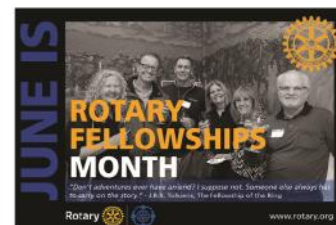




## 2018-2019 Newsletter

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# ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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## Governor's Letter

*Those who can, do; those who volunteer do more.*  
- Author Unknown

### Dear Family of Rotary:

It is impossible to even know where to begin to be able to **properly thank all who have served Rotary this year** in so many different capacities – no job was too big or small - for your clubs or your district. The **beneficiaries were those you served** and you will forever have my utmost respect; I continue to be humbled by who you are and what you do and the lives that are better for it. One of the notable speakers at the RI Convention in Hamburg stated that **"today's inspiration is tomorrow's motivation."** And that is what the Rotarians in this district have done...**laid an excellent groundwork for the future.**

**Each of us owes an incredible debt of gratitude** first and foremost to our Presidents of Action and their clubs, and to the hard-working District Committees, Assistant Governors, District Officers and the Advisory Council of Past District Governors. **Thank you for your leadership and guidance.**

**You have turned the corner with your membership development efforts** and a renewed commitment

### JUNE is Rotary Fellowships Month

to engagement and retention, **but our work has just begun. Membership extension is on the horizon** with communities in the district already identified for new Rotary clubs, Satellite clubs are under consideration and we continue to move forward with our planning for our "District E-Club NEO."

**There were countless opportunities for participation provided by our Rotary clubs this year... morning, noon and night.** Excellent speakers; new club meetings structures; club assemblies; social events bringing together the Family of Rotary; humanitarian projects of every type and size; cluster meetings; and events to bring visibility to Rotary and to encourage "Rotarians doing business with Rotarians." **Fundraising events and/or projects to support your humanitarian efforts** happened in every club throughout the district. There is no possible way to capture all that has happened but simply said, **there is something for everyone in Rotary.**

**Throughout the year you set new levels of excellence with your support of and participation in** the awards ceremony and banner exchange last July; the

membership summit followed by the charter banquet for the Rotary Club of Green in August; the Tri-District Membership Seminar in October; PETS one in November and The Rotary Foundation Gala in December; All Ohio PETS in March and the District Conference of Clubs – Inspiring People off Action in April. Over 40 Rotarians and family members joined together earlier this month at the convention in Hamburg, Germany to celebrate Rotary and to renew old acquaintances and make new friends. And that is just the tip of the iceberg...

You embraced the **"53,000 Points of Light"** initiative to help **End Polio Now** and continued your support of **The Rotary Foundation** in so many other ways. Thank you for your contributions. **Numerous clubs took advantage of the opportunities** "your contributions have made possible" by applying for District and Global Grants to "Do Good in the World." **I know our own Arch C. Klumph**, Father of The Rotary Foundation, looks down with heartfelt pride and appreciation. Many of you stepped up to support our Interactor's dream to provide the youth in hurricane-ravaged St. Thomas with a new library or to provide Shoeboxes for the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua or support to

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## Governor's Letter cont'd

ShelterBox USA. **Only a brief look at the many lives you have helped or even saved.**

**You celebrated our youth through your support of our Rotary Youth Exchange program, Rotary Leadership Awards (RYLA), 4-Way Test Speech Contest, chartering of four new Interact Clubs with plans for more and the restructuring of some of our existing Rotaract clubs with initiatives well under way for new "community-based" Rotaract in 2019-2020. This is in addition to the numerous other youth initiatives within each of our clubs.**

**To my Presidents of Action**

It has been an honor to serve with you this year and hopefully help you to reflect on and celebrate your many successes – and when needed, to share in your challenges. I have learned much from you and am privileged to have been given the opportunity to "look inside" your clubs at what makes this incredible giant called Rotary so successful. Each of your clubs are totally different as are your needs and passions and those you serve. That is one of the best parts of Rotary. Thank you for welcoming my husband David and I into your clubs with such warmth and friendship.

**This is just a little bit of what I have learned this year...**

You have **taken chances to effect change and energize your clubs** and even though it may have not been as successful as you had wished...**at least you tried** and set the stage for the future;

It was a privilege to be part

of your **Rotary Unsung Hero** presentations and witness how you **surrounded those you were honoring with such love and respect** and let them know how important they are to you;

You are **respectful of the old traditions**, but have endeavored to **create new ones** – not an easy task;

**You definitely know how to have fun...**oh, yes indeed;

Some of you truly **had to make some hard choices...**and though you did it with some trepidation, you **performed as true leaders** all the while trying to be sensitive to the moment and never losing sight of what was **best "for the whole;"**

Some of you were "chief cook and bottle washer" and still did an incredible job of moving your club forward – and you did a better job than you give yourselves credit for;

I watched clubs **"circle the wagons"** for their presidents when it was needed and come together **as only a Rotary family can** when the sadness one of us was experiencing seemed insurmountable;

Lastly, **everyone one of you** made someone's life better, gave others a reason to hope and some a reason to believe in a future and you did it through every Avenue of Service imaginable and even some that haven't even been thought of yet! That is your legacy as **Presidents of Action** – those are your own **"Rotary Defining Moments"** and that is the gift you gave to Rotary this year. Well done.

**District Committees**

Your District Chairs and

their committee members have worked hard to support us and our projects and activities this year with a level of dedication and commitment that helps to keep our district at the forefront of all we do. We are all in their debt. Their story – which is your story – needs to be told so my final project is to compile (with their help) a "Year in Review" for our district and capture some of our accomplishments and where the work must continue if the inroads we set out to achieve are to be realized. We were able to introduce some "new" committees this year to our structure and their work has only just begun!

**Assistant Governors**

Simply, no District Governor could have asked for a more professional, dedicated and supportive team of AG's – EVER. They inspired and motivated one another (and me) and are the "eyes and ears" of the District Governor when they can't be everywhere. For that reason, I am introducing a new district award entitled the "Outstanding Assistant Governor Award" which will be presented on July 20. "Thank you to each of them from the bottom of my heart."

**THANK YOU to District Newsletter Editor Mike Johns, Jr.**

For the past 10 years Mike Johns, Jr., Past President of the Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise, has spent countless hours helping all of us to share our individual messages of service as clubs and as individuals. This is one of the best ways to "Share Rotary" and let each other know what we are doing and find out "new ways" to be involved. Through the years he has

assembled 1,000's of articles and since this is his final publication, I want to take this opportunity to thank him on behalf of the nine Districts Governors who have preceded me, and each of us in the Family of Rotary in District 6630. This 120<sup>th</sup> District Newsletter is his final endeavor...thank you, Mike, from a most grateful District Governor.

**RI District 6630 Awards Celebration and Banner Exchange/Induction Ceremony**

Please consider this your personal invitation to join my husband David and me and District Governor-Elect John and Linda Reyes at the **2018-2019 District Awards Celebration and 2019-2020 Banner Exchange/Induction Ceremonies to be held beginning at 11:30 a.m. on Saturday, July 20 at the Akron Camp for Children with Special Needs.** We began a new tradition last year of combining these two events into one, bringing our Family of Rotary together to celebrate the successes of the concluding Rotary year while at the same time giving a proper send-off to our new club and district leadership. This year the host will be the Rotary Club of Akron, home to our incoming District Governor John Reyes. As I announced to my Presidents of Action last month, **we are honored to be joined by a very special guest 2019-2021 Rotary International Director Stephanie Urchick to help us celebrate.** Watch for future details.

**Looking to the Future**

For over two years **I have had the pleasure of working with John Reyes** – I look forward to his leadership in [Cont'd on pg. 4](#) 📄

## District Foundation Chair Changes

### **Johnson Completes Three Year Term as DRFC**

June 30th. of this year will mark the end of my three year term as District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC). Serving in this position has been a tremendous honor for me and is right up there with my year as District Governor in 2013/2014 as a proud moment in my Rotary career. It has been announced that Jim Lechko (RC of Lakewood/Rocky River) will replace me beginning 7/1/2019 in this position. The selection of Jim was timely as he has tremendous experience with all facets of the foundation and will seamlessly move its activities along.

I don't have to remind any Rotarian of the importance of giving to our active and productive Rotary foundation. The Rotary foundation is the engine that drives a large portion of our humanitarian work around our communities and the majority of Rotary's work around the world. The last three years have shown a general increase in giving in our district, and therefore a gen-

eral increase in District Designated Funds (DDF) coming back to our district from RI. This number has grown to over \$100,000 in the last few years and has allowed us to do some incredible matching grant global projects. It has also greatly increased the number of local matching grant projects done in our local communities. The efficient use of this DDF would not have been possible without some very hard and dedicated work by the District 6630 Foundation Committee. These efforts have allowed the committee to eliminate a large backlog of incomplete projects and at the same time make it easier for more clubs to participate in the matching grant process. Almost half of our clubs in District 6630 have been qualified to do local matching grants in the last few years and almost one third have actually designed and carried out projects. Those are numbers you will see from very few other districts anywhere in the world.

None of this happens without dedicated Rotarians stepping up to the challenges and doing the work.

I want to thank Todd Kiick (RC of Lakewood/Rocky River-SR) who served as grants committee chair for three years. Todd will be stepping down as grants chair. He will remain on the grants committee as a member. Matthew Liebson will become grants committee chair for 2019/2022) Matt will move from the grants compliance position to grants committee chair. Matt also has an extensive grants background. Rick Pollak continues to serve as foundation compliance coordinator and oversees the status of all active grants. Several other grant committee positions remain to be filled but will be in place by July 1.

There are other foundation committees that have quietly but effectively been very active. Jim Lechko, along with serving as grants financial monitor for the last three years has also been active in promoting the Paul Harris Society which is the group of Rotarians that have pledged \$1000/yr. in giving to the foundation. Jim has made dozens of presentations in the last three years to new members of this group and

has had a major impact on district foundation giving to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). PDG Julie West, (2012/2013), did a fantastic job in promoting benefactors and major donors during the Centennial Celebration in 2016/2017. Over 2.3 million was pledged at this time and many have accomplished major donor status since their pledge and the start of the program. These people will be recognized at the District Conference this year on April 12/13 at the Airport Marriott Hotel at I-71 and W. 150th. St.

Every Rotarian who is a member of District 6630 should be proud of the incredible amount of work that their District 6630 Foundation Committee does. As in everything Rotary these are all volunteers that give a huge amount of their time to make this committee work smoothly and efficiently and use your donation dollars as effectively as possible.

Robert "Bob" Johnson Jr. District 6630 Rotary Foundation Chair (2016/2019)

## Rotary International Fellowship/Action Groups Update

by District 6630 Fellowship Chair - PDG Jack A. Young

As the 2018-19 Rotary year ends, the following is an update from Rotary International on some of the service accomplishments over the past year.

1. The General Secretary along with the G;ova; Networking Groups Committee, recognized three new fellowships:
  - a. Rum DRAM or Rum Drinking Rotarians and Members

- b. Rotarian Metalhead Fellowships

- c. Rotarian Executive Manages Fellowship

There are over 80 Rotary Fellowships that you can join with members from around the world.

2. Rotary Actions Groups continue to support Clubs and Districts in their service activities. You are encouraged to review their areas of expertise and connect with them for assistance with clubs/district service projects.

3. Projects shared through Rotary Showcase:

- a. Community Service projects 25,414
  - b. International Service Projects 3,231
  - c. Vocational Service Projects 4,559

The Rotary International Service and Engagement Team has enjoyed supporting all Fellowships and Action Groups along with the number of Service projects throughout the world. For more information on this information, please feel

free to contact PDG Jack A. Young, District 6630 Fellowship Chair for 2018-19 at 440-750-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com.



## My Rotary Defining Moment

By Bob Fratio

As a relatively new Rotarian, my understanding of Rotary was the group of 30 so fellow Rotarians that would gather every Tuesday afternoon at Hellriegel's Restaurant in Painesville. Although our Club, is extremely friendly and welcoming, I really didn't participate as fully as I could have. Since my co-workers were Rotarians in other Clubs throughout Lake County, I had an idea of the great things that Rotary does, but really didn't see the bigger and greater picture until a day in late December of 2016.



My wife Sue and I, were departing on a "Bucket List" trip for her, thanks to the generosity of her parents, to Pasadena, California to witness the Rose Bowl, Tournament of Roses Parade, and some "behind the scenes" participation in the creation of the beautiful floats that are entered in the Parade. We also had the chance to go to Disneyland too!!



On a Saturday afternoon, we had the great opportunity to see all of the floats that were being created for the parade in the parking lot of the Rose Bowl. Television does not give justice to these amazing displays. Unknown to me, Rotary International annually has a float entered in the Tournament of Roses Parade. We saw all of the volunteers doing their part to create this beautiful and colorful dragon. After we left the display area, we had the opportunity to meet with the Rotarians from the clubs of Southern California. It was at that moment that I truly felt the spirit of Rotary, and that Rotary is much



greater than my little Club in Painesville, Ohio. We were welcomed by our fellow Rotarians and we built an immediate bond with these wonderful people. To top off this great experience, we met Rotary International President, John Germ and his lovely wife.

I couldn't wait to get back to Painesville to share this wonderful experience with my fellow Rotarians. It was that experience that changed me from being a member of Rotary to a Rotarian.

## Governor's Letter cont'd

the coming year and to supporting him however I can as our **2019-2020 District 6630 Governor**. He brings his **own style of leadership** to this role which I have a great deal of respect for – consistent and forward-thinking, **always with the best interests of the District and Rotary** at the forefront in all that he does. Our future continues to be bright with the leadership that will be provided by both **2020-2021 District Governor Pat Myers** and **2021-2022 District Governor Larry Lohman**. DGE

John, we are all looking forward to you guiding us as **"Rotary Connects the World."**

### In Closing

**Volunteer service in this district** is not just about doing what is expected of us, but it is a way of life...you can't teach someone to care. **Each club and its members deserve our appreciation**; for the countless hours of unselfish service put forth by each of you – **always supported by our families and friends** – with no expecta-

## Last Call for Baseball!

Let's all help "End Polio Now" by going to see the Indians beat the Tigers on July 17, 2019. This is the annual Rotary "End Polio Now" night to march around Progressive field, red T shirts for everyone, eat in the Terrace Club, Chinese auction, raffle, door prizes, and see the Indians.

In addition, at the game, we will be selling Raffle tickets for a chance to win a Paul Harris Fellow and a chance to throw out a first pitch at a future Indians game and other great prizes. This drawing will be held at the game on the 17th after the seventh inning.

You can buy your raffle tickets early from your Assistant Governor or call Stew Buchanan (330-607-1442)

Upper and lower box seats with the Terrace Club are still available for the game. See the flyer order form in the newsletter. We will need to have your reservation received no later than July 10, 2019.

ROTARY EVENT			
WED July 17th at 7:08 PM vs. Detroit Tigers	# of Tickets	Ticket Price	Total \$ Due
Terrace Club - Lower Box		\$88 adults \$68 per child under 10	
Terrace Club - Upper Box		\$68 / adult \$48 per child under 10	
Lower Box		\$45	
Upper Box		\$27	

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email (Required): \_\_\_\_\_ Payment Information: Check or Card - AMEX, DISC, VISA, MC  
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 Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline to Purchase Tickets: Wednesday, June 26th 2019  
 PLEASE RETURN FORM TO: Stew Buchanan 73 LAKE FRONT DR. AARON, OH 44019  
 \*Purchase of tickets is prohibited. Any tickets received will result in order cancellation.  
 Questions or more information, please contact:  
 Stew Buchanan: 330-607-1442 or stew@6600rotary.com  
 Ashley Madison: 216-420-4181 or amadison@indians.com

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tion of thanks or recognition. **That is the real gift called Rotary.**

Thank you,

**Your grateful Governor**

**The world is hugged by the faithful arms of volunteers...**

**volunteers wear working boots, but leave a trail of angel footprints**

- Terry Guillemets

## News From West Shore

West Shore Rotary recently awarded four scholarships to Class of '19 graduates of Fairview High School, North Olmsted High School, John Marshall High School and St. Joseph Academy at \$1,500 each, funded by various fund-raisers



Layla O'Malley of Fairview High School



Kathryn Tuma of North Olmsted High School



Kathryn Zoller of St. Joseph Academy



Mark Nichols of John Marshall High School

## Presidential Message

**Barry  
Rassin  
President  
2018-19**

**June 2019**

As I look  
back on all  
the things I  
have seen

and the people I have met since becoming president of Rotary International last July, I am certain of this: Rotary's capacity to transform lives for the better is unparalleled. Our impact is far beyond anything I could have imagined when I first became a Rotarian.

I think about the Rotarians I met in Pakistan, who partnered with Coca-Cola to improve sanitation in Karachi's neighborhoods while supporting polio eradication efforts. I think about the Puerto Rican Rotarians who are helping entire communities rebuild their lives after Hurricane Maria. I think about the German Rotaractors who are working to save bees — whose role as pollinators is so important to our planet — from extinction. I think about the six Rotarians and Rotaractors who were honored as People of Action: Young Innovators at Rotary Day at the United Nations in Nairobi, Kenya, in November for their work to create novel solutions to tough challenges.

It seems like only yesterday that I stood on a stage in San Diego and asked you to *Be the Inspiration* in

your clubs, in your communities, and in the world. Your response was an inspiration to me. You are paving the way for Rotaractors to become our future leaders, helping start new Rotaract clubs and working to include Rotaractors in Rotary events and projects in your communities. You are working hard to eradicate polio, participating in 4,200 events in more than 100 countries for World Polio Day. And you are carrying out transformative projects that will create lasting change in your communities and in the world.

This year, I also saw how Rotary's work to build peace is bearing fruit. The 98 Rotary Peace Fellows who are studying at our peace centers will soon graduate, joining more than 1,200 others in applying their conflict resolution skills to problems that need solutions. And this month, Esther and I will travel to Hamburg, Germany, for a convention where people of all races, nationalities, religions, and political backgrounds will unite because they want to make the lives of all people better.

Seeing what Rotary means to people — to the communities we serve and to Rotarians themselves — has deepened my affection and admiration for all that Rotary is and does.

Soon it will be time for Esther and me to return home to Nassau. When we get there, I will look out on the vast sea that surrounds our island, and it will remind me of Rotary's limitless possibilities, and of the amazing future that awaits us beyond the horizon. I look forward to sailing there with you.

**District 6630 Newsletter Policy**  
**Submit story suggestions to Mike Johns, Jr.**  
**at [stonecut@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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**



## Former Exchange Student Gives Back to Rotary as RYE Counselor

Imagine. You're fifteen years old; 16 days shy of your sixteenth birthday. You're about to embark on an 11-month journey, travel 8,700 miles to a different country, attend a different school, live with families you've never met, speak a language everyday you've only studied in school.

You've chosen to apply for the Rotary Youth Exchange's long-term program in Thailand, your home country. You, your parents, and school have filled out all the forms. You've listed your strengths, weaknesses and ambitions. Your parents have written candidly about your character and maturity. Your commitment is for an entire school year.

Patitta "Pati" Kitcharoenchai knew about Rotary. Her father, Somchart, is a member of the club in Chanthaburi. Since last August, Pati's host club has been the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River. No stranger to Youth Exchange, the club has had at least one exchange student every year since Lisa Nestorsen (from Sweden) in 1982.

RYE's objectives are simple, succinct and clear – "Instilling international understanding and goodwill in students, creating positive change by empowering youth, and making lasting connections for host clubs, host families, communities, and the students involved."

Exchange students are called "outbounds" by their home (sponsor) Rotary club and district, and simultaneously "inbounds" by their host Rotary club and district in the country where they spend their year. Students who have completed their exchanges are called "rebounds." 80 countries typically participate in the Youth Exchange each year.

Rotary requires that every inbound Youth Exchange student is assigned a counselor. Although an inbound student will rotate through multiple host families during the exchange,

the counselor is a constant in the life of the student. The counselor establishes contact with the student before his or her arrival, and maintains regular contact throughout the student's stay in his or her host country. The counselor explains the expectations of the host club, helps the student adapt to the culture and language, and is a constant resource providing support and encouragement.



Natasha Corrigan (left) and Patitta Kitcharoenchai.

For 25 year-old Natasha Corrigan, having been a Rotary Youth Exchange student herself, the decision to become a counselor was an easy one.

"When I was going through the application process and the decision to become an exchange student, I wanted to see more of the world and learn about another culture firsthand. Growing up in a bicultural home (her mother is from Mexico), I thought it would be good to gain another perspective of the world through the eyes of another culture, while learning another language."

Starting this July, Natasha's mother, Marjorie, will be president of the Lakewood-Rocky River club.

For her exchange, Natasha was placed in Namur, Belgium. "I was blessed with an amazing host family," she relates. "My counselor was a wonderful man. He was a wonderful help during my entire experience. He was always available and warmly welcomed me into the exchange ex-

perience. To this day, I am still in contact with him and his family and I see them when I go back to Belgium to visit."

When the opportunity to be a counselor arose last spring, Natasha thought it would be "a great idea" to be the counselor for the incoming exchange student. "After my exchange year in Belgium, the direction that my life took was a direct result of the amazing experience and opportunity that Rotary gave me. I owe who I am today to Rotary. By being a counselor, I can share and give back to Rotary what it gave me."

"Being a former exchange student and now being a counselor for a current inbound, gives me a unique perspective," Natasha continues. "I've been in the exchange student's shoes and I know firsthand what she might be going through. When you are in a new place where you don't

know anyone, someone who knows what it feels like to be right where you are is going to be a source of comfort. The more comfortable a person is, the easier they are able to relax and take in all of the new surroundings. They are more at ease.

For Pati, Natasha's decision was unexpected. "The thing that surprised me at first was she had been an exchange student," Pati shares. "It's very easy to me to talk and share with her since she's very young. Before I got here I thought I'd get a counselor who's my parents' age. I'm very glad I got her to be my counselor. I just feel like having counselor who's close to my age it's easier to talk, it just feels like having an older sister! Natasha's always nice to me. She's so sweet and helpful!"

Pati and Natasha get together at least once a month. "We talk about how's life going and stuff," Pati explains. "If I have any problems, I talk with her. She always helps me a lot, too! She helped me with my dress and shoes for [Cont'd on pg. 7](#) ➡"

## Exchange Student cont'd

Rotary's (district) conference, my prom dress, and just giving me advice."

Natasha surprised Pati with gifts on her birthday and Christmas. "I just never expected that. It really surprised me." The two enjoy shopping together, or just relaxing. "I helped her to choose her friend's birthday gift. It's really fun to be with her; it's like I have one more host sister! I feel so fortunate having her as my counselor."

Youth Exchange has been a good experience for Pati. "I went on the eastern trip in March and it was so much fun. I got to see many cool places in other states, and learned about history. Another thing was indoor and outdoor track. I'm so glad that I joined. I got so many friends and the important thing was I really learned what hard work is and I pushed myself until I got to be in a junior varsity meet. I was doing two miles. I never expected that to happen since I didn't have running skill at all. This will be an experience that I'll never forget!"

Natasha can't be more positive about the program. "Rotary wants exchange students to maximize on their experience so they can go forth and ultimately help make the world a better place for all," Natasha says. "By having someone who has been right where they are right now, they can also see what it's going to be like a few years down the road. Exchange doesn't just last one year. It lasts many more than that. You touch people's lives and they touch yours. You make connections and memories to last you for the rest of your life and you build with them."

"Doing the long term exchange was the best decision I have ever made in my almost 25 years of life," she continues. "From exchange student, to rebounder, to counselor for a current inbound, I can only hope that more former exchange students begin to fill more roles as counselors and give back to the Rotary family that has given us so much."



### **Rotary Peace Symposium draws hundreds to Hamburg**

More than 700 Rotarians, Rotary Peace Fellows, and peace advocates gathered in Hamburg, Germany, on 31 May and 1 June for the Rotary Peace Symposium. Participants discussed their experiences in conflict resolution and shared strategies for creating sustainable peace.

Nobel Peace Prize winner Dr. Denis Mukwege, a gynecologist who treats survivors of sexual violence in the Democratic Republic of Congo, gave an inspirational address in which he urged that women be included at all levels of society. Mukwege cares for patients at Panzi Hospital, which he founded in 1999, and campaigns globally to end rape as a weapon of war.

Peace advocate Amina Agović spoke in her closing keynote address about growing up in war-torn Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and her current involvement with nongovernmental organizations, working on sustainable peace projects with Bosnian youth.

The symposium featured 24 breakout sessions led by peace fellows in themes that included economics and peace, mutual respect and peace, education for peace, partnership for peace, and from inner to outer peace. Other sessions offered experience and advice or workshops on how to collaborate with global NGOs and how to do a peace project. Many sessions gave peace fellows and Rotarians a chance to discuss how they might work together on Rotary projects.

## Returning the Conqueror

It's always good to hear about other members of our club accomplishing great things. News came to me this week about Mike Keas. He just completed his trip down the Colorado river through the Grand Canyon.

This is a feat not many even get to try, let alone complete. We are glad to have him back safe and sound.

Mike is an optician for Ellet Eye Care, when not pursuing his love of the outdoors and rafting. We are planning on having Mike speak at one of our upcoming meetings. We'll let you know when and where later.

We at the Garrettsville – Hiram club were very pleased to present 3 scholarship awards this year for the James

A. Garfield graduating seniors. Andrew Pemberton, Rachel Rader, and Zoe Swenson were well deserved recipients of \$500.00 each scholarship. This was new for our club to give "3" awards and was exciting to present the awards, which was shared by 3 presenters.

As we prepare to say goodbye to our exchange student, Natalie, we are attempting to get everything in that our area has to offer. As a club, we look forward to hosting again. It was such a positive experience; I hope all clubs get a chance to host. Just be prepared to shed tears when they leave. Natalie has surely stolen our hearts.

Sincerely, John Crawford



## Chagrin Highlands Provides Life- Saving Equipment to Area Fire Departments

On May 26, 2019 the Rotary Club of Chagrin Highlands, whose service area includes Beachwood, Orange Village, Pepper Pike and Woodmere presented the Orange Village Fire Department with funds for three updated personal thermal imaging cameras.

These cameras will enhance the firefighter's ability to search areas of zero visibility for victims trapped in fires. They will also identify a means for escape for the victims inside a fire. These benefits extend beyond the borders of Orange Village, as the department responds automatically to all fires in adjacent communities. These cameras also allow previously unavailable freedom of movement to the firefighters and give them the ability to locate a fire inside walls so they can extinguish a fire with less property damage. From now on all Orange Village Firefighters arriving on their first apparatus will each have their own personal thermal imaging camera.

The Rotary Club's president, Stephen Werber along with those pictured below presented the funds to the Orange Village Fire Department. Howard Gottlieb, Treasurer, Stephen Werber, Fire Chief Bob Wilson, John Newburger, Membership Chairperson, Gayle Schwarz, Secretary and Thomas Dittoe, President-Elect.



## Paul Harris Society

I am excited to report that we have added 20 new members to the Paul Harris Society (PHS) this calendar year bringing our total membership to 57! PHS members commit to a \$1,000 annual contribution to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and/or Polio Plus as long as they are able. To put this into perspective, with at least \$1,000 contributed by each of these Rotarians annually, and our District contributing around \$200,000 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund annually, these 57 PHS members, making up about 3% of our District membership, contribute about 28% of our annual contribution.

These numbers are "guesstimates" since some Rotarians may contribute more than the \$1,000 annual requirement and some may direct part or all of their contribution to Polio Plus. Regardless, we should be very thankful to our PHS members since their contributions along with yours come back to us as District Designated Funds (DDF) and are used to provide matching grant dollars for your local and global projects.

Listed below are the clubs with PHS members. I did not list the members by name since many prefer to give anonymously.

Akron 8  
Aurora 2  
Berea 3  
Burton-Middlefield 1  
Chagrin-Highlands 1  
Chardon 4  
Chesterland 1  
Cleveland 6  
Fairlawn 2  
Hillcrest 1  
Hudson-Clocktower 1  
Lakewood-Rocky River 3  
Lkwd-RR-Sunrise 2  
Mantua 1  
Mentor 2  
Nardon Hills 3  
Painesville 4  
Stow-Munroe Falls 1  
Strongsville 5  
Tallmadge 1  
Wadsworth 2  
Westlake-Bay Village 2  
Willoughby 1

Please consider becoming District 6630's next PHS member. Call or email with any questions.

Jim Lechko  
District 6630

Paul Harris Society Chair 2018-19  
440 376 9191

Jimlechko.rotary@gmail.com

## Rotary Bowling League Open to All District Rotarians

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 2019-2020 Rotary bowling season begins on Monday, September 30, 2019, and will run until Monday, April 6, 2020. 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](mailto: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\*\*\*\*

Teams are now forming for the  
2019-2020 Season!

September 30, 2019, through April 6, 2020  
(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](mailto:edthomascsu@gmail.com) or the Rotary Office at 216-556-8637 or  
[email\\_rotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:email_rotaryclub@gmail.com)



## News from TRC Painesville

Painesville Rotary raises over \$5000 for Lake Health/University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center (LHUHSSC). Pictured is Eileen Cicero, secretary of Painesville Rotary and one of the chairs of Painesville Rotary's fundraiser and Julie Moran Executive Director of LHUHSSC. Also pictured is Becky Garry.



Becky is a member of Painesville Rotary and also works as a Medical Secretary Supervisor at LHUHSSC. She acted as a liaison between Painesville Rotary and LHUHSSC and also played a big part of making our fundraiser a success. LHUHSSC has helped so many people fight this evil monster called cancer. I'm sure most of you, yourselves or your loved ones or somebody you know has received treatment from LHUHSSC. So I'm sure you know how awesome they all are. Thank you Julie, Becky, the doctors, nurses and everyone that works there, you all so compassionate and caring and just wonderful! Most people do not realize that LHUHSSC is a non-profit business. One example of the things they have gotten for the treatment center with donated money is buying TVs for the treatment room. Every little bit helps, if you would like to donate money please make checks payable to LHUHSSC at 9485 Mentor Avenue Ste. 3 Mentor Ohio 44060. Or call 440.205.5755.

## Rotary's 110th Annual Convention Concludes — One of Hamburg's Most Multicultural, Non-profit Gatherings

- *More than 26,000 registrants representing 3,605 Rotary clubs in 170 countries*
- *Rotary commits US\$102 million this year to end polio*
- *Hamburg gains €24 million in tourism revenue*
- *First German nominated to serve as Rotary International president in 2020*
- *mytaxi donates €70,000 to German Rotary club projects*
- *35 speeches and 98 breakout sessions*
- *334 exhibit booths of which 200 featured Rotary humanitarian projects*

**HAMBURG, Germany (5 June 2019):** As Rotary closes its 110th annual international meeting at the Hamburg Messe und Congress on 5 June, Rotary members will bring home indelible memories and new insights on how to improve lives and bring positive, lasting change to communities around the world.

In his keynote address, Rotary International President Barry Rassin said, "Service to others is an integral part of our mission, whether it's through the plans and actions of individual clubs, Rotary's **six areas of focus**, or the transformational support of **The Rotary Foundation**. And the service that most defines us and our global mission is the ongoing goal to rid the world of **polio**."

Alongside partners in the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative**, Rotary has achieved a 99.9 percent reduction in polio cases since spearheading the initiative more than 30 years ago. Since then, Rotary members have contributed \$1.9 billion and countless volunteer hours to protect more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries from polio. Today, just two countries continue to report cases of wild poliovirus, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Rotary is committed to raising \$50 million per year, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars through a matching agreement with the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**. Including the matching funds, Rotary is committing another US\$102 million this year to fund polio eradication efforts in 13 countries.

Michel Zaffran, director of polio eradication for the World Health Organization (WHO) presented on the progress and global significance of the initiative. "We're truly on the cusp of eradicating a disease for only the second time in human history," said Zaffran. "Our responsibility is nothing less than to ensure that no child anywhere will ever again be paralyzed by the poliovirus."

German Rotary members have contributed more than US\$31 million to end polio, and on 1 July 2020, **Holger Knaack**, owner of

the real estate company Knaack KG, will oversee this effort as the first German to serve as Rotary International president. Knaack of Ratzeburg said, "I'm honored to have the confidence and support of Rotary's 1.2 million members," said Knaack. "As president, I plan to highlight the best Rotary has to offer where people of all backgrounds can see themselves reflected in our service and impact."

During the four-day event, attendees heard from an array of world class speakers, including:

- Dr. Peter Tschentscher, First Mayor of Hamburg
- Dr. Gerd Müller, Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development
- On the closing day, Eckart Diepenhorst, CEO of mytaxi presented a check for €70,000, representing 100 percent of the proceeds from all rides to and from the Hamburg Messe from 31 May through 5 June to support the following German Rotary club projects:

○ A bee pasture project developed by the Rotary Club of Ahrensburg to help the dwindling bee and butterfly populations; Emotions Training for Autism, developed by **Rotaract Germany**, to support those with autism spectrum disorder thrive; and **HANWASH**, a collaborative initiative by local Rotary members, **The Rotary Foundation** and **DINEPA** to bring clean water to Haiti.

**About Rotary:** **Rotary** brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world's most pressing humanitarian challenges. Rotary connects 1.2 million members of more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in over 200 countries and geographical areas. Their work improves lives at both the local and international levels, from those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. Germany's 56,000 members and 1,100 clubs are taking action to make the world a better place at home and abroad.

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## Membership Development

To: 2019-20 Club presidents  
cc: 2019-20 District governors, club executive directors/secretaries, district membership chairs, club membership chairs, and Rotary coordinators

Dear club president-elect,

Thank you for being the inspiration in your club and your community this upcoming year.

Rotary International staff and your district leaders are here to help you achieve your club's membership goals through online membership leads. When people express an interest in Rotary at [rotary.org/join](http://rotary.org/join), Rotary reviews these leads and assigns them to districts. District officers then review them and assign each to a club that they feel could be a good fit.

When a lead is assigned to your club, you'll receive an email alert prompting you to review the person's information and take action. Your club secretary, executive director/secretary, and membership chair will also receive an email alert prompting them to check the lead, and your assistant governor will be copied on the message.

### WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

Decide who will be responsible for managing membership leads online and for creating a positive experience for prospective members. Your club secretary and club

membership chair can play a crucial role in this effort.

Review the membership leads your club receives through the Club Administration section of My Rotary. Promptly contact candidates who could be a good fit for your club. Lack of response can quickly cause prospects to lose interest.

Beginning 1 July, use the Manage Membership Leads page to track your candidates and update their status. You can also share feedback with your club and district leaders there. Admit candidates to your club directly through the Manage Membership Leads page, or use their Rotary ID numbers to add them as new members of your club.

If the candidate isn't a good fit for your club, or if you reject the inquiry, use the feedback section to note the reason before you send the candidate back to your district for reassignment.

For more information about how this works, view Managing Membership Leads.

The membership leads program is constantly evolving to better support your club's unique membership efforts. We also strive to make it easy for prospective, current, and former members to use. Please contact us if you have any questions, and thank you for making membership a priority.

Sincerely,  
Brian King

Director of Membership Development

## News From Aurora Interact

Interact Club of Aurora High School was very busy volunteering in the month of May. Projects included working on a home for Habitat for Humanity with the Rotary Club of Aurora, mulching memorial trees at Sunny Lake with the City of Aurora, and assisting an elderly couple with yard work.



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City: \_\_\_\_\_ State/Province: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Contributions are tax deductible where allowed by law. For security purposes, please do not send credit card and contact details via email.

\*Please Pay Your Own Taxes. Rotary will prepare those who give \$1,000 or more each year. \$100 for each child. Detailed Guide to our approved foundation plans: [www.rotary.org/foundationplans](http://www.rotary.org/foundationplans)

**GIFT DESIGNATION (choose one)**

☐ Annual Fund Drive ☐ PolioPlus Fund

☐ Providing Clean Water ☐ Fighting Disease

☐ Supporting Education ☐ Saving Mothers and Children

☐ Promoting Peace ☐ Growing Local Economies

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**RECURRING GIFT AMOUNT (minimum US\$10)**

☐ \$10 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$500 ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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## News From TRC Berea

Linda G. Kramer  
Public Image Chair  
Rotary Club of Berea

### **Rotarians Picnic with RYLA Campers**

Some 59 Rotary Youth Leadership Award (RYLA) campers shared a picnic dinner with Rotarians on Tuesday, June 11. Everyone enjoyed a cookout of hamburgers, chicken, veggie burgers, beans, macaroni salad and cookies provided by Baldwin Wallace University. Campers told about their experiences and Rotarians explained what other activities Rotary can offer, such as Interact, Rotaract and scholarships. Campers from West Geauga Interact talked about their project to raise funds for the high school on St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, devastated by hurricanes. Former BW Rotaract President Joe Mandato was on hand as a camp counselor to lend his expertise. After dinner, the kids were treated to square and folk dancing.



Berea Rotarians welcomed the 59 RYLA campers at the annual picnic. Front row, from the left, Bob Huge, Judy Stull, JoAnn Solnick, District Secretary Linda Kramer and Marsha Pappalardo, of Brunswick Rotary. Back row, Hilary Wilson, Marc West (RYLA guru), Tom O'Donnell, Don Voigt and PDG Jack Young of Conneaut Rotary.



RYLA campers learn to square dance.

### **Human Trafficking Happens Here Too**

Make no mistake, the buying and selling of people for sex and slave labor happens in nearly every urban, suburban and rural area in America, Sister Anne Victory told Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, June 4.

"It is happening here (Berea) and in virtually in every community," she said.

Sister Anne is the education director of the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, a non-profit founded in 2007 with offices in Westlake. She also is a member of the Humility of Mary order and is a nurse by profession.

"Trafficking is not a new problem," she said. Slaves were mentioned in the Bible. The 13<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution may have outlawed slavery but it certainly hasn't stopped it – at least the clandestine variety.

"It's all about the money," Sister Anne said. "This is a low risk, high profit business." It's hard to identify the pimps just by looking at them. They are legitimate business people, teachers, medical professionals, college students, even grandparents – looking to make an extra buck.

She cited a case in Westlake where an elderly couple were brokering young girls from their home, just down the street from the police station. The cops soon found out and raided the place. Grandma and Grandpa are now in jail.



Sister Anne Victory has been a member of Humility of Mary for 57 years.

They rape and beat youngsters. Force them to take drugs. Sometimes recruiters make false promises: offers of employment or a safe haven from bullies or parents. Sometimes they use threats of harm to the kids themselves or to their families.

"The chains are psychological," Sister Anne said. "That can be even more harmful than physical violence."

Traffickers zero in on the most vulnerable members of a community – young children, the homeless, runaways, the disabled, LGBTQ and immigrants.

Exploitation of children has zoomed by 846 percent from 2010 to 2015 mainly due to Smart Phones, Sister Anne said. "Kids don't understand what they are accessing or who they are reaching out to," she said.

These kids are scared, blame themselves for getting into the situation, believe they are criminals and will end up in jail and have a low level of self-esteem. They need a safe place to be and services not detention, Sister Anne said. "There is no such thing as a child prostitute. The child didn't choose this. They are a victim," she said.

Defeating human trafficking isn't an easy task but it takes the entire community working together to tackle this, Sister Anne said.

What can we do? Pay attention. There are certain red flags to watch for. If a person seems afraid, nervous or submissive in the company of a much older adult, who does all the talking; if a young person has a series of hotel card keys; if they are wearing expensive clothes that they don't seem able to afford; if they have strange tattoos, such as bar codes, and if a group has the same tattoo.

Don't intervene. It's too dangerous. Call the Human Trafficking Task Force hot line – 216-443-6085 or the Rape Crisis Center Project Star hot line (set up specially to deal with trafficking cases) – 855-431-78827.

"It's a sobering topic and it takes courage to learn about it," Sister Anne said.

Educating adults is important but reaching out to

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How do they recruit victims? Sometimes by force, Sister Anne said.

## News From Berea cont'd

middle and high school students is essential, she said.

### **Berea Rotary Donates to Support New Vet Center**



Randy Stevenson of BW's Vet Center, told us about the many services his office provides to BW students who are veterans.

Baldwin Wallace University has upwards of 100 veterans studying in a variety of programs. The vets range in age from 25 to 78 and they are full and part time. About 20 are women vets, Randy Stevenson, veteran services coordinator for BW, told Berea Rotarians.

All look forward to meeting and sharing experiences at BW's Veterans Service Center currently located in the basement of the Student Activities Center on Beech Street. Opened

in 2016, the center has quickly outgrown that facility.

Thanks to the Cleveland Indians and Major League Baseball, BW vets will get a brand new center this summer – a vacant BW-owned house on Grand Street. The All-Star Student Veterans Center is part of a \$5 million community enrichment project tied to the All-Star Game at Progressive Field. The grant will pay to renovate the house. Some furnishings from the SAC will be transferred to the new digs but Stevenson said new furniture is needed for the lobby and main floor. That's where Berea Rotary comes in. The Berea Rotary Foundation is donating \$5,000 to the BW Vet Center to provide dining room furniture, tables, a couch and chairs. Berea Rotarians will be invited to the grand opening in July.

BW is also working with Berea's Veterans Outreach Office to provide joint programming.

Stevenson is an Army veteran, serving for 10 years with the infantry. One assignment found him in Italy with the Third Army, Gen. Patton's unit in World War II.

One of his toughest assignments is helping veterans transition to civilian life. "It's a journey," Stevenson said. "Each vet faces challenges."

BW has connections to the military dating to World War I when it hosted cadets in the Army Training Command. From 1943-46, BW hosted the Navy's V-12 program, a training program for newly minted ensigns.

The Vet Center will give vets a home-base of sorts to connect with fellow vets and talk about issues that may trouble them. Stevenson said one program pairs combat vets to support each other. The suicide rate for combat vets far outstrips the national average and in fact, two vets have committed suicide on campus. A quiet room in the new Vet Center along with a lounge area and gaming room will offer calm and relaxation to help alleviate stress, Stevenson said. "It gives us a platform right by the university," he said.

The grand opening of the new BW Veterans Center is set for Friday, July 5.

## Please Confirm Club Membership and Officers

Dear current and incoming Rotary club officers:

This is a friendly reminder to confirm your club membership and officer information in Rotary's database by 1 July 2019. We will use this information to generate your July 2019 club invoice.

It is important that your club's membership information is up-to-date, because we cannot change the club invoice after it has been generated or accept membership updates with your payment.

As a current club officer, you can ensure that your club invoice will be correct by checking the accuracy of the information in Rotary's database. Here is how:

Sign in to My Rotary and choose Manage, then Club & District Administration, Club Administration, and Club & Member Data.

Report all new or terminated mem-

bers and 2019-20 club officers no later than 1 July 2019.

Members with admission dates of 1 July 2019 or before will be counted for the July 2019 club invoice.

Members with termination dates of 1 July 2019 or before will not be counted for the July 2019 club invoice.

Please note that incoming club officers can view data in My Rotary but cannot make changes.

The 1 July 2019 due date also applies to clubs that use RI-approved data integration software to update membership. Your club invoice is generated based on membership information recorded in Rotary's database not your club's local database, so it is important to make sure Rotary has the latest information. Please make updates in your local database and then sign-in to My Rotary to verify the information there.

If you are unable to update your

member information online, you can submit the Member Data Form in one of three ways:

Scan and email it to [data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org)

Fax it to +1-847-556-2207

Mail it to your local Rotary office or fiscal agent early enough that it will arrive by 1 July 2019

In addition, any changes to subscriptions to The Rotarian (in English) should be reported to [data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org) prior to 1 July 2019.

For more information about the club invoice, including how-to guides and answers to frequently asked questions, go to My Rotary's Club Administration pages. For help with membership questions, contact

[data@rotary.org](mailto:data@rotary.org).

Sincerely,

Thomas Woods

Data Relations Manager | Data Services



# High School Students Shine at 44th Annual Rotary Drama Awards

May 7th marked the 44th Anniversary of the Rotary Drama Awards sponsored by the Rotary Clubs of Mentor and Painesville. This program is the brainchild of Painesville Rotarian, Robert Tischer, who believed that the students who participate in high school theater productions should receive similar acknowledgement to that bestowed upon students who participated in athletics. Students of drama as no less talented, and give much of themselves and their time. The dedication and effort of these students are worthy of a night of recognition.

During the year, Mentor and Painesville Rotarians judge all of the Fall Comedy/Dramas and Spring Musicals to a set of specific criteria. The "Price Waterhouse" team of Mentor Rotarian, Bruce Wilson and Painesville Rotarian, Susan Schofield-Fratino, tabulate the results and determine the winners.

Hosted this year by Lake Catholic High School, over 600 students, families, friends and Rotarians packed the Lake Catholic auditorium. The event is a culmination of the efforts of talented students from Fairport Harding, Thomas W. Harvey, Lake Catholic, Mentor, Perry and Riverside High Schools. Emcee of 43 of the 44 Drama Awards, Painesville Rotarian Lou Falk, gets decked out for this "Oscars" Type event, and his entertainment value rivals the likes of Oscars hosts.

The Rotary Clubs of Mentor and Painesville congratulate all of the winners, as well as those who put in hours of time and effort to showcase their amazing talents.

Male Sub Support in a Comedy/Drama - Charlie Nunes, Mentor High School

Female Sub Support in a Comedy/Drama - Claire Mitchell, Mentor High School

Male Support in a Comedy/Drama - Connor Rosciszewski, Mentor High School

Female Support in a Comedy/Drama - Maddie Tanner, Riverside High School

Cameo Appearance in a Drama Comedy, Carlos Sandoval, Malik Walker, and Anika Englehart, Harvey High School

Scenery/Props/Costumes in a Comedy/Drama - Riverside High School

Male Lead in a Comedy/Drama - Jar-en Hodgson, Perry High School

Female Lead in a Comedy/Drama, Julia Ringler, Riverside High School

Male Sub Support in a Musical - Joe Ivancic, Lake Catholic High School

Female Sub Support in a Musical - Gabrielle Palmer, Fairport High School

Male Support in a Musical - Austin Collins, Lake Catholic High School

Female Support in a Musical - Jennifer Walker, Lake Catholic High School

Cameo Appearance in a Musical - Max Smaretsky, Joshua Estok, and Eric Xu, Mentor High School

Scenery/Props/Costumers in a Musical - Fairport High School

Male Lead in a Musical - Liam Klobas, Mentor High School

Female Lead in a Musical - Victoria Palmer - Fairport High School



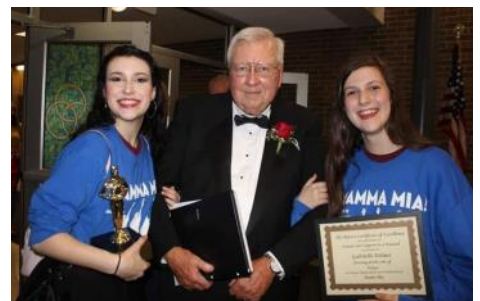
Best Musical - Mentor High School's Presentation of "The Most Happy Fella" directed by John Greene



Robert E. Tischer Scholarship Recipients - Olivia Flauto, Perry High School and Autumn Graham, Perry High School



Best Comedy/Drama - Riverside High School's presentation of "Boeing, Boeing" directed by Brad Allen



Master of Ceremonies, Lou Falk with Fairport High School's Victoria and Gabby Palmer

## Rotary Scholarships Awarded to Five HHS Seniors

Five Hudson High School seniors were chosen by the Rotary Club of Hudson to receive \$3000 scholarships to state-supported colleges. They were introduced at a recent Rotary meeting by their teachers and then offered their thanks and detailed their plans for the future. This year 19 applicants presented their rationales and qualifications for recognition and five were chosen.

The interviews were conducted by Rotary members Councilman Dan Williams, HHS Treasurer Kathryn Sines and Gala Chairman Ron Strobl following a long established evaluation process.

The committee felt that all candidates were very impressive and appreciated the effort that went into their presentations. The scholarships are based on academic achievement and/or school or community service, leadership, special personal attributes and individual honors earned.

This year's scholarship winners and introducing teachers were:



Audrey Susz, introduced by Mrs. Sandra Procaccio, will attend Ohio State University.

Kayla Lotz, introduced by Ms. Courtney Stull, will attend Ohio State University.

Blake Hartline, introduced by Mrs. Susan Conroy, will attend Ohio State University.

Elizabeth Mitaliski, introduced by Ms. Lani Banner, will attend Ohio University.

Taylor Wright, introduced by Mrs. Jessica Stiffler, will attend Kent State University.

Parents and friends of these students also participated in the awards ceremony with many expressing their appreciation for the contributions Rotary makes to the Hudson community.

Rotary President, Evan McCauley, concluded the awards program by encouraging the students to “get involved, find a seat at the table and fight for a seat at the head of the table”.

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

If you are interested in learning more about Rotary, please go to [www.rotaryhudson.org](http://www.rotaryhudson.org) or like us on Facebook at Rotary Club of Hudson. To meet club members, join us for a complimentary breakfast any Wednesday from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at Laurel Lake Retirement Community. Contact Rich Warfield at [www.rwarfield@dkc-cpa.com](mailto:www.rwarfield@dkc-cpa.com).

## TRC Chesterland Golf Classic Aug 7th

You are cordially invited to play golf at the 2019 Chesterland Rotary Golf Outing. This is a great opportunity for fellowship with some old and new friends in District 6630. Plus a chance to win a 2019 GMC Pick-up Truck, a (4)-day golf vacation for (2), a complete set of golf clubs or (2) travel tickets to anywhere in the continental USA. Sims Brothers Buick, & GMC in Euclid Ohio, sponsors this fabulous package.

The attached registration form for the 28th annual Chesterland Rotary Golf Classic should be returned no later than July 31<sup>st</sup>. The annual event offers businesses a wonderful opportunity to promote themselves in a fun way, while providing vital support to the Chesterland Rotary Clubs' local area charities that give care and joy to needy children and adults.

Sponsorships are available between \$100 and \$1,000. All sponsorships purchased at the \$500 and above level, for that participating foursome, will receive complimentary greens

fees.

When you sign on as a corporate sponsor, your investment will provide essential financial assistance to carefully selected organizations that depend on donations to carry on their valuable work."

Best regards,

Bob

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# Rotary Announces \$100 Million to Eradicate Polio

**EVANSTON, Ill. (June 10, 2019)** —

Rotary is giving US\$100 million in grants to support the global effort to end polio, a vaccine-preventable disease that once paralyzed hundreds of thousands of children each year.

The funding comes as Rotary and its partners in the **Global Polio Eradication Initiative** (GPEI) address the final—and most pressing—challenges to ending poliovirus transmission, and as Nigeria approaches three years without any reported cases of wild poliovirus, bringing the Africa region closer to polio-free status.

“We have the wild poliovirus cornered in the smallest geographic area in history, and now there are just two countries that continue to report cases of the wild virus,” said Michael K. McGovern, chair of Rotary’s International PolioPlus Committee. “As we work with our partners to apply innovative new strategies to reach more children, and embrace lessons learned thus far, Rotary is doubling down on our commitment to end polio for good. I’m optimistic that the end of polio is within our grasp, but we must remain vigilant in rallying global political and financial support as we push towards a polio-free world.”

While there were only 33 cases of wild poliovirus reported in 2018, the last mile of eradication has proven to be the most difficult. Barriers to eradication—like weak health systems, insecurity, and mobile and remote populations—must be overcome. As long as a single child has polio, all children are at risk, which underscores the need for continued funding and commitment to eradication.

To support polio eradication efforts in endemic countries, Rotary is allocating half the funds it announced today to: Afghanistan (\$16.3 million), Nigeria (\$10.2 million), and Pakistan (\$25.2million). Additional funding will support efforts to keep vulnerable countries polio-free:

- Chad (\$102,395)
- Democratic Republic of the Congo (\$9.5 million)
- Ethiopia (\$2.6 million)
- Iraq (\$6 million)
- Kenya (\$6.3 million)
- Mali (\$1.2 million)
- Somalia (\$1.4 million)
- South Sudan (\$1.2 million)

- Syria (\$1.7 million)
  - Yemen (\$2.1 million)
- The **World Health Organization** (WHO) will receive \$1.3 million to conduct research, and will also receive support for surveillance activities in its Africa (\$10.9 million) and Eastern Mediterranean (\$4 million) Regions.

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million a year to be matched 2-to-1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, amounting to \$150 million for polio eradication annually. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.9 billion to fight the disease, including matching funds from the Gates Foundation, and countless volunteer hours since launching its polio eradication program, PolioPlus, in 1985. In 1988, Rotary became a spearheading partner in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The Gates Foundation later joined. Since the initiative launched, the incidence of polio has plummeted by more than 99.9 percent, from about 350,000 cases in 1988 to 33 cases of wild poliovirus in 2018.

## About Rotary

**Rotary** brings together a global network of volunteer leaders dedicated to tackling the world’s most pressing humanitarian challenges. We connect 1.2 million members from more than 35,000 Rotary clubs in almost every country in the world. Their service improves lives both locally and internationally, from helping those in need in their own communities to working toward a polio-free world. Visit [Rotary.org](http://Rotary.org) and [endpolio.org](http://endpolio.org) for more about Rotary and its efforts to eradicate polio.

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## Never Have I Ever

As Joe Martin, President of the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville, began to wind down his year, he realized that he needed to complete one more goal – raise funds for the Rotary Foundation's *End Polio Now!* program.

To raise money for this program, President Joe advertised a trivia contest to the club, but he had a different game in mind. Instead, the Rotarians played the game called *Never Have I Ever*. In this game, President Joe would make a statement starting with the phrase "never have I ever," and if the Rotarian had done whatever President Joe mentioned in the statement, that person would give \$1 to the *End Polio Now!* program.

The statements include some of the following examples:

Never Have I Ever... attended a Rotary District Meeting.

Never Have I Ever... changed my perspective based on a Rotary Speaker.

Never Have I Ever... met a former UN Ambassador.

Never Have I Ever... visited the Local Community College.

The club had participated in many activities during the year, so the questions were derived from all these activities to encourage members to

give to the *End Polio Now!* program. Many of the activities Rotary members participated in were unique and some included direct involvement with the North Ridgeville community. For example, the club attended a cooking demonstration at Lorain County Community College's Culinary Demonstration Lab. This meeting was both off-site and served as an Inter-District and Inter-Club meeting with 2 districts (6630 and 6600) and 7 clubs represented. At a different meeting, the former Ambassador to Iran discussed Islamic beliefs and the similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity in an effort to break down barriers.

The club members did give President Joe some gentle ribbing as the trivia contest turned out to be a game we may have played in our adolescence and that all the questions were phrased in a way to maximize the giving to *End Polio Now!* The questions also included many of the AZ Baker requirements.

During the leadup to the game, President Joe did explain that the game would cost participants between \$1 and \$25, but at the end of the activity, President Joe asked club members if they would be willing to contribute the entire \$25. Since all of the questions reflected activities that involved all club members throughout the year, the Rotarians owed a dollar for nearly

every question.

The Rotary Club of North Ridgeville raised exactly \$1,000 from club members, (and just a little bit from club funds). There was a lot of positive feedback on the game, and one member eloquently said to Martin, "Great job, great cause, great results."

The trivia game also allowed President Joe to take a few minutes to highlight the Rotary Foundations efforts regarding eradicating Polio and the timing of the International Convention helped in that endeavor. The video of RI President Rassin and Bill Gates of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation was quite helpful and distributed to members via the club's weekly newsletter.

President Joe doesn't plan on a long outgoing speech at the annual business meeting as he has already reviewed the years activities and accomplishments through this trivia game.

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## Observatory Turns One

The observatory the Rotary Club of Fairlawn helped sponsor is now one year old. Last fall and summer over 1,00 people have visited the observatory. Currently, the visits have passed 200 people. The observatory also has a wheel chair bound astronomer who was in tears because she

was able to use six different scopes. She is an avid astronomer and hasn't been able to do any viewing for years. The observatory programs are always free and open to the public. The facility needs to raise \$2,000 a year to cover operations. For the month of July, my company,

Shulan's Fairlawn Jewelers will be donating all battery sales to the observatory. Please visit [meetup.com/Summit-County-astronomy-meetup](http://meetup.com/Summit-County-astronomy-meetup) to receive notice when the observatory will be open. If it would only stop raining!

