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Governor's Letter

Wow! 2016 is almost over! What an amazing Rotary year! I am so thankful for the opportunity to meet and work with so many wonderful people. On to 2017! Here is what is happening!

Foundation Gala...

The Foundation Gala will be Friday March 3 at Hale Farm and Village! The theme is the 1850s! Imagine life during this period! Taste the food! Enjoy the drinks! We will have an 'experience auction' where you can bid on Cavs playoff tickets, Indians games, memorabilia, a box at the Cleveland Air Show, a Rotary Cornhole set personally made by PDG Bob Johnson.... and many more!

I am asking every club and every Cluster to donate an item, a basket, or an experience! Help us make this event the most fun ever!

We will have a period costume contest so review your wardrobe options! Save the date for this event where we will honor all the clubs

for their Foundation giving during PDG Cheryl's year. Don't miss out!

Save the Date... March 15th

On Tuesday, March 15th, we will have a Rotary Night at the Cavs Game. Wow! The Detroit Pistons will be the opponent. The game is at 7pm. There will be a get-together beforehand for us to mingle. PDG Stew is in charge so you know it will be a great event. Tickets are limited so get yours early!

On To Atlanta...

The Rotary International Convention is only in the United States every 4 years! This year it is in Atlanta! It is the 100th Anniversary of the 1917 Atlanta Convention where our very own Arch Klumph introduced the idea that changed the world.... that Rotary should have an endowment fund to ensure future projects could be funded, and that Rotary would be distinguished from other service organizations. Wow!

Jack Young is our On To Atlanta chair. Please look for his emails about making your reservations to attend. It is time to make your registration and hotel reservations! Don't wish you had.... be glad you did! A great Christmas present idea! Take your family to Atlanta! June is around the corner!

I need to wrap this up because I have wrapping to do! Heehee. Lots of wrapping! I hope you and your family have a wonderful Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Your Very Grateful Rotary Partner, Jim McKee, DG, District 6630, 2016-17

Tips for achieving the Presidential Citation

The Presidential Citation is an award that clubs can earn by achieving goals in dues payment, membership growth, Foundation giving, humanitarian service, and more. Clubs have a year to earn the citation. Here are a few tips to help you achieve it:

- Check your [citation report](#) early and often. To add a report to the quick links on your home page, select the star icon next to the citation report.
- Work with your club to divide the tasks for achieving the citation.
- Don't wait until the end of the year to set and reach goals. Report accomplishments throughout the year to make sure they are recorded accurately.
- Use resources such as the [citation achievement guide](#) and a [video guide](#) developed by Rotarians in the western United States.

Also, Rotary Club Central has a new feature: The [Members in a Club](#) report now has citation metrics. The report lists Rotary discussion group participants and members who have updated their skills and interests on their My Rotary profile. This information, available on the report's last page, will track progress toward two citation goals, both for online tool adoption.

Write us at riawards@rotary.org if you have any questions, and leave your tips for achieving the Presidential Citation in our [Membership Best Practices Discussion Group](#).

Nordonia Hills Reverse Raffle

The Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills will be holding their annual Reverse Raffle on Saturday, February 18, 2017 at Birchwood Banquet & Party Center at 7540 Northfield Road in Walton Hills. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with an open bar cocktail hour followed by a buffet dinner served at 7:00 pm. The Reverse Raffle will be held after dinner. There is \$2,000 grand prize, sideboards, bingo, Chinese raffle and music by "BaconCake Live". Tickets are \$75.00 per person which includes dinner, bar and main board ticket. Absentee tickets are also available for \$50 for those who would still like a chance at the main board prize and to support the Chuck Sterling Scholarship Program. There are only 200 tickets sold! To purchase tickets, please call David Fike at 330-467-7547

Grants Management Seminars Announced

GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINARS FOR 2017/2018 DISTRICT AND GLOBAL PROJECTS

All District 6630 clubs planning on doing a district or global grant during the 2017/2018 Rotary year must plan on attending one of the following Grant Management Seminars (GMS) to qualify your club for a matching grant project in 2017/2018. There will be a series of 3 GMS sessions in January & February.

As in the past a minimum of 2 people from your club must attend at least one session. It is suggested that the 2017/2018 club president be one of the attendees.

1. 1/31/17 - Tuesday
6:00 PM @ Berea Library
7 Berea Commons, Berea,
OH 44017 (W. off I-71 on
Bagley to Front St. - S. on
Front to Berea Commons)
(440) 234-5475

2. 2/16/17 - Thursday
6:00 PM @ Independence Li-
brary
Cuyahoga County Public Library
- Independence, OH Branch
6361 Selig Dr. (west side of Rt.
21 south of Rockside)
Independence, OH 44131
216-447-0160
3. 2/25/2017 - Saturday
9:30 AM @ Cuyahoga Public
Library - Mayfield Branch
500 SOM Center Rd. (west side
of Rt. 91 (SOM) north of Wilson
Mills) Mayfield, OH 44143
440-473-0350

Questions or concerns? Call District
Foundation Chair Bob Johnson 440-
384-7574

Civil Air Patrol & Medina County Skyhawks Host TRC Medina Sunrise

"Do you want to learn to fly? Do you want to protect your community? Do you want to honor and serve America? Then rise to the challenge of cadet membership in the U.S. Air Force Auxiliary, Civil Air Patrol!" challenged 2Lt Glenn Somodi, Commander of the Medina County Skyhawks unit of the Civil Air Patrol, speaking to Medina Sunrise Rotarians, Air National Guard

Tech Sergeant Lincoln Carter, Buckeye Schools Superintendent Kent

Morgan, and PDG Jack Young from the North Coast Chapter of the Tuskegee Airmen.

Established in 1941, The Medina County Skyhawks unit of the Civil Air Patrol has been protecting and serving our community and nation for 75 years. Our 3-part mission includes cadet programs, aerospace educa-

tion & school-to-community outreach, and emergency search & rescue services. Medina County's 23 cadets and 10 adults are part of our nation's proud #AIRTEAM, composed of 24,000 cadets and 33,000 adults. Together, we provide over 100,000 hours each year in disaster relief throughout the U.S.A. and Puerto Rico, which is 85% of all search and



rescue operations in our country.

If you are at least 12 years old but

not yet 19, you are eligible to join us as a cadet. CAP also offers opportunities for adults and welcomes volunteers committed to serving our community and our nation.

INFORMATION, visit www.medinaskyhawks.org or <http://bit.ly/1nsrjD7>. 2IT Glenn Somodi (CAP) can be reached at (216) 533-2520.

Handmade Dolls for Chinandega

After seeing an article in the Median Newspaper regarding Rotary sending Shoe Boxes to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua, Mrs. Helen Shurance of Seville, Ohio contacted PDG Jack Young. She indicated that she crochets dolls for Children and would like to help them to have a little something and hopefully give back a smile.

On November 25, she contacted Jack and said that over the past several months she had crocheted 125 small dolls that she wanted to donate to the children of the dump in Nicaragua. That afternoon, Jack and Marsha Pappalardo from the RC of Brunswick went to her home in Seville, Ohio to pick them up. It should be noted that at a young age of 94, she enjoys giving her talent to help children smile and have something that is their very own. On behalf of Rotary and District 6630, we thank Helen for Serving Humanity.



PDG Jack Young, Helen Shurance and Marsha Pappalardo

A New Year's resolution for your Rotary club

As you prepare for this festive holiday season and reflect on the past year, you may also be thinking about your New Year's resolution. Many people resolve to improve their health and well-being. Could your Rotary club benefit from a similar exercise? Take the [Rotary Club Health Check](#), an easy online quiz to help your club recognize problem areas and prescribe remedies.



Once you've taken the health check, tell us how you did. What challenges will your club address in the new year? Describe your club's next steps in the [Membership Best Practices Discussion Group](#) or write us at membership.minute@rotary.org —you might be featured in an upcoming webinar!

Santa on the Green

The Rotary Club of Hudson Celebrates 15 years of Santa on the Green

In 2001, The Rotary Club of Hudson took over the traditionally successful presentation of Santa on the Green, working with the legendary Jimmy Sutphin. Sharon Blackford, former Rotary member and Hudson Schools Administrator, assisted Jimmy and loved working with him through the years. Ed Sogan, Hudson's Citizen of the Year, also worked with Jimmy and eventually assumed responsibility for the annual appearance of Santa.



In the photo, Sharon is presenting a picture of Jimmy in his Santa Hat to Jimmy's son Jamie.

The framed photo features the caption "In Loving Memory of Santa's Favorite Elf".

Helping with the presentation is David Basil, President and Ed Sogan.

This year over 350 children visited with Santa on the Hudson Green and two dozen Rotarians along with a wedding party assisted with the celebration.

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Local Rotarians Volunteer at Kids Book Bank

Cleveland, Hillcrest and Shaker Rotarians volunteer to sort books at Kids Book Bank

By Paul Qua, Past President, Rotary Club of Cleveland

On a cold evening in December, fourteen Rotarians from the cluster gathered in a warehouse at the Kids Book Bank at 3635 Perkins Avenue to sort books. Both Linda Mazzola and Judy Payne helped to spearhead the effort and teach Rotarians about the needs for distributing books to people in need throughout northeastern Ohio.



Payne met with Paul Qua after he had returned from the RI convention in Sydney in 2014 and helped the Rotary Club of Cleveland place two Little Free Libraries in Cleveland and the FBI Citizens Academy place a dozen more LFL in police stations in Cuyahoga County. Kids are welcome to take a book to read and either return it or keep it.



Finding books to give kids used to be the biggest problem. A local book distributor solved that problem by donation thousands of books a month. Now Payne and Mazzola face an even bigger obstacle: sorting through the donations and finding volunteers to pack and distribute the books to those in need. The 14 Rotarians sorted close to 2000 books in two hours of work and will return in January. Books are then sorted by age, size and interest. The Kid's Book Bank has distributed over

300,000 books this year!



How can other Rotary Clubs help? The Kids Book Bank is in need of volunteers to sort and pack books. They also need people to distribute books to disadvantaged kids, construct bookshelves, or build a Little Free Library. Clubs can also donate funds to help buy materials. Payne is in desperate need of books for preschool students. Looking for a speaker for an upcoming Rotary meeting? Judy and Linda would love to address your club. They are excellent speakers and passionate about giving the gift of books to those less fortunate. Contact them at 216-526-1006 to set up a speaker or to volunteer.

Jefferson Christmas Parade

TRC Jefferson sponsored an entry in the Jefferson Village Christmas parade. There were 60 entries with over 800 participants, including floats, the JAHs band, emergency vehicles, baton twirlers and our car. We passed out 900 packages of hot chocolate to bystanders who braved some inclement weather to watch the procession.



Rotary Club Flexibility

Membership and Attendance Flexibility

Research and our members' experiences have shown that when clubs have more freedom to decide how and when they hold their meetings, who they'll invite to become members, and what member engagement means, their ability to attract new members and keep current members motivated increases.

The 2016 Council on Legislation voted to give Rotary clubs more flexibility than they've ever had. The changes in policy affect when, where, and how clubs meet and the types of membership they offer.

5 WAYS TO USE THE NEW FLEXIBILITY

It's up to your club to decide how — and if — you want to use the new options. Start by reviewing the updated Standard Rotary Club Constitution to see which guidelines are flexible. Once you've decided what changes would benefit your club, edit your club bylaws to reflect them, and try them out. If you decide they aren't working, try something else.

Here are some examples of how your club can apply the new flexible options:

1. Change your meeting schedule. Your club can vary its meeting days, times, and frequency. For example, you could hold a traditional meeting on the first Tuesday of the month to discuss business and service projects and get together socially on the last Friday of the month. You just need to meet at least twice a month.
2. Vary your meeting format. Your club can meet in person, online, or a combination, including letting some members attend in-person meetings through the Internet.
3. Relax attendance requirements. Your club can ease attendance requirements and encourage members to participate in other ways, such as taking a leadership role, updating the club website regularly, running a meeting a few times a year, or planning an event. If your club is dynamic and offers a good experience for members, attendance won't be a problem.
4. Offer multiple membership types.

Your club could offer family memberships to those who want to bring their families, junior memberships to young professionals with leadership potential, or corporate memberships to people whose employers want to be represented in the club. Each type of membership can have its own policies on dues, attendance, and service expectations. Rotary will count these people in your club membership and will consider them active members if they pay RI dues.

5. Invite Rotaractors to be members of your club. You can invite Rotaractors to join your club while remaining members of their Rotaract clubs. If your club chooses to, it can make special accommodations for these members, such as relaxed attendance requirements or reduced fees, as long as they are reflected in the club bylaws.

Find examples of bylaw amendments that clubs might use to try these new flexible options below, and review our frequently asked questions for more information.

Cheryl Warren
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Edwins Restaurant Offers Opportunities

The Rotary Club of Hudson learns how Edwins of Shaker Square builds character and jobs

Brandon Chrostowski, Director of Edwins Leadership and Restaurant Institute on Shaker Square, like all of his "associates" at Edwins had some trouble with the law in his early years. Then he got a chance to redeem himself by going to work for a master chef in Detroit who taught him that life has no limits and that a person can always do better if they work hard.

With that encouragement and a determination to be the best, Brandon traveled to France to work in one of the finest restaurants in Paris. After returning to the US, he continued to hone his skills and build his reputation at some of the top restaurants in New York City. In becoming a noted chef, he learned that hard work and "perfect practice makes perfect".

After finding his own passion and success, Brandon decided that he wanted

to "give back" by providing the skills and the means for recently released ex-convicts to get back on their feet. The "teach a man to fish---" approach, as Brandon puts it. He started a school that taught prison inmates restaurant skills and the value of hard work. In 2007, he opened Edwins Leadership and Restaurant Institute, which operates as a kind of halfway house, employing ex convicts and offering lodging and six months intensive training in all areas of the restaurant business as well as in "life skills" to anyone recently released from incarceration. Even though 50% of trainees drop out of the rigorous highly disciplined program, the rest graduate in 6 months to begin a rewarding career in the restaurant industry. The biggest hurdle for students is building self esteem and thinking "yes, I can do this" to help resist negative behavior.

Brandon explained that his efforts are just "one small step" in the effort to solve a huge problem. The US has

only 5% of the world's population, but 25% of the world's prison population. And, the rate of returns to prison after release in the US is over 50%---one of the world's highest recidivism rates. Many of the issues preventing successful re-entry into society have to do with family and legal problems. Edwins works with students and graduates to provide legal and counseling services to help resolve these problems.

Graduates from Edwins are highly sought after and job placement is basically 100%. Currently over 150 graduates have either started their own restaurant or are successfully employed in the industry.

In reply to a Rotarian question after his talk, Brandon assured the audience that this educational concept is transferable to many other businesses if they are willing to put in the hard work along side the students. Edwins uses a non-profit structure encompassing the school, restaurant and supporting foundation.

News From TRC Port-Summit

October 3rd was a busy day for the Port-Summit Rotary Club! We participated in the Mogadore Christmas in the Village event from 2-5pm. The event locations were scattered throughout the town of Mogadore, with the Port-Summit Rotary providing activities at the Mogadore Jr./Sr. High School. Rotarians collaborated with school staff to assist children with making gingerbread houses and stamped their passports. Our club also provided bags of popcorn to children and parents. Families all had a great time! Pictured are club members Christina Dinklocker and Dan Kuntzman.



Also on October 3rd, Port-Summit Rotarians took turns ringing the Salvation Army bell at the Ellet Acme location from 9-7pm. Previously, our members had helped sign families up to receive assistance through the Salvation Army for the holidays. By ringing the bell, we played a part in helping raise the money needed to fulfill these requests. Pictured is our Club President, Randy Rininger and Club Secretary, Richard Cole.



Layettes Contributed to Nicaragua

Dear Jack,

I hope this email finds you well and enjoying a Christmas celebration with your family. We met a couple years ago on a trip to Nicaragua with Roger Cram. You may remember that I work with girls in India and Peru (and more countries now!). I was always touched by the pregnant women's shelter and spoke to contacts about the facility and the situations with the young women there.

There was a woman who was particularly moved by the plight of these women and made several layettes for them. I understand from Jim Kite that you may be going to Nicaragua in a week or so and I wonder if you would be so kind as to take the layettes. I know that it may represent additional baggage for you but I am able to pack them in a duffle bag or suitcase

and am happy to get them to you and willing to pay the additional baggage for them to get there.

I hope that this arrangement will work out for you. Please let me know if it does--or doesn't--and we can plan accordingly. Thank you!!!

Wishing you and your family a beautiful Christmas and a new year filled with peace and joy.

Best,

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TRC Wadsworth Punt Pass & Kick

The Rotary Club of Wadsworth sponsored a local competition of the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick event at Art Wright Stadium in September. The winner of the Boys 6-7 age group was Brysen Hall of Wadsworth. Brysen then advanced to the sectional competition held at West Geauga High School in October and also won his age group against 20 other local winners, which gave him the opportunity to advance to the Cleveland Browns Team Championship held on Sunday, Nov. 20th at the Browns Training Facility in Berea. Brysen and his family were also guests of the Browns and went to the Steelers game that afternoon and were introduced on the field. The Wadsworth community is proud of

Brysen Hall as he placed a close 2nd in the Browns Team competition.

The Rotary Club of Wadsworth has sponsored the NFL Punt, Pass & Kick competition for 3 years now and will be doing it again in the fall. For more information you can contact Tim Manion at 330-730-8279 or any Wadsworth Rotarian. The Rotary Club meets every Thursday morning at 7:30am at The Comfort Inn in Wadsworth and guests are welcome.

Tim Manion, Wadsworth Rotary

District 6630 Newsletter Policy

**Submit story suggestions to Mike Johns, Jr.
at stonecut@sbcglobal.net.**

We accept article ideas about club and district successes, including fundraisers, publicity efforts, service projects, and membership drives. Please include descriptions, high-resolution photos, and contact information in your email. Due to the high volume of submissions, we cannot promise to feature your story.

**PLEASE USE "ARTICLE FOR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER"
IN THE SUBJECT LINE**

News From TRC Berea

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

Rotarians Help Santa Arrive in Berea



Berea Rotarians and Rotaractors from Baldwin Wallace University get ready to handout thousands of cookies and cups of hot chocolate at the Jack Frost Festival.

Berea Rotarians as well as Rotaractors and other students from Baldwin Wallace University helped Santa make an entrance to the Jack Frost Festival and Parade in Berea. The crew handed out free cocoa and cookies to the hundreds of children and adults who turned out for the nighttime festivities, which featured fireworks and the tree-lighting ceremony. Rotary estimates it went through 800 gallons of hot chocolate and 4,000 cookies. Leftover cookies were donated to food pantries. There was no leftover cocoa.



Cade Zielinski loads bags of clothing donations from Berea Rotary into the Strongsville Rotary storage unit.

There's a Need Project

After partnering with the Rotary Club of Strongsville, the "There's a Need" Clothing for the Homeless project has been completed. Thanks to members and friends of Rotary who purged their closets for a good cause. Berea Rotary collected 20 bags of clothing.

A big thank you to St. Edward High School freshman Cade Zielinski who earned community service points for giving a helping hand to the project and did a great job of doing the heavy lifting of the bags of donated items into the Strongsville Rotary storage unit.

Berea Rotary Celebrates the Holidays

Berea Rotarians and guests welcomed the winter holidays with a party at Bucci's J'Bella restaurant in Strongsville. Guests included Rob Euerle, president of Parma Rotary; Stan and Penny Socha of Brunswick Rotary; and Neal Klabunde of Strongsville Rotary. Thanks to Ann Socha of Penny's Sweet Supplies for the chocolate-covered Oreo treats.



Rob Euerle, president of Parma Rotary, Judy Stull, past president of Berea Rotary, and Bob Huge, Berea Rotary President.



Bev and Dave Skrzysnki and Bob and Sandy Hammer



John and Kathy Chapman

IN MEMORIAM



Rudi Kamper
Jan. 1, 1935 – Dec. 8, 2016

Rudolph "Rudi" Kamper, 81, a member of the Rotary Club of Berea since Dec. 1, 1988, and past president of Berea Rotary, passed away on Dec. 8. He owned Suburban Clock in Berea, which became the largest clock importer, distributor and repair center in the U.S. Rudi was a Paul Harris Fellow and was a recipient of the Berea Chamber of Commerce's Grindstone Award as an outstanding citizen. He was an Air Force veteran. Burial was in the National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio.

The family suggests contributions to The Rotary Foundation, P.O. Box 55, Berea, OH 44017.

Messages of condolence may be sent to the family:

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2016 RYE Overnight and Interviews with Outbound Candidates

By Susan Colville-Hall,
Rotary Club of Akron

The Akron Rotary Camp was the gathering place for the December 3 and 4 Overnight (reunion) for District 6630's Rotary Youth Exchange students: Louis Fricke (RC Lakewood-Rocky River) and Louis Nonte (RC of Hiram-Garrettsville) from Germany; Gustavo Meireles (RCs of Cuyahoga Falls-Northampton), Natalia Guimaraes Roncholeta (RC of Aurora) and Stella Fagotti Miranda de Pava (RC of Medina) from Brazil; Zack Chien (RC of Chesterland) from Taiwan; Jan Dolkowski (RC of Hudson) from Poland; and. In addition to the Inbound students, Rebounder Katie



Pellegrino (RC of Cuyahoga Falls) attended the weekend. She returned to NE Ohio after a wonderful year (the last school year) learning language and culture in Belgium. Several Outbound candidates were also part of the weekend crowd. Two days of activities and festivities to close cultural gaps kept these international students engaged. Missing from the Inbound group were Monica Fujiwara (RC of Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise) from Japan, Margot Dussauge (RC of Strongsville) from France and Sky Chen (RC of Akron) from Taiwan. All three international girls were on their way to Florida with Rotary's



sponsored McMurray Disney World Trip. We missed them at the reunion.

Rotarians responsible for organizing or helping with the overnight: Susan Colville-Hall and Keryl Whetstone (Akron Club), Bob Heydorn and Sheila Hedrick (Cuyahoga Falls Club) and Patrick Kelley (Hudson Clocktower Club).

Activities included a Mixer where students had to "Find someone who..." did the item listed, the ball breaker with questions that students answered, sharing photos and stories, examining the breads of the world, discussion their greatest experiences and greatest challenges. In two competing groups they constructed a tower from spaghetti and marshmallows; then, they analyzed how well they worked in their group. Following dinner, students groups presented clever skits to convey American high school culture. Topics consisted of the classroom, the cafeteria, the football locker room, cheerleading at sports events, Homecoming and riding the school bus.

It was so much fun to watch everyone engage in Board games such as Apples to Apples, followed by ping-pong and one-on-one discussions as the night wore on. So much positive energy everywhere. Sleeping at CAMP IS JUST A BLAST according to these youths.

After breakfast, and a comfortable walk around Rex Lake, Inbound students shared some of their experiences with Outbound candidates. Each student also participated in goal setting by first analyzing the goals in linguistic, academic and culture arenas set in August and the degree to which progress was made in accomplishing those goals and in setting new goals for February. Outbound candidates set goals for completing the RYE application and getting ready to go abroad. A great discussion followed the morning session. It was amazing how much fun and cultural learning these students experience. There is no shyness or hesitation to be a part of the activities.

They have already developed excellent leadership qualities.

All students cleaned out their dorms before leaving. Outbound students stayed for their application interview with the Outbound Chair Pat Kelley and the Outbound Committee. They will learn the results this month and, if accepted, will learn their placement abroad before the February Game Overnight (Feb. 18-19).

Isn't it about time your club gets in on the fun? Our youth exchange program is one of the best ways your club can experience hands-on internationalism. It's a proven method with a long, long history of revitalizing your club and bringing it back to focus on one of Rotary's most important goals: "Peace, one student at a time."



You can energize your program by educating yourself through our District website. Simply hit the Rotary Youth Exchange "globe" on the home page and follow the links to a variety of information about the long-term and short-term programs. Then, make a presentation in the high school in your area to students interested in the experience of a lifetime. Check out (and show) the videos on the website of District 6690 to round out your presentation.

Start now! Places in our 2017-2018 program for students from your local schools are available now but they won't be open long. Address all questions to both Bob Heydorn, District Chair (ryebobheydorn@gmail.com) and Pat Kelley, Outbound Chair (ryepatrickkelley@gmail.com).