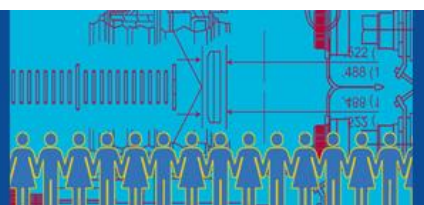
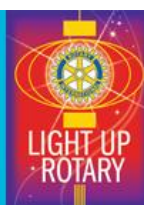




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**Mike Davanzo**

District Governor

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

**Mike Johns, Jr**

Editor

*August 2014*

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## Governor's Letter

*Dear Rotarians*

What a wonderful month July has been! I have had the opportunity to visit clubs and meet so many wonderful Rotarians. In addition, I have learned the many great works that our clubs do in their community. Our district is continuing to move in a positive direction. Again I thank you for your sharing and your commitment to our fine organization.

On August 1, over 400 Rotarians and friends gathered in true Rotary spirit at the Progressive Field to draw attention to Rotary's commitment to eradicate Polio. What a sight to see most of those attending clad in red "End Polio Now" T-Shirts and marching around the field. A huge thank you to Stew Buchanan and the PI committee for all their hard work and efforts in bringing about such a fun and successful night.

### MEMBERSHIP MEETING

The district membership committee is committed to helping our district be the best in net membership increase in our zone. In our eagerness to get started and share with clubs and have clubs share with each other, a number of meetings were scheduled. As I have said to our current presidents, the district is here for you. You told us to hold off until September when you would be back to attend. You spoke and we listened. Tony and the membership committee will reschedule those meet-

ings for this fall, when you are back in town and ready to go. There will be a note coming out soon with the revised dates.

### FOUNDATION EVENT

The Committee has met to plan the event. As more details are available they will be shared with you. Our date is Sunday, November 9 in the afternoon. The Event will be at the Weymouth Country Club in Medina.

### COMMITTEE MEETINGS

There have been a number of meetings going on all over the district. The Strategic Plan Committee has met and is in the process of putting together the plan on a single sheet of paper. This is the road map for the district. The Finance committee has met and reviewed last year's budget. The district did continue to stay within its budget. Great job PDG Bob Johnson.

### GRANTS COMMITTEE

The grants committee meets the first Monday of every month (except when it falls on a holiday). At the first meeting, the grant requests for this year were reviewed to determine if they met the fundability guidelines. After a review it appears that the clubs are eager to participate in the process. This is super. There is a slight dilemma that did arise; i.e. there is \$39,000 to be award to clubs and the requests are for \$45,000. The committee decided to award grants up to 85% of the requested amount. That way, all grant

requests would be honored. Each club requesting a grant will be invited to attend the grants committee meeting in September or October to present the grant and answer questions. Also the completed application is due by October 31, 2014. After this process, if all the requests remain the same, then the 85% of the requested amount will kick in. If less money is requested, then the 85% could increase.

Next month, there will be updates about other committees. We have very many important committees in the district that do wonderful works for the clubs and for the communities.

### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

It is my great pleasure to welcome the following new members to our Family of Rotary. They are:

#### RC of Ashtabula

Julie Hunt

#### RC of Aurora

Benjamin F. Askren  
Jeffery H. Wright

#### RC of Bedford

Joyce Daunch

#### RC of Berea

Jamie White

#### RC of Chagrin Valley

Matt Keller

#### RC of Chardon

William Niehus

#### RC of Cleveland

Gloria K. Ritter

#### RC of Fairlawn

Aaron Barnhart  
Carl Beck

Joanne Filina  
Lauren Holly

Maureen Surloff-Markis

## Governor's Letter cont'd

Maureen Van Duser  
Mark Whitlam  
**RC of Garrettsville-Hiram**  
Trish Danku  
Tanay Hill  
Ted Lysiak  
**RC of Hillcrest-Sunrise**  
Daniel Porter  
**RC of Mentor**  
Richard Smith  
**RC of Ravenna**  
Neil Everett  
**RC of Lakewood Rocky River**  
Christine Echard  
Harlan Radford

**RC of Northampton**  
Cynthia Finney  
**RC of Rock Creek Grand Valley**  
Jen Bogardus  
**RC of Stow Munroe Falls**  
Roger Cline  
Jeffrey Film  
**RC of Twinsburg**  
Sara Steele  
Kathy Turle-Waldron

Congratulations on being installed as a member of our family and for making a positive difference to our communities and to our world.



## District 6630 Job Opening

We have an extraordinary opportunity for an individual who is passionate about the success of Rotary International District 6630. We are currently seeking a person to be District Secretary for a minimum of two years beginning July 2015 through June 2017. The selected individual will work with District Governors Cheryl Warren 2015/16 and Richard Farkas 2016/17.

This individual will have the opportunity to interact with and support District 6630 leadership, gain knowledge of district operations and contribute to the continued development of District 6630.

Ideal candidates should have a willingness to learn and be detail oriented. Some of the responsibilities include maintaining office records, using ClubRunner to maintain and update databases, accessing and updating information for Rotary International, liaising with Clubs and overseeing registration for District events.

The District Secretary may receive compensation for services

provided during the term, and may be reimbursed for expenses in the performance of District business as approved by the District Treasurer and in accordance with the District Expense Reimbursement Policy.

The person selected for this position will be appointed as District Assistant Secretary for the remainder of 2014-15 to assist in their training for their new position as District Secretary. The District Assistant Secretary shall receive no compensation during this period. This individual would be required to work from their personal home or office / the District does not provide office space.

If you have an interest in applying contact Cheryl Warren at 330-495-9814 or via email at cawarren@neo.rr.com with "District Secretary" in the subject line please.

We also encourage and welcome Past District Governors, Assistant Governors and Club President's to send suggestions or also apply.

## Keeping it in the Family

My name is Kimberly Brandle and I am a sophomore at Archbishop Hoban High School. My Mom is Julie Brandle, Rotary Club of Akron member. This summer I participated in our school's JAM (Justice Akron Ministry) program. JAM is a three day program for students to participate in a social justice service project to build their community and grow in their faith.

Upon arrival you do not know where you will be assigned, you just know you will be helping others. My Mom volunteered

with me, when she received the assignment, she smiled, "We are going to Rotary Camp - perfect!" she said.

It was a dull camp week and we were assigned to the female adult campers. We helped with campfire songs, getting from place to place, arts and crafts, lunchtime, nature/animal hour, and just anything they needed.

When I entered camp I never knew the strength of these campers or the strength within my own heart. To say I wasn't intimidated at first would be false. But once I started spending time with these great women I learned they were no different from you or me. I learned a lot more than that though, like how one of the

ladies would do anything she could to paint and her courage to ask for help. The smile on her face when she accomplished what she set out to do taught me that I had strength to be able to help, but she had strength as well. It was truly inspirational. Seeing others succeed makes us all want to strive for greatness.

None of the people involved at the camp doubt another's greatness and that's why Rotary Camp was an awesome place to be. Not only awesome for campers and their families to have a safe place to



go, but also for the volunteers as well. Volunteers have the opportunity to help others, and learn new perspectives

without doubting themselves. You see, doubt is something we all have within us. But whether or not we let it take over our perspectives is a choice.

"The moment you doubt whether or not you can fly, you forever cease to be able to do it"...Peter Pan

Thank you to Rotary for making this camp available to the campers and to volunteers like me.

## End Polio NOW

Stan Socha Polio Chair  
Friday, 24 OCTOBER 2014 is  
WORLD POLIO DAY and  
D6630 and the Bob Evans  
Restaurants of Northeast Ohio  
have joined together to help  
END POLIO NOW. The  
majority of the funds raised by  
Rotary has come from Rotari-  
ans, but now is the time to get  
the general public involved in  
this project. It is our duty to



inform the general public that  
polio still exists in three coun-  
tries (Afghanistan, Pakistan  
and Nigeria) and the potential  
is only a plane ride away.  
On Thursday, 23 OCTOBER  
2014 THE Bob Evans is spon-  
soring a Bob Evans Communi-  
ty Fundraiser day for D6630.  
The enclosed coupon can be  
reproduced and distributed to  
family and friends to help  
make this event a success for  
the children of the world and  
the people of D6630. The  
coupon is valid for both eat in  
or carry out meals.  
This would also be a good  
time for clubs to join with  
their local Bob Evans Restau-  
rant to help promote the fund  
raiser and to promote your  
local club. Think of this as a  
fund raiser, membership drive  
and a PR project. This pro-  
ject would be a good endeavor  
for your local Interact Clubs  
and Rotaract Clubs.

## Lkwd/RR Sunrise

The members of the Sunrise  
Rotary club completed another  
successful Shoe Box project  
for the "Children of the  
Dump" in Chinandega, Nica-  
ragua. The goal of the project  
is to help make Christmas  
happy for 70 children 1/2 of a  
world away. Bill Gaydos coor-  
dinated the project and his  
wife, Jayne, shopped for  
30 of Club boxes and man-  
aged things behind the  
scene. Other Club mem-  
bers shopped for and  
packed boxes for individual  
children.

All the boxes have been al-  
ready delivered to PDG Jack  
Young and he will be deliver-  
ing them to Michigan over  
labor day weekend. The Shoe  
Boxes from the Sunrise Club  
and other clubs in our district  
will be combined with boxes  
from districts in Michigan,  
loaded on a Walmart truck,  
and sent to Iowa. Districts in  
Iowa will combine them with  
their collections and send  
them to Texas. A Rotarian will  
have them loaded on a  
Freighter in Texas, and ship  
them in a container to Hondu-  
ras. When they arrive in Hon-  
duras, local Rotarians and  
others will come across the  
boarder from Nicaragua and  
take them back to Chin-  
andega. All of this takes  
time. Jack Young is planning  
on going down the first Tues-  
day after Thanksgiving to help  
deliver them direct to the  
children.

## From the Desk of Your Distr. Fndn. Chair

### Attention Club Program Chairs:

November is Rotary Founda-  
tion month. Don't forget to  
reserve a November date now,  
before your program schedule  
is full, for you club's Rotary  
Foundation presentation.

Coordinate this with your

club's  
Founda-  
tion  
Liaison.

Attention  
Club  
Foundation  
Liaisons:

### Attention all club members:

Mark your calendar now for  
our District 6630 Rotary  
Foundation event Saturday,  
November 9, 2014. Details  
will follow.

### Attention Presidents 2015-16 and Presidents Elect 2015-16:

Grant Management Seminars  
(GMS) have been scheduled  
for 2015-16 Rotary year Dis-  
trict Grant requests. Your  
club must have two GMS at-  
tendees to meet one of the  
requirements to obtain a  
grant. The dates for the  
GMS's are Thursday, January  
22nd, Saturday, February 21st  
and Thursday, March 5th.  
Times and locations will fol-  
low. Deadline to submit a  
District Grant inquiry request  
for the 2015-16 Rotary year  
will be May 15, 2015. It's  
time to start thinking about  
your projects now.

Jim Lechko, DRFC  
Rotary International District  
6630  
Foundation Chair 2013-2016  
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440-376-9191 (C)  
440-238-0037 (H)  
jlechko@ffl.net

### \*\*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

Training sessions are sched-  
uled for your November Rotar-  
y Foundation presentation to  
your club. Dates for the  
Training sessions are: Thurs-  
days, October 2nd, 9th and  
16th (pm) and Saturday, Octo-  
ber 18th (am). Exact times  
and locations will be an-  
nounced later.

We look forward to seeing you  
and any other club member  
you would like to bring along  
with a passion for the Rotary  
Foundation.

### \*\*\*\*\*Help Wanted\*\*\*\*\*

The finest District in Rotary International is seeking eleven Dis-  
trict Cluster Trainers to deliver training to Rotary District 6630  
Rotary Clubs through their respective club clusters. All eleven  
Cluster Trainers will work with the District Trainer and their clus-  
ters' Assistant Governors, and will receive all training necessary to  
succeed. Training emphasis will initially be on club leadership,  
management and strategic planning. Experience in teaching,  
coaching and/or planning is a plus, but not essential. Passion for  
the Rotary mission, and passion for personally growing as a Rotari-  
an ARE essential. Questions? Ready to volunteer? Contact Dis-  
trict 6630 Trainer, Richard "Dick" Farkas, 330.808.0660,  
rfarkas@earthlink.net by September 30, 2014.



## Port-Summit Bass Tournament



Nearly 60 anglers competed for prize money and awards at the annual Port-Summit Rotary Bass Tournament held at Portage Lakes State Park on Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Incoming Port-Summit President, Vince Rosnak and Tournament Co-Chairs, Jack Evans and Tom Brandt presented a \$2,000 check to past Akron Rotary President, Lance Chima at the Port-Summit meeting on July 31<sup>st</sup> at the Mogadore Branch Library. Proceeds are earmarked for Akron's Rotary Camp fund.



## Zone 29 Newsletter

Attached for your information is the July 2014 Foundation Newsletter. It contains many valuable pieces of information regarding grants, Alumni, and Polio. Additionally is the final numbers for Annual Program Giving for 2013-14.

Please pass this newsletter along to District Foundation Committee sub-Chairs as well as Club presidents and Foundation Chairs. Additionally please let either myself or one of the ARRFC's know how we can help you to get all the clubs in your District to put a Foundation Goals for 2014-15 in Rotary Club Central. It was obvious last year that Districts which did not attain at least 80% of clubs with goals had a noticeable decline in foundation annual Programs Fund Giving.

Again Thank you to the 12 District who gave 20% or more of their DDF towards the Polio initiative. Please everyone consider doing this again this year.

Yours in Rotary Service,  
RRFC Neil R. McBeth  
Email: nrmcbeth@gmail.com  
HPhone: 519-776-5905



### Zone 29 Rotary Foundation News



Service from the Great Lakes

Zone 29 Leadership Team

Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator

Neil McBeth

Executive Office

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July 31, 2014

Ladies and Gentlemen,

As you will note on the next page, Zone 29 had an overall very successful year by surpassing last year's Annual Giving total by approximately \$102 thousand. We reached a new high of almost \$55 in per capita giving in a Zone. We extend our thanks and appreciation to the 2013-14 District and Club leadership teams especially the District Governors, District Rotary Foundation Committee Chairs, and their Foundation Committee Chairs. It is through your combined efforts that our Rotary Foundation is so strongly supported by individual Rotarians.

But the dollars raised are only part of the story of success. The way that you have embraced The Rotary Foundation's new grant program, the various ways you are utilizing your District Designated Funds, matching dollars for Global grants, supporting our Scholarship programs, Vocational Training Teams, and providing service locally and around the world certainly support Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self."

While there have been some challenges with making the transition, and there are some unanswered questions that need to be addressed as we move into a new Rotary year, we all can recognize that we're blessed with a very strong, caring, and committed Foundation. Please continue to provide feedback as collectively we work our way forward to an even better organization.

On behalf of your Zone 29 Rotary Foundation team, thank you for all you have done for our organization. We look forward to serving with the newest team leadership in your Districts and Clubs as we "Light Up Rotary" in 2014-15!

Yours in Rotary service,

Neil

"Our Foundation is the engine that drives the Rotary machine. It gives us the chance to see and fulfill the opportunities for service both within our community and internationally."

John Kenny  
Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair



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## Rotary Run for Lisa's Legacy

On Sunday morning (September 7th), The Rotary Club of Mentor will be hosting the Rotary Run for Lisa's Legacy. In previous years, the Club had hosted a 5-mile run/walk associated with Mentor's weekend festival; however, due to a conflicting race in a neighboring community, we decided to make some changes to the event.

For members of the running community, the race has been shortened from 5 miles to a 5K (and eliminating two hills). Secondly, while the Rotary Club had been the sole benefactor of the event, we'll be sharing proceeds with University Hospital's Seidman Cancer Center.

Readers of the comic strip Funky Winkerbean may recognize Lisa Moore as the cartoon character who struggled and succumbed to cancer. Lisa's struggles were drawn in part from Tom Batiuk's, the cartoonist's, own fight with cancer. In addition to lending his artwork to the race shirt design, Tom will be at the race signing his book (or whatever you have to sign). For race details, go to [www.greaterclevelandxc.com](http://www.greaterclevelandxc.com).

## Attracting, Engaging and Retaining Members

We are offering two exciting presentations in September at different locations convenient to you. We will focus and share with you strategies on **Growth, Retention and Leadership skills** to achieve your goals. Any Rotarian may register for any of the three seminars. **AG's, Presidents, Presidents elect and membership chairs are encouraged to attend.**

The feedback received from the Rotarians who attended the August session was extremely positive and beneficial to all. **These seminars are not to be missed!**

**Saturday, September 20** - Fairlawn branch of the Summit County Public Library, 3101 Smith Rd., Fairlawn, 44333. Breakfast 9:30, presentation 10:00-12:30. (Please register by 9/16)

**Saturday, September 27** - Mayfield Public Library, 500 SOM Center Rd., Mayfield Village, 44143. Breakfast 9:00, presentation 9:30 - 12:00(Please register by 9/23)

Here are the links for registration:

Fairlawn: <http://rotarydistrict6630.org/>

[Event/9fe269aa-bb14-49b6-998a-5ef28cb9e08c](http://rotarydistrict6630.org/Event/9fe269aa-bb14-49b6-998a-5ef28cb9e08c)

Mayfield: <http://rotarydistrict6630.org/Event/216d117e-452b-4f44-bc80-4399321bee4e>

Cost is \$8.00. Cash or checks only. (pay at door)

What's on the agenda?

- Leadership -Mobilizing Your Team to Get Results. How to Lead Your Club
- Retention, Lets Reverse the Trend. Strategies to Retain Members
- Building the Language of Trust - How to Attract New Members
- Take a Look at Your Club. Is it vibrant and fun?

Please join us for these exciting seminars. You will take with you numerous ideas and beneficial information on Leadership, Growth and Retention.

Look forward to seeing you soon!

Tony Corrao  
District Membership Chair

## Small Questions Can Produce Big Results

Has your club reviewed the Membership Application recently? I did, and was struck by several things:

The document was very brief and would definitely be considered "applicant friendly" but of minimum use to the prospective club. For instance, there were no questions concerning spouse or partner, children, their ages and sex. Ideally, a Rotarian's family "buys into the family members' membership". Frankly, retention demands that that the Rotarian's family support and take pride in the Rotarian's activities with the club and that they be involved in appropriate club activities.

Another "missing link" was how the membership prospect learned about Rotary. We need to know the sources of our new member prospects. If most members come to us because of acquaintanceship with Rotarians, we need to broaden our appeal without squelching the "one on one" approach.

A third missing element from the application I reviewed was "what can Rotary do to help me achieve my personal goals". In short, membership should be mainly about them, not us. For instance, what do

they expect from Rotary membership and how can that experience help them achieve their personal goals?

A word of warning--the membership application can be a very useful tool in retaining new members but filling it out should not be an experience similar to executing a long tax form.

The poster for the 2014 Lou Groza Charity Golf Event is presented by The Rotary Club of Berea and the Cleveland Browns. It is scheduled for Thursday, September 4, 2014, at Coppertop at Cherokee Hills, 5740 Center Rd., Valley City, OH 44280. The event is titled "Golf with Cleveland Browns Alumni Players!" and features a \$10,000 Hole-in-one contest. The cost is \$99 per person if paid before 8/15/14, and \$125.00 per person after 8/15/14. The package includes 18 holes of golf with a GPS cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages and snacks throughout the day, a deluxe buffet dinner with a raffle, awards, and prizes. The schedule of activities is: 8:00am - 8:45am Registration, 9:00am - Shotgun start, 2:00pm - 4:00pm Dinner/Puzzles/Raffle. Registration, information, or sponsorship can be obtained by calling Chuck at 440-572-2090 or emailing chuckstanko@aol.com. The website is [grozacharitygolf.com](http://grozacharitygolf.com). The poster also features logos for sponsors including BEREAFUNDRAISING, Southwest General, NCS, Blue Technologies, DICK'S, Today's Business, Hoffman Group, The Surgery Center, and mimi.

## Lou Groza Golf Outing Sept. 4

The Rotary Club of Berea's 10th annual Lou Groza Charity Golf Event is Sept. 4 at Coppertop at Cherokee Hills in Valley City.

Lou Groza, the Cleveland Browns Hall of Famer, was a very active member of Berea Rotary, and this event is support by the Cleveland Browns. Browns alumni take part in the golf and the dinner.

Proceeds benefit Berea Rotary projects, such as scholarships, the Interact Club at Berea-Midpark High School, Rotaract Club at Baldwin Wallace University, community youth sports and local food pantries.

Cost of golf and dinner is \$99. The price includes 18 holes of golf with a GPS cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages and snacks throughout the day, buffet dinner with a raffle, awards and prizes. There is also a \$10,000 Hole-in-One contest.

For sponsorships and reservations, call Golf Chair Chuck Stanko at (440) 572-2090 or e-mail [chuckstanko@aol.com](mailto:chuckstanko@aol.com) or visit [www.grozacharitygolf.com](http://www.grozacharitygolf.com).



*Grab a shoe box, touch the life of a child, and inspire community kindness*

Our Club rallied around a project designed to provide children of Nicaragua, many of whom live near the 80 acre Dump of Chinandega, with Rotary boxes brimming with essentials and supplies we take for granted—things like toothpaste and flip-flops, spiral notebooks and hair clips. Our club donated 20 boxes and our Interact teens are contributing 10 boxes to Nicaraguan children in need. The shoe box project was an ideal way to demonstrate Rotary's commitment to service before self and to encourage residents to get involved with an international service initiative. Three local newspapers agreed to print articles about the project. Because of their kind coverage, community members called and emailed us to find out how to volunteer and to pitch in. Club members and community members alike went out of their way to take their kids, or grandchildren, on shopping sprees to select just the right items and then packed the boxes with care, kindness and much needed supplies and extras. Residents thanked us for allowing them the opportunity to contribute and to fill a box. One grandmother commented that that she and her grandson, "Got so much out of doing the boxes. It made us both realize how much we take for granted here in America."

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 E-mail: [info@rotary.org](mailto:info@rotary.org)

By Jack Nettis, Club President

It didn't happen overnight. It came with age. The Club just started dwindling down in size. First established in 1955 the Rock Creek/Grand Valley Club had a strong, rural foundation. There were businesses in the small junction village: retail, doctor's office, banking and manufacturing. At its height, 30+ years ago, there were over 25 members representing various sectors of the village and surrounding area. However, as the Rock Creek Village began to dwindle in size, shops and manufacturers closed, the Club also shrank. The original members passed on or moved away, even the second generation members were lost.

This is not a unique story, it's very common for many of our Rotary clubs – rural, suburban and urban, and every other service or social club.

Finally, the Club faced a decision point in December 2013: to close, merge (which in this case would have been the same as closing), or move. The members contemplated moving down the road, also in the Grand Valley (called this because of the Grand River valley), to the next, and still very active, economic hub to the region, the Village of Orwell. Long-time members were leaving as the decision was being made. However, the few existing members made a very definite last-stand – We Move! They still had a belief in Rotary and a desire of SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

In March the move from Rock Creek Village to the Village of Orwell was complete. Now, as far as economic hubs go, this is no thriving metropolis – it is still a rural village with only 1,660 residents, but it has potential. The daytime population more than doubles as major manufacturers are located there and the K-12 Grand Valley School system has all of its grades located in a single facility. You can find it all in Orwell: car dealers (new and used), restaurants, doctors, dentists, a grocery store, two gas stations, and more – in fact, you would have to travel more than 15 miles to find the next hub. It sounds remote, but it isn't – it's Americana with a single traffic signal. It's what you find at many of the major road junctions across the country.

With the move and the return from wintering snowbirds, the Club, which retained its name out of respect for its historical roots (Rock Creek) and in recognition of its greater regional focus (Grand Valley) took up

roots. The new breakfast location was in a regional, social service center known as Country Neighbor. Country Neighbor provides a myriad of services over a vast area of two counties and now it was to begin serving breakfast to Rotarians.

Of course, the newest member of the Club was the Executive Director of Country Neighbor, Barbara Klingensmith – who has lived a life of SERVICE ABOVE SELF through her work with Country Neighbor. The kick-off event for the move was a Scholarship Breakfast in early June. This could not have been a better attended breakfast. There was a member of the press who later gave front page coverage of the move in the weekly paper, the Valley News. U.S. Congressman Joyce's office was represented by his regional person, County Commissioners, County Prosecutor, School Superintendent and the list goes on. County Commissioner, Dan Claypool, who himself was stepping in to lead another Club, Jefferson Rotary, offered to give a "State of the County" address. Rotary District Governor-elect Mike Davanzo who, along with his wife Judy, had just returned from the RI Conference in Australia the day before made the nearly two-hour drive to be present for the 7:30 A.M. event. DGE Mike even swore in two new members of Rotary – Barbara Klingensmith and Christina White. There was representation from three Clubs in the Ashtabula Cluster, to include Joe Rodgers, Assistant District Governor. Joe was there with the Club through it all, always offering to help when he could – and he has.

So, how has the move turned out. Well with only five months into it, the RCGV Club is about to increase its membership by 100%. Current President, Jack Nettis, prefers to work with percentages because if you knew the raw numbers, it tells too devastating of a story; but for the sake of the 4-Way test, that means they are about to have their 9th and 10th members inducted into the Club, and 11 and 12 were at breakfast last week!

The new members are bringing new ideas. They are bringing the people to get things done. They are bringing that new energy to a Club that did not want to die, but had a will to live – to continue to SERVE OTHERS.

To paraphrase Charles Darwin's Theory of Evolution, it's not the strong who survive, "it are those most willing to adapt [and change], that will survive."

## District 6630 "2015" 4-Way Speech Test Competition

Hello, my name is Scott Pease and I am the District Chair of the Four Way Test Speech Contest.

We conduct the contest yearly; every Rotary Club in 06630 is eligible to enter a contestant from each High School that the club supports or services. This year, we intend to broaden eligibility by allowing young people who are home-schooled to participate.

We hope to achieve the following goals in Rotary year 2014-2015:

1. Increase the number of clubs participating from 27 to 37.

2. Secure corporate or institutional sponsors to permit them to participate in our efforts to offer a program that has helped high school age youth become better speakers

while enhancing their knowledge of Rotary.

3. Recruit enough Rotarians to handle the judging without relying on Toastmasters. We benefitted from the participation of that fine organization but have struggled with some confusion concerning the appropriate judging criteria since the judges we've used are from two different organizations.

Our purpose in contacting you at this time is to alert you to our goals and to encourage your input on what we need to

do to achieve our goals. If your club is not participating in the Four Way Speech Contest, how can we help your club in getting started?

Do you, or a member of your club, want to participate as a member of the District Committee?

If so, please contact me.

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### **District 6630 "2015" 4-Way Speech Test Competition:**

The event will be held on Saturday April 11th 2015 at the Aurora High School in Aurora, OH

The event will open it's doors to allow students, friends and Rotarians to enter the building at 8 a.m. Registration will not officially begin until 8:10 a.m.

Once the students and Rotarians have registered and entered the building, five National Honor Society students will be conducting walk throughs of the classrooms where the speaker will be delivering their speeches. It is the speakers choice to visit the speaking rooms or not.

A continental breakfast will be served as soon as people arrive in the general seating area and

until the event officially begins with opening announcements.

This year the event will be different! First, the judging will be done exclusively by an all Rotarian judging panel. Over the past few years there have been a number of questions as to why we do not have an all Rotarian judging panel. The reason is simple. The Toastmasters offered a totally unbiased judging group which looked at each speaker individually and showed no favorites towards one speaker over another, nor did they favor any topic over another. However, it became clear that while the Toastmasters provided an excellent core group to this event they may have missed the true meaning of the 4 Way Test that all Rotarians know in favor of speeches that were technically perfect over speeches that truly captured the essence of our motto.

While we look for perfection in delivering a high quality public presentation such that this event produces, we must not over look the true meaning of our motto and what it really means. To this end I feel that an all Rotarian judging panel will offer a better balance for all the speakers and produce a more unified and balanced event without compromise.

Also new next year will be the introduction of Home Schooled Students to the event. This will open the doors to a new set of students that have not previously had the opportunity to compete. It is my hope that all the clubs in district 6630 will reach out to their high school contacts and inform them of this desire to engage the home schooled students and encourage them to participate. This is a must!

We will also be introducing the official closing of the registration tables at 8:45 a.m. Once the tables close for registration no one will be allowed to register after that time. If a speaker or Rotarian escort is late to the event and can not register their speaker that speaker will fore fit their chance of winning! They will be allowed to present their topic to the judging panel but will not be considered for selection in the finals round.

Finally, all speakers, family and friends of speakers and judges will remain in their respective rooms until we have verified that all the registered speakers in attendance that day have presented their topics. This way there will be no unfair advantages between speakers and all speakers will present to a full audience.





## School is Starting... Let's Talk Interact

Most schools in our district have started a new school year which also kicks off a new year for most of our Interact clubs. (If your Rotary club does not have an Interact club, you are missing out! They are easy to start and, in addition to providing kids with leadership and service opportunities, Interact clubs also help Rotary clubs prosper. Bob Oborn and I can provide more details and show you how easy it is to start an Interact club).

Here are a few beginning of year reminders for Interact and Rotary clubs:

Once a year each Interact club is required to update Rotary International (RI) at the beginning of their club year with their new officers, advisor, and membership numbers. RI has made it easy by providing a short online form to fill out at: [j.mp/InteractContact](http://j.mp/InteractContact)

Encourage your Interact club to post their events and questions on the district 6630 Interact Facebook page (don't afraid to be the first - as more clubs join you will make

friends and share ideas): [www.facebook.com/Interact6630](http://www.facebook.com/Interact6630)

**Save the Date:** This year's Interaction Conference will be held on the afternoon of Saturday, November 8, 2014. This will be our third year for Interactors and everyone interested in Interact to get together to share and learn about Interact. I'll let you know the time, location, and details when we get them tied down.

Speaking of which, the past two Interaction conferences were hosted by Rotary/Interact clubs (thank you North Royalton Broadview Heights and Aurora clubs). Please let me know if your club would be willing to host Interaction 2014.

If your Interactors have any suggestions as to what they would like to have included in Interaction 2014 or would like to make a short presentation or lead a discussion please let me know and we will do our best to include them.

One of the benefits of Interact is the opportunity for Rotary and Interact clubs to

work together. The beginning of the year is a good time to alert each other of upcoming projects with these opportunities.

Last but not least - please forward this to anyone in your club who is interested in Interact. Better yet, send their name, email address, with your club name to me and I will add them to the email list!

Here's looking forward to another great Interact year. Please let me know how district can help your Interact club,

Arne R. van der Heyde, District 6630  
Interact Chair

## Operation Warm

*Since we began, Operation Warm has worked closely with Rotary clubs. When Operation Warm's founder Dick Sanford bought his first 58 coats in 1998, his local Longwood Rotary Club assisted him in the first coat distribution at a nearby school serving children in need. Over the next few years, other clubs joined the effort, helping expand fund-raising and assisting with more coat distributions.*

Today, over 160 Rotary Clubs in more than 50 districts partner with Operation Warm to conduct service projects that provide new winter coats to children in their communities. In fact, Rotary clubs have provided over 100,000 children all over the country with new winter coats, helping us impact communities we could never reach on our own, from

New Hampshire to Texas, the Pacific Northwest to Michigan, in large cities and many small towns. Each club identifies its own beneficiary organization(s), typically local schools or youth services agencies, and raises funds locally to support its project. Operation Warm provides Rotary Clubs a great avenue for practicing Service Above Self, Engaging Rotary and Changing Lives!

### An Easy to Execute Community Service Project

You raise the funds necessary to purchase the number of coats needed by the children you choose to support. Many clubs find this to be a great platform for raising money from non-Rotarians while increasing the club's profile in the community. Many clubs also receive district grants to

increase their impact.

Your club decides when and where you want to distribute the coats. Giving the coats to kids is an exciting and emotional event and you can get help with these events as well.

A detailed presentation, suitable for a club program, can be viewed below:

**Operation Warm & Rotary- Give the Gift of Warmth to a Child from Operation Warm**



[Click here](#) for our Tool Kit, including Coat Order Form, Frequently Asked Questions and promotional materials.

Coats are ordered in boxes of 6 same size and gender coats (in multiple colors), with only

a 5 box minimum. Your club can do a project benefiting local children living in need for as little as \$540.

Contact Operation Warm ([rotary@operationwarm.org](mailto:rotary@operationwarm.org)) and we will help you organize your project. Operation Warm will help you step by step.

**Our 2014 Coat Order form will be available soon.** Contact us if you need an order form right away.

For more information on how your club can participate, [contact us](#).

To see a map of Rotary Clubs that have worked with Operation Warm, [click here](#).

Learn more about Operation Warm's Rotary Roots in this article from [The Rotarian](#).

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## Light Up Rotary

I hope all is progressing well for you this year. I just would like to share some information about our Foundation and some subsequent meetings.

As you know, November is the Rotary Foundation month. Each year in preparation for that, our district hosts a number of seminars about the Foundation. The purpose of these seminars is to help each club's Foundation chair make a presentation to his/her club about the importance of supporting our Foundation and the value of it.

Dick Farkas, our DGN and annual giving chair, will be in contact with you about these important seminars. I ask you to read his email and be as helpful as you can. In order for our organization to continue to do good in the world and be a leader in bringing hope to the world, the support of our Foundation is essential.

Speaking of the Foundation – I wear a pin which is “Best Class”. Our RI President has challenged each club president to donate to our Foundation. If all of the presidents in our district make a donation to our Foundation, then our class of 6630 presidents will become part of the “Best Class” and will also receive a pin.

I thank you for your cooperation and help. Again, if you have any questions or suggestions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Light Up Rotary

Mike Davanzo

## We Hit A Homerun!

"End Polio Now" was a Home Run for Rotarians and Friends of District #6630, #6650, and #6000 on August 1, 2014 with the Cleveland Indians. What a great



night for "End Polio Now". Over 300 Rotarians, families, and friends, with red "End Polio Now" shirts on, were on Progressive Field for the pre-game parade. Fans also witnessed a Rotary public service announcement plus Rotary was displayed on all of the scoreboards around the park.



The Terrace Club was fantastic for the "all you can eat" picnic plus snacks all evening. There were many door prizes, a raffle and a Chinese Auction for some great golf, basketball and baseball items.

We had 310 people in the lower reserve seats and an additional 100 in the upper reserve seats behind home plate. We covered



all the bases with a perfect evening topped off with a very colorful fireworks display and the Indians won 12 - 3.

The winner of the Paul Harris Fellow and First Pitch Raffle was Pat Myers of the Rotary Club of Hudson Clocktower.

**Come Join Us At...**

**"A TASTE OF HILLCREST"**

**Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hillcrest - Sunrise**

**at:**

**Executive Caterers at Landerhaven**

**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 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)
- Help disabled children and adults and support their families. (Achievement Center for Children, Special Olympics)
- Enhance the education of students in the Hillcrest Community. (Dictionary Project, Love Cleveland, Vocational Education Recognition Dinner)
- Help in the fight against cancer. (Rides for Life)
- Feed families in the Hillcrest Community. (Meals on Wheels, Thanksgiving baskets)
- Help senior adults stay safer in their homes. (Community Partnership on Aging Safe at Home program)

Enjoy fine cuisine from 20+ restaurants, live entertainment, 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets are \$35.00 each and include food, soft drinks and entertainment. Cash bar available. Groups of 10 or more tickets can be purchased in advance for \$30.00 each. Limited number of tickets available at the door. (\$20.00/ticket tax deductible contribution).

**Hope to see you there!!**

For more information and tickets, please call 440-605-7144

## Mark Your Calendar With These Important Dates

**Below are important events to put on your calendar.**

**Please plan to RSVP.**

If they are not already on the District Event Calendar please check back - once details are available they will be on open for registration accordingly.

### **2014- 2015 MEMBERSHIP GROWTH & RETENTION SEMINAR - REGISTRATION IS OPEN**

Saturday, September 20 (Fairlawn Library) 9:00am - Noon [click to register](#)

Saturday, September 27 (Mayfield Village Library) 9:30am - 12:30 pm [click to register](#)

Who should attend: Club Membership Chair and any Club members wishing to learn how to create a VIBRANT and GROWING club

### **DINE AT BOB EVANS IN N. EAST OHIO AND RAISE FUNDS FOR THE ERADICATION OF POLIO WORLD POLIO DAY!**

October 23, 2014

ALL Bob Evans Restaurants in our District are participating!!

### **FOUNDATION SEMINARS - REGISTRATION NOT YET OPEN**

October 2,9,16,18 2014

Thursday, October 2, 6:30 pm: Parma (Snow Road Branch) Library (2121 Snow Road)

Thursday, October 9, 6:30 pm: North Olmsted Library (27403 Lorain Road)

Thursday, October 16, 6:30 pm: Beachwood Library (25501 Shaker Boulevard)

Saturday, October 18: 9:30 am: Cuyahoga Falls Library (2015 3rd Street)

Who should attend: Club Foundation Chair and any members interested learning more about Rotary International Foundation and how it impacts YOUR Club and District

### **INTERACTION 2014**

November 8, 2014

Who should attend: Everyone involved or interested in Interact

### **DISTRICT FOUNDATION EVENT/CELEBRATION - REGISTRATION NOT YET OPEN**

November 9, 2014

Who should attend: Any members in the District are welcome to attend this prestigious event that will recognize Clubs and Members for their efforts in 2014-15. A speaker will be announced shortly!

### **DISTRICT PRE PETS SEMINAR - REGISTRATION NOT YET OPEN**

November 15, 2014 8:30am - 10:30am

Who should attend: ALL Presidents Elect (Serving as President in 2015-16).

### **GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINARS - REGISTRATION NOT YET OPEN**

DATES PENDING - Spring of 2015

Who should attend: Any Club that wants to submit a grant request for 2015-16 must send two members from their club to become qualified. Clubs MUST re-qualify annually.

### **PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING SEMINAR 1 (PETS1) - REGISTRATION NOT YET OPEN**

March 13, 2015 (morning):

Who should attend: All Club Presidents Elect are required to attend this session to qualify to serve as President of your Club.

### **ALL OHIO PETS in Columbus, OH - (begins after PETS1) - REGISTRATION NOT YET OPEN**

March 13-14, 2015:

Who should attend: All Club Presidents Elect are required to attend this session to qualify to serve as President of your Club.



**DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY & CONFERENCE OF CLUBS (All District 6630 Clubs) at Doubletree, Independence, OH -  
REGISTRATION NOT YET OPEN**

April 24-26, 2015:

Who should attend: All members and non-Rotarians, guests, family are welcome to join the Conference festivities and training assembly.

**INDUCTION for the 2015-16 President of Your Club**

June, 2015:

Arrange the time and location with your Club and invite the DG or a PDG to do the induction - generally done at last Club Meeting in June.

**See more at:**

[rotarydistrict6630.org/SitePage/2014-15-president-elect-district-reference-guide/important-dates-2014-2015#sthash.WlexFMXN.dpuf](http://rotarydistrict6630.org/SitePage/2014-15-president-elect-district-reference-guide/important-dates-2014-2015#sthash.WlexFMXN.dpuf)