

HOWLAND ROTARY CLUB NEWSLETTER



Rotary



July 2024



'Service Above Self'

Rotary 

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Howland Rotary's Featured Member:

President '24-'25, Gary Lehman

Gary was born and raised in Niles, Ohio. He graduated from Niles McKinley High school in 1982 and went on to Youngstown State's, Danna School of Music for his Bachelors of Music in Vocal Performance. He went to Graduate School at Indiana University for a Masters in Vocal Performance. In 1989, he was accepted into the Lyric Opera Center of American Artist at the Lyric Opera of Chicago where he met his wife, Susan Foster from Cortland. In 1993, they moved to Brooklyn, NY to further their careers. During Gary's career, he sang all over the U.S. and China, Germany, Norway, France, Austria, Finland, Russia, Great Britain and Switzerland. He made a recording of Wagners Parsifal in Russia.

In 2010, he and Susan moved back to Northeast Ohio settling in Howland. Gary retired from singing in 2013 and started his new career as a Real Estate Agent with Howard Hanna here in Howland. Gary joined The Howland Rotary Club in 2019 and is so proud to call himself a Rotarian.

Gary's awards are Niles McKinley High School Hall of Fame and the Warren Tribune, It All Started Here. Recognition of local residents that succeed in their field.

Happy Anniversary

July 22nd - Anita & David Brennan



Passing of the Gavel

Cindee Mines with President,
'24-'25, Gary Lehman



June 14th - Kick off Social
MADE SOME NEW FRIENDS

Left to Right: Jane Perrett/Canfield, Scott Schulich/Youngstown, Kimberly weiss/Minerva & Anita Brennan/Howland

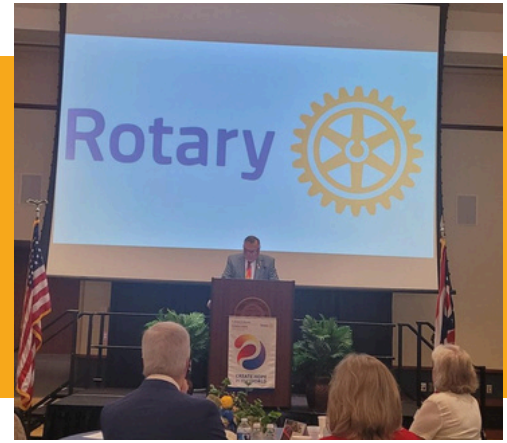


The weekend of June 14th, I attended the Rotary Annual District 6650 Conference. And I have to say, it was an amazing experience and a privilege to be a part of. I met a lot of new people and learned a lot of things that I didn't even know that the Rotary International took part of. Here are some highlights...

Kimberly Weiss/Minerva & Keith Stults/Plain manning the badge table and greeting us Rotarians.



Rich Tirpak, District Governor '23-'24, welcomed us all to the Conference with great enthusiasm.



Past District Governor, Linda Ferguson discussed Grant updates from 2023. It was a fantastic year ~
Did you know that over \$500,000 was raised with over 158 Projects in Northeastern Ohio Communities?

- Homeless Veterans
- Park Restorations
- Butterfly Gardens
- And Global Blood Disorder diagnosis & Treatment...just to name a few!!!



Garden



With Wings

Michelle Charles spoke about her trip to Trinidad, Port of Spain and her volunteering with Friends of the Botanic Gardens for their project, 'Garden with Wings'. Garden with Wings is a Butterfly Garden in the Royal Botanic Gardens which is located by the Emperor Valley Zoo.

This area was once inhabited by the Emperor Butterfly. The Friends of the Botanical Gardens strive to bring them back.

The Gardens are made up of Natural Compost and no chemical fertilisers. District 6650 funded a storage bench for tools and other items needed for this venture, which were originally stored by the trees with no real protection from nature.

One of my favorite things besides the beautiful Butterflies and vibrant plant life, are the stepping stones, which are made of fallen trees. This is one of the many things that Rotarians do.

Rotary Foundation Event:

In Our Nature

August 11th 2024

4:00pm to 7:00pm

Fellows Riverside Gardens, Youngstown



What is Polio and what does Rotary International do to help?



Polio is an illness caused by a virus that attacks the nervous system and may cause limb immobility and sometimes paralysis. Although we do have vaccinations for Polio, some parts of the world are limited to medical preventions and treatments. For over 35 years, Rotarians all over the globe raise awareness, donations and their time to eradicate this disease.

On World Polio Day, October 24th 2023, Rotary Clubs within our District joined The Purple Pinkie Project. For every \$20 donated, a dozen Purple Pinkie Donuts were distributed. Each box helped vaccinate many children.

What is your Club doing for World Polio Day? Check out our Facebook page for upcoming Events.

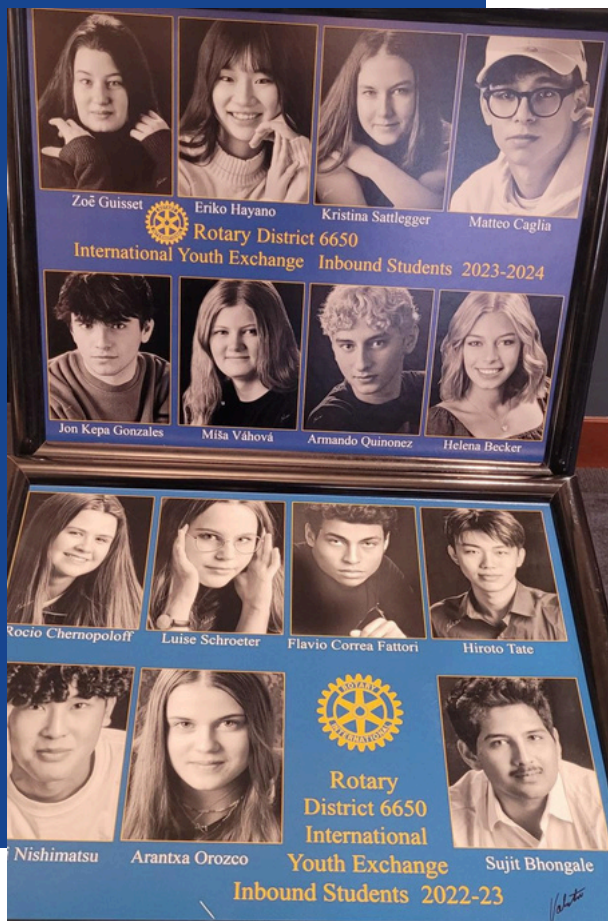
If you want to learn more about how you can help End Polio, visit: <https://www.endpolio.org/world-polio-day>.

Youth Exchange Program

Every year, Rotary International sponsors a Youth Exchange Program. From ages 15-19 years, students can apply for the exchange program and join hundreds of young adults all over the world.

This year, we had the pleasure of meeting 3 exceptionally bright young adults who took part of this amazing venture.

They all spoke on stage in front of many Rotarians, with confidence and stature of their eye opening experiences and what they took home with them.



Audrey Espinosa spent a transformative year in Japan from 2022 to 2023, where she immersed herself in the local culture, learned the Japanese language, and built meaningful friendships. Similarly, Gillian Jones traveled to Argentina just before the Covid-19 pandemic. During her brief stay, she developed adaptability, gained insight into cultural differences, and honed her problem-solving skills. In 2016, Drew LeBoeuf embarked on a journey to France, where she forged numerous connections and learned invaluable lessons from the lifelong friends she made. Each of these individuals' journeys highlights the profound personal growth and deep connections that can arise from living abroad.



To learn more on how to take part of this program, contact your local Rotary Club or High School.

Hearing Mission to Guatemala

In April of this year, Richard Tirpak joined fellow Rotarian, Dr. Sheryl Figliano on a Hearing Missing to Guatemala.

Although the scenery was breathtaking, this was further from a relaxing vacation.

About 130 children were seen in one day alone. They were fit for hearing aids and the results were amazing.

Dr. Figliano shared a few video's of her time there.

Whether it was a lifetime or just a short while of hearing loss, it was very heartwarming to see the faces of a young child and a grown man, who almost gave up on life, when they could hear for the first time in a very long time. I have to admit, that I was a little teary eyed.

To see for yourself, check out their Facebook page: [Hearing Mission - Rotary District 6650](#)

Each year this trip is taken and Volunteers are ALWAYS needed.



Hearing Mission to Guatemala 2024





Participating in the Howland 4th of July Parade this year was an unforgettable experience. The excitement on everyone's faces, especially the children, was palpable and filled the air with a contagious energy. Since joining the Howland Rotary Club in January, I've had the pleasure of meeting countless incredible individuals. When I took on the role of Secretary following Marilyn Titus's retirement, I knew I had big shoes to fill, but the journey has been immensely rewarding.

Rotary International Clubs around the globe work tirelessly, embodying the motto 'Service Above Self.' In my brief time as a Rotarian, I have witnessed firsthand the dedication and selflessness of these extraordinary people. I strongly encourage anyone to connect with their local Rotary Club and discover the myriad ways they can contribute to their community and make a global impact.



The Rotarian Pledge

I am a Rotarian.

I will always uphold the truth.

I am a Rotarian.

I will always strive to be fair in all my dealings
with fellow human beings.

I am a Rotarian.

I will always endeavor to build goodwill and understanding
in my community, among my countrymen, and
among people of all nations.

I am a Rotarian.

I will always seek to promote the greatest good for the
greatest number of people in the spirit of Rotary service.

I am a Rotarian.

I will always observe the Rotary International motto:

Service Above Self.

Upcoming Events:

July 1 – Howland Rotary meeting

July 4 – 4th of July Parade

July 6 – Howland Farmers Market

July 8 – Howland Rotary Board Meeting

July 13 – Howland Farmers Market

July 15 – Howland Rotary meeting

July 19 – Howland Food Truck Friday

July 20 – Howland Farmers Market

July 22 – Howland Rotary meeting

July 27 – Howland Farmers Market

July 29 – Howland Rotary meeting

August 11th – In Our Nature / Fellows Riverside Gardens

Mobile Meals:

July 1 – Joe DeSalvo

July 8 – Cindee Mines & Maria Martinez

July 15 – Gary Lehman

July 22 – Denise Rhoads

July 29 – Gary Lehman

Speakers

July 15 – Jason Lee / Mosquito Lake Naturalist

July 22 – Zach Denzler / U.S. Marshall

July 29 – Lauren Flato / Shephard of the Valley

FLY THE FLAG

For just \$40.00, The Howland Rotary will place a flag in your yard before the first holiday in May and remove it after the last holiday in November. An 18" plastic pipe will be buried in your front yard, flush with the ground, to hold the flag staff. The 3'x5' flag on a 10' shaft will be placed in the plastic pipe.

Sign up for your own home,
business or as a gift!

Contact Ken Abell to Register
(330) 397-5392





ROTARY CLUB OF HOWLAND TOWNSHIP ~ DISTRICT 6650 ~

PEOPLE OF ACTION



Meet the Candidates Night

Our club offers opportunities for our members - and those interested in making a difference - to get involved. Through meetings, social events, and volunteer projects, our members learn about the issues facing our community and communities all over the world, partnering with local, national, and global experts to exchange ideas about potential solutions and to draw up action plans to respond. Along with these opportunities to serve, members also are able to regularly network, resulting in lifelong friendships and business connections.

Our club is a proud part of this community and of Rotary International. Rotary is a global network of more than 1.2 million members who believe that great things happen when dedicated minds come together. We are community and business leaders representing different professions, experiences, and perspectives but with a shared desire to connect with others to address the challenges affecting our community and communities around the world.

MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Solving real problems takes real effort, commitment and vision. Rotarians work to protect communities from preventable disease, keep women and children healthy, improve education and economic outcomes, create safe water and sanitation infrastructure, and make our community and the world a more peaceful place.

We work with various partners on the following projects:

- Trumbull Mobile Meals - Serving our community through delivering meals throughout the township every Wednesday.
- Brewster Street Clean Up - Improving the road to Howland Middle School each year
- Ending Polio - Partnering with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, the World Health Organization, and UNICEF to end polio, once and for all
- Fly the Flag - Making the neighborhoods of Howland rich with community spirit and civic pride!



Ring the Bell for Salvation Army

GET INVOLVED

Becoming a member enables you to meet your community's leaders and to make an impact both here and around the world. We invite you to visit our club and find out more about us and the opportunities we offer to get involved.

Our members have found that it's a truly rewarding experience.



Exchange Student Pot Luck

WHAT PEOPLE ARE SAYING

What better way to become involved in your community than to become a Howland Rotarian! I have found the Howland Rotary fulfilling, rewarding and a great source of networking that only brings positive outcomes to everyone involved!

-Natalie Smith

I enjoy being a member of Howland Rotary because it gives me an opportunity to give back to the community I have worked in for over 40 years.

-Marilyn Titus

Join our next meeting or Service Project.

OUR MEETINGS

Monday's from 12:00pm to 1:00pm

Shepherd of the Valley - Howland
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Warren Ohio 44484

or

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