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## ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Editor

### December 2015

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### Governor's Letter

Dear Members and Friends of Rotary District 6630:

With the holidays upon us and 2015 drawing to a close, I want to thank each of you for your dedication throughout the first six months of our Rotary year. Over the past several months, It has truly been a gift to have the opportunity to travel throughout beautiful Northeast Ohio to visit with all of you. At each Club, I've been given the incredible gift of friendship as we've talked, laughed and exchanged ideas on how to best fulfill our Rotary initiatives. I have seen first-hand the commitment, energy, camaraderie and ingenuity of our members. These are the things that define us as Rotarians. Thank you for sharing your gifts with me and making

these last few months full of treasured memories, friendships and tremendous support.

I'm immensely proud to represent the Clubs of District 6630 - through the gifts of your time, your talents and your treasures, you have transformed lives and improved communities locally and around the world. Thank you - for making a difference.

December is Family Month on the Rotary calendar. Enjoy this time with your friends and loved ones. I could not be more excited about what's in store for the next 6 months, and for the opportunity to serve with all of you who will help make it happen.

Rotary International President Ravi has said in the December issue of The Rotarian:

"By sending joy out into the world, we do not sacrifice it for ourselves - we only multiply it. As we enter this season of giving, let us multiply the gifts we have been given by sharing them with others. Through acts of caring, kindness and generosity, in our clubs and through our Foundation, we become and remain a gift to the world."

Your partner in service -

Cheryl Warren  
District Governor 2015-2016  
Rotary District 6630



## More About Our Centennial Celebration

When Dick Farkas was selected to serve as District Governor for District 6630 for 2016-2017, he immediately understood that Rotary International District 6630 in Northeast Ohio As the Home of Arch C. Klumph, Father of The Rotary Foundation, has a special responsibility and privilege to honor Arch Klumph's memory and his vision while celebrating The Foundation's accomplishments over the past 100 years. Dick was excited and committed to doing something very special because Dick was also a passionate Rotarian with a vision. And now those of us who were working with Dick will step up and continue to work to see his dream realized under the leadership of co-chairs, Mike Johns and Dave and Beverly Skrzynski.

Arch's many achievements included bringing professional music to Cleveland. Because of the relationship between Arch C. Klumph and the Cleveland Orchestra and also because the Cleveland Orchestra entertained at both Rotary

International Conventions held in Cleveland in 1925 and 1939 where Arch was involved in coordinating the Orchestra's performance, The Cleveland Orchestra, critically acclaimed as one of the 5 best in the world, agreed it was appropriate to partner with Rotary. And so the Cleveland Orchestra has agreed to co-operate with District 6630 to present a private, narrated Rotary concert that tells the story of Arch Klumph's passion to help those less fortunate and the history of The Foundation's furtherance of world peace, education and humanitarian assistance.

Join us and Rotarians from near and far, including leaders from Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation at Cleveland's own world-famous Severance Hall in his hometown on Sunday, October 23, 2016 as we continue the celebration of Arch C. Klumph's legacy, The Rotary Foundation.

A Centennial Celebration website has been set up

at [www.trf100.org](http://www.trf100.org) Watch for further details on the website after the first of the year as these concert tickets will be at a premium. 2016 in Cleveland

In addition to the Concert there will be a dinner recognizing those who have made new donations and commitments to The Rotary Foundation in honor of the Foundation's 100th Anniversary. Featured speakers will include Rotary International President-Elect John Germ and The Rotary Foundation Chair-Elect Kalyan Banerjee. You will have the opportunity to create your own legacy with a 100th Anniversary contribution to the Rotary Foundation and become a Foundation Centennial Celebration donor or a member of the Founda-

tion Centennial Celebration class of the Arch Klumph Society and receive special recognition for gifts during the 2016-17 Rotary year. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity you don't want to miss.

Details about the dinner venue will also be posted on the Centennial Celebration web site.

Remember, Two great events in Cleveland , OH

October 23, 2016

Save the date.

I hope to see you all there.

The web site is [www.trf100.org](http://www.trf100.org), for more information.

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Click the above image to download the 16 page GOL Newsletter or click the link below to watch the latest GOL video

[The latest GOL Video can be found here](#)



## Rotary & Peace Corps Sign Agreement

It is a pleasure to announce Rotary and Peace Corps signed a service partnership agreement earlier this year to help enhance our club and district service activities locally and around the world.

Peace Corps, an independent U.S. federal agency, sends U.S. citizens abroad to help tackle the most pressing needs around the world while promoting better international understanding of American culture and enhancing global awareness. Peace Corps Volunteers live and work alongside the people they support for a period of two or more years and concentrate efforts to create sustainable change that lives on long after their period of in-country service. Peace Corps currently has volunteers in more than 60 countries.

By working together with active and returned Peace Corps Volunteers, we can continue addressing Rotary's six areas of focus while enhancing goodwill, international understanding, and building capacity to address the most pressing community concerns.

While abroad, Peace Corps Volunteers support sustainable change by working with local stakeholders invested in improving communities. Returned volunteers, those who have completed their in-country service and are back in the U.S., offer a wealth of service project knowledge, interesting community insights

from living abroad, and often maintain strong relationships with their host communities and local partners which can include Rotary and Rotaract clubs. In fact, a number of U.S. Rotarians and Rotaractors are Peace Corps alumni and many of our clubs and districts around the world have already worked with local Peace Corps Volunteers in their local communities.

Read the Rotary-Peace Corps partnership fact sheet for more information on how clubs and districts can partner with either actively service or returned Peace Corps volunteers. Working with your District Community and International Service Chairs, encourage your clubs to contact a Peace Corps Regional Recruitment Office to connect with local Peace Corps alumni in your region.

I hope your district will welcome this opportunity to increase our service capacity within our six areas of focus.

Sincerely,

John P. Hewko  
General Secretary  
Rotary International and The  
Rotary Foundation

# Rotary



## District Four Way Test Speech Contest 2016

**ANNOUNCEMENT:** The planning for Rotary District 6630 annual 4 Way Test Speech competition 2016 is now underway! The event is one of the most popular Rotary events of the year. Each year, approximately 30 participants compete for cash prizes by composing a four to seven minute speech using our 4 Way Test. All contestants must be accompanied by at

least one Rotarian from the sponsoring club to be eligible to win. No exception!

**DATES, TIME and LOCATION:**

The date has been set for Saturday April 2nd 2016. The event will be held at the

Aurora High School in Aurora, Ohio. All current information can be found on the district's web site under the 4 Way Test icon at the top of the home page. The event generally ends by 1:30 p.m. (see registration info below). Parking for the event will be in the front of the school. There will be signage to help direct you from the street into the school parking lot.

**ELIGIBILITY:** This event is open to all high school aged students freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Please note that the event also includes all home schooled students and extra effort must be made to include these students.

Also, on a separate note all speeches must be original in content! There will be no exceptions to this rule and any speeches that have been copied from previous years will be disqualified immediately. Specific topics sometimes seem to reoccur but this is different from a speech that is copied word for word or has similar content and structure.

**WHO:** Each club should have a committee or person designated to run the Four-Way Test Speech Contest. Please forward this information to the appropriate person

in your club. If you do not currently have a local contest, more detailed information, suggestions and rules will be available. The District Chair of District 6630 will assist you in setting up a local contest, if needed.

**PARTICIPANTS:** High School students are eligible to participate. Those participating in the Ethics seminar or Interact Clubs are ideal candidates. The Four-Way Test Speech contest is an ideal way to increase your community's positive view of Rotary and introduce the young people of your community to Rotary.

**REGISTRATION:** The doors to the school will open at 8 a.m. However, registration will begin at 8:10 a.m. Registration forms will be handed out at the doors upon entry. There will be several tables available for the students to fill out the forms. Two lines will be designated for the students A-M and N-Z. All students and their Rotarian chaperones will complete the registration process and each Rotarian will be responsible to pay for their student as well as themselves and any other Rotarians from their respective clubs. All family members and friends will have to pay for themselves at full price.

**PRIZES** As in the past we have a total of five cash prizes to award to the top contestants. 1st Place will receive \$750.00, 2nd place \$650.00 and 3rd place \$550.00. Two honorable mention awards will each receive \$250.00 dollars.

**CONTACT:**

Scott Pease Chairman District 6630  
4 Way Test Speech Committee  
Aurora, OH 44202  
440-724-5510

## Golfing For a Great Cause

Join us for the 26th annual Akron Rotary Club's Chili Open Golf Classic presented by Wayne Homes on February 6, 2016 at Hale Farm and Village in Bath, Ohio. Since its inception, the Chili Open has raised over \$2.5 million to provide support to families with children with special needs at Akron Rotary Camp. Because of the Chili Open, no child is ever turned away from attending camp due to their family's inability to pay.

Campers are provided the opportunity to experience traditional camping activities, develop relationships, learn life skills and create memories that last a lifetime. Currently, Rotary Camp serves over 1700 children and adults, with a wide range of developmental and physical disabilities and mental health disorders into our day, overnight and year round respite camp programs. Rotary Camp is committed to providing a true camp experience for campers and their families all year long.

The Chili Open is a unique winter golf event that is perfect for anyone who enjoys a good time while helping a great cause. Sponsorship packages are focused on providing financial support for children and adults with special needs to attend camp, but also provide incredible

print marketing opportunity for your business and range from \$5,000 to \$500. Foursomes are only \$200 and include golf, admission to the Chili Open warm-up party where all golfers will be treated to all-you-can-eat Whitey's Chili, beverages and a t-shirt.

Raffle tickets are being sold at \$20 each for your chance to win a 2016 Chevrolet Sonic, a 55" LG Smart HDTV, Fox Sports Ohio/Sports Time Ohio behind-the-scenes tour and diamond tickets to a Cleveland Indians home game or a Bridgestone Invitational package. The raffle drawing will be held at the Chili Open - winner need not be present.



Please visit [chiliopen.net](http://chiliopen.net) to become a sponsor, register a foursome, donate, or

to purchase raffle tickets. We hope to see you on February 6th for the most fun arctic golf experience in North East Ohio - the 26th annual Akron Rotary Chili Open Golf Classic. Your support will help us to continue advancing Rotary Camp's mission of "Creating a world where there are only abilities!"

Amanda Warner

Director of Volunteer Opportunities and Special Events  
Akron Rotary Camp

## Santa On The Green 2015

### *Santa on the Green a Big Hit*

Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus visited Hudson on a perfect December day on Saturday, December 5, 2015. They arrived by fire-truck, courtesy of the Hudson Fire Department, at 9am and invited boys and girls to visit them at the Gazebo. The Rotary Club of Hudson sponsored this event as they have done annually for many years. Rotarian Ed Sogan, the committee chair, reported that children of 140 families had a chance to give their gift wishes to Santa. Over 30 Rotarians participated as Elves passing out tickets, hot chocolate and candy canes. The hot chocolate was donated by Hudson's Restaurant. Tickets were available at 8:00am and were "sold out" by 9:30. The ticket process allows families to visit the downtown area and not wait in a long line to see Santa. Spe-



**A happy boy and his dogs, giving their list to Santa**

cial thanks to our Santa families Jack Belby, Sandy Rexroad, and Sharon and Gene Blackford, along with Hudson's Restaurant, and the Hudson Fire Department.

The Rotary Club of Hudson strives to offer informative and entertaining programs for their club meetings. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings and see what Rotary is all about. Club meetings are shown on HCTV Channel 15 (Time Warner Cable) weekly at noon Monday and Friday, Wed at 10, and Sunday at 6pm.

The Rotary Club of Hudson meets weekly at 7:15am at the Laurel Lake Retirement Community's Main Dining Room on Boston Mills Road in Hudson, Ohio. For more details visit their Website at <http://www.rotaryhudson.org/>

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## Important Reminder

### Election & Reporting of Club Officers

Rotary International requires clubs to elect their 2016-17 officers will get them by the deadline of December 31, 2015 and February 1, 2016 is the deadline for reporting the officers to Rotary International. Current club officers can submit this information via My Rotary, and via ClubRunner (if your club subscribes), or by sending the information to [da-ta@rotary.org](mailto:da-ta@rotary.org).



## Rotary Scouting Award

October 2015

Recently Tracy Blake and Barry Norris of the RC of Cleveland was presented the Cliff Dochterman Scouting Service award. The Cliff Dochterman Award is an honor that recognized an individual Rotarian who acts as a role model and renders distinguished service to Scouting through active service, leadership or other exemplary contributions to the Scout Association of his or her home country, or Internationally.


The Cliff Dochterman Award is named in honor of distinguished Rotarian, former RI President and dedicated Scouter Cliff Dochterman of Moraga, California.

The special induction ceremony was conducted by Cleveland Rotarian, Cliff Dochterman recipient and Scouting leader, Bill Garrison along with Cliff Dochterman recipients who made up the court of honor, District 6630 Past District Governor and Vice Chair of the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians for North, Central and South America, Jack A. Young and Cleveland Rotarian Pete Biltz.



L-R Bill Garrison, Tracy Blake, Jack Young, Barry Norris and Pete Biltz.

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## Rotary Outbound Exchange Student Katie Pellegrino

December 2015

You can also follow Katie's Journey at [www.belgium-rye.weebly.com](http://www.belgium-rye.weebly.com)  
 Hello!

Today is my official 100th day in Belgium!  
 I can't believe I've already lived a third of my exchange. Time is passing so quickly!

This month was quite interesting with the terrorist attacks. At the beginning of the



month I traveled to Paris with one of Rotary's organized trips and not even two weeks later I came home one day to find there had been a series of terrorist attacks on the city, some in areas not far from where we'd toured. Soon Brussels was put on the highest alert for an attack and all underground public transportation was closed. Even school was closed for a few days. It sounds very ominous in words, but in actuality, life generally commenced as normal. Aside from the presence of military personnel around Centre Ville and some metro/train stations (not to mention all of the news vans), it was impossible to tell that the city was in "lockdown." There's still some higher security, but everything is generally back to normal now and thank goodness everyone stayed safe.

Even still, I was able to travel a lot this month. I went to London with Rotary and, this past weekend, I was lucky enough to go to Paris again with my friend's Rotary Club to do some volun-

teering. But there was plenty of time to tour the city as well and it was amazing! One of the members of her Rotary club gave us an amazing walking tour of Paris. I loved it almost better than my first time because this time we actually walked around the streets and saw more of the Parisian life. Paris is so beautiful, I am absolutely in love with the city!



Around this time of the year, a lot of the "oldies" (exchange students who arrived in January) are leaving. I know I still have over half my exchange left, but I can't help but see the time when I leave and I already feel sad for it. I am so in love with Brussels and Belgium and Europe and I can't imagine having to leave it all behind sometime.

Next week I have exams for school and then it's winter break!! They have three weeks of break here rather than just two and I'm super duper excited!! I hope to travel all around Belgium and see all of the Christmas joy! Many cities arrange cute winter wonderlands (we ran into one in Paris last weekend actually, it was right on the Champs-Elysees and it was so cute) and I'd love to see them! Also, quick side note, it's generally 55°F right now which is really throwing me off. I'm used to very cold Decembers and here I am going to school in a basic Spring jacket!

Happy Holidays and I hope you receive a lot of snow!

Katie Pellegrino

See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/5192/Stories/katie-report-december-2015#sthash.9jJ7nCYn.dpuf>



### Interact Member Becomes Rotarian



West Geauga Interact has become a force for good throughout our community. Over the last decade the Interact group has enabled hundreds and hundreds of WG students to combine their efforts to make a difference in our world. When Chelsea Arnold (Talty) was a junior at West G. the Interact club was formed under the sponsorship of the Chesterland Rotary Club. Chelsea was the club's first vice president.

After graduation she attended Hiram college and started a Rotaract club (the college version) of Interact and Rotary. Her heart for service now continues as our West G Spanish teacher, senior and junior class advisor and the teacher advisor for WG Interact. The Interact club, is the largest club at West G and does dozens of community service events raising thousands of dollars for charities each year. Currently Interact has started the annual West G Food drive where they have in past years collected as many as 18,000 cans of food for Geauga food banks. This week Chelsea Talty was inducted into full membership with the Chesterland Rotary Club.

Rotary's motto is "Service above Self" and Chelsea Talty certainly lives that motto each day as she pours her life into our community. When you see her thank her

for her caring and for being such an incredible role model for our students

<http://www.chesterlandnews.com/news/rotary-club-welcomes-new-member/>

### Dictionary Distribution

Chesterland Rotary celebrated their 10th year of distributing Student's dictionary to the 3rd grade students in the West Geauga school system. These books include Declaration of Independence, biographies of presidents, United States Constitution, facts about the solar system, weights and measures and many other facts that will help them throughout their school years.

This year 160 dictionaries were distribut-



ed and were very well received. Some of the Rotary members assisted Mr. Kisicki, who spoke to the classes and explained what wealth of knowledge they would find



Pictured Jim Zeitz, Jim Kisicki and Mrs Megan Galasky

in their dictionaries, and why Rotary has taken on this project. One of our goals is to strengthen the capacity of communities to support basic education and literacy, reduce gender disparity in education, and increase adult literacy.

We were surprised when St Anselms class entertained us with songs, among them their class Constitution set to music.

### Winterfest Participation



Winterfest, a perfect night for lighting the tree and the park. Attendees enjoyed hot chocolate, hot cider and fresh popped popcorn, listening to the Girl Scouts sing and the Singers from the Christian Center in their Victorian outfits as they waited for Santa to appear. A warm bon fire added to the excitement and in anticipation of the jolly old man in his red suit walking down the walkway which was illuminated by the boy scouts, luminaries. Skipper was busy posing for pictures.

A big thank you to Danny Boys, Chester Rental, Giant Eagle, Maple Leaf, West Geauga Plaza Perennial Gardner's, Imperial Tree Service and The Chesterland News, who all contributed to this annual event.

Chesterland Rotary could not have done it without the support that was given.

### Rotaract Coat Drive

The Rotaract Club of Kent State is having a winter coat drive both on campus and around the community, and is in need of our help. The project is aimed at collecting winter coats for elementary school kids, primarily those that attend Holden Elementary School. The group is asking area businesses to allow them to place coat donation boxes within the businesses. They will make sure the boxes are properly labeled and that someone from the club is assigned to check up on the boxes. They will work around your schedule in terms of what days and items you permit them to have a box or collect donations.

If you are able to help, please contact Rotaract representative, Aaron Ng'ambi at 808.692.2859 or [aaronngambi@yahoo.com](mailto:aaronngambi@yahoo.com).



### District 6630 Newsletter Policy

Submit story suggestions to Mike Johns, Jr.  
at [stonecut@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stonecut@sbcglobal.net).

We accept article ideas about club and district successes, including fundraisers, publicity efforts, service projects, and membership drives. Please include descriptions, high-resolution photos, and contact information in your email. Due to the high volume of submissions, we cannot promise to feature your story.  
**PLEASE USE "ARTICLE FOR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER" IN THE SUBJECT LINE**



## Medina Sunrise Rotary Rings Bell

### *Medina Sunrise Rotary Rings the Bell for the Salvation Army*

Medina Sunrise Rotary News Judy Cross organized a full Saturday of volunteers from the Medina Sunrise Rotary Club to ring the Salvation Army's Red Kettle Bell at Buehler's River Styx in Medina.

The Salvation Army was founded in 1865 by William Booth and has spread its community service and Christian message



from London, England, to 127 countries around the world. The sound of volunteer bell ringers lets you know the holidays are here. "Everybody knows the red kettle is a symbol of Christmas," said Judy, who thanked Buehler's, our many friends and neighbors in Medina for their generosity, and all the Rotary members who volunteered from 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM on Saturday.

## Rotary International Membership Minute

### Supporting clubs with new resources

It's here! Our new process for collecting and communicating leads from prospective members is up and running – making it easier for club officers to follow up on leads, and for prospective members to join a club.

[Learn more](#) about how club and district leaders can use this process to identify new members.

When those new members join your club, welcome them with materials from Rotary: Our [New Member Welcome Kits](#) are available on [shop.rotary.org](#). They can be customized with additions such as the [annual report](#) or [materials from The Rotary Foundation](#). And visit the [Brand Center](#) to download member certificates and ID cards that can be personalized with your club information and the member's

name.

In January, look for a revised Membership Assessment Tools (formerly Club Assessment Tools), available on [shop.rotary.org](#) and for download on [My Rotary](#).

### Connect with Rotarians in Membership Best Practices discussion group

You can share your success stories and pose questions to fellow members in the Membership Best Practices discussion group. With members around the world, it's the largest forum on Rotary's website for exchanging ideas and strategies for strengthening membership. Join the conversation anytime on the [Discussion Group page of My Rotary](#).

### Resources & reference

[Membership Materials](#)  
[Regional Membership Plans](#)

## West Shore Recognizes 4 Paul Harris Fellows

The West Shore Rotary Club (Fairview, West Park, N. Olmsted) inducted four Paul Harris Fellows this last quarter. Mike Aerni, Luisa Heimburger, Angelo Russo and Bill Wagner (from left to right) were presented with the Paul Harris Fellow Award by Tom Eble (West Shore President). Our club has 33 members and

28 of them are now Paul Harris Fellows.

Congratulations Mike, Luisa, Angelo and Bill!

Luisa Heimburger  
LH Sales of Ohio, LLC



## From The District Foundation Chair

### The Rotary Foundation

Did you know District 6630 has 3,355 all-time Paul Harris Fellows! Check this and more interesting information in the attached District 6630 Fundraising Analysis.

**Don't miss out on matching grant \$ in 2016-17!**

Will your club be qualified to participate in the matching grant process in the 2016-17 Rotary year? We offer a dollar for dollar match for local grants in amounts ranging from \$500 - \$3,500. Much more significant dollars are available for Global Grants.

Here is what you need to know:

Two members of your club must attend a Grant Management Seminar (GMS). Seminar dates are January 25, February 25<sup>th</sup> and March 5<sup>th</sup>.

Your 2016-17 President and President

Elect along with any other club members who attended the GMS must sign and submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and MOU Addendum.

Your club average per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund in the 2015-16 Rotary year must be \$35 or greater.

Your club must be current on its Rotary International and District 6630 dues.

Your club must be current on its reporting for any existing grants.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Fourteen of our clubs participated in local grants during this 2015-16 Rotary year obtaining grants totaling \$48,250.

## News From TRC Jefferson

TRC of Jefferson participated in the annual village Christmas parade with a decorated car adorned with the Rotary logo. Members rode in the back and tossed out packages of hot chocolate mix labeled "Jefferson Rotary - Service Above Self". The chocolate mix was a big hit on the chilly evening.



**Rotary**  **Weekly**

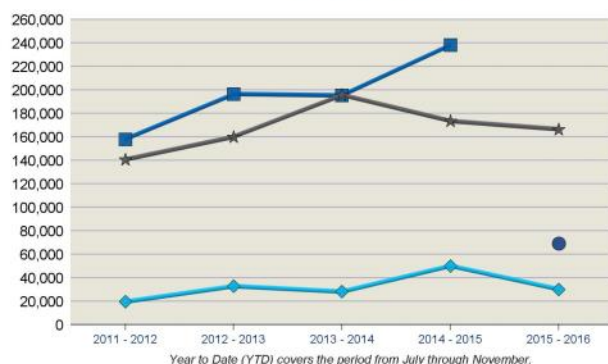
## Rotary DISTRICT 6630 FUNDRAISING ANALYSIS

For July through November (2015 - 2016)

	Number of Members	Annual Fund						PolioPlus Fund					Endowment Fund	Total Giving**
		Goal	% Goals Received	Total	Per Capita	Goal Achieved	Non-Giving Clubs	Goal	% Goals Received	Total	Goal Achieved	Non-Giving Clubs	Total	
2015-16	2,099	\$166,391	80.8%	\$30,048	\$14.32	18.1%	17	\$23,340	65.4%	\$4,108	17.6%	33	\$0	\$44,156
2014-15	2,083	\$173,427	100.0%	\$238,346	\$114.42	137.4%	4	\$34,070	96.2%	\$106,936	313.9%	27	\$1,420	\$367,151
2013-14	2,117	\$195,700	100.0%	\$195,239	\$92.22	99.8%	2	\$26,500	100.0%	\$133,105	502.3%	14	\$1,500	\$342,451
2012-13	2,184	\$160,065	98.1%	\$196,453	\$89.95	122.7%	4	\$30,000	59.3%	\$132,393	441.3%	25	\$505	\$390,757
2011-12	2,228	\$140,610	98.1%	\$157,961	\$70.90	112.3%	9	\$47,580	59.3%	\$73,432	154.3%	29	\$550	\$246,091

\*\*Total Giving includes term gifts and funds for approved grants.

Annual Fund Measures



Recognition and Endowment Measures

	PHF	Bene-factor	Bequest Society*	Major Donor*	Major Gifts	EREY Eligible	Sustaining Member	PHS Eligible
All-time	3,355	143	30	34	--	--	--	--
2015-16	58	0	0	1	1	177	83	4
2014-15	214	2	2	4	3	1,438	782	54
2013-14	190	3	3	4	2	1,191	694	44
2012-13	181	0	0	3	6	1,051	659	41
2011-12	227	1	1	1	1	826	576	27

Paul Harris Society Members: 27 Rotary Direct Participants: 82

Total Endowed Funds: 2  
Market Value: \$404,822  
Market Value Date: 31-Oct-2015  
Foundation Recognition Points: 24,320.63

\*Joint Major Donor/Bequest Society counts as one.  
EREY, Sustaining Member and PHS Eligible includes all individuals, not just active club members.

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## News From Lkwd/RR Sunrise

By: Marty Harris

Our Interact Club traveled to Peninsula for Elf Night at the Polar Express. On Monday, November 30th, 13 elves boarded Jim Harris's, Jenny Suremmee's and Kirsten Senger's cars to travel to Peninsula, Ohio to bring out their fairy dust for the children on the two trains who were visiting the North Pole. A great time was had by all at the Winking Lizard where they spotted a raccoon named Doug who came down to enjoy the fun. Hope you all will be able to join us next year. We missed you! The kids on the Polar Express were as cute as ever with their little noses against the train windows.

Photos of the event are available here: <http://www.lrrsunriserotary.org/Stories/elf-night-photos>

## Ashtabula Sponsors Lights-on-the-Lake

Rotary Club of Ashtabula is a 2015 sponsor of **Lights-on-the-Lake**, an annual holiday event with the largest light display along Lake Erie. Consisting of more than 70 professional light attractions, the displays are placed among 54 acres of rolling hills with majestic Lake Erie as a backdrop. An annual tradition for many, the event is



great for creating family fun and memories in a beautiful picturesque setting. In addition to its sponsorship, Ashtabula club volunteers will greet visitors and host Santa Claus at the gate on **Fri., 12/18/15.** **Lights-on-the-Lake** runs each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. through Dec. 27. The cost is \$5 per vehicle or \$1 per person for commercial buses. The event is held at Lake Shore Park, 1700 East 1st Street, Ashtabula, OH 44004. Vehicles enter through the east gate located at the intersection of Lake Road (SR 531) and State Rd. For directions or more information, visit <http://www.aclotl.com>.

## Time to Start Thinking About Convention in Korea

I am Jim Ives, the Seoul Convention promotions coordinator for Zone 29. I am asking for your help in promoting the 2016 convention to all you know in Rotary. It is expected to be one of the finest conventions held to date. The 2016 Rotary Convention in Seoul South Korea is your chance to meet Rotary members from around the globe. You'll reconnect with old friends and make new ones while exploring different cultures and exchanging ideas for a better world.

### Something for every Rotarian

Whether you've just joined Rotary or are a longtime club member, our annual convention will deepen your understanding and appreciation of Rotary. You'll make personal connections on a global scale, discover new ideas for making positive change, and return to your club inspired and energized to take action. All this and the chance to explore Korea's capital, Seoul.

### Develop your skills

The convention offers a variety of opportunities to sharpen your skills and share your knowledge. From pre-convention events like the World Water Summit and Rotaract Pre-convention to breakout sessions and talks on topics relevant to you and your club, you'll gain new perspectives – and new partners – for doing good.

Your registration fee gives you an opportunity to:

- Hear from world-renowned speakers and top leaders in our organization
- Build your communication, leadership, and project management skills in breakout sessions

Network and exchange ideas while browsing the project and fellowship booths in the House of Friendship

Please take time to view the [video](#) that shows all the beauty and splendor of Seoul. Pass this along to your District Secretaries and webmasters to distribute to your clubs and members. Remember, we need to serve our clients (members) to the best of our ability, and making sure they are aware of all the wonderful opportunities. This is one way we can serve them. We have a goal of 50,000 attendees in Seoul, but this can only be achieved if we are all working toward that end. To register or find other important information, click [here](#).

Thank you in advance for your help, and I look forward to seeing you all register for Seoul in the near future.

Jim Ives

Zone 29 Seoul Convention Promotions Coordinator

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*Connect with Korea-Touch the World*

## A Rotary Minute

### *Evaluating Club Meetings*

Take time to evaluate your weekly club meeting from the perspective of a visitor. Is it easy for a visitor to find basic information about your club's next meeting on the Internet? Is your website updated and does it contain accurate information such as the meeting location and start time? Is there a cost to attend, a meal included, what should a visitor expect, and when does the meeting end? Studies show that the vast majority of people look for information on the internet before taking any action. Therefore, if our websites or Facebook pages are not accurate, you may be missing a very valuable opportunity to connect with prospective members.

Lance Chima  
District Membership Chair

## Organizations Join Together

### *Two Service Organizations join together to celebrate the Holiday Season*

On December 16, Rotarian David Lariviere of the Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise again organized the Christmas Fellowship Breakfast at Medina First Baptist Church. The annual even is sponsored by Medina Sunrise Rotary and the Medina Breakfast Kiwanis Clubs. A Special program was presented by the children's youth choir of the church.

Showing that two service organizations have been working together to serve their communities is Rotary Past District 6630 Governor, Jack A. Young who was also a Kiwanis member in Conneaut, Ohio and Past President of the RC of Conneaut; David Lariviere Rotarian of Median Sunrise and Alan Penn, Past Kiwanis International President who is also a Rotarian

## Bookcases for Children

### *2016 District 6630 Conference Interact / Rotaract Service Project*

On Saturday, April 23rd, 2016 the District Interact and Rotaract Clubs will be conducting a service project at our District Conference at the Hilton Garden Inn in Mayfield Heights. Their service project will include the collection of new and gently used books for ages birth to third grade. At 2pm Saturday at the conference they will also build bookshelves for the books to be distributed to communities in need. We are asking each Rotary Club to help collect books or make monetary donations to buy books for this project. The books will be collected by the clubs and brought to the conference. If your club is unable to designate one or more people to transport your club's books to the conference please contact Bob Oborn at boborh@kentelastomr.com or 330-689-0485 to make arrangements for pick up. We hope to make 10-12 bookcases for this project.

We need each Rotary Club's support for this great project. Rotary Clubs that sponsor an Interact or Rotaract Club, we ask you to purchase lunch for your students attending that day. We will have the Rotary Youth Exchange Parade of Flags, the winners of the 4-Way Speech contest presenting, and our keynote speaker Dr. Kwame Scruggs. After lunch, the Interact and Rotaract students will conduct their service project. We need all other Rotary Clubs to collect books and money to purchase books. We are hoping to have a great turnout for the Interact and Rotaract Clubs!

Remember, Interact and Rotaract are the future of our Rotary so please support the project and encourage all Interact and Rotaract students to attend.

## TRC Wadsworth Hosts Punt Pass & Kick

This is some news from the Wadsworth Club and one of our service projects that we would like to share with the District.

The Rotary Club of Wadsworth hosted a local competition for the NFL Punt, Pass and Kick at Art Wright Stadium in September. The 10 winners advanced to a Sectional competition in Kent and competed against 20 other local competition winners from NE Ohio. The winners of each age group in Kent then went on to compete for the Cleveland Browns Team

Championship held at Browns Training Facilities in Berea last weekend.

We are proud to say that Wadsworth's own Ryan Ludtke won his age group (10-11 Boys) and is the Cleveland Browns Team Champion! Ryan won at the Saturday competition in Berea and was on the field at last week's Browns-Bengals game where he was able to kick a field goal at halftime of the game. Ryan is waiting results from the other NFL Team Championships and may have an opportunity to compete for the NFL National Championship at the stadium of an upcoming Conference Championship game in January. Ryan is a 6th grader at Central Intermediate School in Wadsworth.

Ryan is the first Wadsworth kid to ever advance this far, and obviously, the first Wadsworth kid to ever win the Browns Team Championship! I've attached a couple pictures from the competition in Berea last weekend. It would be great if we could get him some recognition. If you have any questions about it, please let me know.

Tim Manion  
Rotary Club of Wadsworth





## News From TRC Berea

By Linda G. Kramer  
Public Image Chair  
Rotary Club of Berea



**Kevin Moore, left, of All Ohio Secure Shred talks over the Shred Fest with Marc West, the Berea Rotary Shred Fest chair.**

### Shredding = Recycling

In May, Berea Rotary conducted its annual Shred Fest with a new vendor – All Ohio Secure Shred, which shredded 9,815 pounds of documents. All that paper was recycled into paper towels, napkins and tissues, said Kevin Moore, CEO of All Ohio Secure Shred.

Moore told Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, Dec. 8 that his mobile units can shred around 5,000 pounds of paper per hour. The trucks hold 10,000 pounds, so the Rotary Shred Fest was pretty much at capacity. There is a small TV screen on the side of the truck where the process can be monitored. The paper, including magazines, newspapers, documents, fliers, etc., is shredded, baled and then sold to paper mills in Wisconsin and Kentucky. Moore said his company also can shred hard drives.

The shredding industry began in Toronto, Ont., Canada, and most of the mobile shredding vehicles are manufactured there, Moore said. It is a rapidly growing industry with more than 2,400 shredding companies in the U.S. Most, like All Ohio Secure Shred, are locally owned. Moore's company is based in Richfield and services companies and organizations throughout Ohio.

Secure Shred is NAID certified, which means employees undergo background checks and random drug tests and the plant and equipment is inspected and approved.

Shredding is important on two levels, Moore said. It keeps waste out of landfills and it can prevent identity theft.

The next Berea Rotary Shred Fest is set for May 21, 2016.

### Jack Frost Festival

Thanks to Ann Socha and the BW Rotaractors for staffing the hot chocolate and cookie stand during the Jack Frost Festival on Saturday, Dec. 5. More than 2,000 people attended the festival in downtown Berea, and although we ordered 10 urns of cocoa and extra cookies, we ran out of cocoa in about an hour and out of cookies 30 minutes later. Pictures are posted on the Berea Rotary Facebook page.



### Fighting Polio & Terrorists in Nigeria

For Aisha Mustapha fighting polio in her home country of Nigeria isn't just about finding volunteers or trekking to remote areas to administer the vaccine to children; it's about dealing with Boko Haram, an extreme band of Muslim terrorists that plague the northern part of the country.

Last year, 100 Polio Plus volunteers were murdered in Nigeria. So far this year, the total is zero, thanks Aisha says to a new national government determined to eradicate polio and to end the terrorists' reign.

In fact, President Buhari administered the polio vaccine to his own granddaughter. "He gained the trust of the people," Aisha said.

Aisha, a first-year medical student at Case Western Reserve University, is studying with Dr. Ed White, a Berea Rotarian. Aisha's father, a physician, is a Rotarian and vice chair of the Polio Plus campaign in Nigeria. He works closely with Tunji

Funsho, the chair, who was featured in the November issue of the Rotarian magazine. The Nigerian Polio Plus office provided information for the power-point Aisha presented to Berea Rotary on Tuesday, Dec. 1.



**Ed White and Aisha Mustapha**

Nigeria has had no new cases of polio for a year, Aisha said. The challenge is to reach those portions of northern Nigeria where most polio cases are found and where Boko Haram is a threat, Aisha said. One of the main factors in the success of the polio program is the establishment of Emergency Operations Centers, she said. These are well-organized units throughout the country that supervise volunteers and the vaccination programs locally. Another factor has been educating the population about the importance of vaccination. Especially in the north, "there is a cultural misconception about western medicine," Aisha said.

The EOCs have worked so well, so quickly that Aisha says she hopes the format will be adopted in Pakistan and Afghanistan, the only remaining countries where polio is still endemic. "This is not a sprint; it's a marathon," Aisha said. Eradicating polio now is just one hurdle. The country must continue to vaccinate so that the disease does not reappear.

Nigeria has a history of attacking health issues head-on. When the ebola outbreak hit in 2014, Nigeria was the first country to effectively control [Cont'd on pg. 12](#)

## News From TRC Berea cont'd

and eliminate it.

With a 182 million people, Nigeria is the most populous country in Africa. Its economy is also the most robust. With the support of the national government, making sure Nigeria remains polio-free is a reality, Aisha said.

At the same time, "Nothing would have been possible without Rotary," she said. "They raised funds, offered volunteers and publicized awareness."

One of those volunteers was Stan Socha of Brunswick Rotary, who has made two trips to Nigeria to help distribute the vaccine. The father of Berea Rotarian Ann Socha, Stan also has made trips to India,



President Judy Stull poses with an iron lung, a machine that helped polio patients to breathe -- a treatment used in the last century. The iron lung was on display at the District's Foundation Awards & Art Auction in November

"The whole world is only a plane ride away from polio," Aisha said. With the interconnectedness of countries and people, it takes but one person with an active polio virus to bring the disease to another location. Such was the case with the recent ebola outbreak.

"We must continue to immunize," Aisha said.

Her personal goal is to complete her medical education here and then bring those skills back home to Nigeria. "I want to make my country a better place," she said.

### Rotaract/Interact Committee Meets

*Rotaract Interact Committee meets up in Evanston Dec 3-4, 2015*

Rotaract and Interact Committee 2015-16 met on Dec 3-4, 2015 at Rotary International Headquarters, Evanston, USA. The agenda of the meeting was to look into existing policies and recommend changes which can improve Rotaract and Interact movement across the globe. During the meeting various strategies and policy changes were discussed which would be further passed on to the Board of Directors. The meeting was presided by Florian Wackermann (Germany) and Yen Shen Hsieh (Taiwan) with the help of Adam & his team (Rotary Staff). Other Members who were present in the meeting were Veronica Suarez (Argentina), Evan Burrell (Australia), Oliver Alvarez (Philippines), Tommie Buscemi (USA), Safina Rahman (Bangladesh), Henry Long (USA), Rahel Getachew (Ethiopia) and Sahil Bhateja (India).

We would always encourage you to write us if you have any suggestion or feedback at [ri-committee@rotaract.de](mailto:ri-committee@rotaract.de).



### TRC Solon's Night At The Races

*Rotary Club of Solon Night at the Races and the Solon Center for the Arts Project*

The Rotary Club of Solon is pleased to announce the date for our 5th annual Night at the Races Charity Event which will be held on Saturday evening February 6, 2016 at the Solon Community Center from 6 to 11 pm. The Solon club has 2 fund raisers per year to help support on community and international projects. On October 19<sup>th</sup>, we held our 3<sup>rd</sup> Bowl for Water event at Freeway Lanes in Solon, which was attended by over 170 people and successfully rose over the \$10,000 target for our 2016 El Salvador fresh water project.

We are very excited to announce that a major portion of the Night at the Race's proceeds will go for our key community project for next year, helping the City of Solon repair and upgrade the theatre at the Solon Center for the Arts. The Center of the Arts is a gem within our community supporting art education for youth of all ages. We are targeting to raise \$10,000 to support refurbishing the seats and other improvements for the theatre that will occur in late 2016.

The Night at the Races is a great event with silent and live auctions, multiple raffle games, Super Bowl squares and of course, horses. Last year, over 140 people joined the Solon Rotarians to have a

great fun filled evening and helped us raise over \$11000 for our community



efforts. If you would like to join us, please visit our Eventbrite site at <http://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-night-at-the-races-2016-proceeds-benefit-the-rotary-club-of-solon-and-solon-theater-project-tickets-19351042489> or you contact Brian Moran at [brian.moran@swagelok.com](mailto:brian.moran@swagelok.com). The address for the Solon Community Center is:

**Solon Community Center**  
35000 Portz Parkway  
Solon, OH 44139

We would also appreciate silent auction items that can be donated; we do have a 501(c)3 Foundation for tax deduction purposes.



## Local Rotarians Return From Chinandega, Nicaragua

On December 2nd, 3 Rotarians left to help distribute Shoe Boxes to the children living in and around the garbage Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. Rotarians from District 6630 included Bob Calsin of the RC of Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise, Stan Socha of the RC of Bdrunswick and PDG Jack Young of the RC of Conneaut spent this past week in Nicaragua to complete the process of Distributing Shoe Boxes that were supported by Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Friends of Rotary in District 6630.



This annual trip included 22 Rotarians and Friends from Ohio, Michigan, Iowa, North Carolina and Texas. In addition we presented Shoe Boxes to several schools in the area along with a small village name Rotary Village. Jack indicated we have come a long way since his first trip to Nicaragua in December of 2006, but still have a long way to go to eliminate the extreme poverty and educating the children to obtain a higher level of education.



This entire process was started by the Rotarians in Texas headed by Frank Huezo and Jim Kite who met Father Marco Dessey of Chinandega. Over the years, Rotary has supported the schools in and around the Dump with a Christmas Box for the Children, started a trade School in

Chinandega. The school offers skills in Woodwork, metal working, sewing, hospitality service, making candy and computer/photography. Therefore, the Betania Trade School offers hope to the children to provide an opportunity to live a better and productive life.



In addition, from the children of the Dump, we now have over 20 children who are in or who graduated from college. One of the first children who was found on the Dump by Father Dessey is Maria Jose who within the past month has received her MBA degree in Nicaragua.

In addition to the Shoe Boxes and school supplies that our district we have been responsible over the past nine years: medical items, a fire truck, several ambulances, welding equipment, jaws of life, fire



fighting equipment, medical supplies and equipment, school supplies, jaws of life, fire fighting equipment and many other usable good items that we just discard in the U. S. This has amounted to over \$ 650,000 of valued items. According to Jack, we are looking a how used heart pacemakers can be used to extend the lives of people in Nicaragua. (More information on this project will follow.)

Jack, who is on the Board of Directors for the International American Nicaragua

Hope and Relief Foundation indicates that there will be modifications to the timing of the actual trip next year to meet the challenges of the shipping challenges



in getting the items to Nicaragua. More information will follow regarding the timing of obtaining items, etc. and will be communicated to all Rotary Clubs. Special thank you to those going on the trip this year and to those who



support this effort in making the lives of these children a little more meaningful during the holiday season. (A special



thank you to Rotarian Marsha Pappalardo of the Rotary Club of Brunswick coordinates the shoe Boxes and makes sure the appropriate items are sent to the children.

## Rotary Youth Exchange Cultural Overnight

Voices of campers arriving at Rex Lake revealed the enchantment of greeting one another again through the big smiles and warm embraces of RYE students. District 6630 conducted its 2nd RYE event November 14 & 15, 2015 sponsored by the Akron Club at Rotary Camp. Inbound students attending were: Kaho Mochizuki (Japan), Justine Altmeyer-Wagner (France), Jermán León (Chile), Antonella Ramos (Peru), Ben Reidel (Germany), Suphakrit Disthaphongphakdee (Thailand) and Gabriel Mendes (Brazil). Several host siblings also join the group as well as potential Outbound candidates. A great gathering of international young people!! Goal of the Cultural Overnight: to assist RYE students in crossing cultural boundaries.



We paused for a moment of silence for the terror acts (which had just happened the night before) in Paris, France, to mark the beginning of the welcome event. This was important especially since one of our Inbound students is French. Then, so all students would become better acquainted, they had to find someone who matched specific activities based on T-shirt drawings they created during orientation in August. Brian Chima followed up with an activity to help everyone learn more about each other. Drawing a candy from a bowl of M&Ms, students answered a personal question based on the color selected while everyone listened intently. This turned out to be a very fun and informative game. Next using a Think, Pair, Share approach, students shared their favorite iPhone photo with a partner. Then, to really get to know everyone, each student explained to the group what their partner's favorite photo was and why.

Working together was another theme we

developed. To increase their ability to work with a diverse group of individuals and develop leadership skills, students were organized into teams and given the task: Build a tower. Using spaghetti and marshmallows, each RYE team actually constructed a tower. Students followed certain rules while working together, judged the various finished (and non-finished) products, then analyze how well they worked together. It was great fun. We witnessed some truly inventive strategies.

After dinner students again worked in groups to create a skit they could use in their home country to convey cultural things about attending high school in the U.S. Groups selected from these topics: In the classroom, in the cafeteria, in the football locker room, cheerleading at sports events, homecoming and on the bus. All groups seemed intent on creating a funny skit and showing off their acting prowess! An interesting discussion followed about cultural differences of schooling. Students then spent the rest of the evening just talking with one another or playing cards and board games before heading off to bunks in the comfortable dormitories of Rotary Camp. ZZZZZzzzzzz!



Following a hearty breakfast cooked by Leslie Tierney, Brian Chima and Susan Colville-Hall, everyone headed out on a hike around Rex Lake with Questions & Answers: Would you rather do this or this? A very interesting way to observe the early morning light, hear people's different choices of responses and singing thanking the breakfast crew, especially Leslie Tierney who produced a scrumptious meal.

We saw a couple programs given by RYE students. Justine Altmeyer-Wagner presented a delightful slide program about her home in France and her new school community in NE Ohio. Rebound student Jenny Suramee shared a video that she did while living in South Korea last year.



The final agenda item consisted of reviewing goals set in August, assessing those goals in terms of how well students met them and proposing new goals for the next few months. The RYE crew concluded that RYE students were gaining a better understanding of their exchange experience and were successful in adapting to their new culture. Everyone helped with clean up before gathering to munch down a few tacos from Taco Bell and say goodbye. Many of our RYE students also lent a helping hand and served as volunteers at the Art Auction for the Rotary Foundation at Fairlawn's Hilton Hotel and seemed to enjoy and learn about service from the exercise.



## Rotary Day at the UN 2015

By: Marybeth Whelan  
Rotary Club of Strongsville  
Rotary Day at the UN 2015 was a unique experience. As a member of Rotary Club of Strongsville I was fortunate to represent our club in NYC with Rotarians from around the world.

The first stop Friday evening was with The Rotary Club of Wall Street presenting a documentary of the Haiti Entrepreneurship Camp. It began in 2014 in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, with the support of Rotary Club of Wall Street New York, Rotary Club de Delmas-Aeroporte, and the Lufthansa HelpAlliance.

Their goal has been to foster development through Entrepreneurship; exchanging knowledge and building relationships with entrepreneurs to turn around struggling economies and empower them to develop prosperous independent communities. Check out this link to learn more about the Camp.

<http://wallstreetrotary.org/check-out-the-trailer-for-our-documentary/>

On Saturday morning over 75 Rotarians gathered at Rockefeller Plaza for The Today Show. There is no better way to meet Rotarians than standing outside at 6AM waiting in line to find a prime location on the plaza. Wearing aprons featuring Rotary's End Polio Campaign, we did get a few minutes on-air to highlight this year's achievement.

Then off to United Nations Plaza for outstanding presentations from, K.R. Ravindran, Rotary International President; Lakshmi Puri Asst Secretary and acting head, deputy executive director, UN Women; and Joseph Laureni, Rotary representative to the UN. Jeffrey Kluger, Time magazine Editor-at-large, wrote the book Jonas Salk and the Conquest of Polio. With his long time interest in our campaign, he shared today's numbers of Polio being in only two countries.

The Rotary Global Women of Action for 2015 stories each were interesting and I am in awe of how one person, backed by the Rotary force can make such a difference.

I realized I had a lot to discover about our

history with the United Nations. I presented to the Strongsville Rotary Club how awesome it was to meet all these great people and learn of their individual and club achievements. Many people shared how their clubs are challenged with similar obstacles: growing membership, volume or lack of volume of club activities, and finding host families for exchange students. Here is some history -

The UN charter is written very similarly to the 4 way test. The Charter is divided into 2 sets 4 statements:

### ***CHARTER OF THE UNITED NATIONS***

#### **WE THE PEOPLES OF THE UNITED NATIONS DETERMINED**

to save succeeding generations from the scourge of war, which twice in our lifetime has brought untold sorrow to mankind, and

to reaffirm faith in fundamental human rights, in the dignity and worth of the human person, in the equal rights of men and women and of nations large and small, and

to establish conditions under which justice and respect for the obligations arising from treaties and other sources of international law can be maintained, and

to promote social progress and better standards of life in larger freedom,

#### **AND FOR THESE ENDS**

to practice tolerance and live together in peace with one another as good neighbors, and

to unite our strength to maintain international peace and security, and

to ensure, by the acceptance of principles and the institution of methods, that armed force shall not be used, save in the common interest, and

to employ international machinery for the promotion of the economic and social advancement of all peoples,

**HAVE RESOLVED TO COMBINE OUR EFFORTS TO ACCOMPLISH**

**THESE AIMS.**

Rotary's relationship with the United Nations dates back to 1945 when 49 Rotary members acted as delegates, advisors and consultants at the United Nations Charter Conference.

Delegations of Rotary members helped draft the UN Charter in San Francisco in 1945 and gave the organization strong support during its early years, until the Cold War turned it into an ideological battleground. Rotary's participation decreased over the following decades in keeping with its policy against political involvement.

The spark that restored Rotary's interest in the UN was the launch of the campaign to eradicate polio in 1985, and the ensuing partnership with the World Health Organization and UNICEF. Rotary and the UN have been close partners ever since, a relationship that's apparent through PolioPlus and work with UN agencies.

Rotary's Board of Directors has gradually expanded the representative network to include UN specialized agencies headquartered in Geneva, Vienna, and Paris.

Representatives are also linked to other major international groups, including the World Food Program, the Organization of African Unity, and the Commonwealth of Nations. The network today includes 30 Rotary leaders, appointed by the RI president, who communicate Rotary's priorities on a regular basis to these various bodies.

In 2013, the Board added two youth representatives to the UN, and appointed former Rotary General Secretary Ed Futa to serve as dean, in charge of setting the direction and strategy for Rotary's outreach in the international community.

## TRC Mantua Lights Up Christmas

By Sandy VerDuin

Rotary Lights Up Christmas  
Lights are now on in a very poor African



settlement in Slovoville South Africa for over 200 people who were the beneficiaries of our Rotary Club of Mantua's Global Project to provide solar powered lanterns and clean cook stoves to the area. The project, beginning last May, is now complete and word from South Africa is that families cheered, cried and shouted as they dared to 'touch' the solar lantern and panel while learning how light can come without burning toxic fuel as they've done for generations. Seeing at night for studying, safety and fellowship as well as breathing clean air due to the use of an

energy efficient stove has literally changed lives forever. Rotary thanks all who helped raise funds to make this miracle at



Christmas come true. A key factor in raising the funds came from the club's 2015

2nd Annual Celebrity Pie Auction at the Potato Festival! Who would have thought that baking a pie and auctioning it off ~in the most fun way of course~ would trans-



late into an entire community across the world being now able to Dream in the Light!



## World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update Week ending 25 November

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	57	20	305	47	359	56
- in endemic countries	57	2	286	44	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	18	19	3	19	4

### **Headlines:**

In 2015, wild poliovirus transmission is at the lowest levels ever, with fewer cases reported from fewer areas of fewer countries than ever before. In 2015, 57 wild poliovirus cases have been reported from two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan), compared to 305 cases from nine countries during the same period in 2014.

On November 27 – 29, heads of governments, staff and experts from 53 commonwealth nations will gather in Malta to discuss shared global priorities at the biennial Commonwealth Heads of Government Meeting (CHOGM). Commonwealth leadership on polio has brought the disease within touching distance of eradication. Now is the time to reaffirm support and wipe the disease off the face of the earth. Sustained political and financial commitment from all countries remain critical to finishing the job to eradicate polio for good.

**Afghanistan:** No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 27 October, from Nangarhar. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 16.

**Pakistan:** One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the past week, with onset of paralysis on 1 November. It is the most recent WPV1 case in the country, from Kamari town, Karachi, Sindh. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 41.

Countries	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	16	0	21	0	28	0	27-Oct-15	NA
Pakistan	41	2	259	20	306	22	01-Nov-15	13-Dec-14