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Amy Kapostasy
District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

Dear Rotary Family,

Happy Spring!!! We are moving in to the warmer weather and planning for many District and Club activities.

When was the last time you have attended a Rotary District Conference? What is the first thing that comes to mind when you hear or see, ROTARY-DISTRICT-CONFERENCE?

District Conferences are an opportunity for everyone to celebrate the fun and success that we have enjoyed through the previous year. It is a great way to charge your Rotary battery for what is in store! Many Rotarians have told me they have been members of Rotary but fully became a Rotarian after they had attended a District Conference. Past Rotary International President Chuck Keller, said no one should belong to a Rotary club less than 3 years before attending a District Conference. I agree! There is no place greater to experience Rotary at another level. This is a time to learn, experience, connect, gain insight and build and deepen friendships.

Top 10 reasons to join us on April 27-29, 2018 at the Double Tree in Beachwood.

#1) Interaction. You will get to interact with hundreds of like minded Rotarians from your own backyards, many you will meet and connect with for the first time.

#2) Participation. Participate in the Districts Annual business meeting. You may be selected by your club to be a voting delegate.

#3) Bucket List. You will be able to check attending a District Conference of your Rotary Bucket List! You also get to take part in the District Training Assembly.

#4) 4 Way Speech Winners. Students that won at the District 4 way speech contest will present the topics they chose on current ethical issues. Each one of them brings a topic they feel passionate about and have adapted to educate a persuade the audience.

#5) Youth Exchange. Celebrate and take the time to meet our extraordinary Inbound and Outbound students and witness the Commissioning Ceremony of the Outbound Youth. For almost 100 years, students and host families have broadened their horizons through Rotary Youth Exchange.

#6) Outstanding Speakers. RI Representative, Former

Head Basketball Coach Sue Ramsey of Ashland University, A panel and informative speakers on Human Trafficking. Chief Trent Elyea Collinwood Fire Department, Ontario Canada. Tom Craig, Rocco Yeargin and Abraham Panniktu.

#7) House of Friendship. The House of Friendship at the District Conference is an area where clubs can display and promote their local or international projects or other activities. This allows Rotarians in the district to learn about the wondrous array of projects undertaken by fellow, local Rotarians and for clubs looking to partner with others to see what is available. There are also displays from District Committees and Rotary groups or related organizations allowing participants to further explore the wonders of Rotary. Please register by April 20, to reserve your space.

#8) Rotary People of Action. Share your Rotary passion. Rotary is where neighbors, friends, and problem-solvers share ideas, join leaders, and take action to create lasting change.

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#9) Fellowship & Networking. Find a new Rotary friend and build a friendship and connection that will help you to grow in Rotary and in your career. Join us Friday and Saturday evenings in the Hospitality suites

#10) Get to know the District Governor, that's me and the District Governor line. If Rotary is your passion and you would like to know more about joining in the District team and com-

mittees, please feel free to ask anyone of us how to get more involved! We'd love to help!!!

Hope to see you all in April! Thank you all for making a difference,
Amy Kapostasy, District Governor 2017-18

Rotarians Donate to Veterans

PDG Jack Young delivers puzzles, plastic models, craft items and military books to the Veterans on the third floor at the Cares Unit at Wade Park Veterans Hospital. The Rotary Clubs of Medina Sunrise and Lakewood Rocky River noon presented Jack with money to purchase these items so that the items can be given to the activity department. It is important to keep our Veterans active while they are

in the hospital. . According to Jack many Vets have no place to go or family members to visit them before or after surgery. Therefore, having various activities to help them in the recovery of their illness is vital to their positive mental state.

For further specific information as how you or your Rotary Club can help our Veterans please contact Jack at 440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com.

EDITOR'S NOTE

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2018 Akron Chili Open Recap

Rotary Club of Akron's 28th Chili Open Golf Classic raised over \$254,000 to benefit Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs.



February 3, 2018 was a cold winter's day, but that didn't stop over 500 attendees from joining together for Rotary Club of Akron's 28th annual Chili Open Golf Classic, presented by Wayne Homes. The grounds of Hale Farm and Village in Bath, Ohio were transformed into five unique golf courses with 9 holes each that ranged from 65-125yards. Participants had a chance to play a 9-hole course with

friends, and could also take a shot at the hole-in-one and closets-to-the-pin contests to win some great prizes! After a round of golf, guests enjoyed some Whitey's Chili and beverages to warm up. Some also took part in the 2.5lb Chili Eating Competition where the winner walked away with a Stihl Chainsaw, courtesy of Akron Tractor and some bragging rights.



The day was a huge success and with your help we raised \$254,714 benefiting Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs, located in Portage

Lakes, Ohio. Annually, the net proceeds from the Chili Open will provide financial support to families in need. We are committed to never letting a family's personal financial resources prevent a camper from attending Rotary Camp. Last year, Akron Rotary Camp provided over \$194,000 in direct financial assistance and served 1,900 children through their summer camp and year round respite programs, where campers can enjoy many traditional activities including swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, sports and games, team building and more.

We are grateful to all sponsors and donors who have helped make a difference in the lives of our campers through this year's Chili Open! Because of their generosity and support, we

will be able to provide meaningful opportunities to our campers and their families regardless of their ability to pay. Thank you also to our two co-chairs, John Margida and Wanda Whipple who steered this event as well as other committee members for all your efforts and support.



Save the date for Akron Rotary's 29th annual Chili Open Golf Classic that will be held on February 2, 2019. Hope to see you there!

Amanda Warner

Akron Rotary Camp

TRC Hudson Learns About Food Production and Distribution

The Rotary Club of Hudson was treated to behind-the-scenes looks at the increasingly competitive food industry from a wholesale marketing manager, a catering chef and a family owner of major food providers in the region.

Reviews of past Rotary speakers can be viewed at www.rotaryhudson.org or watched on HCTV channel 1021.

Julia Petrescu, Marketing Manager, Costco Wholesale in Boston Heights, discussed their Kirkland signature brand explaining that in order to control the quality of items such as olive oil, coffee, and eggs, Costco uses a certification system that traces products from their origins. This solves the problem of misleading labeling found on many products in the marketplace. For example, Costco has its own olive groves in Tuscany and its own chicken farm in Wisconsin. Julia also emphasized Costco's dedication to hiring the quality of staff that will relate well to its customers. Hiring managers regularly ask themselves, "would you want to marry this candidate?".

Derrick Finnell, Chef of Nosh Eatery in Hudson, revealed that eighty percent of their sales come from catering. The Hudson restaurant focuses on specific themes and offers limited selections that have proven popular with regular customers.

The secret to Nosh's success has been their business relationships with produce/meat suppliers. They do buy whole animals di-

rectly from local farms where prices are high but "you get the quality that you pay for". Commenting on the food industry, Derrick indicated that profits are very slim, management typically works 80 to 90 hours a week and 60% of chefs leave the industry by age 30. Currently there is only one qualified chef available for ten job openings.

Jeff Heinen, Co-President of Heinen's Fine Foods, is the third generation Heinen, along with his twin brother Tom, to run the business with 19 stores in Ohio and Illinois. Customer service is Heinen's top priority realizing that "most people don't like to grocery shop". Heavily invested in its employees (associates) who represent two thirds of its total costs, Heinen's provides extensive training to insure associate happiness which, in turn, leads to customer satisfaction. Food sourcing with growers, ranchers and fishermen is another strength of Heinen's. They use 50 local farms and work hard to maintain supportive relationships with all suppliers. Jeff feels that Heinen's needs to remove the "friction of shopping" by offering food the way customers want to use it and ultimately by providing internet shopping coupled with home/office delivery. That will further reduce already slim margins.

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.

District-Wide Service Project for District Conference

Our District Governor Amy Kapostasy has asked that we kick off our District Conference this year with a District Service Project to support our community. She has chosen a great non-profit group to support. The name of the Charity is Sub Zero Mission.

Sub Zero Mission helps homeless stay warm during the winter months by providing hats, coats, gloves, boots, sleeping bags, new socks, tents and other warming items. They do this because nobody should freeze to death in America.

A group of volunteers from sub Zero Mission helps find those exposed to the elements in northeast Ohio and other cities in the region then offers them warming items. The 501C3 BBB 5-Star Accredited Organization owns several vehicles to scout and make deliveries in these areas.

The group also concentrates on finding veterans who make up a high percentage of homeless. They carry special laminated cards with contact information in order to get them the special help that is available to veterans.

We are asking all of our Rotary and Interact clubs to collect new or gently used men's boots, size 9-13, Adult Sleeping Bags, Gloves and Hats and bring them to the District Conference in April. We will have a collection point at the check in area. We will also be accepting cash donations for Sub Zero Mission. These items will be used next winter in our area. Please only bring the items listed. Let's make a difference and keep people from freezing. Thank you in advance for helping!

Bob Oborn
Rotary District 6630
Interact/Rotaract Co-Chair



7 things you did not know about Rotaract

Rotaractors are young, gifted, and well-prepared to help lead Rotary into the 21st century. This year marks the 50th anniversary of Rotaract. For World Rotaract Week 12-18 March, expand your knowledge of the program by reading 7 things you did not know about Rotaract, and enjoy a stroll back through time with Rotaract 50 years of changing lives.

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News From Aurora Interact

Melissa Foster
Interact Club

Aurora High School

It has been a very busy month at Aurora High School. Interact students have collected over 250 pairs of shoes and donated them to Soles4Souls where they will be distributed to those in need all over the world.



The club also collected over 150 children's books to donate to Mongolia.

Also, on Saturday March 3rd several Interact students worked at a Carnival at the Metzenbaum Center in Chesterland for those with disabilities.



How the Beam came to Medina County

Towards the end of 2009, Medina Mayor Jane Leaver asked Rotarian Bill Cohen if the Medina Rotary Club could put together an "entrance to the city" welcome sign with placards of community service groups. Kelly Low was President of the Medina Rotary Club at the time. Bill and Kelly started Looking at the best location on Route 18, as it is our major entrance to Medina. Dennis Hanwell was elected Mayor and began service in January 2010. Theoretically, Mayor Hanwell has been working with Kelly on this project since his first day in office. ☺

About a month later, Bill saw a small advertisement in the Wall Street Journal. Nonprofits or government entities could apply to the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey to get a piece of the remnants of the Twin Towers. Bill and Kelly agreed to go for it. Kelly filled out a three-page application and sent it off. We had no idea what size of remnant we would be awarded – if any. The application was no guarantee.



In the spring of 2011, we got the call from New York City. Kelly recalls, "I responded asking if the lady could Fed-Ex it to us at my home address. She laughed and said, "No, I don't think it can be Fed-Ex'ed!". I thought, well, my dad has a pick-up truck- I wonder if that would work. I was thinking that I could drive out to New York and pick it up. Again, she said no, I think you're going to need a flatbed."

We were awarded a piece of steel 9'3" long, 31 inches tall and 2 feet wide. The bolts have 2-inch-wide heads. It is an I-beam from the North Tower, weighing approximately 1 1/2 tons. Krakowski Trucking, of Medina, donated a truck and driver to go to JFK Airport in New York City to pick up the beam. It has been housed at Standard Welding in Medina. No better place to store the steel than at a steel fabrication company. The beam arrived in Medina in late summer, 2011.

Local architect Bob Arnold of Arnold Architectural Strategies, came up with the original design for a memorial and assisted with trying to find a good location. Several years passed trying to secure land for the entrance sign / memorial. Meanwhile, both Bill and Jane were struck with cancer -Bill, of the liver, and Jane, of the lungs. Both succumbed in 2014 about a month apart. On his deathbed at Hospice of Medina County, Kelly promised him she would see this built. Ultimately, no locations were successful, and we were back to square one: looking for a location on Rt. 18.

Moving off Route 18 impacted the project by reducing it from both an entrance to the city and the memorial to being solely a 9/11 Memorial. In March 201, someone suggested that we look at the property next to Fire Station # 1 on Huntington Street. It is city property and is not suitable for building. It is surrounded on two sides by residential areas, Huntington Street and the fire station. The firefighters care for the land and mow the grass. After walking the property, it was agreed that it would be a wonderful spot, especially considering the first responders who were involved in 9/11 and one block away are the offices of Medina County Veterans Services.

In 2017, Mr. Arnold had to resign from the project and again we were back to square one (on the design front). We asked several local landscape design companies to submit designs. Medina Rotary Club members chose the winning design and both Mayor Hanwell and the Parks Director agreed. # 1 Landscaping, of Medina, will do almost all the work. Simmons Brothers Construction will build the pavilion and assist where needed.

Great Lakes Construction has donated a piece of granite 9'x 3 1/2'x 2' which will be used in the Memorial to provide information about the events of September 11, 2001. There will also be walking paths, a pavilion, park benches and picnic tables. Several aspects of the design reflect our county's small connection to flight 93.

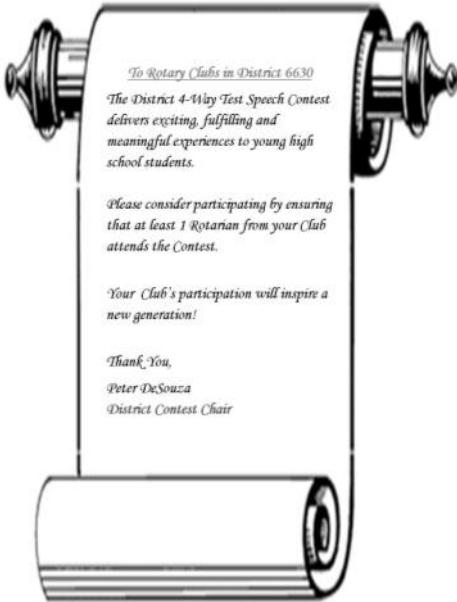
Some of Kelly and Bill's original goals include:

- getting everyone in the county involved--it's not just Medina City but it is a countywide memorial
- getting children involved and educating them about our reality, our stories--what we felt to know that our country was attacked that day and how it has changed the American way of life
- showcasing a true remnant of a 1,368 foot tall building to provide a dose of the reality of the destruction that day
- providing information for future generations
- creating a serene, parklike setting where, with a pavilion, walking paths and benches, school children and others could go, learn, remember and contemplate what happened that day.

People who had been first responders or in the military were called into action that day-and some gave their lives for it. Many people joined first responder organizations and the military because of 9/11. We do not want the events of 9/11 to be reduced to a paragraph in a history book. We hope that the Medina 9/11 Memorial will provide some hands-on education for future generations. Join us in this project!

Please direct all questions, comments or suggestions to medinarotary@gmail.com.

Thank you!



Don't Miss Out.

Rotary District 6630 RYLA rotary youth leadership awards

RYLA

DATES: Sunday, June 10, 2018 - Thursday, June 14, 2018

Deadline for Applications:

Monday, May 18, 2018

Cost: \$475.00 per student

Checkout the Recruitment Video:

<https://youtu.be/7EhY0vJvS64>

Application Information:

<http://rotarydistrict6630.org/Page/ryla>

For more information contact the District 6630 Chair:

Marc West

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 Protecting Health Other _____

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YEAR

Rotary Youth Exchange Students Learn, Share and Have Fun at Winter Overnighter

By RYE Committee

Akron Rotary Camp was the site for an educational and inspiring Rotary Youth Exchange overnighter Feb. 17 and 18. Inbound international students, as well as short-term and long-term outbound students and past RYE students (rebounders), gathered to share their experiences and learn more about other cultures.

Students developed camaraderie with each other while examining personal challenges and talking about successfully crossing cultural borders. The two days of activities and fun, including a ping-pong challenge and game night, helped to close cultural gaps and kept the international students engaged, said RYE Trainer Susan Colville-Hall. She worked with Akron Rotarians Brian Chima and Keryl Whetstone to engage the students in a variety of tasks.



RYE students sat in a circle to participate in mixer exercises.

Seated in a circle on the Great Hall floor, RYE students became better acquainted through mixer games. Cooperation was emphasized as they then stood and participated in "ball drop" and "raising the bar" activities. Language learning groups formed as inbounders assisted outbounders in practicing the language of their destination countries through casual conversation. Inbounders also shared cultural concepts of the host culture, such as greetings and family expectations.

Another training exercise involved students playing the role of two different cultures. The game presented

challenges to students about crossing cultural borders and ended with their interpretations of what is required to adapt to a different cultural setting.

RYE orientation for outbounders included use of a Mercator map with a Dymaxion version to see the effect of ethnocentrism. They also learned about culture shock, the stages of cultural competence, cognitive dissonance theory, ethnorelativism and intercultural sensitivity.



Cooperation was the focus during "ball drop" and "raising the bar" exercises.

The final task for inbounders was to analyze and assess progress on their previously determined language, academic, social and cultural goals. They then set new goals for April.

Inbound students departed late Sunday morning, while outbound students were joined by their parents for a Sunday afternoon orientation presented by RYE District 6630 Outbound Chairman Patrick Kelley. The outbounders received instruction on the requirements of international travel, the rules of exchange, and how to create a successful exchange. Students were fitted for their Rotary blazers, which will be worn during their exchange. To conclude the day, outbounders Skyped with our students now in Mexico, Brazil, Turkey and France, asking questions and receiving helpful answers.

For more information about Rotary Youth Exchange, contact District 6630 RYE Chairman Bob Heydorn at ryebobheydorn1@gmail.com.

Baldwin Wallace Rotaract Silent Auction

By Joe Mandato, President of Baldwin Wallace University Rotaract
Greetings Fellow Rotarians,
The Rotaract Club of Baldwin Wallace is officially activated and recognized to Rotary International! This is exciting news that we are proud to announce for it took the effort of a mere 8 members to build this organization to 25 members strong. We have been heavily involved in the Berea community both this past fall and this spring. Last Fall we held a Safe Trick or Treat event, inviting children and their family to the Student Activity Center (SAC) for baked goods, interactive games and activities, and even had face painting. This was a big moment for the club and propelled a then small club in the right direction. We also participated in Berea's Annual Jack Frost Festival in December, helping the Rotary Club of Berea set up our station, pass out cookies and hot chocolate, and had the pleasure of further getting to know the community around Baldwin Wallace.

We as Baldwin Wallace Rotaract are also excited to announce that we will be hosting a Dinner/Silent Auction. On Tuesday, April 17, 2018 from 6-8 p.m. in the Union (Strosacker Hall) Colony Room (120 East Grand Street, Berea Ohio 44017) at Baldwin Wallace. The cost of this event will be \$15 for one ticket and for couples it will be \$25. All proceeds raised will

go to We Are Puerto Rico, a cause that will help Puerto Rico rebuild and recover from the devastating hurricane they recently experienced this past September. People are still dying from the after effects of Hurricane Maria, 6 months after it occurred, calling for immediate action and funding. With the price of the ticket, you will have a three-course meal consisting of dishes that are native to the Puerto Rico. There will also be baskets bid on that will be auctioned which will consist of various goods from the Berea and Greater Cleveland community! Below are the results from previous BW Rotaract Dinner/Silent Auction events.

2015
Free Wheelchair Fund
\$ 388.85
2014
CSDW PurWater
\$ 400.00
2013
ShelterBox
\$ 300.00
2012
Doctors Without Borders
\$ 1,000.00
2011
Free Wheelchair Fund
\$ 838.43
2010
CSDW PurWater
\$ 750.00
2009
ShelterBox
\$ 800.00

2008
ITF – Walking Without Fear
\$ 1,000.00
2007
Free Wheelchair Fund
\$ 2,000.00

Total
\$7,477.28

We hope that Rotarians can help or contribute baskets for our cause. It is an honor for our club to be fully recognized and to be apart of such a great community. If you have any questions about the event or on how to help, please contact me at 440-799-2425 or through email at jmandato15@mail.bw.edu. We hope to see you there!



We Are All Puerto Rico

The ROTARACT CLUB
of BEREAL & BALDWIN WALLACE UNIVERSITY
invite you to the 2018 DINNER & SILENT AUCTION
to help raise funds for Relief Efforts in PUERTO RICO.

Tuesday April 17, 2018
Baldwin Wallace University
Colony Room Union (Strosacker Hall)
120 E. Grand Street
Berea, OH 44017
6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Menu:
Pork Adobo w/ Dressing
Pineapple Butter
Pollo Guisado (Chicken & Potato Stew)
Arroz con Habichuelas (White Rice & Pink Beans)
Mabres (Sweet Plantain)
Pinaapple Upside Down Cake



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by Hurricane Maria...

To learn more visit: <http://puertoricowecare.org/>

RSVP check or cash by Friday, April 13th
Marc West, 278 Eastland Rd, Berea, OH 44017 • (440) 826-2356 or mcwest@bw.edu



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



April 7, 2018
8:30AM to 2:30PM
AURORA HIGH SCHOOL
109 W Pioneer Trail, Aurora, OH 44202

8:30 to 9:00 am: Registration

A Rotarian from the Club must accompany the student contestant

After registration

All will proceed to the Common Areas for refreshments

9:10 am: Tours of Contest Rooms

National Honor Society students take student contestants on a tour of classrooms in which semi-final rounds takes place

9:30 am: Call to Order

Followed by Briefings of Judges, Timers and Student Contestants

All others will be requested to go to the classrooms in which the contests take place

Semi-finals

Everyone will be required to remain in the classrooms until all speakers have delivered their speeches. The audience will be informed when it is okay to return to the Common Areas.

Lunch in Common Areas

Finals in the Auditorium

2:30 pm: Contest ends

Inspire a new generation

Become a friend of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest

For the values of the 4 Way Test to endure, please consider passing them on to the next generation. Become a Friend of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest. All you have to do is send in a check for \$25/- Your friendship will create hope for a better tomorrow!

In return, you will be recognized at the District Contest as a Friend of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest. You will also be entitled to attend the District Contest on April 7, 2018 at Aurora High School, at no extra charge. This includes lunch and refreshments (\$15/- value).

You do not have to attend the contest to become a Friend. All money raised will be used towards the contest. An excellent opportunity to be the Inspiration!

(Cut and return this portion with payment to address indicated below by April 1, 2018)

Please list my name as a Friend of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest as follows:

YES, I will attend the District Contest on April 7, 2018
 NO, I am unable to attend the District Contest

Make checks for \$25/- payable to RI District 6630 and mail to:
 Rotary Club of Aurora, P.O. Box 795, Aurora, OH 44202
 Deadline to receive Form & Payment is April 1, 2018

News From TRC Twinsburg

Community Wide CPR/AED Training

To celebrate Heart Month, the Rotary Club of Twinsburg collaborated with the Twinsburg Fire Department in a very successful effort to bring CPR/AED awareness to the community. On Saturday, February 24 in the SS. Cosmas & Damian Church gym, the club played host to a community wide CPR/AED training fundraiser for the department. By partnering with University Hospitals, the training costs were kept down and for minimal donations of \$10 for Heartsaver and \$25 for Healthcare Provider, class attendees received lecture and hands-on CPR and AED training from the fire department instructors.



The inaugural event drew more than 50 attendees, who were greeted and registered by Rotary members. The club also handled the on-line registration, donation collection, promotional media, and certificates, as well as coffee and snacks for all who attended. All proceeds for the event were donated to Twinsburg Firefighter's Association, who will use the funds to



replace and purchase additional CPR and AED training equipment. Since the event was a success, the department has agreed to continue the partnership with Rotary and make it an annual event. The Twinsburg Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) was also a Rotary partner and helped by transporting all of the equipment, as well as the set-up and tear-down of the venue.

Rotary Club of Twinsburg Presents History of League Park!

Joe Gazzo, Director of Education of the Baseball Heritage Museum, located within the famous Baseball Heritage



Museum at League Park, will be giving a historical presentation of the renowned ballpark and some of the famous players who once graced the field where the landmark stands today.

Tuesday, April 3rd at 6:00pm at Twinsburg City Hall (Council Chambers), located at 10069 Ravenna Rd, Twinsburg, 44087.

Cost: \$10.00 *(Donations will go towards a Rotary beautification project with the Twinsburg Fire Department in Spring 2018). Register online at <http://www.twinsburgrotary.org/>

Contact: Steve Bosso
 (216) 244-3710
 sbosso@twinsburg.oh.us

District Training Assembly Apr 27-29

Mark your calendars for our Annual District Conference of Clubs and District Training Assembly! April 27-29, 2018, we hope to see YOU at the Doubletree Beachwood, YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!! Start building the excitement at the Club level today!! Some fun things are planned so please begin promoting the conference at your next meeting and every week until the BIG WEEKEND!

SPONSORSHIPS for the weekend are needed from \$75 and up. If you are interested in more information please contact Cheryl Warren, PDG, Rotary Club of Akron for advertising and sponsorship commitments. Deadline for sponsorships is March 25, 2018.

The Interact Clubs will be collecting new and gently used sleeping bags and winter boots for Men sizes 9-13. Designate a club member who is coming to the conference to be the collection contact and can bring these collected items. Club members are also welcome to bring these items with them to the conference.

Enjoy an Afternoon at the Races Saturday afternoon at the conference from 2:30-5pm. Sheila Hedrick, Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls, has an entertaining afternoon planned so watch for details coming soon. Please contact Sheila at sfhedrick@sbcglobal.net for more information or to volunteer.

Please let Mike Davanzo, PDG, Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise, know at mdavanzo@zoominternet.net if you would like to recognize a member of your Club who has passed away this past year. Deadline to register is March 25, 2018. Rotarians who have passed away will be remembered at the Annual Memorial Service Sunday morning of the conference.

Please let Julie West, PDG, Rotary Club of Cleveland know at jwest@ameritech.net if your Club will be celebrating any 1 year, 5 year, and 50+ year members at the conference this year. Deadline to register is March 25, 2018

Are you, or do you know, a skilled keyboardist who can bring their equipment, who is interested in playing during cocktail hours one or both nights of the conference from 5:30-6:15pm? Contact me today at 330.858.6672 or jbrandle@metisconstruction.com.

Last one for this email! Who is your Club contact for communications/public relations? Please have them contact Maureen Garnett, Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise, District PR Chair, at Mxg127@case.edu.

Thank you for your help in getting this information out to your clubs! Learn more and register at rotarydistrict6630.org !

Julie Brandle
President, Rotary Club of Akron, Ohio

Chair, 2017-2018 Annual Conference of Clubs
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Rotary District 6630 2018 Annual Conference



Join us for an *Afternoon at The Races*
Proceeds benefit continuing the Centennial legacy

Buy a Horse (or Two!) Sponsor a Race!!

Derby Hats welcome!

Saturday April 28th

★ 2:15pm - Doors Open ★ 2:30pm - Betting Begins

★ Snacks provided ★ Beer Available - *Donations accepted*

★ Horses are only \$20 each

★ Race Sponsorships are \$100 - *only 10 available*

★ Go to the District Website ([use the link below](#)) to buy your horse and secure your sponsorship before they are gone!

<https://www.csadmin.com/EventPortal/registrations/publicfill/eventpublicfill.aspx?evtid=29958466-25d2-493c-bbc0-1deb3fa8135a>

★ For more information, please contact either: Sheila Hedrick at 330-414-2501 or Steve Prechtel at 330-461-3414

★ Must be 21 to attend

MENTOR ROTARY



MAY 5TH DERBY DAY FUNDRAISER

And we're off!!!

Come celebrate the 144th Kentucky Derby with Mentor Rotary and the Mentor Harbor Yacht Club!

All proceeds benefit the Mentor Rotary Foundation.

Location
Mentor Harbor Yachting Club
5330 Coronada Dr.
Mentor, OH
—
Doors Open
4:30pm
Race
6:34pm
—
Bourbon Tasting
Games of Chance
Hat Contest
Food Stations
Cash Bar
—
Tickets \$45
Derby Squares \$25
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Contact
Derbysquares50/50@gmail.com

News From TRC Berea

Linda G. Kramer
Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Berea



Everyone benefits from estate planning

It's important to plan for end of life issues before timing becomes critical, Attorney Margaret Karl told Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, March 13. "Do not wait until you need it because you may not have the capacity to make the decisions," Karl said.

Estate planning includes four elements, she said – will, financial power of attorney, health power of attorney and living will.

A will tells survivors who gets what, she said. "There is a misconception that this takes care of everything," Karl said. Not so. Wills must go through probate – a long, costly process. Without a will, your assets will be distributed by the court. A trust is an option especially if you want to provide for minor children. A trust can spread benefits over time.

Powers of attorney allow those you designate to make decisions about your financial and medical needs if you are unable to do so. Powers of attorney should be updated periodi-

cally. Some banks won't recognize them if they are considered "too old."

A living will lets medical professional know your wishes about end of life care, such as life support systems.

Estate plans should be updated every three to five years, Karl said. Laws change, your wishes may change, those you have designated for powers of attorney may decline to serve.

Karl's office is at 1100 W. Bagley Road, Berea, Suite 210. Call (440) 973-4145 or email mtkarl@mtkarllaw.com. Visit www.bereaohiolaw.com for more information.



Berea Rotarians Support Church Street Ministries

Members of Berea Rotary attended and helped to serve at the Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser for Church Street Ministries, which operates a food pantry and Second Mile Shop to benefit those in need throughout Cuyahoga County. Church Street Ministry is headquartered in Berea. Berea Rotarians help to found it. Attending the dinner were, from the left, Assistant Governor Linda Kramer, club secretary JoAnn Solnick, Ann Socha, Past President Hilary Wilson; front row, Dr. Edward White and Tom O'Donnell. Not pictured is Berea Municipal Court Judge Mark Comstock.

A Journey Made Easier

When I was President of the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh during our Centennial year of 2010-2011, my then soon-to-be husband Jerry Bruce faced a battle with stage-four cancer and impending major surgery. I was living in Pittsburgh; Jerry still resided in his long-time home in Ohio, except—best case scenario—he was facing an extended hospital stay. I wanted to be with him as much as possible—and yet I did not want to shirk my duties as President of the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh, either. As a result, I pretty much lived on the highways between the states, and kept my Rotary clothes in the car. I frequented Ohio and PA travel rest stops for a quick change into dressy Rotary clothes, before immediately returning to my vehicle to meet a Wednesday, 11:30 AM deadline after which I changed again on the PA Turnpike returning as fast as possible to Cleveland Clinic (in addition to keeping current with my consulting business while on the road).

Everyone's cancer experience is different. In our case, the situation was tense and overwhelming. We prayed the Rosary together and stayed close with long weekend support from Jerry's adult children who flew in from CA, MA, DC and MD. The Bruce Tribe knew their father and I were about to undergo a medical journey of great proportions needing ongoing post-surgery support and care. For me, I was experiencing internal turmoil and showing external calm as we approached a soon to be twelve-hour procedure. So many unknowns ... So many fears.

I reached out to our incredible District 7300 PDG and Past RI Vice President Lou Piconi (now deceased) for a contact in District 6630 who might own a Cleveland area car rental agency since it was so expensive for airport car rentals. At that time, Jerry had a company car but his children weren't covered under their insurance plan. Lou told me not to worry that I would be contacted.

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference: Camp RYLA

A Journey cont'd

The next day, RI Trustee and Lou's great friend PDG Mike Johns from District 6630 visited us at Cleveland Clinic. Jerry was being prepared for surgery. Mike asked me to step out for a quick hospital lunch. I wasn't eating or sleeping much, and the respite was welcomed. As soon as we sat down, he smiled and shared that I was not alone and that a delightful and caring lady (Ohio) Rotarian offered support with lending a vehicle. He handed over a set of car keys and shared that the vehicle was now located in Jerry's driveway for use by the family for as long as needed. If ever there was a Rotary 'aha' moment it was then. I can't say enough about how incredibly blessed I felt. Two complete strangers, bonded by Rotary, coming together to make a tremendous difference in our lives.

The thoughtfulness, generosity and support that came to us from the Rotary Club of Fairlawn buoyed me, Jerry too, at so many levels. Thank God, surgery was a success. Post-surgery required therapy. Again, Mike Johns came to our rescue by picking me up at the hospital to secure admittance into a wonderful assisted living residence, run by another Ohio Rotarian ... Jerry was able to convalesce in a private room surrounded by extremely caring staff.

We returned the car to Jane Swan, Rotary Club of Fairlawn, with love and gratitude (also new brakes!), and we continue to be honored by friendship and graciousness of Mike and District 6330 Rotarians.

We never expected to be beneficiaries of such profound kindness. Doesn't this tell you how special Rotarians are? Oh, yes, Jerry made an impressively positive recovery; we have since been married five years. Jerry is now a Rotarian, Rotary Club of Bedford. He actively supported my year as District 7300 Governor in 2016-2017. Rotary experience extraordinaire!

Linda Fischer Bruce

It is a Thursday night in June at 7:30 p.m., and we have just concluded the banquet for Camp RYLA. Some of the participants are crying, and the parents are wondering what has just happened. The staff is exhausted and preparing for check out, filled with lots of hugs and goodbyes. Everyone knows that they will not be the same after participating in this camp for the 5 days that they just have had. This is the scene of a powerful program sponsored by our District Rotary Club. This program has changed the lives of so many young people and leaders in northeast Ohio. Read more about Camp RYLA and see how your club can get involved by sending a participant this year.

Dates of this year's camp are Sunday, June 10, 2018 – Thursday, June 15, 2018.

History of RYLA:

District 6630 has a gem in Camp RYLA (Pronounced Rye-Ia). This New Generation program has been featured by our District since 1991 and was developed by Rotarians Rich Humphries, Lyle Pohly and Dr. Bob Jackson. While serving as District Governor and after returning from the Rotary Convention where he learned about the RYLA program, Rich worked with Lyle and Bob to initiate the process of establishing the program in our District. It was determined that, due to its remote setting and centralized location for Clubs in the District, Hiram College would be an ideal location for the camp. Thus, the three met with Hiram College's Dean of Students at the time, Stuart Tennant to discuss this collaboration. In June of 1991, the first RYLA Camp was held at Hiram College from June 16 - 21, 1991.

Dr. Bob Jackson served as the Chair of the District committee from 1991 – 1997, and continued on the committee until 2011. Lyle Pohly served on the committee from 1991 – 2008 and assumed the primary responsibility of arranging the speaker series for the program. Dan Svede then served as

the Chair of the District Committee from 1997 – 2011. Other prominent Rotarians from District 6630 that have served on the District Committee are John Wilson, Tim Wright, and Sheila Hedrick. Marc West, at the time a Hiram College staff member in the Residential Education department, was selected as the On-Site Director and served in that position through 2015. West now serves as the Chair of the District Committee, a role he assumed in 2011. During the summer of 2012, RYLA was moved to Baldwin Wallace University from Hiram College to meet the need for better accommodations at a more reasonable price. To date, RYLA has seen **1148** participants, and **115** staff members through the 27 years of the program.

What is Camp RYLA?

Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a 5 day leadership training camp, held during the second or third week in June, which focuses on personal and professional development of high school students. Rotary clubs throughout the world are committed to helping shape the leadership skills of today's youth. Camp RYLA is one way Rotarians achieve this goal.

Why CAMP RYLA?

*Strong leaders ARE MADE, not born!
Leadership principles ARE LEARNED not inherited!*

Through Camp RYLA, the participants, the "leaders of tomorrow", have the unique opportunity to be exposed to many facets of leadership by individuals who have already learned to be leaders in their professions or fields. Camp RYLA is an enjoyable and valuable experience for those who can meet the challenge.

What will a Student get from CAMP RYLA?

Camp RYLA provides students with an opportunity to exchange ideas, opinions, and beliefs with other students in a relaxed, retreat style setting. At camp, they will be involved. Participants will develop new friend-

RYLA cont'd

ships and become a more effective role model, team player and leader.

How does CAMP RYLA work?

High school students, who will be seniors in the 2018-2019 year, are eligible for this scholarship award. The total camp participants are around 55-65 talented and enthusiastic leaders from high schools throughout Northeastern Ohio. Clubs are asked to send no more than two students that attend the same high school. Some of the participants are established and others are emerging leaders. Camp RYLA proves that a student can make friends—and have FUN—while learning & growing!

What is a typical day at CAMP?

Days begin early with breakfast to get the body moving. Throughout the morning, students attend speaker sessions. Afternoons are filled with speaker sessions, educational activities, and discussion groups. Evenings have social events that allow participants to interact with other campers. They conclude their day back in the residence hall (on-campus housing) for group discussions. This time allows the campers to reflect on the day's experiences and on what they have learned.

Some of the speakers that have participated in Camp RYLA have been the following:

Linda Rea; Dave Mager; George Cochran; Sarah Shumate; Kathryn Craig; Bob Bryson; Lori Fox; Todd Rose; Eric Dickens; Cherrymae Aromas; Kacee (Farrell) Snyder; Debbie Sprang; Betsy Bishop; Lyle Pohly; Trinidy Jeter; Cassy Bailey; Jaime Gray; Chris Bragdon; Kim Dettmer; Evelyn Ashley; Daniel Powell; Hale Chatfield; Dick Kluge; Brad Shumacher; Sean Gilmore; Glenn Zaltzman; Diane Swoope; George Lilja; Robert Kobak; Denny Taylor; Matt Hils; Steve Hallan; Ron Taggart; Frank Vaughn; Michael Schwartz; Lawrence Simpson; Dorothy Jackson; Mark Albrecht and David Pyper.

All of the speakers have provided their services pro bono, which has been appreciated.

During the later years, we have included a Myers Briggs Type Indicator Inventory (MBTI) session. Low rope activities have also been added by the Institute for Creative Living, which has been a great addition to the Camp.

Who will I "Hang Out" with at CAMP RYLA?

Upon arrival, campers participate in "ice melters" that will help them get to know the other people at the camp. During this time they will also meet the Counselors (who, for the most part were campers 2 years prior or current college students) and the On-Site Director.

Later on that day, participants, with ten to twelve other campers, will be assigned to their discussion group for the rest of the week. Participants will be in a group of diverse student leaders representing high schools from throughout the Northeastern Ohio area. Teamwork, communication & consensus building are developed as the students face the week's challenges together. Through these experiences they will find they have many things in common with other participants. These experiences will be the source of many of their camp memories.

Looking to Get Involved with RYLA?

The District RYLA Committee is always looking for members to join. If you want to be a committee member, please contact Marc West, mwest@bw.edu or (440) 826-3483.

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS TO SEND A STUDENT TO RYLA:

1. Establish a Chair for your Club to head up the effort. Send that person's contact information to the District Chair – Marc West (mwest@bw.edu)
2. Visit the District Website for RYLA for promotional materials (letters; brochures and flyers) and the application. Edit it for your Club's

use.

3. Determine the amount of participants (no more than two students from the same high school) that you want to send from your Club.

(Cost is \$475 per participant, so be sure to check if the Club's budget can handle it)

4. Establish a timeline to meet the deadline of May 18, 2018 to submit the application(s).

5. Work with the high schools in your Club's area to generate an interest in sending a participant to the Camp. Provide the high school counselors/staff person with information about the camp to give to students and applications.

6. Select participants:

a. Have the high school counselors/staff person select students to apply and distribute applications.

b. Have the Club's Chair gather the applications from the high schools.

c. The Club selects the participants (some Clubs choose to interview the applicants).

Send in a check, for the amount, for the number of applicants times \$475.00 to the District Chair. Deadline: Wednesday, May 16, 2018.

Mail to:

Marc West
Baldwin Wallace University/
Student Life Center
275 Eastland Road
Berea, Ohio 44017

Checks need to be made payable to Rotary District 6630. In the unlikely event that the camp reaches its cap of 65 students prior to receiving your checks, your Club RYLA Chair will be notified and your Club's check will be returned.

8. After receiving your checks, the participants will be notified with the Username and Password to fill out the forms online through the District website.

9. Have 2 Club members offer to drive the participants to Camp (optional). Have 1-2 Club members attend the closing banquet on Thursday, June 15, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. and be prepared to be amazed about your investment in the program for youth! (required).



Basic Education and Literacy, and Peace
2 June 2018 — Chicago, USA

We have the great honor of being the only Rotary International Zone in the United States hosting one of six Presidential Peacebuilding Conferences in the world. President Ian Riseley has chosen Chicago as the Presidential Peacebuilding Conference on June 2, 2018 with a focus on Peacebuilding through Education and Literacy.

We hope you will join us in participating in the Chicago 2018 Presidential Peacebuilding Conference that is attracting Rotarians locally, nationally, and internationally.

We have outstanding speakers that will engage you in discussions and opportunities to advance peace with a focus on inner peace, inter-personal peace, and community peace. You will hear how over two dozen organizations and leaders are Making a Difference and how you can replicate those initiatives in your own settings.

The Conference will also be host to over 150 students engaged in a Rotary-UN Model Day voting on key resolutions on access and safety in schools and peacebuilding training in school. Rotarians will be able to view the student speeches, caucuses, and listen to the students as they engage with Rotary President Ian Riseley on the results of their caucuses and final voting on the resolutions.

This is a unique opportunity to showcase our Zones 28-29 on an international stage and to work together to engage and advance peace within ourselves, among each other, and in our communities.

We are looking forward to seeing you on Saturday, June 2 in Chicago at the Presidential Peacebuilding through Education and Literacy Conference. Please register at www.rotaryliteracy.org

Sincerely,

Robert Knuepfer

Rotary International Director 2017-2019

Mary Beth Grownay Selene
Rotary Foundation Trustee 2016-2019
Past Rotary International Director



Rotary International President Ian Riseley Invites You

Peacebuilding through Education and Literacy

June 2, 2018
Chicago South Shore Cultural Center

Be Inspired - Form Partnerships - Take Action!



Rotary International President Ian Riseley is presiding over the Rotary Presidential Peacebuilding through Education and Literacy Conference on June 2, 2018. Of the six Peacebuilding Conferences focused on Rotary's Areas of Focus, the Chicago Peacebuilding Conference is the only one being held in the United States.

Peacebuilding Conference

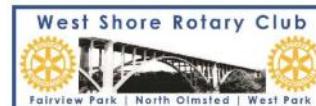
The Peacebuilding Conference will feature international and local speakers with interactive discussions on:

- Education and Literacy – Foundations of International Peace
- Work Locally – Global and District Grants
- Peacebuilding on the Ground in Chicago – Presentation of Paul Harris Fellows
- Prevention of Violence in Young People by Teaching Peace
- Curtailing Violence By Addressing Epidemic of Violence and Sustainable Development Goals
- Peace and Education – Never Too Late
- Rotary Peace Scholars – Making a Difference
- What Can We As Rotarians Do Going Forward?
- CARGO Peace Circle – Live enactments for Rotarians and Students
- Spoken Word Performance

Rotary-UN Model Day

Additionally, we will be hosting a Rotary-UN Model Day in conjunction with the Peacebuilder Conference at the South Shore Cultural Center for a diverse group of local high school students. Students will be focused on two resolutions related to equity in education and teaching peacebuilding skills in elementary and high schools. Students will begin their research on their assigned countries in February and will come prepared to present, debate, caucus, amend, and vote on resolutions. The student caucus leaders selected by the students will present their resolutions at the end of the day to Rotary President Ian Riseley, Rotarians, and Community Leaders attending the Conference.

Zones 28-29 are the hosts for the Peacebuilding Conference. Additional information and registration are located at www.rotaryliteracy.org including information on the Rotary-UN Model Day.



Will host speaker

Bob DiBiasio

Cleveland Indians VP of Public Affairs

Tuesday, April 3rd, 2018

Noon



The 100th Bomb Group Restaurant (Rosie Room)
20920 Brookpark Rd. Cleveland, OH 44135

\$25 per person ~ Buffet Lunch

Drawing for a chance to win 2 tickets to an Indians-vs-Yankees Game

\$5/ticket

Courtesy of Dan Fronczak

Two minute DVD presentation on the Cleveland Indians
State of the Indians discussion with Bob
Q & A Session

Bob DiBiasio is entering his 39th season with the Indians and his 40th in Major League Baseball. He started in 1979 as Assistant PR Director, was named Director of PR in 1980, and named Vice President of PR in 1988. The Lakewood, Ohio native was promoted to his current position in 2011. His lone season away from the Tribe was 1987 when he served as PR Director for the Atlanta Braves.

"Beat the drum" – invite your clients, friends, associates, spouse and others.



Let's talk Tribe!

Payment by check preferred, made payable to The West Shore Rotary Club
RSVP to Luisa at lhsalesofohio@gmail.com or 216-355-0516 by March 20th