



# 2018-2019 Newsletter

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District 6630  
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**Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski**  
District Governor

## ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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### November 2018

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### Governor's Letter



#### FOR THE PURPOSE OF "DOING GOOD IN THE WORLD"

"The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work on marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds, if we imbue them with the full meaning of the spirit of Rotary...we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity."

— Arch C. Klumph, Father of The Rotary Foundation

November is the month when Rotarians world-wide have historically focused on The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International and when we as Americans pay tribute to those men and women who have served with honor and distinction in the US Armed forces in war and in peacetime, and particularly those who have given their lives, the ulti-

mate sacrifice, so that we as a nation remain free.

Veteran's Day originated as *Armistice Day* on November 11, 1919, the first anniversary of the end of World War I which occurred 100 years ago "on the 11<sup>th</sup> hour on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month in 1918." In 1954 President Dwight D. Eisenhower officially changed the name to Veteran's Day. I have been so impressed with the number of programs that so many of our Rotary Clubs have designed to honor "and thank" our Veteran's not just during November, but throughout the Rotary year.

Thank you to our Veteran's and those who are in active duty today, and your families, for your "Service Above Self."



It was during World War I at

the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, GA in 1917, that 1916-1917 RI President, our own Arch C. Klumph (Past President of the Rotary Club of Cleveland) called for the formation of an endowment for the purpose of "doing good in the world." Shortly thereafter, Past President Arch's dream was realized when the first donation of \$26.50 was received from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri. In the last 100 years, The Rotary Foundation has spent over \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects locally and around the world.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

You may have seen Rotary's recent announcement that "for the 11th consecutive year, The Rotary Foundation has received the highest rating — four stars — from Charity Navigator, an independent evaluator of charities in the U.S. The Foundation earned the recognition for demonstrating both strong financial health and commitment to

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accountability and transparency. 'We are extremely honored to be recognized,' says Foundation Trustee Chair Ron Burton. It represents the hard work and dedication of countless Rotarians throughout the world. They know their gifts will be used for the purpose for which they were given and that they will, indeed, make a real difference.' The rating reflects Charity Navigator's assessment of how the Foundation uses donations, sustains its programs and services, and practices good governance and openness."

*Rotary's 35,000 clubs carry out sustainable service*

*projects that support our six causes. With donations like yours, we've wiped out 99.9 percent of all polio cases. Your donation also trains future peacemakers, supports clean water, and strengthens local economies. It can save a life. A child can be protected from polio with as little as 60 cents. Our partners make your donation go even further. For every \$1 Rotary commits to polio eradication, the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation has committed \$2.*

*- The Rotary Foundation*

Your gifts to the Annual Fund and/or Polio Plus, will be included in our District's giving totals for the Rotary

year. And one-half of those funds given will come back to us in three years for use in funding District and Global Grants. In addition to EREY (Every Rotarian Every Year) one of the easiest ways to contribute to The Rotary Foundation is through a bequest – by naming The Rotary Foundation as a beneficiary in your will or your retirement plans.

Here is a [link](#) to our "53,000 Points of Light" District 6630 Polio Eradication effort. With 27 new cases of polio as of January 1 (Afghanistan/19; Pakistan/8), we have now surpassed 2017 where we saw a total of 22 new cases of WPV1.

Thursday, December 6<sup>th</sup> is also when we as a district come together to honor The Rotary Foundation and pay tribute to those clubs and individuals who have made significant contributions in 2017-2018. It is a party of the "first order" to celebrate "Doing Good in the World" with a Live and Silent Auction, Decadent Dessert Dash and a contest for most creative costume! See all of the details below! Registration is open - go to <https://rotarydistrict6630.org/>

David and I wish each of you a Healthy and Happy Thanksgiving!

Warmest regards,

Bev

## My Rotary Defining Moment-PDG Mike Davanzo

When I was a new Rotarian my experience was very basic and very limited. My role as the Athletic Administrator for a large school system required me to be at meetings and events daily. Therefore, I attended as many club meetings as possible and not much more.

Upon retirement, I became more involved in Rotary at my club level and then at our district. I began to attend district conferences and went to an International Conference. Then DG Stew asked me to be an assistant governor. I was able to have a closer look at Rotary and then attend zone meetings and more International Assemblies.

In my educational preparation for being a DG, we were asked to talk about our defining moment. I look at the defining moment as the time I went from being a member of a club to being a Rotarian. I see the defining moment as the reason I keep returning to meetings, keep attending events, and keep being involved.

For me it was not a big event as going on an NID or going overseas to work on a project. My moment came after listening to others who experienced Rotary at various levels and watching and helping our club do small things in our community. At each activity, I saw that we were making a difference in our community and in our world. I saw that what I did was connected to a whole world of doing good. Even though, I never administered the polio vaccine, I was part of that because I was part of the organization that did that. I helped by doing what I could as far as contributions and working at events that raised money for polio.

When I attended my first Rotary International Convention in New Orleans, I met thousands of other Rotarians from all over the world. Even though we did not speak the same language, and just met, we knew that we were reconnected and were eager to communicate with each other.

For me, the defining moment was the realization that I was part of 1.2 million other Rotarians and that we together were doing projects and tasks that made our communities better and made the lives of people both home and abroad better – all while having fun and making new friends. This brought home the phrase coined by Aristotle – the whole is greater than the sum of its parts.



My dear friends and fellow Rotary leaders,

As we enter Foundation Month, we would like to thank each and every one of you who did so much to make World Polio Day such an enormous success.

We welcomed Rotarians, Rotary staff members, Rotaractors, and guests to our livestream viewing and virtual reality event here at Rotary headquarters in Evanston. It was an amazing experience—not only sharing our excitement and enthusiasm for polio eradication with so many strong supporters, but knowing that our event was just one of the 3,300 registered World Polio Day events taking place around the world on that day. Every one helped raise awareness of our work; every one brought eradication that much closer.

Rotary's work to eradicate polio continues, as does our work to promote literacy, economic development, better health, clean water, and peace throughout the world—all of it supported

by our Rotary Foundation. In its 101st year, our Foundation continues to be the engine that drives the Rotary machine, allowing Rotary clubs and districts to aspire to larger, more ambitious projects with transformative, sustainable impact.

If your club is thinking about taking on a more ambitious project, remember that Rotary Action Groups (RAGs) are great resources. RAGs are international groups of Rotarians, family members, program participants, and alumni who are experts in a particular field, such as microcredit, peace, family health, disasters, or water. In addition to contributing technical expertise, RAGs can also assist clubs with global grant projects by helping prepare grant applications, conduct community assessments, identify partners, raise funds, and

establish monitoring and evaluation plans.

Some of the largest RAGs serve as leaders in Rotary's areas of focus and help clubs take on large-scale global grant projects: RAG for

Population and Development, Water and Sanitation RAG, RAG for Family Health and AIDs Prevention, Microfinance and Community Development RAG, and RAG for Peace. Connect directly with a RAG for assistance with a project, district, or global grant, at any stage of planning.

You can end Foundation Month on a charitable note by participating in Giving Tuesday, 27 November. Rotary will be joining thousands of other organizations worldwide for a global day of giving. Our new online giving platform has made it easier than ever to give to the Foundation, and

you can easily notify someone of a gift made in their honor via email or by printing and delivering a customized notification yourself.

We usually refer to The Rotary Foundation as Our Foundation. Unlike most charities, our Foundation is truly Our Foundation, because it is both supported by the Rotary family, and supports the work we do. This year, our Foundation has already approved 222 district grants, with \$31.9 million USD in total funding, and 41 global grants, with \$11.9 million in total funding.

Our ambitious goals to grow our endowment and our annual giving set the stage for a larger, more effective, more sustainable Rotary—that will Be the Inspiration for generations to come.

Yours in Rotary,

Barry Rassin  
President, Rotary International 2018-19

Ron D. Burton  
Trustee Chair, The Rotary Foundation 2018-19

**\*\*EDITOR'S NOTE\*\***  
**BE SURE TO MOVE YOUR CURSOR OVER THE GRAPHICS OR PICTURES FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT... MANY OF THEM ARE LINKS TO VIDEOS, WEBSITES, PICTURES OR OTHER GOODIES**

## Rotary Returns with Santa on the Green December 1

Santa on the Green, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hudson, is a long standing tradition in Hudson started over 45 years ago. Last year more than 350 children visited with Santa assisted by numerous Rotarians who enjoyed the celebration as much as the parents and children.

The event takes place on the Gazebo Green where Santa arrives via fire engine at 9:00 a.m. The Gazebo provides a great setting for photos with Santa and Mrs. Claus and Hudson's Restaurant helps keep everyone

warm with hot chocolate. Candy canes will be provided, too.

To avoid long lines, a ticket system has been established that will allow Santa to chat with 20 families an hour for a total of 120 visits during the six hour period of 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at 8:00 a.m. by the Gazebo where families will be given a time to get in line for their scheduled Santa visit. This process helps families avoid long lines and enjoy being in downtown Hudson for the holidays.

Come, join in the holiday spirit and excitement of Santa's arrival by fire truck. It will be a memorable time for children and parents alike.



## News From TRC Twinsburg

### Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski Visits Twinsburg Club

October 31st was a very special day for the Rotary Club of Twinsburg as we welcomed District 6630 Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski for her annual visit. Accompanying Beverly for the visit was her husband and Past Governor, David Skrzyński.

Besides the inspiring and energizing words that Governor Beverly shared with our club, it was nice to hear her compliment our group on our long history and the service projects that we involve ourselves with.

Beverly also bestowed the Rotary Unsung Hero Award to our club secretary, Cindy Leonard, who was the unanimous choice by co-Presidents Steve Bosso and Shannon Collins. Cindy has done an amazing job for us and she is one of the main reasons that our club has been so successful for many years!

Congressman David Joyce, from the 14th District also honored Cindy with a proclamation rewarding her for her dedication. She IS our unsung hero!



### Twinsburg Rotary Presents Entire Grade with Dictionaries

On Wednesday, October 31, the Rotary Club of Twinsburg delivered over 300 dictionaries to Bissell Elementary School for distribution to all third grade students. To kick it off, we started with Mrs. Depew's class, who were so excited to get their own personal dictionaries that they tore right into them trying to find new words to use!

We are so proud to partner with the Twinsburg City School District on this annual project and we can't thank Superintendent Kathi Powers, Bissell

Principal Misty Johnson and Vice Principal Scott Winter enough for their support. It's one of our very favorite service projects!



### Twinsburg Rotary and VFW Partner to Feed Vets

On Tuesday, October 23rd, the Rotary Club of Twinsburg sponsored lunch for Wade Park Veterans at our local VFW Post #4929. Many caring hands made the task of serving our heroes much easier.

Special thanks to Roxanne Barringer, mother of our club's co-President Shannon Collins for cooking an amazing meal of beef tips, twice baked potato, green beans, mushrooms, and salad. There were scrumptious desserts as well!

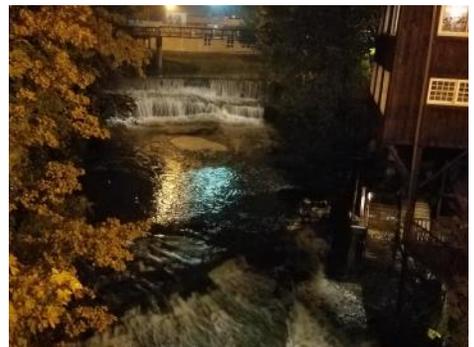


## News From TRC Garrettsville/Hiram

November 7th, the club held its annual Reverse Raffle, which is preceded by a few stressful days leading up to the big night. Wondering if we forgot something, i.e. sound system, check; pickles, check; bowls for pickles, check; you know what I mean. This is the single fundraiser we do for the year. Its success determines what programs we can do.



Well I must say it exceeded my expectations. The house was packed full. It was exciting to see so many people come out to support our club. Positive comments about the club's past projects help to energize all of our members to continue working on big projects, such as the one we just finished - Lighting of the Falls. This was a huge project that involved downtown business cooperation, the Village of Garrettsville Council, Interact Club and our Rotary members. Initially thought to take about 100 hours, it ended up being more than 200 hours.



We finished just in time for the James A. Garfield Historical Society's Christmas Walk. Everything seemed to come together with the weather breaking just enough to finish. Eagle Creek was at early flood stages and was quite a dramatic show for the lighting of the fall's rushing waters. Thanks go out to all of our sponsors for the evening and those who attended and donated baskets for the Chinese auction. It is because of these generous people that we can do all that we do. Whew!

**ALL OHIO**

**PETS**

**Presidents-Elect Training Seminar**

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- Running your meetings
- Leading Rotarians
- Engaging your Club's members
- Attracting New Members
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<b>Mark MALONEY</b> Rotary International President-Elect		<b>Mary Beth GRONNY SEBINE</b> Rotary International President	
<b>Floyd LANGIA</b> Rotary International Zone 1B-11		<b>Tom THORNTON</b> Rotary International General Manager & Chief Strategic Officer	
<b>Liz SMITH</b> Rotary Public Image Coordinator		<b>Geoff COCHRAN</b> Rotary Club and District Support Officer	

## Paul Harris Society

### Hey Fellow Rotarians, have you heard about the Paul Harris Society?

After club and international service, I don't think there is a better way to show your support of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation (TRF) than by the financial support you provide. Thank you so much for your past support of TRF and Polio Plus.

Rotary created a unique opportunity for those Rotarians willing to make an annual commitment of \$1,000 to TRF and or Polio Plus. This opportunity is called the Paul Harris Society (PHS). We have over 35 PHS members in our district and would like to add many more. There may be many of you already contributing this amount or more and just never formalized your commitment. I would love to talk with you and make your PHS membership official.

If you would like to find out more about the PHS, please contact me. I would love to talk with you about it.

Jim Lechko  
District 6630  
Paul Harris Society/Major Gift Chair  
2018-19

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## Interactors Raise Funds to Help Hurricane-ravaged St. Thomas

When the middle and high school students in District 6630 Interact Clubs throughout northeast Ohio learned of the devastation caused by Hurricanes Irma and Maria in the Caribbean last year, they knew they wanted to help and immediately sought out an Interact Club in St. Thomas, V.I.



More than 325 Interact leaders and Rotarians gathered at Tallmadge High School on Saturday, November 3 for Interaction 2018 and to celebrate their success. With the donations from our district's Interact Clubs and 19 Rotary Clubs, and support from District 7020, approximately \$37,000 was raised over the past year to replace much-needed books, computers and other equipment and materials for the library at the Ivanna Eudora Kean High School on St. Thomas. This far exceeded their original goal of \$10,000. Our Interactors are in regular communication with the Interact Club at the high school who will be the direct beneficiaries of this incredible generosity. This Global Grant was spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Chesterland and with the corresponding matches provided by District 6630 and The Rotary Foundation, resulted in a total grant of approximately \$142,000.

The Interaction 2018 Conference at Tallmadge High School was a chance for the youth to plan a project for next year and to hear from Rotary leaders on how students can make a difference in the world. This year, the Interact Clubs voted to help children in foster care.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Tallmadge, Interaction 2018 was hosted by the Tallmadge High School Interact Club and adviser Kelli Christopher. Conference leader was District Chair Chelsea Talty, adviser to the West Geauga High School Inter-

act Club and a former Interactor herself.

The conference opened with Rotary District 6630 Governor Beverly A. Ghent-Skrzynski, who encouraged the students to become people of action and inspiration to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate.

Michele Campbell of the LeBron James Family Foundation echoed those thoughts and told the students to find their passion and realize that we are all part of larger family. "With those two thoughts aligned, you will be surprised at how deep an impact of service you can provide," she said. Campbell described live-changing services and activities at the Promise School sponsored by the James Family Foundation. She said taking care of students and their families was key.

Mark Horner, a history teacher at Tallmadge High School, said that often when you help another person, it ends up helping you too. "If you want happiness for an hour, take a nap. If you want happiness for a day, go fishing. If you want happiness for a year, inherit a fortune. If you want happiness for a lifetime, help somebody," he told the students.

Interact Clubs represent Rotary in action at the high school level. Rotary's motto is "Service Above Self" and northeast Ohio Interactors have put that in practice.

If you are interested in starting an Interact Club at your local high school, contact your local Rotary Club or District 6630 Interact Chair Chelsea Talty. Go to [www.rotarydistrict6630.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6630.org) for more information.

Maureen Garnett  
District 6630 Public Image Chair

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**IF YOU ARE A ROTARIAN, PLEASE COMPLETE.**  
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Club number: \_\_\_\_\_

**GIFT DESIGNATION (choose one)**

<input type="checkbox"/> Annual Fund (MIME)	<input type="checkbox"/> PolioPlus Fund
<input type="checkbox"/> Providing Clean Water	<input type="checkbox"/> Training Sponsor
<input type="checkbox"/> Supporting Education	<input type="checkbox"/> Saving Mothers and Children
<input type="checkbox"/> Promoting Peace	<input type="checkbox"/> Growing Local Economies
<input type="checkbox"/> Other	

**RECURRING GIFT AMOUNT (minimum US\$ 10)**  
 \$10  \$25  \$50  \$100  \$1,000  Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Currency of not US\$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FREQUENCY**  
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Contributions are the absolute value added to the fair market value, please do not exceed credit card restrictions as well.  
\*Help the Rotarian. District representatives give a \$100 credit toward their 2018-19 Annual Fund (PolioPlus Fund) or an approved foundation plan. Visit [www.rotary.org/rotarydirect](http://www.rotary.org/rotarydirect)

Rotary International

## News From TRC Akron

Akron Rotary Chili Open Co-Chairs, Wanda Whipkey and Dr. Rob McGregor and their committee presented the 2019 Chili Open Tee-Off during a Club meeting.

They really energized our members and guests to help raise our goal of \$275,000. This is our largest fundraiser for the Akron Club and Camp for Children with Special Needs, and it is no small undertaking. Thank you to everyone for assisting where you can - your time, talents and treasures are appreciated!



On Friday evening, October 26th, we had 41 students from the North High School Interact club come out to camp for an evening of fun, food, skits, and games. We were joined by our visiting International students, Anna from Spain, and Sataro from Japan. The kids had a great time and they were blown away by the beauty of the camp and the kindness and graciousness of the staff. In spite of the rain they were able to make s'mores inside with a cozy fire in the Great Room.

Thank you Akron Rotary and Akron Rotary Camp!

Helpers were Chair, Steve Buie, Ben Heckerman, David Hall, Cyndi Kane, and Stew Buchanan.

It was no tricks, but just treats, this past weekend at Rotary Camp. Our campers had a great time trick-or-treating from cabin-to-cabin, and had a fun time playing games in the Rec Hall.

Thank you for all the candy and treat donations, and to all the volunteers that made it a delightful experience for our campers. The students from Super Learning did a great job decorating the dining hall with ghosts, bats and jack-o-lanterns.



Hope you all had a boo-tiful Halloween with lots of treats!



Thank you volunteers! Ben Heckerman, Laura Fink, Vincent Munnerlyn, Sara Eddy, Steve Buie and our North High Interact Students prepared the

October 20th meal at Ronald McDonald House.



Save The Date - February 2, 2019  
Akron Rotary • 29<sup>th</sup> Annual

**chili open**  
golf classic  
29<sup>th</sup> Annual

To benefit the Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs

There's Something Special Going On!  
Presented by: **WAYNE HOMES**  
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[www.chiliopen.net](http://www.chiliopen.net)

9:00 am - 1:30 pm

Hale Farm and Village | 2686 Oak Hill Rd, Bath, OH 44210

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## Prepare For Thanksgiving

Sandy Hinkle, Executive Director of FEEDING MEDINA COUNTY, gave a warm holiday welcome to all FMC volunteers who arrived early on a busy Thursday morning to unload trucks and set up for the Thanksgiving Free Food Distribution at the Medina County Fairgrounds Community Center. Thank you to: Kiwanis & Rotary, Girl Scouts, Medina Christian Academy, St. Francis Xavier School, Sandridge Foods, Job & Family Services, CSEA, the Army, Navy, and all our wonderful Veterans.



A Thanksgiving invocation was given by Roy Lehman from Medina Breakfast Kiwanis and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was led by Navy Petty Officers Ashley White and Kaylie Leopold, and Army National Guard SFC Steve Callahan, with Caleb Callahan from Medina Christian Academy as the flag bearer. Caleb is the son of Caleb and Stacey Callahan from Medina.

Caleb Callahan's special Thanksgiving Wish: "I am thankful to all those who fight for our freedom, my family, and the Lord who loves and saved me."



### BEREA ROTARY HOLIDAY PARTY

Wednesday, Dec. 12

Bucci's J Bella restaurant

12201 Pearl Road, Strongsville

Social hour 5:30-6:30 p.m.

(Light appetizers, cash bar)

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Meal choices: Cod with raspberry sauce, Strip Steak & Chicken Marsala  
\$30 per person

RSVP to Judy Stull by Dec. 7

[jasd1@gmail.com](mailto:jasd1@gmail.com)

(440) 236-9055

GUESTS WELCOME



Are you looking for vacation ideas next summer, well I would like to invite you to the Rotary International Convention in [Hamburg Germany](#)

The Convention runs from **Saturday June 1st to Wednesday June 5th 2019.**

Don't wait to register the [Rotary International Convention](#) <http://www.riconvention.org/en/hamburg>

**Save \$100 by registering before the DECEMBER 15<sup>th</sup> Deadline**

**Dates to keep in mind –**  
28 JUNE -15 DECEMBER 2018 Register online, mail, fax **\$395**  
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1 APRIL -5 JUNE 2019 Register online or on-site in Hamburg **\$595**

**Hotels are filling up fast, so don't**

forget to book yours today  
<http://www.riconvention.org/en/hamburg/accommodations>

**Ticket availability:** Hamburg Host Organization Committee events are starting to sell out. Secure your spot for the dance and music performances, bike tours, host hospitality night, and other wonderful activities by purchasing tickets soon.

<https://ric2019.rotary.de/en/events/>  
Don't miss your chance to experience Hamburg like a local!

**Save the Date! June 1, 2019 @ 6:00 pm**

Ein Prosit to Rotary! and have a blast with all of your friends from Zones 28 and 29. This will be our last Harrah with our current paired zones and will provide us a special time together to enjoy German culture, food and drink. Watch for details and registration information to join us on Saturday, June 1 at 6:00 pm.

## SUPER Learning Center Christmas Party

Please Join Us for Akron Rotary's Annual Christmas Party for Special Needs Children at SUPER Learning Center On Thursday, December 13th, Please Come Anytime Between 9 A.M to 3:30 P.M! An Hour of Your Day Will Create a Lifetime of Christmas Memories!

Santa Claus will be coming to town on a firetruck to deliver presents to 147 wonderful special needs children of SUPER Learning Center, so come be a part of the excitement as we celebrate Christmas a little early!!

You will see the excitement on the children's faces as they press up against the windows to get a first glimpse of the legendary Santa Claus! As he walks into the building, he is greeted like a Rock star, the shouts of excitement and joy can be heard from down the street.

After walking around and viewing the halls and doors decorated for him by the children of the school, Santa returns to a beautifully designed Santa Room, where he presents each of the 140 special needs children with an individualized gift!

It gets even better as you can see their faces light up with wonder, as Santa

greet them all with personal knowledge of their school and home life, proving that he truly does know everything! Then follow the children back to their classrooms, and watch as they open their presents, in an experience that just might change how you appreciate the Christmas season!

After Santa has delivered the presents to all the children, the wonderful students of SUPER Learning Center have a small play and singing songs of Christmas in a wonderful expression of thanks to the members of Akron Rotary!

Those who attend from noon to one will be provided a delicious pizza lunch, so please let us know that you plan to come!

SUPER Learning Center is located at: 1584 Wilson Ave, Lakewood, OH 44250, however this location was formerly a Lakewood public school, so some older GPS's might not recognize the new one. Here is the old address: 1584 Wilson Street, Akron, OH 44312. Both of these addresses lead to the same location, so please try the other if one does not work! We look forward to seeing you there!

Bill Manby & Matt Slonsky

# Children of the Dump-Nicaragua Update Oct. 2018

By: PDG Jack A. Young  
Nicaragua International Hope and  
Relief International Foundation  
Board of Directors 2007-19

The following is an update on our involvement with the Shoe Boxes for the Children of the Dump and the house of unwed mothers in Chinandega, Nicaragua. With the great support in 2018 of the Rotary Club of Westlake Bay Village this year as their International Project, the first container of Shoe Boxes and other items has been shipped from Texas and will be arriving before Christmas and will be distributed accordingly. With the help of Rotarian's and Rotary Clubs in 4 other states we have another 2 containers that we are planning on shipping from Texas.

The latest information I have received that due to the somewhat unrest of some students in Nicaragua regarding their government, we are planning on sending the other two containers of items from Texas. The challenge we have been faced with is that with this unrest, we will incur additional import charges on these containers that we did not plan for in our

budget. With that, we have received some additional donations from several clubs in our district to help with these expenses. We feel confident that from all districts and clubs supporting this International project, will have enough funds to deal with this increase cost. With that, if any Rotarian or Rotary clubs in Ohio would want to support this cost, please feel free to contact me as soon as possible regarding the details. We have had over 22 Rotary Clubs in our district and others in Ohio support this needed project for the Children in Nicaragua.

Further, with the unrest that has become less in recent weeks in Nicaragua, the situation is not over and still somewhat unstable. Therefore, the Board of Directors of the American Nicaragua INTERNATIONAL Hope and Relief Foundation has made the decision not to sponsor a general visit to Nicaragua in December as we have done over the years. If things should change we will let you know. With that the staff at the school and the local Rotary Club will insure that

the items are delivered to the children as in years past.

We certainly hope and pray for this challenging situation to be resolved so that we will be able to continue our support and travels to the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua in the future IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE TO FINANCIALLY HELP THE PROCESS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT ME AT 440-759-4000 or jack1villa@aol.com.

As a member of the Board of Directors, Marsha and I thank you for all of your support on this much needed International Project during the past 12 years and I look forward in traveling to Nicaragua next year with a group of Rotarian's and Friends of Rotary.

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,  
PDG Jack Young

## In Memoriam



**William Kenneth Clickenger**

(Nov. 14, 1944-Nov. 12, 2018)

The Rotary Club of Berea extends its heartfelt condolences to the family of fellow Rotarian Ken Clickenger. Ken was past president and secretary of the Middleburg Heights Rotary Club and membership chair for Berea Rotary. He had been a Rotarian for 25 years and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He had retired as the business manager of the Berea City Schools and of the Euclid Schools.

He is survived by his wife, Joy; children, Bess and Ken Jr.; step-children, Jason Nagel and Justin Nagel; and three grandchildren.

Services were Nov. 14

## Medina Sunrise Rotarians Honor Veterans

Colonel David Taylor, American Legion Post #202 Commander, officiated the Medina Sunrise Rotary Veteran's Day Ceremony at Carlson's Funeral Home in Medina. Past Rotary District Governor Jack Young solemnly read the Veteran's Day Dedication beside the flagpole following the Pledge of Allegiance, Dr. Mike Carlson's invocation of "Service and Sacrifice", and TAPS played by David Harrison on solo trumpet:

Dating back to 1918, on the 11th hour of the 11th day, in the 11th month, this most reverent day -- commemorating the end of World War I -- was solemnly dedicated in perpetuity to honor the service and sacrifices of America's Veterans in all U.S. Wars.

This most honorable national holiday is now celebrated to encompass all veterans of wars, conflicts and active duty military service. In the United

States, the armed services community is a tight family and the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard, National Guard, Reserves and Civil Air Patrol have played a vital role in shaping the destiny of our country as well as that of the entire world.

Today, Rotary pauses ... to express its deep appreciation to Our Fellow Rotarians and all those who serve and who continue to serve in our nation's Armed Forces.

No greater love hath one than to lay down his life for another. -- John 15: 13



# News From Aurora Interact

On Saturday November 10th, over 30 Interact students from Aurora High School raked leaves for the elderly in Aurora organized by Rotary Club of Aurora. The students braved the cold temperatures and worked away with smiles on their faces. Many of the residents came out to greet us and provided drinks and snacks. They were in dismay that the students showed up in 20 degree weather. Two different women were in tears and visibly and emotionally shaken by the presence of the students working away in their yards. They shared some very personal testimony with us and the students were compassion-

ate and patient while they told their stories. Despite the cold it was a very rewarding day and one of the favorite annual fall events of our Interact students.

photos here:

[https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PxtDOcgVPo81mA60nYw\\_HlqsiyTi](https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1PxtDOcgVPo81mA60nYw_HlqsiyTi)

Melissa Foster  
Aurora High School  
Rotary Club of Aurora

# Stow-Munroe Falls Interact

Stow-Munroe Falls High School's Interact Club members attended the annual "Interaction" district event held at Tallmadge High School on Saturday, November 3. Students from various Interact Clubs joined up to donate items for human trafficking and to decide on their district-wide project for the year.



Interact members left to right are: Tina Ly, Shea Sullivan, Angela Sparrow, Justin Moeller, Spring Biggs, Jordan Collins, Ali Hijazi, and Shelby Burgess.




**Rotary Districts 6600, 6630, and 6650  
Tri-District Membership Contest**  
(Discussed at the Sunday, October 21st Seminar in Wooster, OH)

What?	Receive Paul Harris Recognition Points by accumulating the most points during the contest period
When?	October 21- December 31, 2018
Who?	All Rotary clubs within Districts 6600, 6630, and 6650
How?	Each club can accumulate points the following ways: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ 1 point for each attendee at this Membership Seminar</li> <li>✓ 1 point for highest % membership growth listed with RI</li> <li>✓ 1 point for each new member</li> <li>✓ 5 points for developing a program with emphasis on new member acquisition, engagement, or retention. This would be sent (via e-mail), to the committee chair, Sieglinde Warren, <a href="mailto:suwarren19@zoominternet.net">suwarren19@zoominternet.net</a>, on/before December 31st, on the attached "Program Results" form.</li> <li>✓ 1 point for having a <b>net gain</b> of +1 during the contest period (October 21 – December 31).</li> <li>✓ 1 point for having either a membership chair or committee listed in either DACdb or Club Runner</li> </ul>

A committee, comprised of members from Districts 6600, 6630, and 6650 will determine which clubs, in each district, have been the most effective. Recipient clubs (3 per district) will be awarded as follows:

First Place	= 3,000 Paul Harris Recognition Points*
Second Place	= 2,000 Paul Harris Recognition Points*
Third Place	= 1,000 Paul Harris Recognition Points*

\* In case of a tie, the PHF points would be divided among the 1st, 2nd, or 3rd place winners.




**Districts 6600, 6630, and 6650 Membership Program Results**  
(Must be received by no later than December 31, 2018)

**Rotary Club of:** \_\_\_\_\_ (District: \_\_\_\_\_)

\_\_\_\_\_

(Contact Person) \_\_\_\_\_  
(E-mail) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Phone) (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

A. **Program specifics** - New member acquisition, enhancement, engagement, or retention\*

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

B. **Program Goal** - What do you wish to accomplish? - New members, membership assessment, improving your membership retention, diversifying your club, enhancing your club experience, etc. \* (Please refer to the following link for additional ideas/support - <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership>)

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\_\_\_\_\_

C. **Results** - What were you able to accomplish? What did you learn? What will you do differently, in the future, to be a more effective and vibrant club? How can your district be of greater service to you, with regard to membership?\*

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\_\_\_\_\_

\*(Please use additional sheets, if needed)

# Rotary and Scouting Part 1

Although Rotary was founded in 1905 primarily as a networking organization to promote the idea of members doing business with each other, it was not long before the organization changed its focus to service. With this change in focus came an interest among Rotarians in working with boys in their local communities. Of course, in those days, all Rotarians were men, so it was natural for them to want to provide positive role models for boys.

By 1922, more than 1,000 Rotary clubs around the world had established boys' work committees. Rotary International took notice of this interest in boys' work and, at its convention in 1922, a resolution was passed establishing a standing Boys' Work Committee. For several years thereafter, the Boys' Work Committee made reports at the RI business meeting at the annual convention.

While each Rotary club was able to decide on its own what boys' work activities it would engage in, it soon became apparent that working with Boy Scouts was a convenient way in which to have a positive impact on youth. This certainly was the case in Rotary District 6630 and its predecessors.

As reported in District 6630's official history\*, by 1925, the Rotary Club of Kent's Boys' Work Committee had joined the "Boy Scout Movement." Club members began by working with an existing Boy Scout troop of 16 boys and then developed four additional troops, with a total of over 100 boys in the five troops. Along the way, they formed a First-Class Scout Council and Court of Honor and gained affiliation with the Akron Area Council of the Boy Scouts of America. In the following years, Boy Scouts were frequently invited to club meetings, and the Scouts participated in numerous activities of the club.

For many clubs founded in the 1920s, working with Boy Scouts was one of the first service activities in which the members were involved. In the same year that the Rotary Club of Lodi came into existence (1926), several Lodi Rotarians helped form a Scout Troop in the village, and a Boy

Scout cabin was constructed in the Community Park. In 1930, a charter was issued to the Rotary Club of Lodi by the Boy Scouts of America, and a formal scout committee was established within the club, which remained the sponsor of the Boy Scout Troop until just a few years ago.

At the Rotary Club of Cleveland, members engaged in a wide range of boys' work activities, including providing financial and other support for Boy Scout troops. When the club hosted the RI Annual Convention in Cleveland in 1925, Boy Scouts from the Cleveland Council assisted the local organizing committee by acting as aides. On April 3-4, 1936, the Rotary Club of Cleveland sponsored the Boy Scout Merit Badge Exposition at Public Auditorium. Participating were 62 troops, each accompanied by their Scout masters and 1-2 sponsoring Rotarians from their local areas. Display booths were set up for each merit badge category. By 1938, the club was supporting seven Boy Scout troops. For more than 20 years, the Rotary Club of Cleveland has sponsored and supported Cub Scout Pack 63 in the inner city, serving primarily at-risk youth. Past President Bill Garrison and Cleveland Rotarian Tracy Blake oversee the organization.

Over the years, there have been many examples of Rotary's involvement with scouting, including both the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. In 1925, Geneva Rotarians established Camp Stigwandish for the Boy Scouts, and the club continued its support for the Boy Scouts for many years. In 1931, the Rotary Club of Hudson built a log cabin on a town green for use by the Boy Scouts. That cabin stands today and serves as a meeting place for club-sponsored Boy Scout Troop 321. Also in the 1930s, the Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River built a Boy Scout cabin in the valley, a true hands-on undertaking for the members.

By 1950, the Rotary Club of Mantua was sponsoring both a Boy Scout Troop and a Cub Scout Pack, and in 1953, they moved an old building to the Scout Reservation and refurb-

ished it for the use of the Scouts. Also in the 1950s, the Rotary Club of Jefferson supported a Boy Scout troop, providing leadership as well as raising money for troop activities. Club members later helped the Scouts finish the interior of a cabin near a local reservoir. Within the first decade of its chartering in 1951, the Rotary Club of Burton-Middlefield sponsored a merit badge contest for the Boy Scouts and painted buildings for the Girl Scouts and the Boy Scouts. In the mid-1950s, the Rotary Club of East Cleveland built a shelter house at a Girl Scouts camp.

In the 1960s, members of the original Rotary Club of Stow helped the local Boy Scout troop in a clothing and furniture drive to benefit Goodwill Industries of Akron.

In the 1970s, the Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls purchased and distributed (with the Girl Scouts) packets of literature about poison control to local residents. Soon after its chartering in 1978, the Rotary Club of Strongsville was responsible for getting a charter for Boy Scout Troop 701. By the end of the 1970's, the Rotary Club of Fairlawn had started its tradition of helping maintain Boy Scout Camp Manatoc and Girl Scout Camp Ledgewood.

Once the Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls was organized in 1980, its members quickly established service projects, with the first community activity being the stuffing of poison control door hanger bags for the local hospital. The bags were stuffed at the Marhofer Chevrolet garage and distributed by the Boy Scouts. At about the same time, the members of the original Rotary Club of Solon were cooperating with the Boy Scouts in a recycling effort.

Many clubs reported making financial donations to either the Boy Scouts or the Girl Scouts or both. Among the donor clubs were the Rotary Clubs of Andover, Ashtabula, Barberton, Chardon, Euclid, Garfield Heights, Garrettsville-Hiram, Heights of Greater Cleveland, Hillcrest, Medina, North Olmsted, North Royalton (original [Cont'd on pg. 11](#))

## Rotary & Scouting cont'd

club), Painesville, Parma, Rock Creek/Grand Valley, Wickliffe, Willoughby, and Twinsburg. It is likely that many other Rotary clubs in the district did likewise but did not report the activity in their club histories. Next month, we will explore the involvement of individual Rotarians in leadership roles in both Rotary and scouting.

\* Edward G. Thomas, *The History of Rotary District 6630: The "Home" of Arch C. Klumph, Second Edition*, Copyright by Edward G. Thomas, 2016.

## New CSU Rotaract Club Needs Your Help

A Rotaract Club is being established at Cleveland State University, and the organizers could use some help in identifying potential members. The effort is being led by Ayah Ighneim, a CSU student who formerly was president of the West Geauga High School Interact Club. Cleveland Rotarians Ed Thomas and Jennifer Kelly are working with Ayah to start the Rotaract Club at CSU. If you are a Rotarian, please let us know if you have a son or daughter or other relative who is a student at CSU and who might be interested in joining the Rotaract Club. If you are the advisor to an Interact Club, please let us know if any former members of your club are now students at CSU. If you can help us, please send the names and email addresses of potential CSU Rotaract members to Ed Thomas at [edthomascsu@gmail.com](mailto:edthomascsu@gmail.com). Your help will really be appreciated.

## Update from the World Scouting Inter-American Scouting Center

PDG Jack Young, District 6630 Fellowship Chair

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's has received word from the World Scout Bureau that there are over 50 million Scouts all over the world and still growing. The next regional meeting of scouting will be held on November 9th in Panama and the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's plans on having a both/ exhibit at the conference. We did have an exhibit in September at the Africa Regional Conference in September and at the Asia Pacific Regional Conference.

PDG Jack Young would like to know

if anyone from the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's or Scouting Leaders from the United States is planning on attending the Scouting Conference in Panama later this month. If you have any questions about the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's or any Rotary Fellowships, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young, District 6630 Fellowship Chair and Chair for the Inter-American Region (North, Central and South America) at 440-759-4000 or [jack1villa@aol.com](mailto:jack1villa@aol.com)

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## More Rotary International Fellowships

By PDG Jack Young, Chair-District Fellowships

This is the third in a series of articles on the Rotary International Fellowships. If you have any questions on these and other Rotary Fellowships, please feel free to contact our District 6630 Fellowship Chair PDG Jack Young. (440-759-4000 or Jack1vil-la@aol.com)

### **FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIAN EDITORS AND PUBLISHERS**

With this fellowship you can post to our Rotary IFPEP Group are items that would be of interest to Clubs/District/Zone/Fellowships/RAG, etc. Bulletin Editors and Webmasters, as well as those consistent with Rotary International's Goals and Policies. This fellowships encourages the furnishing of Rotary Information to Rotary and its organizations.

### **FELLOWSHIP OF ROTARIAN EDUCATORS**

The International Fellowship of Rotarian Educators is a group of individuals who is dedicated to promoting quality education (both public and privately), as well as other types of training and development such as continuing education (CE), Further Education, Adult Education, Lifelong Learning and other forms of Instruction as an opportunity for fellowship. If you are interested in Education, this fellowship will benefit you.

### **ENVIRONMENT FELLOWSHIP**

The Environment Fellowship of Rotarian's (EFP) unites all Rotarian's, their partners and Rotaractors who are very interested and or have a vocation related to the Environment. Interest in the environment can be general or specialized including contributing towards building an environment of peace and sustainable development in the world.

### **ROTARIAN'S OF AMATEUR RADIO FELLOWSHIP**

The ROAR Fellowship provides a forum of the exchange of views among Rotarians who share an interest in amateur radio, either as a li-

censed radio amateur or as a short wave listener. We wish to promote International understanding and fellowship. To become a member of ROAR, you must be an active Rotarian, a Rotaractor, a licensed amateur operator or a person with genuine interest in shortwave radio whose spouse/partner is a member of ROAR.

### **MUSICIANS ROTARY FELLOWSHIP**

Their mission is to promote Rotary Fellowship by encouraging to organize musical activities for performance at all levels of Rotary functions and to support community musical organizations and school music programs. They include Rotarians, spouses, partners and Rotaractors who want to connect with each other through their love of music.

### **POLICE AND LAW ENFORCEMENT PROFESSIONALS FELLOWSHIP**

This fellowship strives to keep in touch with each other who profession is to serve and protect their respective country by sharing information. This fellowship started with one individual who wanted to keep in touch with other in a forum of Rotarians to an International Forum of Law Enforcement individuals from all over the world to share ideas and practices.

### **FELLOWSHIP OF QUILTERS AND FIBER ARTISTS**

The Fellowship of Quilters is a group dedicated to promoting quilting and fiber arts as an opportunity for fellowship and service. This fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International Policy and is an avenue of providing help to those who need such as a method for helping the needy. The purpose of this fellowship is also to promote the sharing of ideas and new techniques for members who enjoy the use of fabrics as n art form.

### **RAILROAD FELLOWSHIP**

This International Fellowship is made up of Rotarians who have an interest

in railroading in any format, type, size or related interest. The travel and are interested in collecting railroad collectibles, private rail cars, trolley cares and whatever related interest there is from the membership. They also like information on Railroad Museums and publish a newsletter called the Smokestack.

### **GLOBAL HISTORY FELLOWSHIP**

This fellowship is an association of Rotarians and Friends of Rotary dedicate to accumulating and preserving the history, values and philosophy of the Rotary movements, and encouraging others to do the same publishing these histories, values and philosophies on the internet. PDG Bonnie Housley is an active member and Assistant Board member of this Fellowship for Zones 28-29.

More information on Rotary International Fellowships will be listed in the December 2018 District Newsletter. For more information, Please contact PDG Jack Young, Chair, District 6630 Fellowships.



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# Parishioner helps ailing pastor with **kidney donation**

STORY AND PHOTO BY CAROL KOVACH

**WHEN JIM LECHKO LEARNED** in spring 2013 that his pastor, Father Joseph Mamich of St. Joseph Parish in Strongsville, needed a kidney, he knew what he had to do.



Jim always was willing to be an organ donor and he faithfully checks the organ donation box on his driver's license. But being a living donor hadn't crossed his mind until he learned of Father Joe's situation.

"I can't explain it," Jim said of his decision, "except that in the Bible it says, 'There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for a friend.'" That reasoning helped convince his wife, Sue, that he was serious about donating one of his healthy kidneys to Father Joe.

"I was first diagnosed with a pediatric kidney disorder in 1985," Father Joe said. The hope was that he would outgrow it. The official diagnosis came his junior year in high school and he learned that he likely would have problems by age 30 to 40. At 33, he began having symptoms. He underwent frequent testing and eventually

dialysis to clean the toxins from his blood.

He also got cellulitis and developed a staph infection that required surgery. After being placed on a regimen of steroids, his hip deteriorated and he had hip replacement surgery. He was placed on the kidney transplant list, but continued to minister at the parish — where he has been pastor since 2011 — as his health permitted.

Five potential living donors were located, but only Jim moved on to the second round of intensive testing. Although he was in generally good health, the doctor would not agree to the transplant until Jim got his own

health in order, which meant losing weight and lowering his blood pressure and cholesterol. He followed a Mediterranean diet and ran five miles a day, five days a week. In three months, he lost 27 pounds and was in excellent health, so the surgery was scheduled for March 10, 2014. A Mass of thanksgiving was planned for that day at St. Joseph Church.

Unfortunately, Father Joe had another health issue that delayed the transplant, so he and Jim attended the Mass. Until then, no one except Father Joe and Sue knew that Jim was the donor.

"I preferred it that way," Jim said, "but Father had prepared the announcement thinking the surgery would be over." He described the Mass as "an amazing feeling. I could feel the prayers."

The surgery finally took place on April 28, 2014,

at the Cleveland Clinic. Both men recovered well, with Father Joe resuming most of his work 10 weeks after surgery. He was able to celebrate Mass publicly three months later. He must take anti-rejection drugs for the rest of his life.

"I feel great," Father Joe said, adding that he is grateful to Jim for the gift of his kidney.

"Father tells my wife that when I go, he wants the other one," Jim quipped.

The two men visit the MedTrack classes at Padua Franciscan High School — Father Joe's alma mater — each year to talk about being a transplant donor and recipient and to help raise awareness of the need for organ donors.

"I never had any second thoughts," Jim said about his kidney donation. †



**LEARN MORE**  
For more information about what the Church says about organ donations and transplants, read **Last Word** on page 30.

the Mighty Mara's Citrullinemia & Transplant Journey Facebook page she created to chronicle Mara's story.

"I will never have words big enough, I will never be able to express the magnitude of our appreciation, I will never go a day without thinking about you, and thanking God for sending you our way," Gina wrote. "Your selfless gift that you humbly call a 'sliver of a liver' gives my daughter a future. In your honor, we will pass along the love of God to someone else — some way, somehow. We will pay it forward. Our hearts will forever be full of love for you and your family and I can't wait for you to follow Mara's new journey in life," Gina added.

"You are our hero, Cindy. Thank you for saying yes; thank you for donating life."

Cindy is fully recovered from the surgery and stays in touch with Gina — and Mara — through Facebook.

Since the transplant, Mara has

grown more than five inches in height and learned to crawl, pull herself up, walk, run and talk. She must go for regular checkups and bloodwork and must take anti-rejection drugs for the rest of her life, but Gina said she has a chance to live a full life because of the "sliver of liver" she received from Cindy. †



**LEARN MORE ABOUT UNOS**

The United Network for Organ Sharing — UNOS — is the private, nonprofit organization that manages the national organ transplant system under contract with the federal government. Visit [unos.org](http://unos.org) for more information.

**BECOME AN ORGAN DONOR**

For more information on organ donation, visit [organdonor.gov](http://organdonor.gov). The site includes information on being a donor, educational videos and details on organ, eye and tissue donation.

Two families brought together

▶ At left, Cindy and Tim Farrell and family at their oldest daughter's wedding last fall. At right, the Petrochellos pose for a family picture. (Photos supplied by the Farrell and Petrochello families)



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