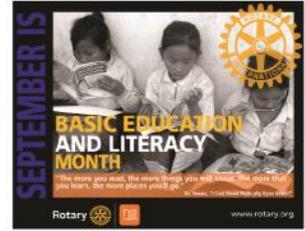




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District Governor

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Governor's Letter

District 6630 Family of Rotary:

After just a little over two months into this Rotary year it is YOU, the Presidents and your Rotary clubs, that keeps me energized and focused. The Rotarians and their families are People of Action of the first order and each of you have hit the ground running in your projects and activities. I have been welcomed with such warmth at each of my club visits – it is absolutely the best part of being your District Governor.

The plans that many of the clubs have shared with me for membership development and engagement are outstanding (please see the September message that appeared on Facebook from President Barry on page 13). I have watched with interest and pride at the new member inductions that are already taking place in this new Rotary year - some of which I have been honored to take part in. The next step of course is engagement and leading them to their own "Rotary Defining Moment" (see page 2 for this month's example).

Mark your calendars for the afternoon of October 21ST as details are currently being finalized for a "joint" Membership Seminar with Districts 6600 and 6650 for our Club Membership Chairs, Presidents and Presidents-elect. You will be hearing directly from our District Membership Team on this important "next step."

September is "Basic Education and Literacy" month. *More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's population.* Rotary's stated goal is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education and increase adult literacy. Every club in this district is engaged in some way in this important Area of Focus. Every time you mentor one of our youth...work with advocates to offer a community literacy program for adults...provide a scholarship....sponsor a 4-Way Test Speech Contest....put a dictionary into the hands of a young child...host a Free Little Library...or read to a senior whose eyes can no longer see...that is the

Gift of Rotary.

The initiative launched last month to seek out our Rotary Alumni within our clubs is taking form and an important part of my Governor's message as I make my visits. Please see the article on page 7 that talks about "Rotary Reconnect Week" scheduled for October 1-7 that ties directly into our efforts. Find these young people who were the beneficiaries of your club's programs and see if Rotary is still a part of their lives and if not, find out why! Our Interactors, Rotaractors, Youth Exchange Students and former GSE and Ambassadorial Scholars, for example, are ALL critical to the future of Rotary and integral to world understanding and peace.

Thank you for Being the Inspiration to me.

Bev

My Rotary Defining Moment

When asked about their Rotary Story, many cannot simply point to just one experience. When Governor Bev inquired as to my Rotary story, it was an easy one. A Rotary story, or often referred to as a Rotary moment, is an experience when Rotary touched or impacted your life or your community.



I joined Rotary 4-1/2 years ago at the bequest of Shon Christy, who at the time was the Rotary Club of Akron's President-Elect. I met Shon at a luncheon where he was the speaker. He invited me to an open house at the Rotary Camp of Akron, where I met his fellow Rotarians and took a tour of the camp. It was love at first sight (the camp and I of course-lol!) I joined Rotary soon thereafter.

Fast forward a week or two as I chaperoned my daughter Kimberly's volunteer team the summer after her freshman year at Archbishop Hoban High School for JAM, Justice Area Ministry. Team members and their chaperone are assigned a local non-profit and they serve in a volunteer capacity for 4 days at the same location. We had been assigned a local non-profit where we would work in the food pantry for that period of time. On the morning we arrived to the school we received our assignment folder with instructions. Our previously assigned location had cancelled and I opened the folder to see our new assignment - the Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs. How exciting! I had enjoyed a tour of the camp at the open house, but I had not seen the camp in ac-

tion! Though I have to say I didn't know what to expect, we were welcomed and trained on how to assist in their day camp setting, assisting those with special needs with activities, crafts, meals, and transport.

Again, it was love at first sight, but this time it was Kimberly. I asked her when writing this article to reminisce for a moment back to that first day. Her answer was simple, "but Mom EVERY experience since my first time at camp has been even more magical than the last one!" You see after that first week, Kimberly went on to volunteer at camp over 1,000 hours over summers and respite weekends before she graduated. She even was awarded the Outstanding Youth Volunteer Award for her service. The summer after graduation she got hired first in the kitchen until she was 18 and then as a counselor. It had to be one of her top 5 days in her life when she was hired - SO EXCITED! She went back again this past summer, she loved it so much.



But where does the life changing come in you may wonder? You see up until two weeks before, she was to start Bowling Green State University majoring in International Business and Chinese. But you see she finally found her passion...and even though everyone else could see she might really love the culture and language

of China (and boy was she good at it!) she loved working with those with different abilities even more. Two weeks before college began, she became an Intervention Specialist major in the College of Education.

You see, in my Rotary story, while I continued to volunteer at camp on work days through our club and our construction company has completed a few projects, Rotary has not only changed my life, but it has also helped Kimberly find her life's passion. If you have a child, you know for certain their happiness is as a parent your greatest joy. Yours in Rotary Service,

Julie Brandle, Immediate Past President, Rotary Club of Akron

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Getting Ready For the Exchange

Rotary Youth Exchanges continue! What an opportunity for our young people!!! Someone is always there to help out. District 6630 Rotarians involved in the 2018-2019 Rotary Youth Exchange gathered at the Public Library in Independence July 24 for a special informational session. District officers, Bob Heydorn (RYE Chair), Shelia Hedrick (Inbound Chair), Patrick Kelley (Outbound Chair), and Susan Colville-Hall (RYE Trainer), conducted the meeting. Participating



clubs sent their youth exchange officers and counselors. Clubs hosting this year include Lakewood and Rocky River, Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Garrettsville-Hiram, Medina Sunrise and Akron. Also attending were several 2018-2019 Outbound students and their parents and three Rebounders!

District RYE students, Drew Vargo (France), Elizabeth Whetstone (Brazil) and Kevin Cush (Mexico) who spent the 2017-2018 year abroad gave invaluable information. They came to report on their experiences abroad and answer questions. One of the highlights of the meeting occurred when District Governor, Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski presented the certificates of completion to Drew, Elizabeth and Kevin. (Picture below.) It is amazing to realize the leadership skills these young people develop while living and studying in another country. Elizabeth, who spoke Spanish

before going to Brazil, came home fluent in a new language – Portuguese! Drew came home as fluent as most secondary French teachers in the language. And Kevin could convince you he was from Mexico. Bi-lingual and bi-cultural!!! Plus a year's worth of growth in personal development and leadership skills. That is the benefit Rotary offers to Outbound students. Know someone who should try this next year??? Email: Patrick Kelley <ryepatrickkelley@gmail.com>



****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

"Be the Inspiration" Live a Significant Life

Have you ever observed that it only takes a spark to light a fire, and soon all those around are warmed up in its flame? If so, do you realize how much good you can do to others by living a significant life!

A life of significance requires nothing external. You can be significant with or without material landmarks. A life of significance is far more concerned with what you give to others, than what you gather for yourself.

People may forget what you say and do to them. But they will never forget how you made them feel. Your true significance calls for an answer to the question: "Am I making a difference in the lives of others?"

Great people have influenced others in every area of life throughout the centuries. For instance, Henry David Thoreau was the impetus for Gandhi's

and Martin Luther King Jr's civil disobedience, which ultimately changed the world. Socrates taught Plato who taught Aristotle, who collectively remain the greatest philosophical trio in the history.

Remember that it only takes a spark in you that can inspire many to face the challenging world with enthusiasm, hope and courage. Make a conscious effort to inspire the people around you. If your words and actions inspire others to dream more, learn more, do more and become better persons, you are not less than any great and significant person in all of history.

As for me, I expect to pass through this world but once; any good thing therefore that I can do to any fellow creature, let me do it now; let me not defer or neglect it, for I shall not pass this way again.

Let this be your motto in life. May your life spark many tiny glimpses of a larger flame!

Mike Johns, PRID



Painesville Rotary Club is with Sue Ellis.

Posted by Eileen Cicero
Just now · 🌐

Congratulations Sue Ellis on your 4th Paul Harris award ! What a wonderful person you are !



Rotarian Veterans

Again this year your Rotary District is encouraging clubs to recognize their members who are also Military Veterans in October or November. For more information please contact PDG Jack Young. (440-759-4000) or Jack1villa@ail.com

On to Hamburg

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>

REGISTER for the 2019 RI Convention in Hamburg

Our [convenient online system](#) makes registering easy for Rotary members, Rotaractors, and Rotary club and district employees. Register early to take advantage of discounted rates. Go to registration fees for information about rates, cancellations, and refunds, and what your registration includes.

Dates to keep in mind –

28 JUNE -15 DECEMBER 2018 Register online, mail, fax **\$395**
 16 DECEMBER 2018 -31 MARCH 2019 Register online, mail, fax **\$495**
 1 APRIL -5 JUNE 2019 Register online or on-site in Hamburg **\$595**

Group registration

Groups of 25 or more Rotary members, Rotaractors, and club and district employees may register as a group. All fees must be submitted in full in a single payment using a credit

card or check (drawn from a U.S. bank only), or through an international office or fiscal agent.

Review the group registration guidelines and download the group registration form. After 31 March 2019, additional group members can be added only on-site at the convention.

Cancellations and refunds

All registration cancellations are subject to a \$50 service fee. Requests to cancel registrations or tickets must be received by 30 April 2019. Cancellations caused by visa denial must be received by 5 June 2019.

Would you like to know more??

Hamburg is a beautiful city located on the Elbe River. I encourage you to explore our information page on the [City of Hamburg](#). Tickets to [Evening events](#) and [Side events](#) will be available at a future date.

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.

Shoe Box Update

In 1998 Hurricane Mitch devastated the town of Chinandega, Nicaragua. Hundreds of families became displaced and resorted to subsiding off the city dump. An Italian missionary, Father Marco Dessy, began an aid program for those families and in subsequent years many Rotary Clubs joined the cause.

Rotary District 6630 has been participating for the past twelve years in the "Shoe Box" project under the leadership of Rotarian Jack Young. For the project, Rotarians fill special shoe boxes with daily necessities and some fun items to be delivered to the children in Chinandega who are living in poverty near the dump.



In 2018 Jack turned project coordination over to the Westlake Bay Village Rotary Club and we are proud to say that twenty-four clubs in our district combined to send 715 shoe boxes and 40 bags filled with supplies for women who are pregnant to Nicaragua. The completed boxes were collected at Westlake Porter Public Library and then taken to a local Westlake business, RAM Sensors, who very generously allowed us to store 10 pallets worth of boxes until they could be picked up for delivery. From there, V3 Transportation donated a truck and driver to take the boxes to Waterloo, IA from where they will ultimately be sent to Chinandega, Nicaragua. Westlake Bay Village Rotary is extremely grateful to our public and private sector partners for helping make this possible.

After successfully completing this project, Westlake Bay Village Rotary is committed to continuing the Shoebox program in 2019. While there was a huge learning curve as we learned the ropes, we would not have been successful without the support and guidance from Jack Young all along the way as well as the generosity of all the Clubs that participated.

"Capture the Moment"
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A Convention Testimonial...
 "Toronto was my first International Convention and there are not enough glowing adjectives to describe my experience. From the moment I walked into the opening ceremony I knew that this experience was a game changer for me. My love for Rotary grew beyond the love I already felt. Through the greenstamps and tears you could feel the power and inspiration in the room. Power that you know will result in lives being changed and the inspiration to create a world filled with peace!"
 "I don't want to miss out on the chance to meet Rotarians from all over the world again. My experience pulled me right to the registration booth to pre-register for Hamburg, Germany and I can't wait!"
 Kathy Hegedus
 Rotary Club of Spring Lake, Michigan
 District 6206

A Message from RID Robb
 Dear Rotarians,
 I hope this finds you well and enjoying the final month of summer!
 It is not too soon to be thinking about attending our Convention next year in beautiful and historic Hamburg, Germany. In fact, I am happy to report that more than 400 Rotarians are already registered from our Zones! The Convention is earlier this Rotary year – June 1 to 5 – so make plans now to attend!
 We are planning a Welcome Reception for our Zones in Hamburg, and details will follow soon. In the meantime, if you have not yet registered, then please do so – we are on track to set a record in attendance from our Zones!
 As you would expect, we have a great program and wonderful special events planned for the Convention, and you will not want to miss them!
 Warmest regards,
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What to see in Hamburg?
 While Hamburg is gorgeous and has a lot more to offer than Amsterdam, the canals are not everywhere. You need to get to certain parts of the city to see the canals. If you're in Hamburg for one day and want to make the most of it, this is one of the canals that you should surely see. Nikolaifleet in Hamburg is one of the oldest spots of the city. To give you the exact location, this is very close to Hamburg's miniature wonderland.
<http://www.visit-hamburg.com/14307/Hamburg-Germany>

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Be the Inspiration, On to Hamburg!

Visit the Rotary International Convention 2019 video at: <http://www.riconvention.org>. Don't miss out on the fun and opportunity to explore the German culture. Watch for more to come in our Zones 28 and 29 convention newsletters.

District Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski Inspires Hudson Clocktower

District Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski visited the Hudson Clocktower Rotary Club on Wednesday, August 29, to induct our own Pat Myers as the District Governor Nominee for 2020-21. Beverly was introduced by HCR Club co-president Kathy Cybulski who also introduced Bev's husband David. David served as District Governor in 1998-99.

A native of Glen Ellyn, Illinois, Beverly gave an inspiring talk about what she called "Rotary moments" that took place throughout her history with Rotary, dating back to the 1980s. At one particular event, for example, she sat just a few feet from the featured speaker, Mother Theresa. She talked about the energy on display in our meeting and how much she enjoyed seeing our enthusiasm.

When Beverly came from Chicago to Northeast Ohio, she joined the Rotary Club of Berea and became vice-president in 1996. She later served as President of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and was one of the lead organizers for the club when they produced the Cleveland Tall Ships Festivals in 2010 and 2013.

Beverly's visit was highlighted by her swearing-in of Pat Myers as the District Governor Nominee for 2020-21. Pat was one of the founding members of the Hudson Clocktower Rotary Club in 2002 and has served the club, district and foundation in a number of capacities, including club president. We all know Pat as a tireless volunteer, a forward-thinking optimist, and a generous, encouraging and

supportive member of our club. We wish Pat every success in her work with Rotary, now and for years to come!



Pat Myers gets inducted as District Governor Nominee for 2020

Bob Carter gets Unsung Hero Award

HCR Club co-president Kathy Cybulski also announced that Rotarian Bob Carter was being singled out for the Unsung Hero Award for his work with Leadership Hudson and Junior Lead-



Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski congratulates Bob Carter

ership Hudson. Bob was a charter member of our club and was third President of the club in 2004-2005, following Jim Knauf. He was also

serving the community as Fire Chief of Hudson at that time.

When our club formed Leadership Hudson to train the next generation of community leaders, Bob and Jim led the classes each year for 10 years. Following Jim's retirement, Bob stayed on and recruited a class graduate, Jill Centrello, to be co-Leader.

When the Hudson Community Foundation could no longer be Leadership Hudson's fiscal agent, Bob formed a committee that resulted in establishing Leadership Hudson as a 501(c)(3) organization. This gave Leadership Hudson the financial security it needed to continue to grow and thrive.

"Through Bob's leadership, a whole community has been made better," said Cybulski. "Bob and all of you who are charter members of our club have made an indelible mark and are leaving a lasting legacy of community service, spirit and pride."

Kathy went on to talk about getting to know Bob better during the time she has been a Rotarian. "It has been my pleasure to get to know Bob as a hard-working, conscientious, open-minded leader and a truly good and kind man who always places 'service above self,'" she said. "Bob is a Rotarian to be honored."

Congratulations to both Pat Myers and Bob Carter! We are proud to have you as members of the Hudson Clocktower Rotary.

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 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.
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Hudson Hub Times, Hudson, Ohio LOCAL Wednesday, August 22, 2018 • 3

Hudson Rotary, Scouts round out 100 years of community service

Open house is Aug. 25 during Art on the Green

HUDSON — Hudson Boy Scout Troop 321, in partnership with the Rotary Club of Hudson, recently hosted a picnic and open house at the Scout-built log cabin historical center on Main Street downtown, to celebrate 100 years of Scouting for the Troop.

Attending were Scout leaders, Scout families, the mayor and Rotary Club members. The celebration featured a tour of the log cabin, a review of new scouting gear, a chance to sit on the high-tech Pinewood Derby track, a taste of delicious Dutch Oven desserts and a proclamation by Mayor David Basil.

The proclamation stated that Troop 321 was founded in 1918 and has met weekly in the log cabin on Hudson's main street since it was constructed in 1931. That kind of Hudson has developed invaluable leadership, personal and life skills that 115 members have earned Scouting's highest ranking, Eagle, which is attained by less than 2 percent of all Scouts.

In the past year, Scouts have engaged in Earth Day projects and campouts in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, assisted at the Akron Foodbank, provided the annual Mother's Day flower sale, conducted a fund raising raffle at the Rotary Club, camped in various Ohio State Parks and participated in the National Boy Scout Jamboree. Members of Troop 321 and the Rotary Club of Hudson will stage an open house at the Scout cabin during Art on the Green Aug. 25. Troop parents and Scouts will be available to talk to families with sons in fifth grade through high school ages 11 to 17 who are interested in Boy Scouts. Rotary will also have a hot dog/bev stand and soda stand on the southeast green to raise scholarship funds for Hudson High School students.

To experience the Adventure of Scouting, contact Troop 321 at www.scoutsusa.org/troop321.org. Hudson Club Scouting sign up will be Aug. 29 and 30 at Ellsworth Hill Elementary School from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. The Rotary sponsored Cub Scout Pack 3321 web site is www.pack3321.org. Rotary members apply leadership to solving social issues, tackling community challenges and finding solutions to the world's systemic problems. www.rotaryhudson.org

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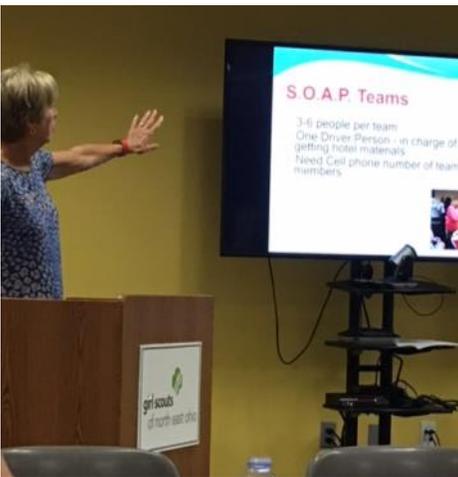
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The celebration featured a tour of the log cabin, a review of new camping gear, a chance to sit on the high-tech Pinewood Derby track, a taste of delicious Dutch Oven desserts and a proclamation by Mayor David Basil, at far right. Members of Troop 321 and the Rotary Club of Hudson will stage an open house at the Scout cabin during Art on the Green Aug. 25.

News From Nordonia Hills

Nordonia Hills Rotary Club sponsored a S.O.A.P. Training Session (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) on August 29 at the Girl Scouts of Northeast Ohio. Priscilla Kaczuk provided information and materials to both Rotary members and Friends of Rotary members. Priscilla said that some 300 designated hotel areas exist in northeast Ohio and all but 3 were currently assigned to S.O.A.P. volunteers. After her presentation, members volunteered to take on 2 of those 3 unassigned areas and another group of volunteers was considering the final 3rd! Volunteers will visit their assigned hotels every 2 months to restock labeled soaps and provide current lists of missing children. Thank you again to all who attended and especially, our Friends of Rotary!!



Congratulations Don Lucker for 50 years in the Rotary club of Painesville ! With his son Stu Lucker



Rewards For Rotarians!!!

Are you taking advantage of all the benefits of being a Rotarian? Sure, there are the “feel good” kind, but are you aware of the tangible, money-saving benefits of your membership?

The Rotary Global Rewards program has been in existence since 2015 and offers Rotary and Rotaract Club members and program alumni an opportunity to save money on products and services. You can take advantage of these special offers, add your own, or choose offers that give back to Rotary.

You will find discounts on everything from travel, dining, and entertainment to office supplies, insurance, care rentals and more. Find special discount offers in your area and around the world.

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stores. Are you planning a trip? Find travel discounts as well as special offers on local attractions, restaurants, and shopping at your destination.

Rotary and Rotaract members, as well as program alumni, can post special offers from their businesses by selecting the Create a New Offer tab on rotary.org/globalrewards. It's a unique opportunity to network and promote your business while helping members do more for less.

If you need help, there are “how-to” guides on rotary.org/globalrewards or you can contact [rotary-](mailto:globalrewards@rotary.org)

globalrewards@rotary.org with your questions.

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Rotary Youth Exchange

September 2018 Connecting students and communities around the world

RECONNECT WEEK 2018

Rotary

Where are your Youth Exchange alumni?

Rotary Reconnect week is 1-7 October 2018! Take this opportunity to invite former youth exchange participants, and other program alumni to renew their connection with Rotary. Host an alumni networking night, plan a service project, or invite alumni of all ages to your next club meeting. Stay connected with alumni to cultivate new membership opportunities and help alumni discover new ways to give back through Rotary.

LEARN MORE >

Christmas Shoe Boxes, School Supplies and Medical Equipment on their way to Nicaragua

On August 31, 2018 The Rotary Club of Westlake Bay Village gathered and prepared for Shipment of items from Rotary Clubs in District 6630 to be shipped to Chinandega, Nicaragua. Members, spouses, partners and children of the Rotary Club audited the boxes and prepared them to be shipped first to Waterloo, Iowa and then on to Texas with the final destination of the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua.



L-R 2005-06 PDG Jack Young; 2018-19 DG Bev Ghent-Skrznski; Paul Ratcliff, COO of V-3 Transportation who is sponsoring the shipment to Iowa; V-3 truck driver Parker Cobi; Cody Miller, President of Ram Sensors where the items were stored and prepared for shipment and Kevin Krantz, past President of the RC of Westlake Bay Village.

Under the leadership of Club Rotarian's Kevin Krantz and Andrew Mangels, the Rotary Club of Westlake Bay Village undertook the Children of the Dump International Rotary Project to Nicaragua which for the past 12 years was started and headed by Rotarian's Marsha Pappalardo, Past President of the RC of Brunswick and Past District Governor and Past President of the RC of Conneaut, Jack Young.

This year the West Lake Bay Village Club stepped forward to handle this International project with the help of Marsha and Jack. They made presentations, distributed and collect-

ed the shoe boxes, layette bags for new born babies, additional school supplies and various medical items, then stored the boxes and prepared them for the 3 month journey to Nicaragua. According to PDG Jack Young, the value of this process including all items, donated shipping cost and preparation of the boxes for 2018 is estimated to be over \$75,000 in value.



According to PDG Young and Marsha Pappalardo, we are very appreciated for the support of the Westlake Bay Village Rotary Club (especially Andrew Mangels and Kevin Krantz), V-3 Transportation for transporting the items to Iowa and to Ram Sensors of Westlake for storing the items for shipment, as well as all those involved for obtaining the Christmas Shoe Boxes and other items. With the combined effort of all, the children living in and around the garbage dump searching for food and other items will have their only gift at Christmas time this year coming from Rotarian's in the United States.

We hope more clubs will participate next year. If any Rotarian or Friend of Rotary would like to go to Nicaragua in December of this year to help distribute the shoe boxes with PDG Jack Young, please contact Jack at 440-759-4000 or jack1villa@aol.com for more information. Additional information will be in the October District Newsletter.



Come Join Us At...

"A TASTE OF HILLCREST"

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hillcrest - Sunrise at:

Executive Caterers at Landerhaven
Wednesday, October 10th, 2018 6:00-9:00 p.m.
 Join The Rotary Club of Hillcrest - Sunrise for a fabulous evening of fun, food and entertainment as we raise funds to:

- Eradicate Polio from the world: (Polio Plus)
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- Enhance the education of students in the Hillcrest Community: (Dictionary Project, Love Cleveland, Vocational Education Recognition Dinner)
- Feed families in the Hillcrest Community: (Meals on Wheels, Thanksgiving baskets)
- Aid the "Seasoned-Citizens" in our communities (Community Partnership on Aging)
- Support local family organizations (Hillcrest YMCA, Hiram House Camp)

Enjoy fine cuisine from local restaurants, live entertainment, 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets are \$40.00 each and include food, soft drinks and entertainment. Cash bar available. Groups of 10 or more tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35.00 each. Limited number of tickets available at the door (\$25.00/ticket tax deductible contribution).

Hope to see you there!!

For more information and tickets, please call 440-343-7503.



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This year, we are collecting pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. Please begin collecting yours and bring them to the event for collection!

For tickets please contact the Rotarian you have purchased tickets from previously, complete and mail the form below, or call 440-343-7503. Thank you!

----- (Dear Name) -----
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Proceeds from this event will benefit the Hillcrest Rotary Foundation.
 \$40.00 per ticket includes food and 100 pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House.

Rotary Club of Brunswick TV Show

Thanks to our new President, James Collins, the Brunswick Rotary now has its own cable television show. Filming is once per month and it airs numerous times throughout the following month. James wants the club to live up to the prestigious club that it is so he decided to make sure the public is aware of who we are and what we do. James hosts the half hour show and it includes the Secretary's Report letting people know what is going on in the club and how they can attend join or get engaged! He also has a "know a member" segment where one of the members is interviewed as to their work life, personal life and what they do in Rotary. So far he has interviewed our City Manager, Carl DeForest as well as our Fire Chief, Jim Baird. Jim had the opportunity to share with the community what a Thermal Imager is and how desperately the department needs a new one. Of course being Rotary we will make that happen! Past President Jim Horn is passionate about the Dictionary Project and has chaired it each year. He had the opportunity to share the program with the community and to tell them to watch for every third grade student to bring home a new dictionary! This past filming included PDG Jack Young sharing the Nicaragua Shoebox Program so that people realize we are International and one of our new members, Dan Logan was interviewed. Dan shared why he choose to join Rotary despite the fact that he already had a full plate! So each month a Rotary Project is highlighted as well as a member! We hope this will be an incentive for more people to join our club!

Human trafficking: TRC Strongsville Hosts Child Predator Forum Oct 16th

By Ken McEntee

Protecting our children: What Internet predators don't want you to know will be the theme of the Rotary Club of Strongsville's Second Annual Community Forum on Human Trafficking, to be held Tuesday, October 16, at 6:30 p.m., at Strongsville Middle School.

Presenters at the event will include:

- Dave Frattare, commander of the Ohio Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force;
- Carol Skutnik and Michael Sullivan, assistant U.S. attorneys for the Northern District of Ohio;
- Holly Welsh, assistant prosecutor, Cuyahoga County.

The speakers will be introduced by Karen Walsh, CEO of the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, headquartered in Westlake.

The Internet, including social media sites, is a tool used by pedophiles and sex traffickers to recruit unsuspecting victims for prostitution and pornography. The presenters will discuss caution signs for youth and parents, while providing real case examples. The information is targeted to parents and adolescents, but because of the mature subject matter, parents should use their discretion about bringing young children.

Human trafficking - today's slavery - subjects children and adults to involuntary servitude for purposes of forced labor and commercial sexual exploitation. As pointed out in the Collaborative's signage and billboard campaign, human trafficking "Happens Here Too."

Working with the Collaborative and a local group that represents law enforcement, health care, schools and others, the Strongsville club last fall hosted its first community forum on human trafficking, drawing more than 200 attendees. The webcast can be viewed at <https://livestream.com/strongsville/humantrafficking/videos/165950394>.

Club members Jeff Ellis and Ken McEntee represent Rotary on Greater Cleveland's Coordinated Response to Human Trafficking, a multi-disciplinary group of almost 40 agencies and organizations coordinated by the Collaborative.

Members of other clubs are encouraged to attend this event to learn more about human trafficking and how we can protect our children. Along with the Strongsville club, the Rotary Club of Nardon Hills earlier this year hosted a community forum on human trafficking, coordinated by current Club President Diana Colavecchio.

Protect our kids - join the effort

District Gov. Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski has indicated her wish for more District 6630 clubs to be educated on how they can involved and support this effort. Rotarians interested in participating in the district's Human Trafficking Committee can contact Ken McEntee, at ken@thewriteco.com.

Strongsville Middle School is located at 13200 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44149.

A Bit of District History: The Evolution of District 6630

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

As was mentioned in the district history article in the August 2018 issue of the District 6630 Newsletter, the Rotary world was organized into districts effective on September 1, 1915. Initially, the Rotary clubs of northeastern Ohio were in District 7, which encompassed Ohio, West Virginia, and the lower peninsula of Michigan. At the time, there were twelve Rotary clubs in Ohio, two in West Virginia, and six in the lower peninsula of Michigan. Only two of the clubs currently in District 6630 were in existence when District 7 was established—the Rotary Club of Cleveland (chartered in 1911) and the Rotary Club of Akron (1914). Charles F. Laughlin, past president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, was elected as the first district governor of Rotary District 7.

Over the next few years, Rotary grew rapidly. By 1918, District 7 had more than doubled, having grown to include 41 Rotary clubs. Because of the growth in the number of clubs, the sheer physical size of many of the original districts, and the difficulty the district governors had in traveling to visit all the clubs, the RI board decided that a reorganization of the districts was in order. Thus, effective July 1, 1918, all the clubs in Ohio were placed in District 10. On that date, there were 20 clubs in the district, all of which had previously been in former District 7. Charles H. Brown of Columbus was the district governor for 1918-19.

During the next four years, District 10 continued to grow and develop. When Dayton Rotarian Robert Patterson came into office as district governor on July 1, 1921, he found himself with a district of 41 clubs that was well positioned to expand even further. By the end of his year in office, nine new clubs were admitted to District 10, bringing the total for the district to 50 clubs.

Once again, the RI board decided to add new districts and reorganize the existing districts. So, effective July 1, 1922, old District 10 (encompassing the entire state of Ohio) was divided into two districts: District 21 covered roughly the northern half of the state, and District 22 covered the southern half of the state. This time, the reorganization of districts lasted longer than the previ-

ous ones, with the next change not to come until 1937.

Initially District 21 consisted of 27 clubs, all in the northern half of the state. By June 30, 1937, District 21 consisted of 67 clubs, including 20 clubs in the area now encompassed by District 6630.

At this time, it was decided by the RI board that the Rotary world had grown sufficiently to justify another reorganization of districts. In Ohio, the result was that old District 21 was divided into two parts, with new District 157 covering northwestern Ohio and new District 158 covering northeastern Ohio.

O. D. Everhard of Barberton was the first governor of District 158. He was in charge of a district covering 43 clubs in 15 counties of northeast Ohio—Ashtabula, Trumbull, Mahoning, Columbiana, Carroll, Harrison, Jefferson, Belmont, Tuscarawas, Stark, Summit, Portage, Cuyahoga, Geauga, and Lake.

During the next dozen years, seven new Rotary clubs came into being in District 158. Because of World War II, the growth of Rotary had slowed down from its earlier pace, so a reorganization of districts was not needed after the war, but RI decided to renumber its districts anyway. So, on July 1, 1949, District 158 became District 229.

Hugh K. Dawson of the Rotary Club of Lakewood became the first governor of District 229 when he took office on July 1, 1949. At that time, District 229 was the home to 52 Rotary clubs. Over the next six years, six new clubs were welcomed to the district.

On July 1, 1955, a minor reorganization occurred when District 230 was established in east central Ohio by taking some clubs from Districts 229 and 232. The following counties were moved from District 229 to the new district: Carroll, Columbiana, Holmes, Jefferson, Mahoning, Stark, Trumbull, Tuscarawas, and Wayne. This redistricting plan essentially established the five districts that still exist to serve all the Rotary clubs in Ohio.

After the reorganization mentioned above, downsized District 229 consisted of 29 clubs in seven counties in northeastern Ohio. Within the next two years, one additional club was chartered in District 229.

As the number of Rotary clubs was continuing to grow in the mid-1950s, the RI board decided that more chang-

es to district boundaries and numbers were needed. So, at its meeting in January of 1956, the RI Board adopted a numbering plan to guide the development and numbering of districts for some time into the future. Under this scheme, numbering groups were designated for certain geographic areas around the world. Thus, all the clubs in the United States, Canada, and Bermuda were to have numbers from 500 to 799.

A renumbering of existing districts was then announced, with the new numbers to take effect on July 1, 1957. In this renumbering under the newly instituted numbering scheme mentioned above, District 229 (northeastern Ohio) became District 663; District 227 (northwestern Ohio) became District 660; District 230 (east central Ohio) became District 665; District 231 (southwestern Ohio) became District 667; and District 232 (southeastern Ohio) became District 669.

Leland C. Keller of Kent had the privilege of serving as the first governor of District 663, which originally consisted of 30 clubs within the counties of Cuyahoga, Lake, Geauga, Ashtabula, Summit, and Portage. Later, most of Medina County was added to the district, but the Rotary Club of Lodi, located in the southwest corner of Medina County, was not included at that time.

Between July 1, 1957, and June 30, 1991, 25 clubs were added to District 663. Then, effective on July 1, 1991, all the Rotary districts in the world were renumbered again by adding a zero to their then-existing numbers. Thus, District 663 became District 6630.

Since its inception in 1991, District 6630 has seen clubs come and go. On July 1, 1994, the border between District 6600 and District 6630 was adjusted so that all of Medina County would be in District 6630. The result was that the district's boundary. To date, the area encompassed by District 6630 in northeastern Ohio has been home to a total of 70 Rotary clubs (see Exhibit 1 for a list of all the clubs). With the recent chartering of the Rotary Club of Green, the district now has 53 clubs.

[CLICK HERE FOR A COMPLETE LISTING OF DISTRICT CLUBS BY CHARTER DATE](#)

RI President's Message September 2018

Imagine if we could take a snapshot capturing all of the work Rotary does on a given day. No one – except Rotarians – would believe that a single organization was capable of accomplishing so much. In that snapshot you would see dedicated volunteers working to eradicate polio, setting up microloans, providing clean water, mentoring youth, and countless other actions.

We can do all this thanks both to our geographic reach and to the fact that our clubs are made up of people who are engaged in their communities. As a part of the community that you serve, you know the needs, you have the connections, and you're able to

take immediate action. That's why every Rotary club's membership should reflect the diversity of its community.

We've made great strides in this. In Egypt, Indonesia, and Kenya, Rotary is approaching 50 percent female membership. We're also expanding the age diversity of our clubs. In each of our communities, young professionals are eager to contribute their talents, give back, and learn from mentors. Let's share with them what Rotary is all about. The Engaging Younger Professionals Toolkit at Rotary.org has an action plan to help you reach young leaders and Rotary alumni in your area.

Another resource that can help us better reflect our communities – one that is global like us, is a quarter-million members strong, and already shares our values of service and leadership – is Rotaract. Rotaractors are our partners: Team up with them on projects, ask them to speak at your events, and invite them to join your club. Dedicated Rotaractors worldwide are becoming members of Rotary and even starting new Rotary clubs while still serving as members of Rotaract.

The world needs Rotary, and Rotary needs strong clubs and engaged members in order to do more good. It is our responsibility – yours and mine – to make sure everyone who shows an interest in joining Rotary gets an invitation. Make use of the Membership Leads tool at Rotary.org, which helps people who are interested in joining Rotary connect with a club that's right for them. And let's ensure that every member has a reason to stay. By building strong clubs that engage in meaningful projects and have fun along the way, we provide value to our club members that they cannot find anywhere else.

Let's not keep Rotary's story – the story captured in those snapshots of service – to ourselves. I challenge you to invite leaders of all ages, men and women, who are looking for a way to give back. By doing so, you will be the inspiration in your community and help Rotary continue to do good in the world.

Barry Rassin
President 2018-19
Rotary International President

Look what we are preparing for you!

A Recipe for Success

Ingredients:

1. Tools to Build Capacity for Membership Growth
2. Best Practices for Engaging Members
3. Building Your Membership Plan
4. Kick-Start Your New Member Orientation
5. Managing Membership Leads and more...
6. Haris Sofradzija, Regional Membership Officer from Rotary International

DESSERT: Opportunities to win 10, 7 or 5 Paul Harris Awards for your club!

Sunday, October 21, 2018, 1:00-5:00



Shisler Conference Center, Wooster, OH

RSVP by October 17th by District:

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6630 Rotary District 6630.org or call 216-533-9496

6650 Joe Belinsky at jabdg1516@gmail.com

News From TRC Berea

Linda G. Kramer
Public Image Chair

Lou Groza Charity Golf Event raises funds for Berea Rotary scholarships and youth sports

The annual Lou Groza Charity Golf Event is sponsored by Berea Rotary and supported by the Cleveland Browns. It raises funds for scholarships and for youth sports. Lou Groza, the Hall of Fame place kicker for the Browns, was an active member of Berea Rotary.

Sixty-six golfers braved the early morning rain to hit the links at Cherokee Hills Golf Course in Valley City. The weather cleared and the day proved a good one for golf and for Rotary.

Golfers enjoyed an awards dinner, 50/50 raffle and raffle baskets. The Browns donated a football signed by Duke Johnson Jr., a football signed by quarterback Tyrod Taylor and a Christian Kirksey signed helmet.

Attending on behalf of the Browns was running back Cleo Miller, who played for the team 1975-1982 as a member of the Kardiac Kids.

Miller told golfers that the Lou Groza Charity Golf Event is a "very worthy cause." Because of Hall of Fame induction ceremony plans for the home opener on Sept. 9, Miller was the sole Browns alumni able to attend this year's golf outing.

He reminisced about his time with the team. "The time I was with the Cleveland Browns I wouldn't trade for anything in the world," Miller said. "Nothing beats being here and being with the fans. You are the heart and soul of the Cleveland Browns," he said.

Lou Groza's grandson Jeb Schubert also played the course. "Thank you for coming out to support Rotary and the Cleveland Browns," he told golfers.

District Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski spoke during the awards dinner. "Lou Groza believed in Rotary. Each and every one of you is important to Rotary and to our humani-

tarian efforts."

Bob Oborn, assistant governor of the Summit County North cluster and former co-chair of Interact & Rotaract, fielded a foursome. His team won the Skins with a 3 on the par 5 No. 9 hole.



PDG Jack Young, DG Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski and PDG Dave Skrzynski support the Berea Rotary's Lou Groza golf outing



Golfers prepare to hit the links at Cherokee Hills



Jeb Schubert, Lou Groza's grandson, speaks to golfers at the awards dinner

Lulu's 3rd Youth Exchange – this time to Italy

Lulu McKee spent three weeks this summer in Italy as part of Rotary's Youth Exchange program. It was her third RYE trip. The others were to



Lulu McKee, PDG Jim McKee and Grandma Isabel McKee visited Berea Rotary on Aug. 28

Spain and Paraguay. Each one taught her something, she said.

"I learned a lot about other cultures but I've learned a lot about myself," Lulu told Berea Rotarians on Aug. 28.

During her slide show, Lulu explained her experiences in San Bassano – a small village in Lombardy in northern Italy. She stayed with the Chiozzi Family and afterward, her exchange sister Viola spent time in Ohio with the McKees. In Italy, Lulu and Viola spent days volunteering at a summer sports camp, but they had plenty of time to visit various local festivals. "Each village has its own festival to honor their patron saints," Lulu said.

With the Chiozzis, Lulu also visited Milan, Cremona, Sirimore and Torre San Martine e Solferino – a tourist attraction known for its medicinal spas.

Of course, there was Italian food – gelato, pizza and pasta. There is spaghetti and meatballs but in Italy the two are not served together and real Italian pasta is served al dente with little sauce.

The requirements to join Rotary differ from those in the U.S. Prospective members must be at least 30 and must have been a member of Rotaract. There often is a waiting list to join.

Next summer, Lulu is hoping to return to Europe with visits to her Spanish and Italian hosts.

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Rotary International Fellowships

Jack A. Young, PDG 2005-06
Chair District 6630 Rotary Fellowships

One of the goals of our DG is to share information on the Various Fellowships in Rotary International during her year. With that, as chair of our District Fellowships of Rotary International, I will be providing information each month to District 6630 Rotarians in our newsletter by giving a brief overview of each fellowship. Hopefully, based on your specific interest, you may want to explore further these Fellowships numbering over 75 that allow you to become involved by either contacting me or going to the Website of Rotary International.

4 x 4 International Fellowship

They are a group of Rotarians who are passionate about the beautiful outdoors and about travel. Members are thrilled to have the opportunity to share their passion for off road adventure with like-minded fellow Rotarians. Traveling off road, as example in Southern Africa opens marvelous opportunity for wild life observation.

Antique Cars Fellowship

The coordinate at least one International Touring Rally per annum and support national chapters to get established and provide national support to rallies. The support Rotary Clubs with the promoting of Vintage and Classic Car Rallies and Shows along with sharing information.

Fairlawn Rotary Observatory

The Fairlawn Rotary Observatory is finished and getting very well used. Over 600 people have viewed the universe in it first full month of

Brewing Fellowship

The purpose of this fellowship is to foster and encourage fellowship between and among Rotarian's of nations who have a love for Beer and through this fellowship support International Projects of the Rotary Foundation.

Bird Watching International Fellowship

In 1991, the tradition commenced of holding field trips during the convention to seek out local birds. Over the years these trips have taken place the day immediately after in International Convention. With the aid of local leaders, each trip customarily locates about fifty local species. Between 20-30 Rotarian's and spouses usually take part in these events. Our own, PDG Julie We3st, is chair of this Fellowship.

Bowling Fellowship

The purpose of this fellowship is to promote International Fellowship between all bowling Rotarians and to hold regularly an International Bowling Competition, hereafter referred to as the "Championship".

[CLICK HERE TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ROTARY FELLOWSHIPS INCLUDING LINKS TO THEIR WEB PAGES](#)

Foundation Report August 2018

The 2017/2018 foundation giving reports have been finalized and are being reviewed. Unfortunately Rotary International had a problem with their computers sometime last May or June and a few of the reports appeared to contain errors. As the District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) I am in the process of reviewing these documents along with Foundation Compliance Coordinator Rick Pollak and hope to have things corrected soon. These are important reports, as you know, since they are the basis of our share amounts of District Designated Funds (DDF) that we receive back from RI for our matching grant and Peace Scholar programs. The current total giving amount for the 2017/2018 Rotary year is shown by RI to be just under \$200,000 for the district. Hopefully when the numbers are corrected we will be above that figure as I felt this is where we should have finished. I will update everyone if changes are made. The Foundation Awards Ceremony is scheduled for the first week in December this year and will be a great event. These awards will be for PDG Amy's year of 2017/2018 and should be exciting and fun. Please plan on representing your club and attending one of the most enjoyable events in the district. Every club should plan on sending at least one representative.

Foundation giving continues to be top priority for all DRFCs and we are no exception. Each year we try to improve are giving performance and therefore increase our DDF that funds our match- [Cont'd on pg. 14](#) 



News From TRC Berea cont'd

In the meantime, she is a senior in high school and looking forward to studying pharmacy in college.

She thanked Judy Stull and Bob Huges, the Short-Term Youth Exchange co-chairs, for facilitating her trips and called her three visits "the best experiences of my life."



DG Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski, right, presents the Unsung Hero Award to Judy Stull. President Bob Huges nominated her

DG Bev Skrzynski pays tribute to Berea Rotary history

District Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski kicked off her official visit to the Rotary Club of Berea with a special award. She presented Past President Judy Stull with an Unsung Hero Award. DG Bev is giving the award to one person at each club she visits. Unsung Heroes are Rotarians who are dedicated to Rotary and give of their time and talent without reservation, Bev said. "They work quietly and behind the scenes."

Judy was the first woman to join Berea Rotary and its first woman president. She has been named Rotarian of the Year and is a Paul Harris Fellow. She also helped to write the first grant to fund SCAN Hunger Pantry.

Bev said visiting the Berea club is "like coming home." She joined the Berea Club before transferring to the Cleveland Rotary Club.

"There isn't a day that goes by that Rotary doesn't affect somebody's life," she said. That includes the Berea club. "The thousands of lives you have touched through the years has

been amazing," Bev said.

Berea Rotary was sponsored by Lakewood Rotary and was chartered in 1952. Early projects included Camp Cheerful, Music Carnival, Garage Sale at the Fairgrounds, Reverse Raffle & Silent Auction, among others.

She called the Rotaract Club at BW "marvelous" and thanked Marc West for his hard work as their adviser. "You give them a job to do, let them go and get out of the way," Bev said.

She said membership retention and recruitment was key at every club. A Membership Brainstorming Session in June brought 15 District 6630 Rotarians together to share ideas. A grant from RI will fund a Membership Summit with Districts 6630, 6650 and 6600 in October.

One goal is to reconnect with alumni – students who have taken part in RYLA, RYE, Interact, Rotaract and those who have received Rotary scholarships. Another goal is to be "age blind," she said. Recruit recent retirees, 40 somethings. Use social media. Develop new projects.

"We join Rotary for service but we often stay for other reasons," Bev said. "We all have had a Rotary defining moment – that moment when you realize This is what it means to be a Rotarian."

Each issue of the District 6630 Newsletter will include a story by a Rotarian describing their Rotary Defining Moment.

"When you talk about Rotary, think about your Rotary moment," she said.

Buddy Walk



Good Times, Good Food at the Steak Roast



Foundation Report cont'd

ing grant program and enables us to sponsor another Rotary Peace Fellow as we have for many years. Those familiar with how The Rotary Foundation (TRF) works know that money we give to the foundation is invested by RI and in three years one half of the given amount is sent back to the districts. Our active and productive Grants Committee chaired by Todd Kiick from the RC of Lakewood/Rocky River S/R has continued to use all of the DDF designated for district (local) matching grant projects and active global grants also. Our 6630 district is lucky to have the grants committee working so hard to promote projects that impact our communities and our humanitarian work around the world. My hat goes off to them. We cannot forget Rotary's continued battle against polio that we have fought almost to its non-existence in the world. A few stubborn cases remain (single digits) in a few remote countries of the world but we have by no means given up and have pledged to see it through to the end. I am proud that District 6630 continues to be a leader in polio contributions. We will look back with pride when our "gift to the world" is completed.

Bob Johnson – District 6630 Rotary Foundation Chair

International Service Project – Kiva: Loans That Change Lives

Are you looking for a sustainable, life changing and easily maintained International Service Project for your Club? Consider opening a Kiva account.

What is Kiva?

Kiva is an International Nonprofit Micro lending organization founded in 2005 with a mission to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty. They celebrate and support people looking to create a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. By lending as little as \$25, a lender can help a borrower start or grow a business, go to school, access clean energy; the options are endless. 100% of every dollar lent goes to funding loans. Kiva covers costs primarily through optional donations and support from grants and sponsors.

How Does it Work?

Step 1: Your Club opens an account managed by a Chair person (Portfolio Manager)

Step 2: The Club decides on initial investment amount

Step 3: Once the account is established, the Portfolio Manager selects the option to "Relend Credits." This option allows the Manager to select the criteria filters their Club is interested in. For example, the Club may want to loan to Farmers in Tanzania looking to purchase fertilizer to increase produce production.

Step 4: The Manager will review the multiple borrower profiles to select

those that best meet the Club's goals. Once found, the Manager will select the "Lend Now" option. **Note:** Loans are made in \$25 increments. You have the option to loan more than \$25 but \$25 is the standard

Step 5: Once complete, the Manager will select "Basket." The Manager has the option to make a donation on each loan but that will use the Club's available principle. It is advised to clear out the donation amount in order to maintain the Club's beginning balance.

Information about the Field Partners working with the borrower along with the risks and repayment terms are available on each borrower's profile. Repayments are usually made on a monthly basis. Once a Club's balance again reaches \$25 in repaid credits, the Manager is able to relend the credits to another borrower.

Risks:

From time to time, loans may not be fully repaid, delinquent, or there may be a currency exchange loss. Over time, the initial amount invested could be lost.

Lending Statistics and History from The Rotary Club of Berea:

On February 23, 2008, Mr. Ken Weber began the Kiva account for TRC Berea with an initial \$500 investment. Subsequent investments were made in April 2010 and September 2011 for a total investment amount of \$1,500. Mr. Matthew Lombardi took over as Portfolio Manager in 2013 and the

project has seen immense success, helping hundreds of lives around the world. Since inception over 10 years ago, TRC Berea has:

Made 733 loans –in the 99th percentile for loans made

Lent and relent \$18,375 (all while only initially investing \$1,500)

Supported 80 countries

Lent to all 15 sectors including Agriculture, Clothing, Education, Food, Housing, Personal Use, Services, Wholesale, Arts, Construction, Entertainment, Health, Manufacturing, Retail and Transportation. We have also lent to 98 of the 163 available activities on Kiva.

Supported 175 different Field Partners world wide

Note: In over 10 years, we have lost only \$427.71 or ~\$42.77 per year

Join Our Team:

When making a loan, the Manager has the option to select what "Group" the loan will be connected with. Matthew Lombardi created the "Rotary International" team on July 22, 2014. Since then, the team has recruited 15 members who have together made 288 loans and loaned \$7,275.

How Can I Join?

You can read more about Kiva at <https://www.kiva.org/>. You can also reach Matthew Lombardi at Gian624@hotmail.com

Rotary Youth Exchange News August/September

Our Rex Lake and the Rotary Camp were the perfect spot for a great week-end of fun and learning. District 6630 conducted RYE Orientation for this year's Inbound students who hail from around the globe: Ada Bicego (Brazil), Ana Crespan Fontenia (Spain), Patitta "Patty" Kitcharoenchal (Thailand), Lea LaFond (France), Eduardo Nunes Machado Flora (Brazil), Natalie Sadkova (Czechia), Jacob Scharnweber (Germany) and Sotaro Yamasaki (Japan). They were joined by Rebounders Elizabeth Whetstone (Brazil) and Drew Vargo (France) and potential Outbound Student for 2019-2020, Austin Brewster (Kent).

Participating clubs sent their youth exchange officers and counselors for training on Saturday morning. District 6630 clubs hosting this year include Lakewood and Rocky River for Patty and Eduardo, Cuyahoga Falls for Ada, Hudson for Lea, Garrettsville-Hiram for Natalie, Medina Sunrise for Jacob and Akron for Ana and Sotaro. Host families also participated the second day to better understand Rotary's rules and regulations and to get to know the entire group of international students as well as other host families.

District Governor, Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski and District Governor Nomi-

nee, John Reyes, were on hand to welcome our new Inbound students with pins all around. Program organizers (and district officers) Bob Heydorn and Patrick Kelley led the information sections of the two-day session. They were assisted by Mason Hagmann, a University of Akron student who was previously a Rotary Outbound to Denmark from Oregon, who shared his experiences from time spent with his host families. Susan Colville-Hall presented program elements and activities dealing with culture and the discussion "How to cross cultural borders?" Stew Buchanan came to [Cont'd on pg. 17](#) 

Rotary Reads Brings Free Books to the Community!

After purchasing a former library Bookmobile with the assistance of a District 6630 grant, the Chesterland Rotary and District initiated a program to encourage literacy and learning in our District this spring and summer.

In May, we went to the two elementary schools in the West Geauga School system and gave away over 2,000 books to nearly 600 students to encourage summer reading. We did this in cooperation with the Geauga County Library who signed the students up for Library cards and summer reading programs. We also received valuable guidance from the Kids Book Bank who helped in organizing these two day book events.

This summer we were asked to partner with the Kids Book Bank to visit 12 pools in the city of Cleveland. The idea was to give away 2-4 books per child in order to encourage reading and avoid the "summer slump" that

can happen when on vacation. In fact, we visited each pool twice and gave away approximately 4,000 books. We received a high level of appreciation from the children and their parents and caregivers. We also received tremendous cooperation from the pool staff and the Cleveland Police who even allowed us to park our Bookmobile in their lot at night between visits.

Another event we attended was the CMHA Senior Jamboree held at Whiskey Island. Here we distributed a wide variety of adult books, all types of novels, and cookbooks which were very popular with the seniors. Surprisingly, we also gave away a large number of children's books to many of the seniors who wanted to share them with their grandchildren. It was a great day!

We attended the Zucchini Festival in Chardon with the Bookmobile and gave away a large number of books

to the children and adults.

In the next few months we will be attending another Senior event in Chesterland and revisiting the elementary schools in conjunction with our Dictionary Project.

We will also be using the Rotary Read Bookmobile to conduct collection drives for more donations to our project. This will be a great way to involve the community and replenish our supply of free books.

Any clubs interested in promoting literacy are encouraged to contact the Chesterland Club and explore partnering with or without using the Bookmobile and getting assistance in similar projects. We will be happy to share our experiences.

If interested, email Larry Corbus at librare@aol.com.

[CLICK HERE TO SEE SOME GREAT BOOKMOBILE PHOTOS](#)

ShelterBox Update

There will be important messaging in the coming days regarding our responses around the world. Along with our current deployments, ShelterBox Operations are presently monitoring storm developments in the Atlantic and Pacific regions.

While Hurricane Florence is dominating headlines here at home, there is a much larger storm aiming for Luzon province in the northern Philippines which has not had as much attention. We have set up a restricted fund to accept donations to help those needing shelter after the storm.

Here are the key points regarding Super Typhoon Mangkhut - Philippines:

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW:

Typhoon Mangkhut (known locally as Ompong), is expected to make landfall on the morning of Saturday September 15, 2018.

Typhoon Mangkhut's is being compared to a Category 5 Atlantic Hurricane - the highest possible category.

The high winds and torrential rains could cause widespread damage to thousands of homes across the region.

There are many reports predicating a very high humanitarian cost.

WHAT SHELTERBOX IS DOING:

Our team is on red alert for this powerful typhoon - Typhoon Mangkhut - heading towards the Philippines.

The ShelterBox Response team is on standby to help families who may lose everything.

We are in contact with our Rotary contacts as well as our ShelterBox Philippines Operations office in the area to understand how we can help quickly.

We have enough shelter aid stored locally in the Philippines to help 2,000 families.

The Philippines is one of the world's worst disaster-affected countries. ShelterBox has responded there more frequently than any other coun-

try, an average of nearly twice a year since 2004 (24 times in 13 years).

For more information, click [HERE](#).

What you can do:

Share the points above within your personal networks.

Let your contacts know that we have set up a restricted fund to accept donations. www.shelterboxusa.org/donate

Reach out to your local District Governor, Rotary Clubs and other organizations to make them aware of the situation as it develops.

Mention the current events in the Philippines (as well as other ongoing deployments in Indonesia, Africa etc) to friends and colleagues and perhaps encourage them to support

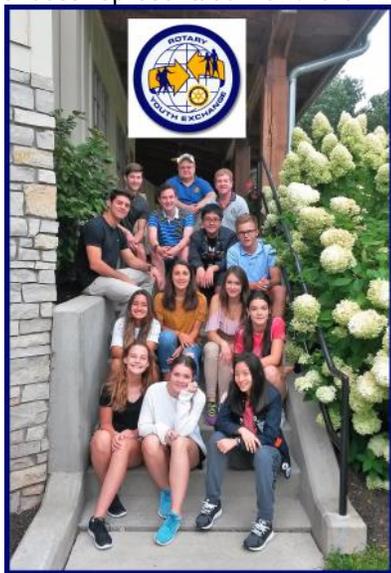
Use Facebook, Instagram and Twitter to spread the word. Share the links from ShelterBox USA's social media pages

Keep an eye on the ShelterBox USA

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Rotary Youth Exchange News cont'd

promote the Indians Game coming up in September. Brian Chima was responsible for the fun afternoon activities and later, challenge games around the campfire. Patty won the contest that involved manually tearing a newspaper page into the shape of her home country, Thailand. It was far and away the best representation and the most



difficult challenge. RYE students also enjoyed camp activities of kayaking and boating, picnicking, sharing a campfire, making s'mores and dancing the night away.

All clubs are invited to participate in the activities organized for District RYE students. The more Rotarians who get to know our RYE students, the better.

Upcoming events include Canoe Day on September 16 at Camp Hi in Hiram, OH sponsored by the Portage County Cluster and a day at Progressive Field

ShelterBox cont'd

website as well as the Ambassador Portal for the latest information

Organize a fundraising event and promote your own fundraising page. Create a Fundraising page

Reach out to local media as an opportunity to build awareness and support.

Projected Typhoon Mangkhut storm track. Image: © JTWC/Reuters

Super Typhoon Mangkhut position September 13, 2018. Photo: www.windy.com

watching the Indians on September 20 organized by Stew Buchanan.

PHOTO (L to R, from Back to Front) Mason Hagmann, to Denmark - Bob Heydorn, District RYE Chair - Pat Kelley, District Outbound Chair

Eduardo Flore, Brazil - Drew Vargo, to France - Sotaro Yamasaki, Japan - Jacob Scharnweber, Germany

Ada Bicego, Brazil - Elizabeth Whetstone, to Brazil - Natalie Sadkova, Czech - Ana Crespan, Spain

Austin Brewster, Kent Roosevelt HS - Lea Lafond, France - Patti Kitcharoenchai, Thailand

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