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# **ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS**

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# **BREAKING NEWSIII**



# INDIA MARKS THREE YEARS WITHOUT A CASE OF POLIO.





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## Governor's Message

Winter hasn't gone vet but at least we survived the "Polar Vortex" that attacked Northeast Ohio on Jan. 6-7. Several reports of burst pipes, but I think everyone survived. I continue to be asked by clubs to induct new members; two at Lakewood/RR last week on Monday and four at Shaker Hts. on Wednesday. Next week I induct more new members at Aurora. These membership increases have been the most gratifying part of my governorship as more new members means we can do more and touch more lives on behalf of Rotary. Please continue to emphasize the importance of membership in your clubs and give membership initiatives the time and attention they need and deserve.

After a brief respite over the holidays we have moved forward on several programs. We are planning the Grant Management Seminars that will qualify clubs to do District and Global matching grant projects in the 2014/2015 Rotary year. The first of these is on Feb. 8th at the Solon Library. We will have more information on this elsewhere in this publication.

Along these lines, I have put together a small committee that is organizing what we call, "Leadership 6630". As it states, this is a leadership development program within the district. Small groups of club members, one or two from each cluster, were identified as people exhibiting leadership qualities that will be invited to take part in a year-long (calendar year - Jan. to Dec.) schedule of opportunities that will expose them to all facets of district programs and operations. The list of viable candidates was much longer than we could accommodate in the first session. Please be patient as we want everyone who is interested to have a chance to join one of the classes. The program is designed to

learn from exposure. Training sessions, committee meetings, organizational meetings and district events will be the class rooms. These will be followed by periodic question and answer sessions staffed by district leaders. We would like to see this become an ongoing program. The program will be reviewed at the end of the year and if it is felt changes need to be made; DGE Mike Davanzo and DGN Cheryl Warren will provide input for any necessary changes during their year as DG. The long range goal of Leadership 6630 will be to create a pool of Rotarians that have depth of background and knowledge about the district and can step into district committee chair, committee member, district officer, District Governor or other leadership positions with this knowledge and be much better prepared to take on and understand their committee responsibilities and to get quickly up to speed and be in a productive role in their new position.

PDG Julie West (Cleveland) is chairing the District Nominating Committee which is charged with selecting the District Governor for the 2016/2017 Rotary year. Notices went out to all club presidents, officers and members, and will be advertised in this publication. The goal is to find the best applicant for this important position. I urge anyone interested to give it serious consideration and feel free to contact myself, Julie or any PDG with questions or concerns you may have about what is involved. Our nominating committee is accepting nominations for our next District Governor (2016/2017). I see this as an exceptional opportunity for a dynamic leader for the 2016/2017 Rotary year.

2017 will be the 100th anniversary of the

Rotary Foundation, started by the Cleveland Clubs own Arch Klumpf. The Rotary International Convention will be in Atlanta, Ga., as it was in 1917, and it will be a wonderful opportunity for District 6630 to sell itself to the entire Rotary world! I have already been approached by several long time Rotarians who want to be involved in this event. It has all the makings of a milestone year for 6630!

POLIO. I highlighted this word because I don't want it to slip out of our focus. We recently reached a major milestone with the official declaration that the country of India is officially POLIO FREE! In a nation the size of India (there are more than1000 Indian people for every one Rotarian; and there are 1.2 million Rotarians) this will go down in history as a major accomplishment in our lifetimes. We cannot take our foot off the eradication throttle! We need to focus on our objective and devise creative solutions for reaching the few remaining cases in remote and war torn parts of the world. Rotarians stepped up and said we would do this when no one else in the world thought it was possible. Rotarians have shown that we can work tirelessly and relentlessly to accomplish our goals, and I know we will. Please keep my challenge of at least \$26.50 per Rotarian donated to the RI Foundation for Polio eradication at the forefront of club spending discussions. If you need help on how to do this, please contact our District Executive Secretary, Rick Pollak at grantmakingservices@gmail.com I know we have had other challenges this year in our request for Shelter Boxes for the Philippines and our districts first VTT project, but Polio is still there and needs our full attention; until it's not there!

## Deployed For Good



Senior Airman Ross Whitley

Army 1st Lt. Evan Howard, a deployed Ohio Army National Guardmember from Dayton, Ohio, reads a book with Daniar, a student at the Nadjeschda Children's Rehabilitation Center in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, Dec. 8, 2013. Howard and other Transit Center at Manas service members spent time with children from the school after delivering boxes of donated clothes and toys as part of the Rotary Club of Akron, Ohio's Operation Deployed for Good. (U.S. Air Force photo/Senior Airman Ross Whitley)

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### **Grants Management Seminars**

If your club would like to participate in the matching grant program for District or Global grants in the 2014-15 Rotary year, this article is for you.

All clubs must be certified to participate in the matching grant programs available through The Rotary Foundation and District 6630. One part of that certification process requires two members of your club to attend one of our three upcoming Grant Management Seminars (GMS). Dates for the GMSs are:

Saturday, February 8, 2014 Solon Library

Thursday, February 20, 2014 Brunswick Library

Saturday, March 29, 2014 DoubleTree Inn, Independence @ the District Training Assembly

Watch for registration opportunities on the District 6630 website.

Who should attend? If you

are:

Club President 2014-15 Club President Elect 2014 -15 / President 2015-16

Club Rotary Foundation Liaison

Involved at any level in your club with community or global projects

...then you should attend.

District Grant Deadline: Its' not too early to start thinking about your local projects for the 2014-15 Rotary year. Requests for District grants in the 2014-15 Rotary year must be submitted to the District Grant Committee by May 15, 2014. Requests for Global Grants may be submitted throughout the year.

For questions relating to the GMSs or grant deadlines, please call District Foundation Chair, Jim Lechko @ 216-529-5625 or District Grant Committee Sub-chair, Dave Skrzynski @ 440-915-4995.

### Garth McAdoo, 55-Year Member

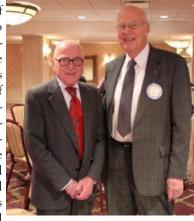
The members of the Bedford Rotary Club will miss fellow Rotarian and dear friend, Garth McAdoo. Garth died on Saturday Jan. 11, 2014. He was 81 years old.

Garth was a native of Bedford,

Ohio and owner of McAdoo Ser-Realty vice. He served as Chairman of Profesthe sional Standards Committee for the Cleveland Area Board Realtors of and named

Realtor of the year in 1995. He was an eight-year member and former President of the Bedford School Board and named to the Bedford High School Hall of Fame in 2004. He was a fifty-five year member and past president of the Bedford Rotary Club. He also served as past president of First Baptist Church Board of Trustees and volunteered with the American Red Cross and Meals on Wheels.

Most recently, Garth was instrumental in coordinating a rare opportunity to meet and hear from former U.S. Ambassador, Middle East expert and Bedford native, the Honorable Holsey Gates Handyside. Mr. Handyside talked about his experiences overseas, current conflicts in the Middle East and addressed many questions from the audience. Garth also



made it possible for the club to take a private guided tour of Mr. Handyside's home on the Bedford square. This was a unique experience because his Queen Anne style home

was built by his ancestors in 1893 and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Garth is survived by Barbara the love of his life of 59 years; beloved daughters Debbie (Steve) Peepers, Kathy (Jeff) Messics and Anne (Mike) Santora; grandchildren Rick (Ashley) and Bruce Peepers, Michael and Kathryn Santora, Bill, Charlie and Barbara Messics; Great granddaughter Mariah Bernards.

Garth will be missed by many!

# **Rotary Club Central**

Set at least 15 club goals in Rotary Club Central by 15 March and earn a new recognition award from RI President Ron Burton. You must be a 2013-14 club president, setting goals for your year, to qualify.

Burton wants members to discover the benefits of Rotary Club Central, an online tool that helps club leaders set and track their annual goals for membership, service, and Foundation giving.

Award certificates for qualifying clubs will be sent to district governors in May. No additional action is needed to qualify for the recognition.

• <u>Click here to go to Rotary</u> <u>Club Central and learn about</u> <u>the process</u>



Join The Rotary Club of Solon on **Saturday, February 1, 2014** at the Solon Community Center from 6 p.m. until 11 p.m. for an evening of fun and excitement! *Proceeds benefit the Solon Rotary Club and will be dedicated to projects in Solon!* 

We hope you attend and consider supporting our event by sponsoring a race, buying a horse, placing a program ad or making a donation. The evening includes:

- A delicious buffet dinner
- Free beer and soft drinks (BYOB encouraged)
- Wagering on action-packed video races
- A 50/50 raffle
- Auction items between races
- Super Bowl Square pool
- Fun music

and drinks. Unlimited \$2 wagers per race. Own a horse for \$25! Winning horse owner gets \$50. Horses in the final race will be auctioned off with the winner receiving 50% of the proceeds raised selling horses in that race. Gates Open 6 p.m. Dinner 6:30 p.m. Post Time 7:30 p.m. Fun will be had 'til 11 p.m. Buy tickets at solonrotary.eventbrite.com/

Tickets are \$40 per person - price includes dinner

Questions? Call Ned Bergen at 216-798-0811.

# TRC Mantua Chili Cook Off

The Rotary Club of Mantua partners with Crestwood School for a "HOT" night!

On Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 pm, the Crestwood High School Cafeteria will be transformed into an off the wall crazy event the "Serve It Up" Chili Cook Off Competition with proceeds going to help fund The Rotary Club of Mantua's 2014 Scholarships and Awards

This is truly the HOTTEST EVENT THIS WINTER, with early Chili Chef entries ranging from clergy, teachers, Rotarians, and community members who not only support education but LOVE to showcase their secret chili recipe. The Sky's the Limit as to who will win the best chili award in the most fun categories ever offered- including the The Best Smokin' Hot Chef Outfit!

MARK YOU CALENDARS today for a really fun event and the best \$6 dinner in town! Why not plan to make a night of it by attending the Crestwood Band Choir Pre-Contest Concert immediately following?

HELEN HAZLETT, Mantua Rotarian, has thrown down her Chili Spoon Gauntlet to challenge other club Rotarians to take her and her famous chili on! Do you have what it takes to enter now you know she's competing? SPACE IS LIM-ITED so this is a first come first 'served' (get the pun?) for our Chili Chef Stations! Register your chili chef today by contacting Mantua Rotarian Sandy at 440-773-8532. `

#### Clubs Can Automatically Integrate Club Member Data with Rotary International!!!

Who can do this? ANY club in District 6630

Don't you just cringe at the thought of making member updates in more than one place to keep your membership roster current for your Club, the District and Rotary International? How about when the SAR arrives and you have to check, recheck and recheck membership data for days!

We have a solution that can help you with this!

The "synchronization" feature that Rotary International offers can simplify your membership updating process so you can make your changes seamlessly, in one place.

The process is available to Clubs that DO and also for those that DO NOT currently subscribe to ClubRunner for your websites.

The set up process to "synchronize" your membership data takes about 10 minutes from start to finish and only needs to be performed ONE time!

The steps for Clubs that subscribe to ClubRunner versus those who do not are slightly different - so read below for the instructions that fit your Club:

INSTRUCTIONS FOR CLUBS THAT DO SUBSCRIBE TO CLUBRUNNER:

Your membership data is already synchronized to the District website since you are using ClubRunner, but to get your member data changes to ALSO synchronize directly from your CLUB website to Rotary International, you must perform these steps.

This is a BIG timesaver --- anytime an edit is made to a member profile in your Club's ClubRunner website - the edited member data will be updated (synchronized) automatically in the Rotary International database also which improves communications for all concerned .... AND it's a BIG help for your Club when your SAR reports arrive and they are actually accurate because your updates went straight up to Rotary each time they were made.

 Your Club President, Secretary or Executive must log onto the RI website (http://www.rotary.org) and click on the My Rotary link. The page will change and you will need to click the Sign in button and login. If it is your first time logging into the RI website since they made their site updates, you will need to "register" before you login - this only takes a minute but you will need access to your email when you do so. Once you are logged in,

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I would like to invite you to our Annual Parma Rotary (serving Parma, Parma Heights, and Seven Hills) Reverse Raffle on Saturday, March 22nd. This event is one of our largest fundraisers and is tax deductible. The proceeds go to local charities, specifically our scholarship fund for Parma City School students.

#### **ROTARY CLUB OF PARMA**



Reverse Raffle \$2500.00 GRAND PRIZE Dinner . Dancing . Open Bar . Side Boards Prize Table/Silent Auctions ONLV 175 TICKETS SOLD

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT LOCAL CHARITIES

\*Credit cards accepted at event\*

SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2014 HOLY SPIRIT PARTY CENTER 5500 West 54<sup>th</sup> Street Parma, Ohio 44129

Cocktails 6:00pm Dinner 7:30pm Raffle 9:00pm Open Bar and Dancing until Midnight Two Raffle Numbers and two dinners \$135.00

One Raffle Number and two dinners \$110.00

One Raffle Number and one dinner \$ 75.00 Sponsorships are available at various levels

#### Contact

Veronica J. Kovach-Dodd, CCLC 440.590.2665 www.kdnaturals.com

## Rotarian Travels the Comedy Club Circuit

Bold, brassy and "blue." That's one way to describe the unique comedy style of Traci Kanaan – daughter of long-time Berea Rotarians Carol and the late



George Kanaan. A Rotarian herself, Traci was fresh off a gig in Cuyahoga Falls when she stopped by Berea Rotary to tell how she came to be a stand-up comic.

It's actually a recent venture. She's been on the road for the past 11 years and a headliner for only six.

Prior to that, she graduated from Berea High in 1987 and then from Otterbein College with degrees in music and business. She entered the business world but found that not to be what she was looking for.

Now based in Florida, Traci has traveled more than 300,000 miles though 20 states and been the entertainment on countless cruises – one to the Galapagos Islands. She's done clubs from biker bars to clothing optional parties and opened for such nationally known comics as David Alan Grier, Gilbert Gottfried and Michael Winslow.

She admits that her material is for "adults only," but..."I don't target race or sex," she adds. "I do self-deprecating humor." Billed as the Princess of Parodies, Traci puts her music background to good use composing "alternative" lyrics to popular songs, accompanying herself on the keyboard. She describes it as "Weird Al Yankovic with ADHD."

The career may not be the most financially rewarding (stand-up comics make less now than they did 20 or 30 years ago, she says), "but there are many touching moments."

One audience member told her once that she had just been diagnosed with brain cancer. "You were just what I needed," the woman e-mailed Traci. "I know now I'll be OK." Husband Mike, an environmental scientist, is very supportive, she says. "We're like day and night, but it works. He doesn't tamper with the system." Many stand-up comics have problems sustaining a home life but Traci said, "I didn't want to work so hard and have no one at the end of the finish line."

Traci is past president of the Palmetto Rotary Club, where she started the local Interact Club. She is now an assistant district governor and president-elect of her club, so she's due for her second round as president later this year. She is a Paul Harris Fellow as were both her parents.

She travels to northeast Ohio every January to perform at the Funny Stop Comedy Club in Cuyahoga Falls. She said that gives her a chance to visit her father's grave and stay with friends in the area. Traci can be reached through her Web site – http://tracikanaan.com.



The Rotary Club of Berea presents:



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The settings of the District 6630 Interact Facebook page:

#### https://www.facebook.com/Interact6630

have been changed to allow anyone site to share Interact fundraisers, events, and ideas with other clubs and district.

Please encourage your Interact club to use this page to share their ideas and work with other Interact clubs in our district Hint: if your club would like to post multiple photos, create an album for your Interact club on the Facebook page for the photos to keep them together.

If there are any questions please don't hesitate to email me at: Interact6630@gmail.com

Arne van der Heyde District 6630 Interact chair

### TRC Shaker Hts Inducts Four New Members

The Rotary Club of Shaker Heights enjoyed a red-letter day on January 8, 2014 when District Governor, Bob Johnson, inducted four new members. On hand to help him were Julie West, Past District Governor and Mike Johns Jr., Assistant District Governor.



Welcomed into the Club were four members of the Shaker Heights Public School District: Dr. Gregory Hutchings, School Superintendent, Marla Robinson, Assistant Superintendent (7-12), Dr. Bernice Stokes, Assistant Superintendent (K- 6) and Christine Auginas, Assistant to the Superintendent and Executive Director of

#### the Shaker Schools Foundation.

Governor Bob Johnson talked to the new Shaker Heights Rotarians about the worldwide influence of Rotary, known because of the extraordinary projects it undertakes which define its motto of Service Above Self. It is a diverse, multicultural, 1,200,000 membership of individuals and groups committed to networking on behalf of others. Governor Bob Johnson reported on one new initiative for this Rotary District, 6630. It is to raise local dollars to be able to apply for a Rotary Foundation Grant to bring a team of Doctors from Haiti to Akron Hospital where they will be trained to operate on young children with heart problems. Trained to operate in their own country means the number of children who can be treated increases and young children can stay within their families during the operations and recovery period.

### 4 Way Test Speech Contest!

By now, all Clubs should be planning their local 4 Way Test Speech Competition event. This is the precursor to the District event which is scheduled for Saturday, April 5, 2014 in Aurora, OH. The local event is where it all starts and it is up to the individual Clubs to prepare the students in advance for this event. With this in mind, one suggestion is to schedule a sit down meeting at the school with the students and their faculty advisor. At this meeting, guidance will be given to the students as to what to expect during this event and a history of Rotary's 4 Way Test will be explained. This information can be found online at the District Website or obtained by searching on Google for the Rotary 4 Way Test Motto.

It is suggested that the students do not use note cards. While the judges at the District level are instructed to overlook this specific detail, it is important that the students attempt to present their topic without the note cards. The reason for this is that brief moments of hesitation to glance at notes can be distracting and affect their overall delivery which may result in a less effective presentation.

The students should be reminded that

this is a speech, not a dramatic performance. The top speakers in the past have been those who use the stage conservatively and do not attempt to use their bodies to intensify their presentation.

Please encourage ALL students to give it a try! This is a great opportunity for those students who want to try public speaking to get in front of their peers, parents and judges to experience what it feels like to be in front of an audience. It can be a very positive learning experience and the students can always try it again next year! It is advisable to invite the faculty advisor to come to the local event and hopefully the District event. Moral support from the teachers have in some cases helped to make the difference to a student.

Finally, to those Rotarians who are going to be responsible for accompanying the student to the District event; the first, second and third place finishers, if possible, should be in attendance at the District 6630 Annual Conference. This conference is scheduled for late April. The students will present their topics one last time to those Rotarians in attendance. Please communicate to the students that their presence will be requested if they become finalists. Good luck with all of the local competitions! Scott Pease District 6630 4 Way Test Speech Competition Chairperson



Rules of the State of Ohio Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest



The Four-Way Test Of the things we think, say or do

1. Is it the TRUTH? 2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?

Will it bulLD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
 Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

Any high school Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior who has won their respective local Four-Way Test Speech Contest.

II. RULES OF THE SPEECH:

A. SUBJECT: Applying the Rotary Four-Way Test in our everyday relationships with other people.

B. DELIVERY: The speech should be given from memory: no note cards or props may be used. Lectern & microphone will be available at the district level contest; use is optional to the speaker.

C. LENGTH OF SPEECH: The speech should be no less than 4 minutes in length nor more than 7 minutes or the speaker is penalized with point loss. The speaker will be signaled at the 6 minute mark.

D. SPEECH CONTENT: The speech given by each contestant must be original in content and relate applying the Four-Way Test as much as possible to the lives of the age group of the contestant.

III. SCHEDULING:

At the district leve; contestants will be anonymous during the contest and will be referred to a by number determined by a random drawing during registration. Introductions will be done after the contest. Knowing that these exceptional students have other demands, special scheduing will be considered only after review by the district charmer, and his committee.

IV. PRIZES:

The District shall determine the amounts to be awarded to the first, second and third place contestants. In addition, two honorable mention awards will also be awarded.

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I. ELICIBILITY:

## Lkwd/RR Rotary & ShelterBox

Rotary International has established a partnership with Shelter Box USA to provide a way that Rotary could assist quickly to respond to major disasters around the world. With 1.2 million members in over 200 countries and territories, Rotarians and Rotary Clubs are located at or near to most disaster areas. Shelter Boxes provide temporary housing and life saving equipment and supplies to as many as ten people in one package.

Shelter Box USA currently has teams working the Philippines responding to Typhoon Haiyan to help provide shelter, warmth and dignity to the families who have lost everything. The Rotary Clubs in Lakewood and Rocky River went into action as soon as the disaster occurred, and raised \$4,300 in couple of days to pay for boxes to be sent to help in the area. By the end of the year, 1500 shelter boxes had arrived in the Philippines.

Past Rotary District Governor, Jack Young is on the Shelter box USA Board of Trustees.

He encouraged local Clubs to get involved, and when the Sunrise Rotary was established in 2007, it decided to make an annual donation of \$1,000 to fund one box. For the Philippine Typhoon relief the Club doubled its annual donation. In addition, the Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Monday luncheon club raised \$2,300 from its member to provide funds for additional Shelter Boxes.

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Dear Rotarian,

This past year was one of exciting achievements and forward momentum for Rotary, as highlighted in the <u>2012-13 Rotary</u> <u>International and The Rotary Foundation</u> <u>Annual Report</u>.

We launched a bold new chapter in our partnership with the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation that makes your contributions to the vital polio eradication end game work three times as hard.

We also finished preparing for the global launch of our new grant model, boosting our ability to help more communities secure and sustain a better quality of life. And we carried out our first projects with Mercy Ships, while building on our work with Aga Khan University, UNESCO-IHE, the Rotary Peace Centers, and other partners. In addition, The Rotary Foundation earned top marks from several independent charity evaluators, including the American Institute of Philanthropy, Charity Navigator, and the Wise Giving Alliance.

I encourage you to review our annual report carefully, and to share it with others who may be interested in joining, partnering with, or donating to Rotary. You can order print copies of the report at <u>shop.rotary.org</u>. For those who want a more detailed look at Rotary finances, the audited financial statements are <u>available for download</u>.

Thank you for the important role you play in Rotary's work to help meet critical human needs, strengthening the groundwork for a more peaceful world.

Sincerely,

The Rotary Foundation Annual Report

John Hewko General Secretary Twitter: @johnhewko



### Storage Space Available

The District 6630 Finance Committee has just entered into an agreement with the RC of Burton-Middlefield for the use of a portion of their heated storage building located on the County Fairgrounds in Burton, OH. The District will have the use of approximately 100 sq. ft. of shelf space, with more available if required. For starters, the Finance Committee needs space to store paper work in a dry, secure environment. In addition, there are likely many other district owned articles that have become somewhat scattered over the years and difficult to locate.

The goal is to gather all district items in one place, catalogue them, and make the list available to all district Rotarians through the Finance Committee, Grants Committee, or the District Secretary. The District Executive Secretary will be supplied with contact information from three Rotarians from the RC of Burton-Middlefield who can assist and will be available to provide access to the building as needed. All three of these individuals live within a mile of the building and have access to the security codes. Any Rotarian using a district item from the building will be required to sign a form stating what they borrowed and who has possession. They will also be responsible for arranging for pick up and return of

the article, and replacement cost of the item if lost or not returned.

At this time some district owned items are being stored at the building. We urge any Rotarian from the district to let the District Secretary (Rick Pollak grantmakingservices@gmail.com) know if they are currently in possession of any items they would like to move to the building for storage.

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### More Than A Rotary Club

I thought I would share the following letter that I received from one of our members because we are proud of our Rotary "family" feeling. I hope you are as proud of yours...

When we moved to the Lyndhurst area two years ago we were flying blind, having never been to Cleveland we were a little nervous. Having been a Rotarian in New York, I knew I wanted to get involved with Rotary here. I got the chance through a co-worker at the local Hillcrest Y, whose husband was a Rotarian. After my first meeting I was hooked, but the key was getting my family involved as well. My wife and I were invited to a dinner with the rest of the club. At the dinner the Rotary members and their significant others welcomed us with open arms, introducing us to everyone and being very genuine. This brings me to a year and a half later when we were about to have our twin girls, with no family in the area we knew it was going to be a challenge, with all the juggling especially with having a 5 year old. When the twins were born they were in the NICU so between running back and forth to the hospital it was even more of a challenge than we expected. This is when I realized that Rotary just doesn't help the communities they help each other. The club was now part of our family, between the constant phone calls, and each night one of the members would drop off a home cooked meal making the challenges we were facing much easier.

Once again we can't say enough about the Hillcrest Sunrise Rotary Family!

Chris Scheuer District Executive Hillcrest Family YMCA

# Join TRC Akron for the 24th Annual Chili Open

We invite all Rotarians in the district to join us for this extreme sports fundraiser to support the Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs. This event is one of the most unique challenges for either an extreme sports enthusiast or a hobbyist golfer is the arctic golf experience of the Wayne Homes Chili Open. On Saturday, February 1, 2013 between 8:00am and 2:00pm, nearly 1,000 polar bear golfers will converge on the scenic Hale Farm and Village in Bath. On that date, the grounds of this historic location will be

transformed into four golf courses with nine holes each. Hole distances will range from 65 to 125 yards. Golfers will be challenged to drive shots across tundra and putt balls laden with ice. Just as in any respectable outing, there

will be awards for the closest-to-the pin and the hole-in-one. To see more of what the Chili Open is all about click this link <u>www.chiliopen.net</u>.

#### Warming-up is Half the Fun!

While this may not sound like and event for the faint-of-heart, it is perfect for anyone that enjoys a good time and likes to help a great cause. Included with the <u>registration fee</u> for each golfer is a pass to the Wayne Homes Chili Open warm-up party. Inside the banquet hall of Hale Farm and Village, all golfers will be treated to all-you-can-eat Whitey's Premium Chili and artic beverages. There will be plenty of space for playing cards and reminiscing about the best shots of the day on the frigid course. There will also be great raffle prizes.

#### Great Fun for a Great Cause

Your participation in the 2014 Wayne Homes Chili Open golf classic will help more than 1,800 children and adults with disabilities attend the <u>Akron Rotary</u> <u>Camp</u> this year! For 90 years, the <u>Rotary</u> <u>Club of Akron</u> has sponsored the Rotary Camp. Children with special needs throughout Ohio attend summer day or overnight camp or year round respite camps. They enjoy many traditional activities including swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, sports and games, team building and more in our convenient and accessible natural setting. When campers leave Rotary camp at the end of each session, they not only leave with lifelong memories and friends, but they often show more independence as well as a greater understanding of themselves and their abilities. For more information about the Akron Rotary Camp or the Chili Open, please call the camp office at 330.644.4512 or visit www.rotarycamp.org

Since its inception, the Chili Open has raised over \$2.2M to provide camperships



for families who otherwise would not have had the opportunity to send their child with special needs to Akron Rotary Camp. *Because of the Chili Open, no child is turned away from Camp due to inability to pay*.

#### Unable to Attend

You may still support the event with a <u>Campership</u> sponsorship which provides a week of camp to a family in need of financial assistance for sending their child with special needs to Rotary Camp.

Also, Included in this year's Chili Open is a great raffle. Raffle prizes are:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize: 2014 Chevrolet Sonic LS sponsored by The VanDevere Bunch
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize: 55-inch Edge LG LED Smart TV
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize: Ultimate Cleveland Indians/ Sports Time Ohio Package (includes four tickets to a game, private behind the scenes access including field access during batting practice, dining in the Indians Press Dining Room and spending an inning of the game in each the scoreboard control room, TV announcer's booth and radio announcers booth.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Prize: Ultimate Bridgestone Invitational Package. Two weekly clubhouse badges (golf and clubhouse access) along with valet parking.

Tickets are only \$20.00, as an added bonus each ticket is also good for a free entree of \$15 at BRAVO! Cucina Italiana. Drawing will be held at the Chili Open on Saturday, February 1<sup>st</sup> winners need not be present. Golfer registration, Camperships or Raffle Tickets can be purchased online by <u>clicking</u> <u>here to purchase</u>. The Rotary Club of Chesterland cordially invites you to attend our 23rd annual fundraise To Benefit Rotary Foundation Charities

# "Shining Stars"

Celebrate with your "Valentine"! Saturday, February 15, 2014 6:00 pm to midnight St. Noel Banquet Center 35200 Chardon Road Willoughby Hills, 44094

Fabulous Dinner- Open Bar Chance for a Grand Prize of \$1000 Dance to the live music of the "Don Wojtila Band" DJ Dinner Entertainment Sideboards-Door Prizes-Silent Auction Deals! Have Fun and support great community Charities Tickets are \$125 (2 dinners & raffle) or \$85 (1 dinner & raffle) A maximum of 200 tickets will be sold

Tables may be reserved for eight to twelve people For reservations: call Fred Nevar 1-440-729-2717 or mail reservation request and check to: Chesterland Rotary 12320 Wedgefield Ln., Chesterland, Oh 44026 Please make checks payable to: "The Chesterland Rotary Foundation

The Rotary Club of Chesterland thanks you for your continued support! Your tax deductible support of the "Chesterland Rotary Foundation" will impact our community for generations to come. Your support will be reinvested in worthwhile projects and scholarships through the volunteer efforts of the Chesterland Rotary Club!

## Annual Fund Giving Update

Hello fellow District 6630 Rotarians. We are one half of the way through our 2013-14 Rotary year. As a District, the clubs established a goal of \$200,800 for Annual Fund giving. As of December 31, 2013 we are at \$66,695.52 or 33.21% of our goal.

November was Foundation month. We hope that your club dedicated the program at one of your weekly meetings to TRF and specifically, the benefits of donating to the TRF Annual Fund. These are the dollars that come back to us to use on our District and Global Grants. They also provide the World Fund matching dollars that we use for our Global Grants.

Help us get back on target. We should be at 50% of our goal at this time. If you have not made your Every Rotarian Every Year contribution yet, please do so as soon as possible.

If you have questions about TRF or what happens to your contributions, feel free to contact me. Thanks in advance for your support.

Jim Lechko, DRFC Rotary International District 6630 Foundation Chair 2013-2016 216-529-5625 (B) 440-376-9191 (C) 440-238-0037 (H) jlechko@ffl.net

### **TRC Painesville Reverse Raffle**

Painesville Rotary will be having their annual Reverse Raffle Sunday March 16th at LaMalfa Party Center. Tickets are \$50 each. \$1500 main Board, silent auction and Chinese auction and spirits table, of course a Saint Patty's day theme. 5:00-9:00 p.m. with open bar and buffet dinner. Lots of fun! For tickets contact Eileen Cicero, club secretary at 440-346-4401 or eileen\_cicero@yahoo.com. Thank you. We are also raffling off a 50 inch flat screen TV those tickets are \$5 each or 5 for \$20.

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### Huang Encourages Club Members to Light Up Rotary

RI President-elect Gary C.K. Huang chose Light Up Rotary as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius who said: "It is better to light a single candle, one, you light one, 1.2 million Rotarians light one. Together, we light up the world," said Huang, who is a member of the Rotary Club of Taipei in Taiwan.



than to sit and curse the darkness."

"There are so many problems in the world, so many people who need help. Many people say, 'There's nothing I can do.' So they sit there doing nothing. Meanwhile everything stays dark," Huang told the 537 district governors and their spouses and partners who are attending the 2014 International Assembly in San Diego, California.

"The Rotary way is the Confucius way. The Rotary way is to light a candle. I light After announcing his theme at the opening session of the five-day training meeting, Huang urged club members to Light Up Rotary in the coming year by hosting a Rotary Day in their community and including local Rotaract and Interact members in their service projects.

"How you Light Up Rotary is up to you," Huang said. "You know where you are strong, you know what your community needs, and you know how you can help."

## TRC Berea Reverse Raffle

The Berea Rotary Club will be holding their largest annual fundraiser, the Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction on Saturday March 1, 2014 at the Cleveland Browns Training Facility from 6:00 - 10:00 pm. Ticket prices will be \$100 each and will include a gourmet buffet dinner, open bar, appetizers, dessert, side boards, and raffle ticket with the chance to win \$2,500 in cash. In addition we will have out Silent Auction with thousands of dollars in merchandise.

Our largest struggle right now is selling tickets as we have lost some of our main sellers to passing away the past couple years. Please let me know if you or any of your members would be interested in joining us. This is a primo event and I promise you won't be disappointed. I will have physical printed tickets next week and will make arrangements to have a member deliver tickets to your club if you or anyone is interested. Checks can be made out to the Berea Rotary Club.

Lastly, as an up-sale, we do have \$100 table sponsors available for businesses or individuals interested. These are even better when a table of 8 is reserved. Lastly, if any individual or business would like to donate funds or items for the Silent Auction, fell f r e e to contact me. Thank you so much,

## TRC Burton-Middlefield is Flipping Out!

# Voted the best in 2012 and 2013 by the readers of Sun Newspapers

Burton-Middlefield Rotary will be flipping pancakes again this March for the 62nd year starting Sunday, March 2nd, and continuing every Sunday in March. The Rotary Club will be serving their delicious pancake breakfasts that include real Geauga County maple syrup at Berkshire High School in Burton, Ohio from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Berkshire High School is located at 14510 N. Cheshire Street, Burton, Ohio a.k.a. Pancake Town USA.

In 2012 and 2013, the Burton Middlefield Rotary Pancake Breakfast was voted as the best Pancake Breakfast in Northeast Ohio by the readers of the Sun Newspapers. Customers also have the opportunity to purchase the Rotarian's "World Renowned Omelets" to go along with their pancakes. The Burton Middlefield Rotary has served over 260,000 pancake breakfasts since its inception in 1951. For more information please email BMRpancakes@roadrunner.com or on-line at www.burtonmiddlefieldrotary.com.

The proceeds from these breakfasts go back to our community and internationally with many projects that include Rotary's initiative Polio Plus to eradicate polio throughout the world. This year's prices are adults \$8.00 for the pancake breakfasts, children 4 to 10 are \$5.00. You can add a World Renowned Omelet to your pancake breakfast for an additional \$3.00.

For more information, please contact: Tracy A. Jemison 14470 Rider Road Burton, OH 44021 Cell: 440-476-8486 email: bmrpancakes@roadrunner.com



#### Rotary District 6630 Conference 2013/2014

Come and Celebrate Rotary With Us!!!



OTHER FUN, NEAT AND EDUCATIONAL STUFF:

- Friday evening BBQ
- Training sessions
- · Grant Management Seminars
- Entertaining Youth Services sessions
- Meet the Vocational Training Team
- Long Term Member recognition celebration
- Dynamic Speakers including Michael Angelo Caruso
- Governor's Banquet

#### Much, much more!

#### APRIL 25 - 26, 2014 QUAIL HOLLOW INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Registration will open soon!

www.RotaryDistrict6630.org

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## QUAIL HOLLOW INN AND CONFERENCE CENTER

# Rotary District 6630 Conference 2013/2014

The conferences have really evolved and help educate our Club members...great time to build relationships with fellow Rotarians.



Michael Angelo Caruso was the best speaker I have heard in 30 years.

District Governor Bob Johnson is urging all clubs to cancel their regular weekly meeting for April 21 to 25 and attend the Friday "ROTARY CLUB LUNCHEON MEETING" at the Conference as your weekly meeting.

## A Life Changing Experience... Rotary Trip to Nicaragua

#### By PDG Jack A. Young

On December 4, eight Rotarians and Friends of Rotary traveled to Chinandega to distribute a little Christmas cheer to the Children living in and around a garbage dump. The presentation of gifts is



designed to give a gift to the children who normally would not have an opportunity to attend school. The Shoe Box gift that they receive from Rotary Clubs in 5 different Rotary Districts representing 5 States is normally the only gift that they will receive during the year. The requirements for a child to receive a gift include the child to have good attendance, receive good grades and are recommended by their teacher. To keep the standard of going to school and maintaining acceptable grades is very import to the shoe box program.



After visiting the dump on the trip, all on this mission visited the School where they go to class and visited some of the teachers and others who operate the school. The school houses are very basic and Rotary helps with the operating cost of all funds. The delivering of Christmas Shoe Boxes started by Iowa Rotarians and expanded to Rotary clubs in Michigan, Canada, Ohio and Texas.

During the trip the group also visited soon to be mothers ages eleven and up at the House of REFUGIA BELEN. The pregnant Women's shelter serves as the refuge and place where women can be educated on taking care of their children. Many of the women have been raped and there is no safe place where they can seek refuge and be educated on the proper care of their children. The expectant women at the shelter also receive birthing layettes and other items from Rotary to properly take care of their baby.

On the third day the group also visited Rotary Village, a small community that was built and supported by Rotarians. There is a school and the small village is run by those who have been given title to their homes. The houses are titled to the women and they must remain in the home until the oldest child has graduated from school. The group is now selfsufficient and is responsible for their homes and community.

During the trip the group also visited the House of Santa Lucia, which is a home that is dedicated to educating blind children. Approximately 20 blind children currently live at Santa Lucia where they are taught to become independent. Already we have had success stories in which some of the students have received their college degree and are self-sufficient.

After visiting the Dump, all toured Betania, a trade school that was built in partnership with the Queen of Spain. Rotary donated most of the machinery and equipment for the metal and wood working shop. There is also a small hospital located on the grounds of the Trade School and equipment has been donated by Rotarians. There is also a sewing school and candy making area, in which the children can learn to become productive citizens.

One of the unique experiences was being in attendance in which 51 students graduated from the Betania Trade School, where the children had learned a vocational. It is truly amazing what they have learned from living on the dump to attending wood shop, metal shop, culinary arts and baking, sewing and learning how to make jewelry from wall paper and yes, learning how to play musical instruments. The group also traveled to El Menco, towards the southern part of Nicaragua where they visited another village along Lake Managua in which Rotary is also helping the families be productive human beings. They are educating them on farming and fishing methods along with helping the children with their education and to provide clean drinking water to the



community. The group also visited several other areas of the country to help them learn more about the culture in Nicaragua.

It should be noted that in addition to the Shoe Boxes your district has sent over the past 7 years a fire truck, 2 ambulances, Jaws of Life, and various firefighting, medical and emergency equipment supplies to Nicaragua. Another ambulance is in Brunswick, waiting to be shipped to Nicaragua.

Ohio Rotarians and others from Rotary District 6630 on this mission trip included Beth Mlady, RC of North Ridgeville; Lou An Wilkinson, RC of Ashtabula, Roger Cram, RC of Aurora; Stan Socha, RC of Brunswick; Jack Young, PDG, RC of Conneaut and friends of Rotary, Ralph Mlady, Lisa Bartlette and Karen Hanson. A special guest who took the time to learn more about this mission trip was Mary Beth Groney-Salene, our Zone 28-29 Rotary International Director.

For further information on how you and or your club can become involved in this International Project, please contact PDG Jack Young (Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000) or Past President of RC of Brunswick, Marsha Pappalardp (cmpappa@aol.com or 216-410-4844)



#### Nominations for District Governor 2016-2017

The District Nominating Committee is now accepting candidates for District Governor 2016-2017. Candidates must be proposed by their Club and meet the qualifications in article 15 section 15.070 of the Rotary International Bylaws (<u>https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/468</u>).

These qualifications include:

- Be a Rotarian in good standing of an active Club in the District
- Have served a full year as Club President or have served a full term (at least six months) as Charter President of a new Club from the date of charter to June 30.
- Be willing to fulfill the duties of and responsibilities of the office of Governor, demonstrating commitment and ability, both physical and otherwise.
- At the time of taking office as Governor, must have attended the International Assembly (to be held in January, 2016) and have been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least seven (7) years.

All documents for proposed candidates must be <u>postmarked</u> no later than <u>February 21, 2014</u>. NOTE: The underlines denote changes from the letter published in the December District newsletter.

Rotarians interested in being considered should talk with their Club President. Members of the Nominating Committee are also available to answer questions.

The members of this year's Nominating Committee are Brian Bialik (Kent) Yolanda Burt (Cleveland East) Nancy Chartrand (Chardon) Brenda Farrell (Barberton) PDG Jim Harris (Lakewood/Rocky River) Manjit Khuban (Strongsville) Will Koran (Medina Sunrise) Bob Oborn (Stow-Munroe Falls) PDG Timothy Wright Sr. (Willoughby) PDG Julie West, Chair (Cleveland)

#### 🔮 Governor-nominee Form

#### District governor candidate:

Please complete and sign this form, have your club secretary sign it, and submit it to the district nominating committee.

Governor year of service	District	District Zone		D number	
Family name		First name		Middle initial	
Name as it should appear on your bad	ge				
Member, Rotary Club of			Classification		

Language(s) you wish to use for communicating with RI (listed in order of fluency):

Read

Speak

For each of the following categories, please circle only one language per category.										
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#### Spouse/Partner Information (if applicable)

Family name	First name	Middle initial
Name as it should appear on your badge		

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Gender Dala Female

#### For each of the following categories, please circle only one language per category.

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RI membership ID number

For Rotarian Spouses/Partners only:

Member, Rotary Club of

### **District Governor Responsibilities**

- Strengthening existing clubs
- Following the District Governor Code of Ethics
- Fostering continuity by working with past, current, and incoming district leaders
- Making sure your district leadership team is fulfilling its responsibilities
- Sharing the status of clubs with the district governor-elect before the International Assembly and offering recommendations for strengthening weak clubs
- Involving the governor-elect by assigning him or her specific responsibilities for committees, administration, or meetings
- Helping the governor-elect plan and prepare for incoming officer training meetings
- Reporting promptly to RI as required by the RI president or Board
- Ensuring that district nominations and elections are conducted according to the RI
   Constitution and Bylaws and other RI policies
- Transferring district files to the governor-elect at the end of your year
- Encouraging open communication among clubs, as well as between clubs and RI
- Conducting an official visit with each club (may be as multiclub meetings) to raise awareness
  of important Rotary issues, provide special attention to weak and struggling clubs,
  motivate club members to participate in service activities, and recognize the
  contributions of Rotarians
- Communicating at least monthly with each club president and secretary
- Conducting district meetings, including the district conference, district leadership seminar, and district Rotary Foundation seminar
- Serving as a spokesperson for your district and RI when appropriate
- Promoting membership growth by working with district leaders and club presidents to establish realistic membership goals for each club
- Organizing new clubs
- Regularly inquiring about the activities of Rotarian organizations operating in the district
- Supporting The Rotary Foundation through fundraising and grant activities
- Performing such other duties as an officer of Rotary

#### 2013 District Governor Nominee Candidate Information

Candidate Name: *Highlight here to enter text.* Club: *Highlight here to enter text.* 

Number of Years as Rotarian: Highlight here to enter text.

Year(s) served as Club President: Highlight here to enter text.

#### Meetings attended in the last five years (enter number of times):

District Conference: Highlight here to enter text. District Assembly: Highlight here to enter text. Foundation Seminar: Highlight here to enter text. Membership Seminar: Highlight here to enter text. International Convention: Highlight here to enter text.

# Present and Past Positions and/or Assignments in Rotary (List all Assignments, Committees and Offices held, including Years of Service for each:

A. Club Level:

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#### B. District Level:

Highlight here to enter text.

List Special Rotary Services and/or Particular Rotary Activities and indicate how they have advanced Rotary:

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Indicate the most significant honors or achievements in Professional Activities: Hiahlight here to enter text.

Indicate the most significant honors or achievements in Civic or Public Service:

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I have read the following and certify the above statements are correct and that I am in good health and willing and able, physically and otherwise, to serve as a District Governor if nominated and elected. I further certify that my club, anyone interested in my candidacy and I will NOT allow any material, other than this form, to be circulated or submitted for consideration of and by the Nominating Committee. I have read, accept and agree to be bound by the provisions against campaigning; canvassing and electioneering for elective position in Rotary International as provided in article 10, section 10.060 of the Rotary International Bylaws.

#### Signature of Candidate: