

Members distributing the dictionaries to the students were: Jon Clark, Marjorie Corrigan, Matt Daugherty, Lynn Donaldson, Jon Fancher, George Frank, Dick Garrett, Chuck Gustafson, Jim Harris, Todd Lessig, Jean Rounds, and Michael Shoaf. Jay Rounds was the project chairperson.

Schools receiving dictionaries were: Rocky River – Kensington Intermediate, Ruffing Montessori, and St. Christopher; Lakewood – Emerson, Grant, Harrison, Hayes, Horace Mann, Lakewood Catholic Academy, Lincoln, and Roosevelt.

The first page of each dictionary is stamped with the club's name and a copy of the Four-Way Test of Rotary.

Since 2005, the club has given dictionaries to 8,032 students. The dictionaries are published by The Dictionary Project. A nonprofit organization, its goal is to assist all students to become good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by providing them with a gift of their own personal dictionary.

Students and teachers alike are very appreciative of the gift, and each year the club receives hundreds of letters and thank-you cards written by the students. The letters mention the students' favorite section of the dictionary and how they have begun to use the dictionary in their classrooms.

One student said that she could not wait for her dictionary as her brother received one the year before. Another student wrote, "Thank you for the dictionary. I absolutely love the planet part." A third

student stated, "The thing I like best is it helps me with my writing."

The dictionary features over 32,000 words with simple, child-friendly definitions, plus pronunciation and parts of speech, and includes additional information about punctuation, the nine parts of speech, weights and measures, Roman numerals, and a map of the United States.

Over 150 pages of supplemental information in the back feature the Constitution of the U.S., the Declaration of Independence, brief biographies of all U. S. presidents, world maps, information about all 50 states, countries of the world, and the planets in our solar system. It ends with the longest word in the English language.



Past president Lynn Donaldson tells third grade students at Roosevelt School in Lakewood about Rotary and the dictionaries they were about to receive.



A third grade student at Roosevelt School displays his new dictionary.



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Shelly Quayle explains the Puppy Rescue Mission.

Group reunites soldiers with dogs from the front lines

In 2010, a woman in Maine got a special request from her fiancé, serving with the Army in Afghanistan. Could she arrange to bring seven puppies to the U.S. from the combat zone? The dogs were the offspring of an Afghan stray adopted by her boyfriend's unit and that dog and two others were instrumental in saving soldiers from a terrorist attack. It took \$30,000 to bring those pups, dubbed the Lucky Seven, to America.

"And that's how it all started," explained Shelly Quayle, wife of Berea Rotarian Bob Quayle. Shelly now manages the online store for Puppy Rescue Mission. The group's goal is to reunite military members serving in Afghanistan with their "Battle Buddies," dogs and cats that "bring great comfort to their soldiers." The motto of Puppy Rescue Mission is "soldiers saving puppies, puppies saving soldiers." And in many cases, that is just what happens.

Shelly, who retired as a civilian employee of the Army, and husband Bob, a retired Army sergeant who has seen his share of deployments, said that dogs and cats in Afghanistan are not pets. They are either working animals on farms or they are target practice. Dog fighting is a national sport.

Military men and women attempt to rescue as many as possible with some of the dogs going out on patrol with the troops. These are not trained military dogs but strays that have adopted American soldiers. Shelly described one dog, Cujo, now in the U.S., as "always on alert. When she visited an American school with her soldier, she scoped out the perimeter of the room first. Always on duty." It is estimated that Cujo went on

more than 7,000 missions with Army and Marine units in Afghanistan. "She saved their lives so many times," Shelly said, "alerting them to IEDs (improvised explosive devices) and ambushes."

So far, Puppy Rescue Mission has saved more than 600 dogs. But logistics are "unreal," she said. The cost averages \$6,500 per animal, including a mountain of paperwork, payments to locals to transport the pups from remote FOBs (forward operating bases) to overseas transport sites and then airfare costs and travel expenses in the U.S.

To raise funds, the group maintains a Facebook page and Web site, www.puppyrescuemission.org, where patrons can support specific animals awaiting rescue, watch videos of soldiers interacting with their dogs or buy gifts from the online store. Items for sale include glow leashes, calendars, holiday cards with photos of the animals and their soldiers, T-shirts, sweatshirts and other items. Filling orders keeps Shelly pretty busy, especially at this time of the year. She operates the store out of her home in Olmsted Falls, shipping items across the U.S. and overseas. Bob Quayle now manages the local UPS store in Berea and helps with shipping.

"When you see the soldiers with their animals, you just see the stress melt away," Shelly said. "Here are these guys in a combat area with all the stress that means and we see pictures of them smiling because they are holding a dog."



Membership is everyone's business

Attracting new members to Rotary and keeping established members interested is the job of every club member, Mary Berge told the Rotary Club of Berea on Oct. 22. Mary is Rotary coordinator for membership development and retention for Zone 29.

"People have no idea what Rotary is,"

Mary said. "Some young people don't even know what polio is and that's Rotary's main international project."

Rotarians have an opportunity right now to better market the organization, she said. When people ask "What's Rotary?" don't define it, answer with "Why?" Why did you join Rotary, why do you remain a Rotarian?

People join for very different reasons but a survey showed the top two reasons for joining were these: Service & Fellowship

People want to give back to the community, they want to do something.

Why to members stay in Rotary? Fellowship & Service

By keeping members engaged and involved, they will develop a strong bond with fellow members and be dedicated to the goals and projects of the club.

Clubs can no longer be "check-writing" clubs or a good place to have dinner on Tuesday night. Every member must be a member of the Membership Committee. Divvy up the duties, Mary suggested. That way, no one will feel overwhelmed.

It's the little acts of service, the random acts of kindness that attract new members and keep members engaged, she said.

For example, Mary said her first "Rotary service project" began when she was just 7. She collected money to cheer up an elderly neighbor who had lost his wife. "It made him smile," she said, and the two became friends.

We need to take publicizing Rotary and attracting new members to a new level, Mary said. Doing small projects and large in the community, getting the attention of the media, posting regularly on Facebook and on a Web site are ways to get the word out.

Rotary has 1.2 million members worldwide. It's not growing. As new members join, older members leave. The goal is to reach 1.3 million members by 2015. Rotary can do that if each club grows by four members.

The motto of Ron Burton, Rotary International president, is "Engage Rotary, Change Lives." If we do that, Mary said, Rotarians truly can make a difference through service.

In August, The Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary welcomed its latest Rotary Youth Exchange Student, Leonardo Borges Jacinto from Canarana, Mato-Groiso, Brazil. He is one of three cousins from the same family who have been exchange students with the Lakewood Rocky Rive Rotary Clubs. Leonardo's cousin, Felipe Jacinto Drummond, from Goiania- Golas, Brazil, was hosted by the Sunrise Club in 2007/2008. Another cousin, Ana Diaz, from Sao Paulo, Brazil, was hosted by the Noon Club in 1998/1999.



Leonardo and the Corrigan Family – L to R Christina, Natasha and Rodrigo

Leonardo's home city of Canarana is a small rural city of about 22,000. His father is a rancher with about 1,500 head of cattle. His mother teaches swimming in a local club. He just celebrated his 18th birthday, and has completed high school in his home city. He has one younger brother and one younger sister. When he returns home next August, he will begin studying for the exam which if he passes will give him the opportunity to attend a university, where he would like to earn a degree in Agro Engineering. His first host family is the Dave and Marjorie Corrigan family of Westlake. Marjorie is a member of the Noon Club. The Corrigan's have one boy and two girls. Both of the Girls have participated in Rotary Exchange. A daughter, Natasha was recently an exchange student in Brazil. Leonardo will have two other host families before the end his exchange. He attends meetings and socials with the Rotary Interact Club, and has joined, and is practicing with the Rugby Club Team, which will begin its season next March.

Chesterland Rotary Club is proud to announce Charlie Sims as our newest Recipient of the Paul Harris Fellowship

In 1905, Paul Harris started a movement that today is one of the world's premiere service organizations. His creation, Rotary International has quite literally touched the lives of hundreds of millions of people in its global quest to make a difference. Yet few people, both inside and outside of Rotary know much about Paul Harris or how his ground-breaking club developed and the great service organization it has become worldwide and how the philosophy of Paul Harris changed the world.



August 24th was the date Chesterland Rotary dedicated the memorial walkway. It started 17 years ago and this year the bricks were removed and reset along with an additional 150 names. Dedication of bricks from the past, new bricks in honor of residents, business, and children's names were purchased. Many nice comments have been received. If you are in the area take a look at the bricks around the gazebo, you may even want to purchase one. You do not need to be a resident of Chester.



This is the 8th year Chesterland Rotary has distributed Dictionaries to the 3rd graders at the elementary schools in Chesterland. This project is looked forward to, not only by our members but the students, who have heard of it from their older siblings. Some are ready to answer the questions on the longest word in the English language. Of course no one can pronounce it. Jim Kisicki has a questions and answer session with the students and teachers including Shakespeare, difference between spell check and a dictionary. Jay Jones president and Jim Kisicki who undertook this project when he was president, were the presenters.



Chesterland Rotary has a 5th Wednesday of the month membership get-together in the evening instead of their usual morning meeting. This is a good time to bring spouses and prospective members together. A light dinner or appetizers are furnished (nominal charge) and prospective members have a chance to mingle with members.



Even Frosty needs a little help getting ready for the Winterfest to be held on November 30 at Parkside in Chesterland (RT 322 and 306) 6pm. If you missed last year's festivities mark your calendar now. Chester Park Board asked the Club to take on the decorating of the park last year. For many years Chester Rotary Club has decorated the tree in the gazebo, but they wanted something more. With many Rotary "elves" the task was taken on, and we were asked to continue on again. This year we have added to the displays so it will be larger and more surprise guests will be attending. Girl Scouts, West G Carolers, Boy Scouts who provide luminaries, as well as West G Woodshop and Art Departments are involved. Hot chocolate, hot cider and popcorn will be served as we wait for Santa. Bring your cameras.

RI Honored by Guatemalan Gov't

The government of Guatemala awarded the Order of the Quetzal, the country's highest honor, to The Rotary Foundation last month, in recognition of Rotary's humanitarian work in Guatemala and its contributions to the campaign to eradicate polio.

During a ceremony on 2 September held in Guatemala, Minister of Foreign Affairs Luis Fernando Carrera Castro presented the award to Rotary International President-elect Gary C.K. Huang.

The Order of the Quetzal, established in 1936, recognizes officials and organizations from Guatemala and elsewhere for their work in the arts, sciences, politics, and humanitarian service. The Rotary Foundation received a badge on a sash necklace designating its rank of Grand Officer, one of six ranks. The badge, a ten-pointed cross with five branches and a medallion, represents the coat of arms of Guatemala.

"On behalf of all Rotarians and Rotary, we are honored by this award from the Guatemalan government," Huang says. "We want to share this with all Rotarians."

While in Guatemala, Huang met with local Rotarians and visited several projects funded by The Rotary Foundation. During the past three years, Rotary clubs in District 4250, which includes Belize, Guatemala, and Honduras, carried out projects with funding from 43 global grants. Global grants fund large-scale international projects with sustainable outcomes that address Rotary's areas of focus.

One project, in partnership with clubs in Illinois, USA, provided schools in the rural region of Sumpango with washing stations and latrines, as well as kitchen equipment and furniture. Another grant brought computers and a mechanical cow, a stainless steel machine for producing soy milk, to an all-girls elementary school in Santa Maria de Jesus.

"This award is not just for the Foundation or the Rotarians in Guatemala, but for Rotarians all over the world," says Jorge Aufranc, past governor of District 4250 and a member of the Rotary Club of Guatemala Sur. "It is international recognition for the work that all Rotarians do."

Learn more about The Rotary Foundation's global grants.

By Daniela Garcia

Rotary News

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The Rotary Foundation Giving Awards & Accomplishments '12-'13

By Julie West, PDG

I know it seems late in the current Rotary year to be talking about 2012-2013 Foundation giving, but that's one of the things we did on Saturday, November 9th at this year's outstanding Grand Foundation Event. And we had a lot to celebrate.

During the past Rotary year, District 6630 Rotarians donated \$196,452 to the Annual Program Fund of The Rotary Foundation (TRF), the highest amount for our District in recent history and 4th in our Zone of 16 Districts. One-half of this amount will come back to the District in 2015-2016 to be used for matching dollars for District and Global grants. In addition, District 6630 Rotarians donated \$84,392 to PolioPlus, the highest giving in our Zone. While it is great to rank high and receive awards, the most important result of our giving is the number of people that will be helped and the number of children who will be immunized against polio. On their behalf, THANK YOU for your generosity. Let's continue this upward trend during this Rotary year and beyond!

Each year TRF recognizes three types of giving at the Club level: Top 3 Clubs in per capita giving; Clubs who achieved Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) status: all Club members contributing to Annual Program Fund; and Sustaining Members: all members contributing \$100 or more. And (drum roll) the 2012-2013 awardees are:

#1 in Per Capita Giving (\$331.27), EREY, and Sustaining Member awards: Medina Sunrise

#2 in Per Capita Giving (\$208.27) award: Chardon

#3 in Per Capita Giving (\$205.73), EREY, and Sustaining Member awards: Fairlawn

EREY and Sustaining Member awards: Cuyahoga Falls (\$178.45 per capita), Port Summit (\$140.19 per capita)

EREY awards: Mantua (\$196.78 per capita), Mentor (\$162.42 per capita), Northampton Township (\$148.61 per capita), Aurora (\$140 per capita), Medina (\$131.73 per capita) Chagrin Highlands (\$130.77 per capita), Strongsville

(\$118.15), Burton-Middlefield (\$111.79 per capita).

In addition the District awarded a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) to an individual selected by each Club that achieved \$100 per capita and EREY status. Congratulations to the following Paul Harris Fellow recipients:

Aurora: Ron Echelberry

Burton Middlefield: James Croup, Sr.

Chagrin Highlands: Gita Gidwani (PHF+3)

Cuyahoga Falls: Robert Heydorn (PHF+4)

Fairlawn: Christine Fulton (PHF+1)

Mantua: Sandy VerDuin

Medina: Linda Kern

Medina Sunrise: Jeffrey D'Annolfo (PHF+1)

Mentor: Robert Zyromski (PHF+1)

Northampton Township: Hans Becker

Port Summit: Rodger Sansom

Strongsville: To Be Determined

A PHF was also awarded to Stan Socha (PHF+3) whose name was drawn from all participants in Rotary Direct, a program of regular giving (through automatic debiting of credit card or other account) to TRF.

Congratulations to all our awardees and to DG Bob Johnson and his Committee for an outstanding Grand Foundation Event!

Reader Writes

It has bothered me for years that, when a Rotarian dies, there is no Rotary Symbol next to their obituary. There are Masonic symbols, flags, UAW symbols, etc... but a Rotary symbol is seldom a part of an obit. It should be the rule, not the exception!!! Not only will it spread "the word", it will also let people that are acquainted with the deceased know of his or her Rotarian connection and it might influence them to joining their local club! I think that all Rotarians should request that the symbol be included in their obit, whether an active member or a past member! Some how, it should be "automatic"! Any ideas on how to go about achieving this?

Scott Henry

Rotary Club of Chagrin Falls

Four Way Test Speech Contest Update

GET READY!

Rotary Four Way Test Speech Competition Scheduled for Saturday April 5, 2014
Dear Rotarians,

Many of you have been thinking about the upcoming Four Way Test Speech Competition event to be held in April, 2014. I have received several emails and a number of phone calls asking for details of this important event. The district web site has been updated with all of the current information for the 2014 contest including a map to the location which has changed this year. NOTE: The location will be at the Harmon Middle School which is located directly behind the Aurora High School. Upon arrival at the school you will be directed where to park. Entrance to the event and registration will take place in the front lobby of the school and all other doors will be locked.

Approximately 150 people attend this event each year which include the students, Rotarian sponsors, and family and friends of the contestants. Attendees from prior years have truly enjoyed the event

and have commented very positively about how this event promotes the importance of public speaking and the value of being able to address a live audience. Young people of today face a variety of challenges in their future years. Being able to stand in front of a group and deliver their message in a professional manner is a true talent. I applaud all the students who will be investing many long hours in preparation for their speeches.

This next competition, as before, will also provide an opportunity for District Clubs to promote their individual events to a broader audience. On the day of the event, as the students register they will be receiving a packet of information. This packet, in the past, has contained information about the Rotary Youth Exchange, RYLA and Rotaract as well as other Rotary activities. Again this year, I would like to offer to every club the opportunity to include information about your club and events in this packet.

Keeping in mind that this packet must be kept to a reasonable size, please follow

these guidelines when submitting your club's information:

Your document must be limited to (1) single 8.5x 11 page of information, no exception! 150 printed copies must be provided as this is the approximate number of people in attendance. Please use white paper only, no color paper! The pages of information will be assembled in no specific order by committee prior to the event day. The copies MUST be received no later than March 29, 2014 to be included in the official packet. Please ship your flyers to me at the address listed below. I suggest that it be packaged appropriately to prevent any damage in shipping. All unused flyers can be picked up on the day of the event after the event has concluded. If you choose not to retrieve unused flyers they will be discarded.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in Saturday, April 5th!

Scott Pease

District 6630

Four Way Test Speech Competition
Chair

Nicaragua - Children of the Dump

By; PDG Jack Young,

Ohio Rotary District 6630 Rotarians and Friends of Rotary will be traveling in December 2013 to the Children of the dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua.

Under the direction of PDG Jack Young and Rotarian Roger Cram, plans are being finalized to travel to Nicaragua to help deliver the Christmas Shoe Boxes to the children living in and around a garbage dump. 350 Shoe Boxes from District 6630 and organized by Brunswick Rotary Club Past President, Marsha Pappalardo, have been combined with other Rotary Districts totaling some 2500 Shoe Boxes. The Rotary mission trip is coordinated by Texas Rotarians and the Ohio Delegation will be part of a 30 plus Rotarians

and Friends who will be making the trip.

Over the past 8 years, 20 plus different Rotary Clubs in District 6630 have participated in providing Shoe Boxes to the children living out of a garbage dump around Chinandega. For the 2013 year Rotary clubs who have sponsored Shoe Boxes include:

Ashtabula, Aurora, North Ridgeville, North Royalton-Broadview Heights, Hillcrest-Sunrise, Conneaut, Brunswick, Kent, Medina Evening, Wadsworth and Twinsburg.

Working with PDG Young on arrangements for this year's trip is Roger Cram, President of the Rotary Club of Aurora. Others who have confirmed going on the trip include Rotarians and Friends of Rotary: Beth Mlady and Roger Mlady of the Rotary Club of North

Ridgeville; Lou Ann Wilkinson of the Rotary Club of Ashtabula; Stan Socha of the Rotary Club of Brunswick; Karen Hanson and Lisa Bartlett from Hiram College.

During the past 8 years over 3,000 Shoe Boxes have been sent to Nicaragua by District 6630 Rotarians. In addition, Fire Equipment has been sent including a Fire Truck, 2 ambulances, Jaws of Life, Medical Equipment School Supplies, sewing supplies, and other items totaling almost 500,000 U.S. dollars. Over 50 different Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, High School Students, College Students, Physicians and Fire Fighters have traveled to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua during the past 7 years.

PDG Larry Wright of Michigan Rotary District 6400 has

been working with PDG Young since 2006 in this cooperative effort which involves 4 other Rotary Districts to provide Shoe Boxes and Layettees to the women and children in Nicaragua along with medical supplies and equipment.

A special thank you to all of those involved making the lives of those who have so little in life more enjoyable. A follow up story will be provided upon the teams return from Nicaragua by PDG Young.

For More information as to how you and your club can become involved or to schedule a club presentation, please contact PDG Young at: (JackIvilla@aol.com or 440-759-4000)

Thoughts on Veterans' Day

By: Lee Quiñones

The Netherlands American Cemetery and Memorial in the village of Margraten, about six miles from Maastricht has approx. 8,301 American soldiers' tombs. They were killed in the battles to liberate Holland in the fall and winter of 1944-1945. The Dutch hold an annual memorial concert every September at the above cemetery to remember and honor the Americans who died to free them in Operation Market Garden and subsequent efforts to eject the German army from Holland. In 2005, President Bush attended a large solemn meeting for Memorial Day. It was for the first time that an American president visited the cemetery. The following quote is from a speech president Bush gave that day:

"On this...morning we commemorate a great victory for liberty, and the thousands of white marble crosses and

Stars of David underscore the terrible price we pay for that victory. For the Americans who rest here, Dutch soil provides a fitting home. It was from a Dutch port that many of our pilgrim fathers first sailed for America. It was a Dutch port that gave the American flag its first gun salute. It was the Dutch who became one of the first foreign nations to recognize the independence of the new United States of America. And when American soldiers returned to this continent to fight for freedom, they were led by a President (Roosevelt) who owed his family name to this great land."

The link below points to a performance very similar in style and function to what we know as "Taps". There is some debate over the exact history of the version we use - it can be researched as the English "Last Post", "Scott Tattoo", Butterfield's Lullaby or Day is

Done.

The below version is based off of what was called Last Post. The Last Post call used in British Army camps signals the end of day when the duty officer returns from the tour of the camp and quarters. In addition to its normal garrison use, the Last Post call had another function at the close of a day of battle. It signaled to those who were still out and wounded or separated that the fighting was done, and to follow the sound of the call to find safety and rest. This custom dates from at least the 17th century, and originated with British troops stationed in The Netherlands, where it drew on an older Dutch custom, called *taptoe*, from which comes the term *Taps*. The *taptoe* was also used to signal the end of the day. *Taptoe* originated signaling the moment that beer taps had to be shut, hence that the day had ended. It comes from the Dutch

phrase *Doe den tap toe*, meaning "Close the tap".

Last Post was used by British forces in North America in colonial times, but its function was taken over in the United States by "Taps", which has been used by the United States Army since 1862. Our version of Taps was arranged in its present form by the Union Army Brigadier General Daniel Butterfield, an American Civil War general and Medal of Honor recipient.

You can see a performance being played by a 13 year old Dutch girl named Melissa Venema. The conductor of the orchestra is Andre Rieu from Holland. Melissa Venema is playing it on a trumpet whereby the original was played on a bugle. Watch at this site, and go full screen with your speakers on...

<http://www.flixy.com/trumpet-solo-melissa-venema.htm>

News From TRC Strongsville

Well folks, I don't know about your Club but over here in Strongsville we have been busy doing good things to service the community! We finished our Annual Clothing Drive in Big Fashion by having about 40 members, volunteers, Interact Club, and friends help us separate and pack the clothes. They were then loaded on several trucks and delivered to the Lane Metropolitan Church at E46th and St. Clair. This Church does marvelous work for the neighborhood.

We then had our Third Annual Taste of Strongsville at Petitti's in Strongsville. It was an outstanding success and the accolades just keep coming! We had a live auction, wine tasting, 29 restaurants to sample food from, exquisite bottles of wine were part of a drawing, and a Fantastic Trip to have a private tour of several wineries and spend a weekend in the wine country of California. The event was to provide funds for the Food Banks in

Strongsville, Berea and North Royalton. The Clubs worked together to make the Event the Best Event of the Season. We had over 600 people attend the event.

The Petitti Family was marvelous to work with and they were as excited about the event as we were. We can't thank them enough for being so generous to our community.

Two of our members went on a 10 day trip to Africa to provide assistance with Oral Vaccinations and do some work on building a school. They will make a presentation to our Club in January.

On October 29, 2013 we were part of the 4th Strongsville Community Business Expo held at the Ehrnfelt Recreation Center. It was a sell out again with over 120 companies and organizations greeting more than 1000 individuals. We had great cooperation with the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce, and the Rotary Club of Strongsville. The Strongsville

High School DECA program had a booth to promote their projects. If your Club isn't involved with that Club at your local High School you should be.

We completed our Dictionary Project with a visit to Sts Joseph and John School. IT IS ALWAYS FUN TO VISIT WITH THE KIDS AND EVEN MORE SO WHEN THE KIDS KNOW ONE OF THE MEMBERS' GRANDKIDS. We also visited Chapman, Drake, Kinsner, Muraski, Surrarer, Whitney, Zellers and Scranton Road in Cleveland.

Finally, we had our Clam Bake Event at Camp Cheerful. The only bad part was the Browns lost again. HOWEVER, the Browns are on a roll and with a little luck finally there will be some smiles for the Browns fans!

Respectfully submitted,

Jack Miaskowski Past President