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ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

District 6630 Family of Rotary:

I am privileged to have already been a part of so many different club events and as I began my official visits, I am finding energized clubs who are working hard, having fun and simply enjoy being with each other and have firm plans in place to do more. This doesn't happen just by chance, but because we have engaged and informed Rotarians who have a passion for what they are involved in and are supporting.

August is Membership and New Club Development Month. This is something that is everyone's responsibility – not just the president or club membership chair – and should be part of everything we do each and every month.

Rotarians are People of Action and the busiest people I know. As with anything, if we find the value in what we are doing, we make the time to do it. See this month's "My Rotary Defining Moment" on page 3 - these are the types of messaging we should be sharing when describing what Rotary means to each of us. Many times the reasons we have stayed in Rotary are not why we initially joined.

See RI President Barry Rassin's membership message on page 10 and the RI Membership Minute for August on page 4 that highlights many of the same ideas and tools that we have shared with our presidents over the past year. As a reminder, Rotary has a series

of membership courses available in the new Learning Center and all these resources and more can be found at <https://www.rotary.org/membership>. Don't forget to follow-up on those membership leads that are being forwarded to your club about individuals who have asked to be contacted by an area Rotary club to become involved.

During my visits some of you have heard me speak about the importance of seeking out our Rotary "alumni" to find out what they are doing and if Rotary is in their lives and if not, why not! On page 5 is the launch of that initiative. Our youth who are the graduates of our programs and beneficiaries of our Rotary support are our future in the United States for membership growth. Let's find them and then never lose contact with them again. In the September newsletter another "new" approach to membership extension in our district will be focused on. Interact is continuing its growth with three new clubs on the horizon and plans are underway to expand Rotaract in our district.

During this month we will be finalizing plans for a regionalized Membership Summit joining together with neighboring districts. This will be by no means a singular approach – we will follow this up with our own programming tailored just for our district. This cannot be accomplished in just one year as you all know – it will be a multi-year effort and beyond. A

number of you have asked to see the agenda from our July "brainstorming" meeting and I have attached it so you can "make it your own" when doing your own strategic planning for membership development and engagement.

In the words of Paul Harris, Rotary's founder, "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again."

Be sure you take the time to write your own Rotary story – your own defining moment and your own INSPIRATION. Share this gift of Rotary with someone else.

As of press time, the Charter Celebration of the Rotary Club of Green of August 10th has just occurred and was an outstanding success! We were honored to have Rotary International Director Robb Knuepfer, Jr. in attendance to conduct the Charter Ceremony and induction of Charter Members. I was honored to induct President Kristen Lewis and her 2018-2019 officers. Congratulations Rotary Club of Green, Ohio USA! What an incredible way to start out Membership and New Club Development Month with this new addition to our Rotary Family that was a direct result of a partnership between our district and District 6650! I encourage you all to take a moment to reach out to and welcome them to Rotary.

A Bit of District History: Arch Klumph and the District Concept

Edward G. Thomas
Rotary Club of Cleveland
Historian, District 6630

According to the Rotary Global History Fellowship (RGHF) website, "From the beginning of the first Rotary Club in Chicago, until 1915, there were no Rotary Districts. Clubs acted independently and came together in exchanges between clubs that were geographically close in proximity, and at national meetings organized by Paul Harris and Ches Perry of the Chicago club."

In 1914, Houston was the convention city for the International Association of Rotary Clubs (IARC), as Rotary International was known in those days. It was at this convention that Cleveland Rotarian Arch C. Klumph was appointed chairman of the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws of the IARC. He was also elected a director of the International Association and served on the Executive Committee for the Association. The organization's constitution was weak and lacked control over the clubs, so Arch's committee was charged with rewriting the document and developing a standardized constitution for the local clubs.

In a 1951 letter to Joseph A. Caulder of the Rotary Club of Toronto, Arch Klumph said, "It was my suggestion at that time in 1914 to Greiner, Mulholland and Perry [that's Russell F. Greiner of Kansas City, MO, who was president of the International Association of Rotary Clubs for 1913-14; Frank Mulholland of Toledo, OH, who was the incoming president for 1914-15; and Chesley R. Perry, secretary of the IARC] that we should divide Rotary into small districts and that each district should have a supervisor for whom I suggested the title of 'District Governor' whose business it was to see that each Rotary Club in his

district lived up to the constitutional provisions."

So it was that when the Committee on Constitution and By-Laws presented its proposed new constitution and by-laws for approval at the IARC's national convention in San Francisco in July of 1915, the document called for all the existing Rotary clubs to be organized into districts. Each district would be led by a district governor. This new district set-up, which placed the existing clubs into 19 geographic districts, was to take effect on September 1, 1915. The proposed revised constitution was adopted unanimously by the delegates in attendance.

Arch was then appointed by the president of the IARC to head up a committee to complete the development of the standardized constitution for local clubs.

When the new district organizational plan was put into place on September 1, 1915, the Rotary clubs of northeastern Ohio were in District 7, which encompassed Ohio, West Virginia, and the lower peninsula of Michigan. At the time, there were twelve Rotary clubs in Ohio, two in West Virginia, and six in the lower peninsula of Michigan.

Apparently the "enabling legislation" that established the Rotary districts did not include a real job description for the district governors, so it is likely that not much was accomplished in the first year. The major "job" of the district governors at the time was to hold a district conference.

Arch C. Klumph, who had served as president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland in 1913-14 and as a director and member of the executive committee of the International Association of Rotary Clubs in 1914-15, was the president of the IARC for 1916-17. In his "Annual Address of the President" at the Rotary convention in Atlanta in 1917, President Klumph made reference to the "district concept" as follows:



In the very beginning we realized that the rapid growth of Rotary demanded and required the departmental method which is used by every great business and governmental

corporation. Rotary has wisely been divided into nineteen districts and our constitution provides a manager for each district under the title of District Governor.

In the future this office must be taken more seriously and be more greatly utilized by the International Association; the district governor must largely represent the Association in his district and be held to account for its success and progress, or its failures. This necessitates the charge that the great responsibility rests upon the individual members of each district in the selection of their district governor. He should be a man possessed of no less talents that are required for International vice-presidents or even president, one who is capable of making Rotary a success in each individual club within his district. Great care must

be taken that the men so chosen are able to make the great sacrifice for talents alone mean nothing if the man is unable to give the office the time required.

It can be inferred from President Klumph's comments that the job of district governor was considered as critical by the Rotary leadership and that the district governors had not particularly distinguished themselves in the first couple of years of implementation of the district concept. History shows that, as time went on, the district governors began to keep closer tabs on the clubs in their districts and to add value from the district level.

In his address at the Atlanta convention, Arch Klumph also gave attention to district conferences. He said,

We have endeavored to impress upon each district the importance of its annual conference, and we point with some pride to the fact that this marks the first year in which every district in Rotary has held a conference. Practically all of the conferences have been an inspiration and of great value. Many of them were so attended and conducted that they would have been a credit to an International convention.

In our opinion, Rotary is capable of two great gatherings each year, the district conference for each individual member to attend, and the International convention for the delegates of all clubs of the several nations.

While Arch C. Klumph is well known in the "Rotary World" as "father" of The Rotary Foundation, it is clear from the foregoing history that he should also be known as the "father" of the district concept, of the position of district governor, and of district conferences.

A Rotary Defining Moment

By Evan McCauley
Rotary Club of Hudson,
President



As Rotarians, we're always learning. DG Bev taught me recently that there is a reason

why you join Rotary, and a reason why you stay in Rotary. Often there are moments that define us as Rotarians and strengthen our commitment to Service Above Self.

My first memories of Rotary are from age 6, when my family hosted Thiago, a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) student from Brazil. Fast forward 23 years and he and I are both serving as Club President's (18/19). Also, my Dad Lee is a past Club President and sharing that bond is fun. We were all excited to celebrate the inductions!



Growing up in a Rotary family is a big part of why I joined Rotary. Furthermore, I am grateful to own and manage a growing business that provides me the opportunity to be a Rotarian. When I began my career, I was seeking an organization to meet new people and engage with

the community. Rotary was the clear path for me.

I cherish and continue to discover moments that enforce my commitment to Rotary. These moments are centered around leadership development, new relationships, community impact, and the Service Above Self lifestyle. The entrepreneurial experience provided by leading a Rotary Club is

priceless. The relationships the Rotary network provides are seemingly endless and begin on a foundation of trust. The financial and volunteer support that Rotary Club projects provide to the community leaves a lasting impact. The Service Above Self lifestyle of Rotary provides purpose and direction in life. I am proud to be a Rotarian!



Rotary continues to introduce new people and opportunities to engage with the community, which is why I joined Rotary. I thrive in Rotary for the leadership development, new relationships, community impact and Service Above Self lifestyle. Let's, Be The Inspiration!

Help Sought for Honduran Water Project

The Rotary Club of Tegucigalpa and the Rotary Club of Strongsville will be applying for a global grant to assist in funding a drip irrigation project to provide agrarian water systems to remote villages in Honduras.

Approximately \$170,000 is needed by early 2019. Other District 6630

clubs are encouraged to participate in this international initiative.

In such an arid

region, it can be difficult for



School boys learn how to use the drip irrigation systems.

poor families in Honduras to sustain their crops, which are their primary food source. A drip irrigation kit consists of a 5-gallon bucket - which, when suspended, feeds water to the system - and various hoses and clips. The water hoses stretch across the soil alongside the vegetation.

By enabling the successful cultivation of crops, the project will help to keep families intact and counteract the destructive effects of drought. It also provides them a market to sell their vegetables, thereby improving their quality of life.

Pat Greco, Rotary Club of Strongsville's international projects director, has experienced the Honduran cli-

mate first-hand. He and other local Rotarians have provided assistance to villages isolated far from Tegucigalpa, as recently as February of this year.

"People don't have enough food to sustain themselves in this dry region, and these irrigation systems will provide the ability for them to grow their own crops, eat and live," Greco said. "When we go to the villages, we see what little food is available in the stores.



Ingenuity led to creating rubber bladders to store the water.

It's terrible."

This is a great opportunity for your club to assist in an international humanitarian effort for the impoverished. Your club's support will be matched by District 6630, as well as the Rotary International global fund. Thus, a \$5,000 club donation will turn into \$15,000, once approved.

If interested in joining this international effort, contact Pat Greco by calling or texting him at 440-212-3773, or by sending an email to pgreco@thornburgins.com.

Upon project completion, a Rotary trip will be planned to visit the people in Honduras benefiting from Rotary's water irrigation efforts.



Membership Minute

August 2018

Ideas for strengthening membership

Membership and new club development month

August is Membership and New Club Development Month, and that's the perfect time to celebrate you — the pillar of Rotary. You continue to show the world that Rotary members are people of action — people who are doing good in communities all over the world. For that, we thank you.

Show your passion for Rotary by adding a [Proud Member frame](#) on Facebook. [Watch RI President Barry Rassin](#) speak about strengthening our public image and diversifying our membership. We hope you'll show his short membership video at your next club meeting.

Club and district leaders, an array of membership resources can help you [engage current members](#), [connect with prospective members](#), [make new members feel welcome](#), and [assess](#) and [develop](#) your club.

Rotary's [club brochure template](#), available on the Brand Center, is a great way to show prospective members what you're about. The customizable brochure allows you to upload photos of your club in action to show your community its projects and events.

Welcome new members to your club with the [New Member Welcome Kit](#), [Rotary Basics](#), a guide to all things Rotary, and [Connect for Good](#), which explains all kinds of ways to get involved, are included in the kit.

Help your club stay relevant by conducting an annual [Club Health Check](#). The health check helps you identify problem areas and suggests remedies. Find tips for boosting your membership in [Strengthening Your Membership: Creating Your Membership Plan](#).

Younger professionals can bring new ideas and energy to a club. Explore [Engaging Younger Professionals](#), a new online toolkit that will help you understand this audience, enhance your club's culture, and engage emerging leaders.

Finally, Rotary has a series of membership courses available in the new Learning Center. From building a diverse club to practicing flexibility and innovation, each course includes a variety of materials, including self-guided learning modules that allow you to explore real-life scenarios similar to those you may experience in your club. Visit the [Learning Center](#) today! All membership courses are highlighted in purple.

All these resources and more can be found at rotary.org/membership.

News From TRC Twinsburg

Seeing Doubles and Triples!

Rotary Club of Twinsburg had a blast this year hosting the family hot dog dinner and beer garden at Twins Days Festival - Official! The theme this year was "Two-Player Mode". Twins were encouraged to dress up as their favorite video or arcade game characters. The event welcomed over 1,700 sets of twins and multiples this year to our great city! Thank you to all of our fellow Rotary Club members from all over Northeast Ohio who came and helped volunteer for the weekend with our club!



Rotary Joins Forces with Twinsburg Police for National Night Out

The Rotary Club of Twinsburg has partnered with the Twinsburg Police the past 4 years on their National Night Out event held on Tuesday, August 7. This year, our club was proud to partner with the Twinsburg Chamber as well to cook, wrap and serve over 850 hot dogs!



"National Night Out is an annual community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie to make our neighborhoods safer, more caring places to live. National Night Out enhances the relationship between neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances" (www.natw.org/about)

District 6630 Rotary Alumni

Governor Beverly has asked me to start an effort this year to better connect with our district's alumni. These include individuals who have experienced Rotary through various programs like Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, RYLA, Peace Fellows, Ambassadorial Scholars, Group Study Exchange, etc.

My first order of business is to gather data. I know many of you have stayed connected with some of these people. If you would, please, share their contact information with me, I can begin to create a central data base.

Please e-mail that information to me at: deb.boerger@gmail.com. The most important information would be e-mail addresses and current city.

This is just a first step of doing a better job of engaging those whose lives have been significantly touched by Rotary. As the year unfolds, I will keep you informed of the progress we make in engaging and re-engaging these folks in the family of Rotary.

Thanks so much,

Deb Boerger,
Rotary Club of Cleveland
2018-19 District Alumni Chair
Cell: 216-409-9925

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Rotary Shoe Boxes Aid Children of the Dump

On August 1, members of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River joined Rotarians across the United States by participating in an international service project known as "Children of the Dump."

Shoe boxes for the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua, were filled with toiletries, clothing, school supplies and age appropriate games or toys. Each year Rotarians will travel to Nicaragua to personally witness and participate in the work being done there. They will also help deliver the supplies to the children.



Rotary members purchased items for the shoe boxes, filled the boxes, and delivered them to an area collection facility where they will be picked up and be transported with other clubs' boxes to Nicaragua.

The shoe boxes serve as an incentive to the children to remain in school. In order to receive one of the gift shoe boxes, the child must be attending school on a regular basis and earning satisfactory grades. The goal is to break the cycle of poverty by providing food, education and programs to encourage good health. The ultimate goal is to relocate the children from the dump to a life of dignity.

It is estimated that there are 800 children in Chinandega, under the age of five, fending for themselves, often competing with dogs, cattle and goats for the food. These children seemingly have no other choice if they are to survive.

Young men are often the first to climb aboard the trucks and wagons loaded with overflowing garbage headed for the dump. Even before the drivers stop with the stinky trash, sometimes

bagged and sometimes not, the young men know this could be a grim opportunity for those who act quickly.

They know that in that stinky trash they may find items of value like plastic bottles, aluminum cans or even food. Women will rake the sides of the loads with sticks fitted with hooks, pulling the debris loose and onto the ground. At that point, the rotten mess comes in reach of the young children.



The story of the Chinandega dump began in 1998. Hurricane Mitch stayed over Nicaragua for days, dropping more than 60 inches of rain. A 30-foot wall of water flowed down the volcano, smashing into a village, destroying everything in its path. Before the mudslide, the town had about 4,500 residents. Twenty-eight hundred remain buried from the disaster.

Nicaragua is the poorest nation in the Western Hemisphere, second only to Haiti. Nicaragua is about the size of Alabama, with a population of 5.3 million. Approximately four million of those people are living in poverty, earning less than \$1.00 per day. The adult population suffers from a 33% illiteracy rate with 50% of the children dropping out of school before completing the fifth grade, usually because the parents cannot afford the school supplies needed.

News From TRC Akron

At the Club meeting on August 31st we celebrated Steve Shechter leaving our Rotary Club after over 32 years of amazing leadership and service. We wish Steve and his wife Cherie the best of luck on their move to Asheville, NC. They will be always welcomed back to see us!



Also, we are very proud to say, this past Saturday our club came in fourth place at the annual Dragon Boat Races. Witnessing this myself, I saw an incredible team working together was very impressive!

It was Rotary night at the Akron Rotary Camp Cookout on July 26th. There was an outpouring of Rotarians visiting Rotary Camp to have dinner with the campers and counselors. It was a beautiful summer evening on Rex Lake to showcase our Camp.

President John Margida welcomed District 6630 Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski, President Peter DeSouza from Rotary Club of Aurora, President Larry Lohman from Rotary Club of Kent, President Evan McCauley from Rotary Club of Hudson and President Dean Timmons from Rotary Club of Northampton-Cuyahoga Valley.

Akron Rotarians attending were Julie Brandle, Steve Buie, Mella Castner, Jack Harig, Vivian Harig, Dr. Doug Hausknecht, Ben Heckerman, Dan Reynolds, John Reyes and Wanda Whipkey.

Students from the Akron Rotary Club's North High School Interact Club were on hand visiting Rotary Camp for the first time and pitched in to serve dinner.



Our Club meeting welcomed speaker Debbie Reiss, Director of Guardians Advocating Child Safety & Protection. Thank you Debbie for showing your true passion for education for awareness for children.

Wavemakers REALLY made waves!!

On Saturday, July 28th, the Akron Rotary dragonboat team "Wavemakers" surprised the competition by cutting 5 seconds off of last year's performance and made it to the finals despite having a collision in race one which broke our dragon's head and threw our drummer Jen into the lake. At the end of the final regular race, we were 4th overall out of 38 teams. We actually made the finals for the first time in four our four year history and finished third in the Community division!

Cornhole Tournament Brought the FUN!!!

The 9th Annual Charity Cornhole Tournament benefitting Akron Rotary Camp was held this past Saturday in the Huntington Club Level of Akron U's InfoCision Stadium. Six teams in the Ringers Division and thirty teams in the Recreational Division all competed for bragging rights, while having fun! Congratulations to all the teams that placed and to 'Hole in my Corn-ea' (Jaime and Scott Kolligian) and 'TNC 2' (Jeff Beattie and Drew Thomas) that won 1st place in their divisions.

Rotarian Marcia Holcomb with her two granddaughters also competed. Although they didn't place, they won the most creative team name as 'The Jelly Bean Baggers.' More than \$11,600 were raised for Akron Rotary Camp and we are grateful to all the

sponsors, volunteers and organizers for their continued support.

Special shout-out to Scott Kolligian and Dr. Doug Hausknecht for making sure the event was running smoothly and securing all the volunteers.

We are looking forward to continue this event in years to come!

Yours in Rotary Service
John Margida, Club President



Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs

A Note to our Camp Counselors: As the last day of camp is here, we want to thank you for giving up your summer to make a difference in the lives of our campers with special needs. Our campers made friends, gained independence, and experienced new adventures because of you!

Thank you for bringing your best every single day. You had eight weeks to make a difference and the impact you made on our campers' lives will last forever. To our five international counselors - thank you for travelling across the world and be part of US. Like Greg said, "It's like Christmas every day for our campers." So, THANK YOU to each of you for being part of the 95th Summer at Rotary Camp!



Hello from the Garrettsville–Hiram Club

We said our good-byes to Chovi, our exchange student from Chile, today. It is hard to believe a year has gone by. Chovi had a great time while here. He played soccer, ran cross-country, and track, and excelled at all three. His advice for our new exchange student is to play sports. It was a great way to meet new friends.

At the end of this month, Natalie from the Czech Republic arrives. She is interested in running and theatre. I'm sure she'll make plenty of friends. Our local school, James A. Garfield High School is getting pretty used to having exchange students come and share their cultures.

One of our guest speakers this month was Ted Lysiak, the Superintendent of our schools. He spoke of the need of more money for the school and how to finance it in a fair and equitable way. The committee recommended an income tax, which is the first of its kind in Portage County. All previous revenues were obtained through property taxes.

We are very proud of our school district and its accomplishments. The community has supported previous levies by great margins. The last one was in 2004 and passed with 74% Yes vote. The Garrettsville – Hiram Rotary Club endorses this new tax and wishes them well.

In other news, the club is preparing for the "Reverse Raffle" on November 7th. This is the club's only fund raiser. It is held at Sugarbush Golf Course. (a must for any golfers play list) Anyone interested in tickets, dinner or sponsoring, please contact Lisa Muldowney 330-527-2121. It should be an exciting night. Come out and visit Garrettsville!

Being the Inspiration, John Crawford

9/11 Memorial Dedication Ceremony on July 18

Thanks to the work of Medina Rotarian Dr. Kelly Low, the dedication of a part of the twin towers was held on July 28 in Medina, Ohio. This was a combined effort of the Median Evening Rotary Club and the City of Medina.



In addition to City and local officials and our District Governor Beverly Ghent Skrzyński, the key note speaker for the dedication was Master Ser-



geant Chris Spence, United States Army, Retired. Chris was one of the band of U.S. soldiers who rode to victory in Afghanistan in the book the "Horse Soldiers" and 12 Strong written by Doug Stanton. The amazing book "12 Strong" inspired the movie with the same name. It is the dramatic account of a small band of Special soldiers who secretly entered Afghanistan following 9/11 and rode to warfare with twenty-first century bombing technology to perform the mountainous Afghanistan terrain and captured the city of Mazar-i-Sharif.



Pictured with Master Sergeant Chris Spence is PDG and Air Force Veteran Jack A. Young in front of the 9/11 memorial in Medina. All veterans, first responders, family members, Rotarians and friends are encouraged to stop by the 9/11 memorial behind Target in Medina. Thanks to Kelly for her efforts to make this memorial in Medina a reality.



District 6630 Newsletter Policy

**Submit story suggestions to Mike Johns, Jr.
at stonecut@sbcglobal.net.**

We accept article ideas about club and district successes, including fundraisers, publicity efforts, service projects, and membership drives. Please include descriptions, high-resolution photos, and contact information in your email. Due to the high volume of submissions, we cannot promise to feature your story.

**PLEASE USE "ARTICLE FOR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER"
IN THE SUBJECT LINE**

Calling All Bowlers!

Ed Thomas
Rotary Club of Cleveland
Rotary Bowling Coordinator

Continuing a tradition that began in 1932, the Rotary Club of Cleveland is once again hosting Monday night bowling for Rotarians and their friends, family members, and business colleagues. We bowl on Monday evenings at Spins Bowl – Independence (formerly Cloverleaf Lanes), 5619 Brecksville Road, Independence, OH. A flyer with all the details is attached.

The 2018-2019 Rotary bowling season begins on Monday, September 24, 2018, and will run until Monday, April 1, 2019. Practice begins at 5:15 p.m. and competitive bowling begins at 5:30 p.m. We have bowlers at all skill levels and we will make sure you are assigned to a team if you do not have one. The cost is \$9.00 total for the three games, payable in cash each week at the lanes. Rotary fellowship at a local restaurant always follows bowling.

Now is the time to confirm your participation for this year. Just send an email message to Bowling Coordinator Ed Thomas at edthomascsu@gmail.com to let him know you wish to participate. Also, if you know of others who would enjoy bowling with us, please ask them to join us.

We look forward to seeing you at Spins Bowl – Independence for bowling this year.



Rotary Bowlers

IT'S NOT TOO LATE

The 2018-2019 Season is just about to begin!

September 24, 2018, through April 1, 2019
(Mondays at 5:30 p.m. - Practice begins at 5:15 p.m.)

Spins Bowl – Independence
(Formerly Cloverleaf Bowling Center)
5619 Brecksville Road
Independence, OH 44131

(Teams are currently being formed)

The cost is \$9.00/person/night
Bowling fee includes 3 games of bowling each week.
Fellowship to follow at The Winking Lizard!

For more information or to sign up please contact Ed Thomas at edthomascsu@gmail.com or the Rotary Office at 216-556-8637 or email rotarycleveland@gmail.com



Service Above Self

by PDG Jack Young

Helen Shurance of Seville, Ohio certainly fits the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self". Two years ago this lady, now 95 years Old this year., heard about the work being done by Rotary in Nicaragua for the Children of the Dump and helping the Pregnant Women's Shelter in Chinandega, Nicaragua, she felt inspired to help these children to make their lives a littler happier.

Therefore, she contacted PDG Jack Young and decided to crochet little dolls for the new babies. For the Third year she has continued this process and in 2016 she donated 125 crocheted dolls for these children. Therefore, it the past 3 years she has made over around 400 dolls for the new babies in Nicaragua that Rotary supports with shoe boxes and Layette Rotary Bags given to children and women who have nothing.

Brief History - The Pregnant Women's Shelter was also founded by Father Dessey who saw a need to help women who have been raped by their fathers, relatives and others to provide a safe haven for that the women could be educated in taking care of their children before and after birth. Our district has been involved

for the past 4-5 years, providing basic infant supplies in a layette bags to these women.

Along with this, in order to provide cloth diapers, which are hard to find in the United States and can be costly, our district has sent down over 1500 gently used T-Shirts and with the help of a Rotarian in Iowa has developed a diaper pattern in which the children in the sewing trade

school can make the cloth diapers for these women. Again, several clubs in our district has collected thread and T-Shirts sent to Nicaragua to help in the process of educating the women at the shelter and provide a skill to

the children who are making the cloth diapers.

WE WISH TO THANK Helen Shurance, 95 years young, of Seville, Ohio for her talent and willingness to help make the day a little more meaningful with these handmade dolls. She is truly an inspiration to all of us and continues what we as Rotarian's believe in "Service Above Self."

Pictured with Helen this year is PDG Jack Young who picked up the dolls from her home that will be going to Nicaragua in August of this year.



Earthquakes in Indonesia: What You Need to Know

On Sunday, July 29, the island of Lombok in Indonesia was violently struck by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake, leaving at least 17 people dead and hundreds more injured.

The disaster was followed by 66 aftershocks with a maximum recorded magnitude of 5.7. Thousands of homes have been either damaged or completely flattened, leaving families with nothing.

But the disaster did not stop there. Less than a week after the initial quake, an even more devastating 7.0 magnitude earthquake hit the island. A tsunami alert was issued but lifted shortly after.

A number of aftershocks have continued to rock the island, spreading terror and panic to local families and tourists. The aftershocks have been felt in neighboring islands Bali, Jember and Sidoarjo.

This devastating quake has killed nearly 100 people so far. At least 20,000 men, women and children have been left homeless and urgently need shelter.

The situation is still unfolding but we're sending an assessment team to find out if and how we can help.

- There have been two significant earthquakes in Indonesia in the last week, along with several aftershocks.

- On Sunday, July 29, the island of Lombok was violently struck by a 6.4 magnitude earthquake which was followed by magnitude 7.0 earthquake on August 5th.

- The epicenter was in the area of

West Nusa Tenggara Province.

- The earthquake was felt on the islands of Lombok, Bali and Sumbawa.

- At least 91 people are confirmed to have died, with most reported to have been killed by falling buildings.

- Thousands of people have been displaced, with initial reports say that around 3,000 homes are destroyed.

- These facts are likely to change because the power and mobile phone networks across the affected islands are damaged, meaning that reporting is difficult.

- We are sending an assessment team to Lombok.

- Two ShelterBox Response Team volunteers will be there by the



Special Ambassador Update

weekend.

- The team will be working with local Rotary contacts and liaising with local authorities to understand how we can help. We have been talking with a Past District Governor who has worked with ShelterBox previously.

- We have stock in the region which we can use to help families if it is needed.

- There have been aftershocks happening across the region and we will be monitoring the impact of those.

- ShelterBox has responded to disasters in Indonesia, including earthquakes, 11 different times.

For more information, visit: www.ShelterBoxUSA.org/Indonesia

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ATTENTION

VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN STOPPING HUMAN TRAFFICKING!

NORDONIA HILLS CLUB TO HOST S.O.A.P. TRAINING

Wednesday, August 29, 2018 from 5:30-6:30

Girl Scouts of North East Ohio

1 Girl Scout Way

Macedonia, OH 44056

3 August 2018

A roundup of Rotary news



In celebration of Membership Month

RI President Barry Rassin focuses on the need to make changes in our organization, and the importance of public image, in his video message for Membership Month. "To serve our communities well, we need to represent our communities in terms of age, gender, ethnicity, and background. We need to start reaching out to people who may not know about Rotary." Watch Rassin's message to learn more about how you can help build Rotary's membership so we can be more effective People of Action.

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

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October 4, 2018
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Tickets \$85 each
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"End Polio Now" Rotary Night at the INDIANS



On July 12, 2018, the Indians met the Yankees at Progressive field. To cheer them on was a great crowd from District 6630 and 6650. This was our 12th year of having a Rotary night at the Indians. Proceeds will go to helping eradicate Polio from the world.

Everyone received a red t-shirt saying "End Polio Now!" Rotarians marched on the field pregame and a public service announcement concerning polio was on the big screen. Some Rotarians then ate in the Terrace club and participated in an auction and the Paul Harris first pitch raffle.

The winner of the first Pitch and a Paul Harris Fellow was PDG Tim Wright Sr., from the Rotary Club of Willoughby. He threw out the first pitch on August 3, 2018. The second place winner of a Mike Tomlin autographed baseball was Ed Thomas, district historian and member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. Third place winner of two tickets to an Indians game in section 157 was Mike Pokorny.

In the auction, one of the items was a honorary bat kid certificate. This was won by Alexander Mohr who participated in being an honorary bat kid on August 3rd.

It was a great night and fun was had by all. See you next year at the 13th Annual "End Polio Now" Rotary Night at the Indians.



News From TRC Berea

Linda G. Kramer
Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Berea

Rotarians support HANDS Foundation.

Berea Rotarians joined Brunswick



Rotarians Jim & Dottie Walters, Judy Stull, PDG Jack Young and Bob & Sandy Hammer enjoy a luau at Plum Creek Senior Living in Brunswick. Bob Huge also attended

Rotary at a fund-raiser luau at Plum Creek Senior Living in Brunswick on Thursday, Aug. 9 to support the Medina County HANDS Foundation, which grants wishes to disadvantaged or ill seniors – such as hair appointments or house-cleaning. Jim Walters and Bob Hammer won baskets in the silent auction.

Welcome to the Berea Rotary Picnic



We picnicked at Albion Woods in the Cleveland Metroparks in Strongsville on July 24 with a line-up of chefs plus burgers, hotdogs and all the sides. Weather was perfect. For more photos, visit Berea Rotary's Facebook page.



PDG Dave Skrzynski, Hillary Wilson & Jim Slater.



Our newest member, Trevor Koenig, wife Christina, & three of their four children



Don Voigt & guests. Don provided much of the menu.



To help out Judy Stull & Bob Huge after a car crash totaled the Lexus, PDG Jack Young presented them with a Cadillac STS - sort of. It was the Hot Wheels version. Drive safely!

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18 holes of golf – Continental breakfast – Lunch at the turn
Buffet Dinner – Prizes – Raffle

Hosted by the Rotary Club of Berea

Solon Rotary Club Water Project in Chiltiupan, El Salvador

By Glenn Gable

Three years ago the Rotary Club of Solon set out to accomplish its first international project. St. Dominic's Church was heavily involved with the Community of Chiltiupan, one of the poorest cities in one of the poorest countries, El Salvador. There were many projects presented to us, but St. Dominic's was supporting both the residents of the city, as well as a farm that teaches El Salvadorians the trade of growing fruits and vegetables, instead of just beans and rice. This group is called the El Salvador Sustainable Economic Mission, or ESSEM.

The farm was struggling because it lacked the proper supply of water, and there are two cantoons around it that had no water supply in the dry season. In fact, the people had to walk 3 hours round-trip just to bring clean drinking water back to their community. Even in the wet season they were drinking water that was not truly potable. There are about 200 people inhabiting the area around the farm in traditional cantoons; these people are basically squatting on property to live. These are the poorest people I have ever encountered personally.

After many trips with engineers, translators, and family members we finally got this project designed and implemented, and the community now has water. The well provides not only drinking water, but also water for hygiene and general cleanliness. Our well can pump 350 gallons per hour into a 550 gallon tank, and we have room to expand the capability of the well with larger pumps and larger tanks. This water is pumped from the tank and utilized during the day by the farm, and by the population in the evening. In addition to the tanks, we are also running pipes of water into the local houses.

The total cost of the project was approximately \$70,000, and there is room for some expansion. Sustainability will be managed by the farm and the board of directors that control the farm. Our Solon Rotary Club will

be visiting in November to have the dedication ceremony for the well, and we will also be assuring that sustainability aspect is in place and monitored. Solon Rotarians, District Grants, International Grant all supported by Jodie Bowers through St. Dominic Church made this all possible.



This was a big day when the tank showed up and was being set in place. Many people came from the town to see the progress.



This the piping that we are running to the local areas so they have access to the fresh water.



If you would understand how remote this area is in Chiltiupan, it was really a big deal to see water gushing for the first time. Behind this picture is one of the greenhouses on the farm.

Arts and Culture Speakers Entertain Rotary

Summertime is entertainment time for Hudson families with theater, art shows and concerts aplenty.

The Rotary Club of Hudson heard from some of the organizations that offer and support these summer events at its recent Wednesday meetings.

Ross Binnie, Chief Brand Officer for the Cleveland Orchestra, described the events at Blossom over the past 50 years, advising that Blossom accounts for half of the Cleveland Orchestra's annual revenues. He is proud of the program that allows children under 18 to attend symphony performances free. Over 25,000 youth typically attend during the summer season. Ross reminds Rotary members that Blossom, built on 200 acres, has unbelievable acoustics and an unmatched seating arrangement for 19,200 patrons. He hopes to add corporate tents, upscale food vendors and year round activities to the current mix of amenities.

The Cleveland Orchestra is one of the top in the world, just completing a world tour to rave reviews. They have entertained 400,000 enthusiasts in the past year and command a \$54 million annual budget, seventh in the country.

Nicole Mullet, Executive Director ArtsNow, that seeks to connect, collaborate and support the incredible creative sector in Summit County, feels that arts and culture are major indicators of economic strength in a region. She states that the creative industries support 290,000 jobs and contribute \$41

billion to Ohio's economy. Over \$10 billion and 50,000 jobs have been created since 2015.

Nicole is concerned that young people in general are not engaged enough in arts and culture, but feels that Hudson has an excellent record of youth involvement. She believes that arts education affects overall academic achievement and that the most sought after job candidates are those that demonstrate creativity.

According to Nicole, employees want to live in a vibrant arts and cultural community, while artists, in turn, help companies communicate, train and bring employees together. She suggests viewing ArtsNow new website "Summit Live 365" for what's happening in the arts and culture community.

Terri Pontremoli, Director TRI-C JazzFest, a three-day summer music festival the fourth weekend in June, related that jazz says a lot about America. She described jazz as truly democracy incorporating all types of music with the freedom to improvise. Originating in New Orleans, jazz was originally a dance form, but the "groove" combined with the "blues" became the roots of modern jazz which musicians build upon in their performances.

The Tri-C JazzFest started 40 years ago as a two day event and now is a ten day celebration all over the Cleveland area with both indoor and outdoor venues. Jazz greats such as Ella Fitzgerald and Wynton Marsalis have performed and next year's "Flying

Home" concert will celebrate the 40th anniversary.

Terri explained that jazz includes many forms such as Big Band, Funk, Latin and Smooth jazz. She allowed that Europe and Japan love jazz and that Hudson has a very strong high school program. Jazz camps are available for those that would like to pursue the art form.

Mark Masuoka, CEO of the Akron Art Museum, talked about the "new vibrancy" in Akron which has helped launch a rebirth of the 97 year old institution and its collections. He described the museum as "dedicated to enriching lives through modern art, showcasing national and international art created since 1850". The museum's collection includes over 5000 works of art, with a strong focus on contemporary painting, sculpture and photography.

Mark has established a 60,000 sq ft collecting museum and added a public garden for displays and concerts. His new emphasis is "art is for everyone--inside and out". In addition, he has originated the Akron Art Library that lends art to the public for display in many venues.

Events this summer included "Downtown at Dusk" on Thursdays that featured concerts and an opportunity to tour the museum. A new exhibit, "Planes, Trains and Automobiles", will open August 1st allowing visitors to understand the process of creating art. Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary is welcome to attend a free introductory breakfast any Wednesday at 7:15 am at the Laurel Lake Retirement

Community by contacting Rich Warfield at rwarfield@warfieldcompany.com or Evan McCauley at mccauleyevan@gmail.com.

Past speaker comments can be found on www.rotaryhudson.org or seen on HCTV channel 1021 or YouTube Rotary of Hudson.

Rotary members are People of Action applying leadership to solving social issues, tackling community challenges and finding lasting solutions to the world's systemic problems.

Interact – Rotary Gathering Reflects Core Rotarian Values

August 1st 2018: Sunset on the banks of Sunny Lake in Aurora witnessed over 75 Interactors and Rotarians gather to share a meal and enjoy an evening filled with fellowship and fun. The gathering was a perfect blend of people from diverse age groups, occupations, interests and cultural backgrounds.

The event was inspired by the leadership of Melissa Foster (Aurora High School - Interact Club Advisor) and a spirit of service demonstrated by Rotarians - Lila Webster, Ron Echelberry, Ben Akren, Ron Wise, Dale Thorne and many more. As folk left, many were heard asking for an 'encore'.

Notes From the Arch Klump Circle

What's going on in the Arch Klump Circle? After starting with great fanfare at PDG Amy's district conference of clubs we have been slowly but continuously gaining membership including two more PDGs. A table in the House of Friendship at the Zone conference in Erie next month has been secured and info will be passed out to attendees while socializing and renewing old acquaintances. Hopefully many will want to share our interest in Arch and all that he meant to Rotary and District 6630. District historian and RC of Cleveland member Ed Thomas and I felt it would be good to broadcast little known information about Arch out to not only members of the Circle but to any interested Rotarian so that we can all get to know him a little better. I will try to publish something every other month in the district newsletter. When I asked Ed to supply me with some little known information about Arch; not necessarily just his involvement in Rotary; this is what Ed sent:

"While Arch C. Klump's success as a Rotarian is well known he was also a success in the business world. In Cleveland, he was the founder and/or owner-manager of four companies. He began his business career as a teenage office boy for Perry, Young and Company, a

retail lumber company located on the west bank of the flats in Cleveland. He eventually became the owner and general manager of the firm, which was renamed as The Cuyahoga Lumber Company. As an offshoot of the lumber company, Arch founded and managed the Buckeye Box Company, which manufactured wooden shipping and storage boxes. Along with a business associate, Arch formed a real estate company and obtained a building permit for an apartment house to be located on the southeast corner of Carnegie Avenue and E. 71st Street. The resulting structure, the 24 unit Monticello Apartment Building, is still standing today. Finally, Arch was the founder and long-time president of the Security Savings and Loan Company, which eventually became the Security Federal Savings and Loan Company. Security Federal was acquired in 1998 by Akron based First Merit Company. Given this brief history of Arch's business dealings, it is clear that he was an outstanding and successful business man."

Brief history supplied by Ed Thomas

Bob Johnson – Chair: The Arch Klump Circle

News From TRC Strongsville

Joy Schaeffer won our (Strongsville) 4 way speech contest in consecutive years. She moved on and did very well. In 2011 and 2012, she finished 1st and 3rd respectfully in the district competition. Fast forward to 2018...Joy graduated at the top of her class at West Point...valedictorian!

Great story!!!

Click the photo below to read more about Joy



Heart Surgery Global Grant Exceeds Goal

Our Egypt Global Grant exceeds our goal with 47 children receiving "Gift of Life" Surgery through the partnership of Rotary District 6630 NE Ohio, District 2451 Egypt and the sponsoring Rotary Clubs of The Chagrin Valley and Giza Metropolitan, Cairo. Dr. Hesham Shawky and his Rotary Club of Giza assembled the team and led the way to providing open heart surgery for children from northwest Egypt near the Libyan border. These are children with no access to cardiac care who would likely die before reaching their teens. Please see the attached photos of the children, their families and the team that performed the surgeries.

How did this grant come about? This grant truly reflects the global power of Rotary and The Rotary Foundation's desire to "Do a Little Good in the World". Our own Gift of Life Northeast Ohio (GoLNEO) founded in 2002 by PDG Jim Frame and PAG Ken Fogle was instrumental in making the early connection. GoLNEO had sponsored numerous children into Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospitals for heart surgery. Over time, we changed focus towards teaching, training and equipping the medical personnel within their home countries as a more sustainable model. GoLNEO had a strong Egyptian connection through our RB&C Hospital surgeon. We had helped equip a children's heart center at Assiut University in central Egypt in 2009. In 2010 "The Arab Spring" disrupted our partners in Egypt and the Arab world. It took several years for stability to be regained within the country and the internet to be a trusted communication tool again.

In 2016 our friends in Egypt felt it was safe for us to return and reached out to GoLNEO. We initiated a call to Rob Raylman, CEO of Gift of Life International (GoLI) to join us in this effort. We set up an in-country visit with our counterparts in Egypt to assess if we could succeed. GoLI had worked in the south at Chain of Hope's Heart Center in Aswan. GoLNEO had reconnected to our heart center at Assiut University in central Egypt. A trip was set to visit these 2 centers to explore working together again. We had a planned 2 day stopover in Cairo as part of the logistics of travel. While in our hotel by the Cairo airport we received an email from Hoda el Sharkawi, In-coming District Governor for Egypt and a member of the Giza Metropolitan club. This invitation was unexpected. We did not know her but we knew Rotary and accepted her invitation to dinner to meet members of her Rotary Club and to discuss a project they had in mind.

How did she know we were there? My guess is through Giza Club member Dr. Hesham Shawky Dr. Shawky is a children's heart surgeon and the heart Doc for one of our Gift of Life children, "Sherouk". Sherouk had heart surgery with us at RB&C in 2007! Her Mom knew we were coming as she knew Sherouk needed a 2nd surgery as a teenager and had stayed in touch with our friends in Assiut. Mom's find a way to care for their children! Our friends at Assiut University are friends through Rotary and thus, trusted partners for life!

DG Hoda proposed a Global grant with the District and Clubs around Cairo suggesting they could contribute \$10,000.

Could we help seek Rotary Club and District partners and the 50% match available through a Global Grant from The Rotary Foundation? We agreed! Gift of Life International went to work. TRC of Chagrin Valley agreed to join TRC Giza Metropolitan as the sponsoring clubs. GoLI pulled together Gift of Life programs and Districts all across the US including Gift of Life Los Angeles, Gift of Life Florida and Gift of Life New Jersey as well as numerous Rotary Clubs from the New York and Cairo areas. With the magic of Districts matching Clubs, all then matched by The Rotary Foundation, the total grew to \$105,000. Dr. Shawky estimated his volunteer team could save 30 children at the heart surgery center established by Gift of Life Cairo and the Giza Metropolitan Rotary Club in 2010. As you can see by the attached photo report, through the prudent management of Dr. Shawky and DG Hoda, 47 children and their families were given the Gift of Life. Truly, the global power of Rotary to "Do a Little Good in the World". Thank you Arch Klumph. And thank you Rotary District 6630 for sustained support of Gift of Life Northeast Ohio. Gift of Life NEO and Gift of Life International will present to current and in coming Rotary Governors from Zones 28 and 29 at the Zone Conference in Erie, Pa on September 29, 2018.

If you would like a program at your club on GoLNEO and our recent work in Egypt, Haiti and Nicaragua please contact Ken Fogle from the Rotary Club of the Chagrin Valley ken.fsa@SBCGlobal.net Kenneth J. Fogle, Chair Gift of Life North East Ohio, Inc.

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Healing Little Hearts in Egypt

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Thank you Rotary Clubs of Giza Metropolitan, Chagrin Valley, Alfustat, Al Shorouk, Cairo-Nile Valley, Cairo Rhein-Nile, Cairo Royal, E-Club of One World RD5240, Englewood Lemon Bay Sunrise, Gezirat El Roda, Giza Karnak, Heliopolis-El Nozha, The Pelhams, Sohag-Al Jadeed, Rotary Districts 2451 and 7230, Gift of Life Long Island, Gift of Life 7500 Foundation, Gift of Life of Florida, Gift of Life Northeast Ohio, Gift of Life Los Angeles, and The Rotary Foundation.

MEMBERSHIP SUMMIT

5:00 p.m., Monday, July 23, 2018
Crowne Plaza, Independence, OH

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Introductions

A. Purpose of Meeting – Brainstorming Membership Development Ideas

1. No negative feedback
2. Focus on quantity over quality
3. Use each others' ideas as launch pads
4. We want “big thinking” (outside of the “box” – there is no wrong answer)

B. We already know THE WHAT - Review of Handouts

1. Member Viability and Growth
2. District Growth
3. Membership Leads Progress Analysis
4. Membership Resource Guide
5. RI State of Membership
6. Alternative Meeting Structures
7. FAQ's

II. Now for THE HOW

- A. The Successes - What has worked recently and why
- B. The Risk-takers – Pro's and Con's (revisions to monthly and weekly meeting structures)
- C. Why did they say they wouldn't or couldn't join and why did they leave?
- D. What do our Rotary clubs have to offer? (demographics of each are different – age, gender and cultural diversity, different vocations or avocations – is there an under-represented group in their demographic/from their community)
- E. What type of member do we want? Where do we find them?
- F. What can we do to make ourselves more attractive and communicate the value of membership to recruit new members?
- G. What do you see challenging our membership development efforts most?

III. Exercise on the “five” hottest topics

IV. Next Steps...

- A. Where do we go from here – how do we get EVERYONE in the district involved?
- B. Multi-District Membership Seminar