**Rotary Club of Hillcrest-Sunrise Chapter Annual Events**

**January**

Winter Coat Drive

**March**

Four-Way Test Speech Contest

Senior Play Night

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District Conference/Assembly

Vocational Awards Dinner

**May**

Special Olympics

Lander School Special Ed Picnic

South Euclid Memorial Day Parade

Lyndhurst Community Garden Planting

Rotary International Convention

**June**

Relay 4 Life

Charter Night/Changeover Dinner

Old Board/New Board Budget Mtg

**July**

Beginning of Rotary Year

Rotary Youth Leadership Award Camp

**August**

Shoeboxes for Children of the Dump

**September**

CommunityGarden Harvest

**October**

A Taste of Hillcrest

**November**

Thanksgiving Food Baskets

**December**

Breakfast with Santa/Toy Drive

Progressive Dinner

Champagne Brunch

**(Recurring) Projects**

Meals that Heal at the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center Shelter

Meals at the Ronald McDonald House

Meals on Wheels

Dictionary Project

Service Above Self Scholarship

“ATOH” Thank-You Dinners

Fireside Chat(s)

**A Taste of Hillcrest**

Our signature event. This is our major fundraiser. It is through this event that we generate the revenue upon which we base our philanthropic budget for the following Rotary year.

**“ATOH” Thank-You Dinners**

Throughout the year, we dine together at “A Taste of Hillcrest” participating restaurants as a form of thanks to the restaurants, and as a way to build fellowship amongst our members.

**Breakfast with Santa/Toy Drive**

**Champagne Brunch**

In lieu of a meeting the week between the Christmas and New Year’s Holliday, we celebrate with a champagne brunch at one of our member’s homes.

**Charter Night/Changeover Dinner**

The night when we celebrate the founding of our new club, our accomplishments of the Rotary year, and our accomplishments as a Rotary Club, and thank those who held leadership roles the past year.

**Dictionary Project**

We purchase and distribute dictionaries to the third graders of the following schools… (When?) (How long have we been doing this?

**District Conference/Assembly**

Each year, the Rotarians from clubs across our District work together to provide for us the Annual District Conference. This conference is a means by which each Rotarian can expand their understanding of Rotary at the local, district and international level. It is also a way for Rotarians to better understand their role in the grand scheme of things. There is a wealth of information being shared at the conference especially at the Saturday programming. The District Assembly takes place on Saturday morning of the District Conference.

**Fireside Chat**

This is an evening of fellowship for both new and seasoned members alike. The evening will center around your Rotary membership. A "Fireside Chat" is designed to bring members together to get a better understanding of how the Club works, what this thing called Rotary is really all about and how we can all benefit from membership. It's also about getting to know each other better. Please bring your partner.

**Four-Way Speech Contest**

The event features speeches from outstanding local High School Students. The top three speakers are awarded cash prizes and the winner of our contest goes on to represent our club at the District competition. The top three speakers at that event will speak at lunch at the District conference.

**Lander School Picnic**

This event has been a Rotary tradition for 25 years. It's purpose is to thank the teachers of the special needs children and provide everyone with a great lunch! The teachers and children eat at 11:30 and we eat at noon. Please come earlier if you would like to help cook or set up. It is being held on a Tuesday and replaces our normal Monday morning meeting. Dress is picnic casual and please note if you would prefer steak, fish or hamburger/hot dog.

**Lyndhurst Community Garden**

**Meals at the Ronald McDonald House**

About 4-8 volunteers provide dinner for 40-50 people at the Cleveland Ronald McDonald House. On occasion, we have also provided an activity before dinner.

**Meals on Wheels**

Our Rotary Club ensures delivery of the Monday lunch on one route in the community. ?

**Meals that Heal at the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center Shelte**r

About 4-6 volunteers provide dinner for up to 25 women and 25 children at the (confidential) Shelter location. Sometimes, we also provide pre-dinner craft activities for the kids.

**Progressive Dinner**

A newer tradition, we will have a engage ins a progressive dinner at 3-4 members houses in early December.

**Relay for Life**

Our Rotary Club enters a team in the Mayfield Relay for Life. This event usually takes place in mod-June.

**Rotary Youth Leadership Assembly**

**Senior Play Night**

We escort Seniors to the Mayfield High School Play via bus transportation provided by the Mayfield Board of Education.

**Service Above Self Scholarship**

**Shoeboxes for the Dump**

Our club has committed to filling 40 shoeboxes with "Christmas Presents" for the children of the dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. These are not your typical Christmas presents because these are not typical children. How... For about $25-40 you can fill a shoebox with items from a list for children ages 3 to 19. You will receive a "shoebox" with an age and gender marked on the top.

**Special Olympics**

We traditionally volunteer at Wickliffe High School for Volleyball and Track & Field. We also volunteer at Freeway Lanes for bowling. This event is usually in late April/early May.

**South Euclid Memorial Day Parade**

We march in the South Euclid Memorial Day parade with our Rotary Banner, and we pass out candy.

**Thanksgiving Baskets**

Over the course of four weeks, our members will collect different items for Thanksgiving baskets to be donated to local families. The club augments the baskets of non-perishable items with a gift card to purchase a meat and dairy products.

**Vocational Awards Dinner**

For over 30 years the Hillcrest Rotary Club has sponsored a Vocational Awards Dinner. The purpose of this awards dinner is to recognize the outstanding vocational students at Brush and Mayfield in each area of vocational study. We host this event because the outstanding vocational students do not get the same recognition at the school level as their outstanding academic counterparts. This event is especially interesting because the entire meal is prepared and served by the culinary vocational program.

**Winter Coat Drive**

A newer tradition, we will collect gently used winter coats and accessories and distribute them to the homeless in Cleveland before convening for a delicious lunch of Dim Sum at Li Wah restaurant.