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District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

FELLOW ROTARIANS OF DISTRICT 6630

I feel I am now going through the most enjoyable time as your District Governor. It is fantastic to visit each of the clubs and to get to meet a great many of the members of District 6630. The most noticeable thing is the different personalities of the 54 clubs. They are all distinct and individual. Kind of like being back in school with 54 different kids in the class! We have the rowdies, the quiet and studious, the energetic, the well behaved and the not so well behaved and everything in between. A great combination of "personality bricks" that have built the foundation of our district.

What is an overwhelming surprise is that at eight of my visits, I have been asked to induct new members and to date (9/16/13 after 31 club visits total) I have inducted 35 (yes thirty five!) new Rotarians! This is an incredible trend and we need to keep it going and spread it to all our clubs for as long as we can. Part of this I feel is a direct result of some well thought out and dynamic membership seminars put on by our Membership Committee Co-Chairs, Al Conners and Tony Corrao over the last year and a half. Recently they have added Shon Cristy to the team to bring the modern social media into the mix. Since membership is an ongoing effort and not seasonal, we will try to have them do a program at one or more of the District meetings in the

spring so we don't lose focus. We have turned the corner on declining membership and are now headed in the right direction: UP! If your club has not identified one or two (or more) potential new members and invited them to come to a club meeting then guess what? They're not coming! To quote my friend, PDG Al Conners "Get your ASK in gear!"

Over the next five weeks our District 6630 DGN, Cheryl Warren who is also our Foundation Annual Fund Chair, will be putting on a series of four foundation seminars. I urge all clubs to take advantage of these programs. The idea is for a club rep. to attend the seminar and return to the club with enough information to put on a foundation presentation during "RI Foundation Month" in November. The seminars are spread around the district for your convenience. Sept. 19th. in Geneva at the State Park Lodge, Sept. 26th. at the Auburn Township hall at the corner of Auburn Rd. & Washington St., 1 mile west of Rt. 44., Oct. 10th. at the Brunswick Library and Oct. 17th. at the Akron Rotary Camp, all at 6:00 PM. The district organization has spent a lot of time over the last several years to make these seminars more personalized and user friendly. and the strategy appears to be paying off as foundation giving increased substantially at the end of last year. Charts show that where, in the past, our district was regularly at the bottom of the 17 districts in

the zone, we are now in fourth place near the top of the chart! Last year, Mike Davanzo, our DGE, and Rick Pollak, our previous Foundation Chair, were responsible for putting much of this program together. Cheryl Warren our DGN and Jim Lechko, our present Foundation Chair have refined it this year. We are off to a slower-than-usual start this year but I am confident we will again meet our goals. All of this translates into more dollars being available back from RI for our matching grant projects. Presidents Elect (club president in 2014/2015) should begin actively identifying possible projects for their year as club president as they will have to prepare their plans by the middle or end of May 2014 for projects during their 2014/2015 year as president. Maximum District Grant funding will probably remain at \$3500. next year (minimum \$500.). So if your club has an eligible local project and raises \$3500., they can apply to the District Grants Committee and receive up to \$3500. Presto: a \$7000. local project! Don't forget, you have to have all of your current grant project reporting up to date, your club has to have contributed \$25./per capita to the foundation (during the 2013/2014 Rotary year) and at least two of your club must have attended a Grant Management Seminar or a Grant Management re-certification meeting (if you have attended a previous GMS) to be eligible for a District or Global grant so keep all of this in

Governor's Letter cont'd

your planning for the future. During my club visits, I am reminding all club officers to make an effort to include the President Elect in all club planning and activities early in the year before they take office as we are required to make decisions earlier and earlier that will impact projects that will actually take place during their year.

Speaking of November and Rotary Foundation Month,



please mark on your calendars the date of Sat. evening, Nov. 9th. (Bye week for OSU) This will be the Grand Foundation Event to be held at the Doubletree Beachwood. It will be a fun night of awards for foundation achievements from last year from PDG Julie West and a great line up of speakers. Details to follow next month and on-line registration will be announced when open.

TRC Strongsville Co-Sponsors Business Expo

STRONGSVILLE, Ohio (September 16, 2013) - The Rotary Club of Strongsville will partner with the city of Strongsville and the Strongsville Chamber of Commerce to host the 2013 Strongsville Community Business Expo on Tuesday, October 29, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation Center, in Strongsville.

The event is free to the public. The Expo offers businesses in Strongsville and nearby communities the opportunity to expose their products and services to more than 1,000 attendees from Northeast Ohio. Bill Wills, host of the morning drive show on WTAM 1100 AM, will be the special guest master of ceremonies.

The cost to exhibit at the Expo is \$150 per table, but a \$50 discount is offered to Rotary members. The price includes an eight-foot table, two chairs, a white tablecloth and Wi-Fi access along with inclusion in

an aggressive marketing campaign that includes radio advertising on WTAM and print advertising.

All participants can attend a business-to-business networking session and hour before the event is open to the public to promote their goods/services and network with fellow exhibitors.

The Strongsville Rotary created the event several years ago. The city and chamber of commerce later joined as co-hosts in order to expand the Expo's reach and scope. The event also is co-hosted by the Strongsville High School Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) program.

To reserve your exhibit space at the Strongsville Community Business Expo, contact Brent Painter, director of economic development with the city of Strongsville, at 440-580-3118 or via email: brent.painter@strongsville.org.

November is Foundation Month

Each Club Foundation Chair should be planning to make an Annual Giving presentation at one of your Club meetings in November.

To help you prepare your presentation, we are hosting four complimentary seminars.

Please sign up to attend and help our District have a successful Rotary Foundation Month!!

The sessions are listed below - just click on the link to go to the reservation page for the session you/your Annual Foundation Giving Chair plan to attend. We need a head count for room set up and materials.

Light refreshments will be served.

Each session will cover the same material so you only need to sign up for one and they all begin at 6pm and will end no later than 7:30 pm.

At the seminars we will provide you with:

- A 2013 PowerPoint Presentation with a Script on a CD you can use for YOUR presentation*

Learn about the various funding options, ways to give and how to make the "ask"!!

- Materials you can Order for your Club
 - Annual Giving Forms
 - Your Club's Annual Giving Statistics
 - Q&A session on Annual Giving with several District Leaders
- *Only the Clubs that have members in attendance will be provided the support materials - so please sign up today.

Seminar Locations:

SEPTEMBER 26 - AUBURN TOWNSHIP HALL IN CHAGRIN

OCTOBER 10 - BRUNSWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY

OCTOBER 17 - THE ROTARY CAMP FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS (AKRON)

Thank you for all you do to support District 6630 and our Annual Giving program,

Yours in Rotary Service,
Cheryl Warren

Rotary District 6630

2013-2014 District Governor Nominee / Annual Giving Chairperson

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[Click Here to see this month's edition of Rotary Leader](#)

District Grants Committee Shares Info

GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE DEADLINES

GLOBAL Scholarship Applications

No Deadlines - These may be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year while funding remains available. Clubs need to submit these to the Grants Committee as they would any other Global Grant.

Vocational Training Team Applications

No Deadlines - These may be accepted on a rolling basis throughout the year while funding remains available. Clubs need to submit these to the Grants Committee as they would any other Global Grant.

Grants Committee Applications - District Grants:

Step 1: Grant Inquiry Forms due by July 15, 2013 for 2013-14 Projects (Due by April 1, 2014 for 2014-15 funding)

Step 2: The Grants Committee will determine eligibility of projects and develop The District's Spending Plan for submission to The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

Step 3: Eligible Clubs/Projects will be assigned a liaison from the Grants Committee to help develop a thorough proposal to be submitted (District Grants Application Form) to the Grants Committee for approval. These are accepted on a rolling basis.

Step 4: The grants committee will review the applications for accuracy and completeness. Note: Committee voting takes place only in even numbered months and the completed applications need to be in the hands of Grants Committee Members a minimum of 30 days prior to a vote.

GRANTS SUBCOMMITTEE DEADLINES cont.

Grants Committee Applications - Global Grants:

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Step 3: Eligible Clubs/Projects will be assigned a liaison from the Grants Committee to help develop a thorough proposal to be submitted (Global Grants Application Form) to the Grants Committee for approval.

Step 4: The grants committee will review the applications for accuracy and completeness. Note: Committee voting takes place only in even numbered months and the completed applications need to be in the hands of Grants Committee Members a minimum of 30 days prior to a vote.

Step 5: The approved projects can then be completed via The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International's website.

Annual Fund, Permanent Fund, & Polio Plus Donations

On-line contributions must be made by 12/31/13 and mailed contributions must be postmarked by 12/31/13 for 2013 year tax deduction

Rotary Peace Fellowship Applications

District Deadline - May 15, 2014
Clubs may determine their own deadlines

Rotarians On The Internet

By Jay Dzurilla

As you are aware, there are many Fellowships within Rotary International and one of the most beneficial is the Rotarians on the Internet (ROTI) Fellowship.

At present, our District has but 5 members who take advantage of this free membership and are able to "speak" with fellow Rotarians around the world to discuss any number of

subjects including Community Service, Vocational Service, Youth Service, Club Service and International Service.

Below is a short and concise Guideline as to how to take advantage of this outstanding Fellowship in Rotary.

Obrigado,

Jay Dzurilla, RD 6630 (NE Ohio, USA) Distrito Gobernador 2006-2007 Rotary Clube of Strongsville

To all the prospective members of ROTI - GUIDELINES "HOW TO"

Visit <http://www.roti.org/how-to-join-roti.html>
You will see -

Join ROTI

Application

Rotarians on the Internet is a recognized fellowship of Rotary International and invites all Rotarians, their spouses and Rotaractors to join our free fellowship.

There are only three requirements for membership:

1. Complete the registration form
2. Agree to receive the monthly newsletter (This provides us an indication that you are still active)
3. Support the mission of ROTI which is "to apply modern information technology to explore the avenues of service and fellowship with Rotarians all over the world"

Please note: The information provided will not be shared outside of our Fellowship.

The email address that you provide

must be a current address and must be the same as will be used on our mailing lists.

Your email address is the only unique field that we can use for membership qualification. Your member information will be emailed to that address.

If you do not receive a welcome email within seven days, please email us at membership@roti.org. Addresses that consistently bounce will be removed from our list.

New Members -

We maintain three email lists, so you can have the communication experience that is appropriate for your needs.

ROTI General - Rotarians@yahoogroups.com

The original list. Any topic is allowed with some oversight by the ROTI Sergeant at Arms. There are usually 30 to 50 messages per day and can be significantly more when hot discussions are going. If the volume is too great, you may want to consider setting your options to receive the daily digest, or read the messages via the [website](#) instead.

ROTI Serious - Roti@yahoogroups.com

This is a moderated list and only serious topics about Rotary are allowed. The list volume is usually four or five messages a day.

ROTI Tech - Roti-Tech@yahoogroups.com

This is the list where you can seek help for all your web, computer, virus, and spam questions. Think of this list as an in-house IT help desk. This list receives two or three messages a day on average.

Please check the list(s) near the bottom of the application form for which you would like to participate. Use the same email address to subscribe to Yahoo Groups that you register with this application.

Please complete the application form [on the next page](#) and we look forward to you getting involved in our Rotary Fellowship.

Click on "on the next page"

Apply to join ROTI

A Life Changing Trip to Nicaragua

I hope you will join us for our December, 2013 trip to Nicaragua. We will be leaving from Houston on Wednesday December 4th on United flight # UA1421, at 6:34 p.m. and arriving in Managua at 9:54 p.m. We will return from Managua on Wednesday December 11th on United flight # UA1423 leaving Managua at 8:00 a.m. and arriving in Houston at 11:26 a.m.

Getting group rates for tickets has gotten increasingly difficult. People are coming from so many different places and usually you can get much better prices on line than we can get as a group rate. So we are asking everyone to buy your own tickets directly, but, you must coordinate your arrival and departure to match within an hour or so of the United flights shown above. I know that American and some others have flights through Miami which closely match this schedule. The ground travel, meals and hotel charges will be \$665.00 per person (double occupancy in hotels). Add \$180.00 per person if you require a private room. We will coordinate all of this as we always have in the past. If you will be on flights other than these United flights Please send me a copy of your tickets so that we will know when to meet you. Payments and sign-up sheets for this should be sent to: Hope & Relief International Foundation, Inc. 10700 Gerke Rd. Brenham, Texas 77833 Fax 979-836-0614

We will schedule everyone on a first come, first served, basis as of the date we receive your payment. No one will be scheduled before payment is received. Attached is a reservation form which should be sent in by everyone, with the information and your payment. Please provide ALL the information. In order to secure all the hotel reservations we need to have your registration by November 1, 2013 or we will not be able to be sure that we can have hotel reservations for you. We will be staying at a different hotel in Managua than the one we have stayed at in the past and our cut-off date for reservations is November 1, 2103. AFTER THIS DATE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS.

Remember this is a tropical climate so dress accordingly. Jeans and shorts are great but you need to not wear sandals or open toe shoes when we visit the dump and the more rural areas. We will be staying part of the time at a beach resort so remember to pack your swimsuit, etc. A copy of our planned itinerary will be sent nearer to our departure date to all those registered for the trip. Remember that you will need a passport that is not within 6 months of expiring and please use the name exactly as it is on the passport for your plane tickets and on the registration form that you send us. We will need a completed registration form with up to date information.

We are planning on a large group and we really hope you can go with us. Please let me know and call me if you have questions.

Jim Kite

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DECEMBER 2013 Trip to Nicaragua
Reservation Form
Humanitarian Expedition

7 DAYS
 Yes, I am interested in joining our Rotarians during the next trip to Nicaragua
December-4-11, 2013

Prospect Information (Please type or print your information)
District Number: _____ State/Country: _____
Club Name: _____
Your Name & address: _____
(Name as it appears on your passport)
Business Telephone: _____ Facsimile Telephone: _____
Residence Telephone: _____ Mobile Telephone: _____
Email Address: _____

This is an uplifting experience that will stay with you for life. During this trip you will have the opportunity to visit the projects that we have developed over the past fifteen years thanks to your generous contributions. You will be able to see: The School of the Children of the Dump, Santa Lucia (children's home in the city), Biagiago Bales (pregnant woman's shelter) (Batesa (the trade school), The Village of Aldea Pinotera. The new village of El Menon (Our latest project) and much more.

Date and time of departure: Dec. 4, 2013 @ 6:34 pm on United # UA1421 from Bush Int. Airport, Houston, Tx, Arrive at Managua at 9:54 pm.
Date and time of return: Dec. 11, 2013 @ 7:00 am on Continental # UA1423, arrive at Bush Int. Airport, Houston, Tx, Arrive at 11:26 am.

(Cost of hotels, most meals and ground transportation, etc. is \$665.00 per person (add \$180.00 if you require a private room). Please send payment to: Hope Relief International Foundation, Inc., 10700 Gerke Rd. Brenham, Texas 77833 no later than November 1st. You should BUY YOUR OWN TICKETS making sure that they coordinate with these flights to arrive and leave Managua within more or less one hour of the times shown above. Deadline for reservations: November 1, 2013 in order to allow time to secure hotel reservations. **Valid Passport** with at least 6 months before it expires (US citizens and residents are not required to have a Visa).
Payment Type (circle one): Check Visa MasterCard American Express
Credit Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____
Last 3 digits on back of card: _____
Name on Card: _____ Billing address for credit card: _____
(Passengers from Houston as well as destinations other than Houston should book and coordinate with these flights. Please send this form with either check or credit card information to Hope & Relief of the above address.)

October 13, 2013
5pm - 8pm
Main Ballroom
Tickets \$60 each
Sponsor Table for 10 - \$750

Includes:
• Refreshing drinks on site
• Special theme presentation
• Tasting of wine or beer

Price Includes:
• Food Tastings from over 25 fine Northern Ohio Restaurants
• Wine & Beer Tastings

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Price Includes: Main Ballroom 5pm - 8pm plus 1 hour Cocktail Party from 4pm - 5pm with passed appetizers

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Orchard House, Brunswick • Thyme, Medina
Hyde Park Prime Steakhouse, Cleveland/Akron
A Cook & A Cappella, Fremont • Clarend, Fremont
The Cote Little Cafe Shop, Strongsville
DC Paeca, Strongsville • Carre Carnon, North Royalton
Old Carolina BBQ, Strongsville • Trive, Strongsville
J. Bales & Strongsville • Riverstone Tavern, Valley City
Pura Vida by Branel, Cleveland • Olympia Candy, Strongsville
Washington Place Bistro & Inn, University Circle
Bianca's, Brunswick • Main Street Cafe, Medina
Italian Village Kassaravaf, Strongsville • Rito's Bakery, Brunswick
Ratz Coffee Distributors, LLC, Strongsville • Samsco's Valley City

The Experience of a Lifetime

Rotary

Winning ticket holder will receive:
V.I.P. Wine Country Experience Package for 4 People
A Red Carpet Tour of Napa & Sonoma
A Welcoming Reception at the renowned Jacqui Vineyards.
Three night stay at Vineyard Inn. A 4 Diamond, 44 room luxury hotel.
Wine dinner at the legendary John Ash & Company restaurant.
Two days of Limo service will be provided to travel to and from the wineries.
Five Private V.I.P. Tours and Luxury Tastings at the following wineries:
Far Niente, Ferrari-Carano, Continuum Estate, Etude, and Silver Oak

A \$2500 travel voucher will be included to assist with airfare and ground transportation. Total trip value over \$12,000
\$100 per ticket - only 250 tickets will be sold
The winning ticket will be drawn at the 4th Annual Savor the Flavor event being held at Petititi's Garden Center on October 13, 2013.

How to purchase tickets
In person on Friday mornings between 7:00-8:00am at the Strongsville Senior Center.
By emailing form to stancoff@fl.net or faxing form to 216-529-2723 (After Amber Terrell).
By mailing order form to Amber Terrell 14947 Pearl Rd Strongsville, OH 44136.
All orders placed by email, fax, or mail will be sent to the address listed on the order form.
Make checks payable to Strongsville Rotary

Name: _____ Ticket Number: _____
Address: _____
(If paying by credit card please list billing address for that card)
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____ Email: _____
Strongsville Rotary Connection:
Payments (circle one): Cash Check VISA / MC / DISCOVER
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TRC Strongsville Presents \$5,000 to VFW

STRONGSVILLE, Ohio (September 12, 2013) - The Strongsville Rotary Foundation tonight presented a \$5,000 donation to the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Strongsville Post 3345.

The donation includes \$2,500 raised at the foundation's annual golf outing on August 12. The other half of the donation was a match by the foundation, a non-profit organization affiliated with the Rotary Club of Strongsville. Along with the donation to the VFW, proceeds from the golf outing will fund \$17,000 in student scholarships next year.

Matt Finkler, chairman of the golf outing, presented the \$5,000 check to VFW Post Commander Tim Zvoncheck. Finkler said the foundation wanted to use some of this year's golf outing proceeds to help veterans.

"We knew if we got it into your hands

you would know what to do with it," Finkler told VFW members during a presentation at tonight's post meeting. Zvoncheck said the post will donate the money to The Fisher House Foundation and the Semper Fi Fund.



Fisher House builds homes on the grounds of major military and VA medical centers nationwide and in Europe. The homes

enable family members to be close to loved ones during their hospitalization for a combat injury, illness or disease. Semper Fi provides financial support for injured and critically ill members of the U.S. armed forces and their families.

Along with Finkler, Rotary was represented during the presentation by Jerry Balint, president of the Strongsville Rotary Foundation and Brian Kiplinger, president of the Rotary Club of Strongsville.



For Immediate Release

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The Rotary Club of Hillcrest - Sunrise Presents "A Taste of Hillcrest"
SOUTH EUCLID, Ohio— September 2013— Looking for a night filled with delicious food, fun and fundraising? Join the Rotary Club of Hillcrest - Sunrise as they sponsor the 13th Annual "A Taste of Hillcrest" on Thursday, October 3rd from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven.

The evening will feature a unique array of food from 25 local restaurants, raffles, silent auctions, live entertainment and more. Proceeds benefit the charities of the Rotary Club of Hillcrest - Sunrise, which include local Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, Community Partnership on Aging Safe at Home Project, Relay for Life, International Police Education, Literary Programs, Children of the Dump Car Buses, and Senior and Youth programs in the community.

Tickets are \$35.00 and include food, soft beverages, and entertainment. Cash bar available. Groups of 10 or more can purchase tickets in advance for \$30.00 each. A limited amount of tickets will be available at the door.

Executive Caterers at Landerhaven is located at 6111 Landerhaven Drive in Mayfield Heights. For further information contact Roger Korwin, chair, public relations committee, at 440.625.4351 or hsc@hspartne@ohglobal.net

News From TRC Cuyahoga Falls

By: Tony Malorni

The Cuyahoga Falls Club had a busy month sending off our outbound Exchange student Heather Foster headed for Croatia, and welcoming our inbound Exchange Student Leos Pytr from the Czech Republic. Leos is acclimating to Cuyahoga Falls and Ohio easily after a busy first week of enrolling in school and joining the football team. American football that is. The host family has made him welcome, and Leos spoke to the club about his first impressions of our country and community. Heather has been updating us on her stay through the various social medias, and appears to be having a tremendous time. We are excited to have him with us for the year and many events are scheduled to include him in the Rotary experience as well as the overall experience. Unfortunately, he was not here for our monthly social event for August, our golf outing and club picnic held at Portage Lakes, and hosted by "Captain Chett Workman" who opened his home to us as well as piloted Rotarians around Portage Lakes on Sunday Aug 18 afternoon.

Club members also had a great time at "Rockin on the River", where we were manning the beer stations for one of the free Friday night concerts in Cuyahoga Falls. This evening gave us a chance to have some fellowship, and raise some money for our local projects as well as spotlight our members to the thousands of visitors to the concert.



Click the Picture above to visit the District's updated Facebook page

News From TRC Jefferson

Karen Hanson, the founder and director of Girls for the World, was the speaker at the Jefferson Rotary Club meeting on August 22. Girls for the World is a Cleveland based organization with an international agenda, whose mission is to empower girls as powerful agents for social change in their communities



and in the world, by building confidence and leadership skills. Working with poor and underprivileged young women, Karen has presented workshops in India and Peru. She has also conducted programs with middle school girls in Cleveland Heights. The Jefferson Rotary Club is contributing \$1,000.00 to Girls for the World, in support of the goal of Rotary International to encourage leadership development and training around the world. Jefferson Rotary also contributes to many local programs and projects. For more information about Girls for the World visit <http://www.girlsfortheworld.org>

Berea Rotary Pays Tribute to the Late Allyn Adams



Allyn Adams Jr. and Susan Adams admire the bench dedicated to Allyn Adams' memory.

The Rotary Club of Berea's longtime treasurer Allyn Adams passed away in September 2012. In his memory, the club dedicated a bench on the shores of Coe Lake in Berea on Sept. 10.



Allyn Adams

Allyn was highly respected in the Greater Cleveland community. A retired partner of Deloitte, Allyn volunteered his time as accountant and treasurer to various civic organizations. He also was chairman of the board of The Education Foundation of the Berea City Schools and served on the board of John Carroll University, his alma mater. He was a Paul Harris Fellow.

Attending the ceremony were his wife, Susan, and their son, Allyn Jr. as well as

the mayor of Berea, Cyril Kleem, the Safety Director Ken Adams and members of the Coe Lake Nature Trail Committee, which selected the bench.

The ceremony was conducted by Berea Rotary President Matt Lombardi and President-elect Linda Kramer. Dave Skryznski, past district governor, offered the closing prayer, in which he said, in part, "May this memorial be a reminder not just of the man, but of his spirit of 'service above self.' And may it be dedicated to Allyn's sense of community and belief in a better world for all."

A plaque near the bench indicates that it was donated by the Rotary Club of Berea. The Coe Lake area is a public park maintained by the city of Berea.

Commemorative plaques detail a 'Soldier's Journey'



Patricia Miller displays samples of commemorative plaques for veterans.

The one on the left is for the Air Force, the one on the right is for the Army. That's her son, John, on the right.

Patricia Miller of Berea knows what it is like to live with someone in the military. Her grandfather fought in World War II, her father in Korea. Her son, John, is an Army staff sergeant serving in Afghanistan. When her son's best friend was killed in combat, Pat said she realized how

important mementoes of the military could mean to families.

A nurse for 18 years, she quit her job to dedicate her time to A Soldier's Journey, providing commemorative plaques to veterans and their families. Such displays are very meaningful at funerals, she said, but more importantly, to veterans while they are still here to enjoy them and share with loved ones. She explained the program to Berea Rotarians on Sept. 10.

The plaques contain photos of the veteran, his family, dog tags, spent shells (provided by the Berea Police Department), medals, service history and the appropriate prayer from the veteran's branch of service. The content is determined by the veteran and his family. The cost of a full-size plaque is \$299 with 7.5 percent of the proceeds going to veterans organizations. Smaller versions also are available.

Pat also is working to reinstate the gun salute at military funerals. The gun salutes rendered by active duty military were the victims of recent sequester cuts in government spending. Pat is circulating a petition to bring back the traditional color guards. She needs 5,000 signatures to begin the process. So far, she has 3,500 and obtained a dozen more at Rotary's meeting Tuesday.

Her son is the motivation for both of these projects, she said. "Half of me is in Afghanistan," she said. "When one soldier goes to war, 20 people go with him." That includes family and friends who worry and care about them when they are gone.

For more information about A Soldier's Journey or the gun salute petition, go to www.asoldiersjourney.com ; e-mail Pat at patdarlenemiller@gmail.com or call her at (440) 243-6448.

TRC Wadsworth's Gear Grinder

Wadsworth Rotary hosted their first annual bike event, The Gear Grinder. The event was held on Saturday, August 17th. The cyclists had a picture-perfect morning for their ride. Each received a Gear Grinder shirt and a "goodie bag". This year's event offered two rides, a 36 mile over the road grinder course and 8.5 mile family community course. All proceeds from the event will benefit local community projects. Next year's event is sched-



Bob Titus, Rotarian Dan Rospert, PDG Steve Zabor and Terry Lawrence

uled for July 19th with new courses added. Registration will be available for next year by the end of this year on www.thegeargrinder.com or through a link on www.wadsworthrotary.org. Sponsors of this year's event were Summa Wadsworth-Rittman Hospital. Hilliard-Rospert Funeral Home, H&S Tool, Home Depot, Pizzazio's Pizza, Wadsworth City Schools and Anytime Fitness.



Reverse Raffle Dinner

Saturday, November 2, 2013

5:30 to 11:00 pm

The West Side Irish American Club

8559 Jennings Rd., Olmsted Township, Ohio 44138 Ph: 440-235-5868
(Jennings Rd. south off Bagley, just west of Stearns Rd.)

Full Buffet Dinner & Open Bar

Top Prize \$3,000

5:30 Arrival, Full Open Bar with Hors D'oeuvres
6:00 Cocktails, Side Boards, Silent and Chinese Auction Items to Bid
7:00 Dinner, Full Buffet with 3 Entrees with Salad, Potato & Vegetable
9:00 Raffle Begins with every 20th Ticket a Winner
\$3,000 Last Number Top Prize

Any questions? Contact Committee Chairman:
Bryan Mollohan 440-336-0497
bromo@westshore Rotary.com

Choices: _____ \$100 Individual Dinner & 1 Main Board Ticket
_____ \$150 per Couple 2 Dinners & 1 Main Board Ticket
_____ \$200 per Couple 2 Dinners & 2 Main Board Tickets

Name(s) _____
Phone# _____ Email _____

Complete the information above and send in your check made payable to West Shore Rotary

West Shore Rotary Raffle c/o Mark Miller
1954 Clague Rd.
Westlake, OH 44145

Online ordering at: www.westshore Rotary.com



Inbound Youth Exchange Students

The Akron Rotary Camp at Rex Lake was the perfect location for the District's Inbound Youth Exchange students August 24 and 25. The chair of Ohio-Erie Rotary Inbound students, Bob Heydorn from the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club organized the two-day event with the help of Tim Snell, chair of the Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange Program, and Patrick Kelley, from Hudson Rotary, chair of the Outbound Youth Exchange Program. The orientation fo-



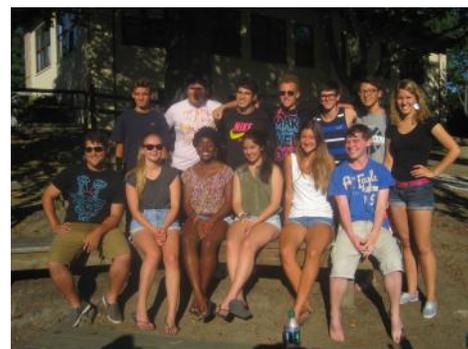
cused on informational sessions for each of the following groups: the Youth Exchange Officers (YEOs), the counselors for each of the students, and the host parents and families. In addition, there was ample opportunity for these seven young people to get to know each other and eight of the district's "rebounders," American students returning from an exciting, life-changing year abroad as Rotary ambassadors. After the orientation, the teenagers talked, played basketball, went kayaking, sat around the campfire, roasted marshmallows and learned to make s'mores.



The district welcomed the following students: Roberta Baccanti, from Italy, to Lakewood-Rocky River; Leonardo Jacinto, from Brazil, to the Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise Club; Emeric DeSermet, from France, to the Mantua Rotary Club;

Guhyoun Nam from South Korea, to Akron Rotary Club; Korinna Mueller from Germany to Berea Rotary Club; Leos Pytr from the Czech Republic to the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary; and Pablo Zar, Argentina, to the Strongsville Club.

Submitted by Susan Colville-Hall, YEO Akron Club.



Rotary District 6630

GRAND FOUNDATION EVENT

2013/14

SAVE THE DATE

November 9, 2013

6:00 pm

Join us for a great evening of Fun, Socializing and Dynamic Speakers.

We will celebrate the strength of District 6630 through the strong support of many of our long term members.

Doubletree Hilton-Cleveland East
3663 Park East Drive
Beachwood, OH 44122

Event Details and Registration to Follow

Rotary District 6630

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District Governor 2013-2014
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News About Interact

Two of last year's District 6630 Interact events were organized by the North Royalton Broad View Heights Interact club and attended by about half the Interact clubs in our district:

Interaction 2012 was an afternoon of Interact clubs getting together to learn, share and socialize. We had presentations, break out sessions, and a delicious international pot-luck dinner. See the attached schedule for last year's event for more details.

District 6630 Interact Dodge ball Tournament teams from various Interact clubs competed and the winner got to choose the International Charity to receive the proceeds. Everyone had a great time and best of all hundreds of people were immunized against polio as a result of this event.

We also had a youth conference as part of the annual District Conference in April. Interactors, Rotaractors, Project YESS, Inbound Exchange students, Outbound Exchange students, RYLA graduates, and 4 Way Test Speech winners all got together to learn about each others programs and have fun together.

The feedback we got from all these events was all very positive.

So far this year, the North Royalton Broadview Heights Interact club has told me that they will be hosting the District 6630 Interact Dodge ball Tournament again. I'll send you details as they become available.

If we are to have an Interaction get together during World Interact Week (tentatively Saturday, Nov 2) we need to get started:

Please let me know if your Interact club would be interested in attending this year

Does your club have access to a meeting room where we could hold this event? If you do and would like to host this event please let me know ASAP so we can start working together on this event.

District Interact events are not restricted to the above. I would be happy to help your club(s) put together District Wide event(s) - just email me!

Looking forward to another great District 6630 Interact year,

Arne van der Heyde

District 6630 Interact Chair

ShelterBox Update

PDG Jack Young, just returned this week from the 2013 annual Board Meeting of Shelter Box USA. A number of immediate and strategic subjects were discussed including the crisis in Syria. The Executive Director reported that Shelter Box International has been contacted to help in whatever way possible to provide temporary housing to those women and children fleeing Syria to Egypt, Iraq, Turkey and Jordan. In a recent article in Time Magazine, over 1.8 million individuals have left the country in an attempt to find safe shelter for their families.

Therefore, to continue the humanitarian mission of Shel-

ter Box, Shelter Box International along with its affiliates will be requesting an appeal Rotarians and friends of Rotary throughout the world to assist in sponsoring Shelter Box tents and various Shelter Box Supplies to those women and children who have been displaced.

In addition, to deployment for the Syrian conflict, recent deployments took place in Sudan for flooding, Niger for flooding, Pakistan for flooding and the Philippines for the aftermath of a typhoon. Shelter Box USA is continuing its efforts to build relationships with Corporate America, Rotary District Governors and District Governors elect, Boy and

Girl Scouts of America and school youth programs.

PDG Young from Brunswick, Ohio, is one of the 9 Board members for Shelter Box USA representing the states of Pennsylvania, Ohio, Southern and Northern California, New York, Georgia, Washington, Illinois and Texas. Jack is also the committee chair for the Rotary Relations committee of Shelter Box USA. Shelter Box was established as a Rotary Project Partner. Through this unique partnership, the two organizations will continue to engage Rotarians in providing humanitarian service whenever and wherever disasters occur. There are many exciting

and interesting ways clubs and Rotarians in districts can collaborate with Shelter Box to deliver humanitarian supplies that bring shelter, warmth and dignity to disaster survivors worldwide. For further information regarding Shelter Box, please contact Jack at Jack1vil-la@aol.com.

Rotary International Website Takes on New Look

Dear Rotary Club Officer,

For nearly two years, we've been working to refresh and revitalize Rotary's website and in just a few days, your new website will be unveiled to our members and the public. We are set to launch on August 26th, and in anticipation of this exciting event, I am reaching out to the leaders of our organization and asking you to join me in being champions and advocates for this wonderful new tool.

Each of you plays a key leadership role in your club and with its members. We want to highlight the many positive aspects of the new website and ease any initial concerns that may arise as you and the members of your club familiarize yourselves with the new site.

I've had the opportunity to speak directly with RI President Ron D. Burton about the upcoming launch and he has expressed his enthusiasm and support for the many improvements being made. We hope to make the transition to the new online experience as smooth as possible.

We want to draw attention to a few key features of the new website that we think you will find most helpful as you field questions from Rotarians in the coming weeks.

Two distinct versions of the website

My Rotary (for members)

- All members will be encouraged to register and sign in when visiting the site. Members will be able to better engage through their own customized experience based on their interests, and conduct their Rotary business more easily than ever before.

- The new website will eliminate the need for the Member Access Portal (MAP). Those currently registered in MAP will simply be prompted to re-register when first visiting the site and will then be able to access tools previously located in MAP, such as the ability to edit club data, use Rotary Club Central, etc.

Rotary.org (for the general public)

- The public site tells our story to external audiences in a fresh, streamlined way, encouraging people to get to know Rotary

and learn about all the great work Rotarians are doing all over the world.

Find what you need!

- The website has been entirely rebuilt, grouping items more logically. Testing has confirmed that user experience is cleaner and more streamlined than what is offered today. For example, tools that help you manage your Rotary business—such as



running reports—are now conveniently located under a tab called “Manage.”

- The website’s “search” engine is now powered by Google, making locating documents, articles and tools much easier.

Important changes

- “Contact this Club” – Visitors to the site can submit a request online to learn more about a specific club and membership. The RI Board has requested that an email be automatically sent to the District Governor and Membership Chair to notify you of this request, they will then follow up as appropriate with the club.

- Rotary Foundation Grants – Many of you have already visited the Rotary Grants microsite and all it has to offer. That functionality will now be merged into the new site so everything you need will be in one place.

- Security – As part of the new launch, we are also adopting industry leading security measures to manage your IDs and passwords. To facilitate this transition, any MAP user who logged in within the last year will go through an abbreviated re-registration process.

- Browsers – The new website uses

some of the latest browser capabilities and because of that, visitors to the site will need to be on modern browsers. Whatever browser you prefer to use, we recommend you upgrade to the latest version to have the best experience possible.

As we head into the final days before the new website launches, I want to remind us all that with any major launch, we can anticipate a few minor issues early on as we make the transition, so I kindly ask for your patience and request that you encourage the same from those who may experience some technical setbacks in the first few days after launch. Explore the new site and provide us with your feedback on your experience. Encourage your fellow members to do the same. The more feedback you can give us, the more we can do to ensure your online experience is a positive one. We hope you enjoy your experience on the new website and look forward to hearing your thoughts.

Please send your questions to website@rotary.org.

Sincerely,

Peter Markos