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ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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PASSING THE BATON

SUCCESSFUL LEADERSHIP TRANSITION = CLUB SUSTAINABILITY

This is a complex time in our Rotary year. Our year is at the mid-point but we must continue to plan, lead and also shape a successful transition for those who will follow us on July 1, 2016.

As one runner finishes his/her leg of the race, they can't slow down or stumble... they need to keep going strong while the next runner gets up to speed before they pass the baton. The first runner will continue to run a few paces with the new runner before slowing down. In the same fashion, our Rotary leaders need to finish strong and make certain the next runner is at full speed before handing over the baton.



You and your teams have all worked hard — strategic succession planning builds organizational continuity and stability moving forward. Make the transition successful for those who will follow by planning, mentoring and communicating often. This applies not only to the Club President, but to all those who are in positions that will have a successor July 1st.

Leadership transitions can be a time of uncertainty in organizations. Communications play a key role in navigating the process and fundamental shifts that occur. There is no one size fits all approach, each of you will have different situations, just as the character, profile and working practices of each leader are different. However, by making sure your entire outgoing and incoming teams are on the same page, you must engage with one another to put your club in a strong position for long-term sustainability.

FEBRUARY IS PEACE AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION MONTH

Rotarians believe all people deserve the right to live in peace. There is far too much conflict in our homes, in our schools, in our workplaces and in our communities. The Rotary World Peace Conference was hosted in Ontario, California on January 15-16, 2016. The conference provided a chance to learn from expert leaders in conflict prevention and resolution. Attendees were inspired and left with immediate action plans to implement in their communities.



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Rotary Unique African Safari



The Rotary Club of Polokwane D9400, South Africa invites Rotarians or friends to enjoy a once in a life time experience by participating in our Unique African Safari. Participants will experience close encounters with Africa's exciting and wonderful wildlife whilst enjoying true Rotary fellowship with South African Rotarians. At all times they will be accompanied by an experienced South African Rotarian guide. All profits generated will be for the Rotary Club of Polokwane Community Service Projects. This portion may be Tax Deductible as it is considered a donation to charity by the United States IRS.

The Safaris scheduled for June & September 2016 include stays at Letaba Camp in the world famous Kruger National Park and the luxurious five star Kings Camp Lodge in the adjacent Timbavati Game Reserve - domains of Africa's Big Five, namely Lion, Elephant, Leopard, Rhino and Buffalo. Abundant plains game and birdlife abounds.

These Unique African Safaris are limited to EIGHT PEOPLE at the incredible price of only US\$3590* per person all inclusive. Over the past 14 years the Rotary Club of Polokwane has organized many successful and highly enjoyable safaris

with participants from all around the world, so do not hesitate to be part of this exciting event.

"I'm still on Cloud 9! I can't thank you enough for the trip of a lifetime. I was very excited about the trip as visiting Africa has been a dream of mine for many, many years; however, I had no idea it would be like that. I assumed we'd be looking at animals thru binoculars from quite a distance. To be surrounded by a pride of lions is something I will never, never

forget! I realize that it's an experience very few people are privileged to have had."
Sandi Hulstrom USA

Add on trips other destinations in Southern Africa can be arranged.

For more details and a full itinerary contact Rotarian Charles Hardy at charlois@mweb.co.za or phone +27 15 297 4143 (H) +27 83 457 1721 (Cell)

* Excludes international and domestic flights to and from Johannesburg.

Lkwd/RR to Host Swim-a-thon

Fundraising Swim-a-thon Slated for March 13th

Join us in making a big splash for our local Rotary Club and Girls With Sole at an upcoming Swim-a-thon!

Rotary member and event coordinator Harlan Radford is planning to host a fundraiser at the Rocky River Recreation Center swimming pools on Sunday, March 13. The time for this event is scheduled from 8:30am to 10:30am and the recreation facility is located at 21012 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, Ohio 44116.

Rotary Club members are encouraged to either par-

ticipate in the swim and obtain pledges from others or make a donation to the "Rotary Club Foundation" or "Girls With Sole". This event has been a huge success over the past five years and we would like your support. Promotional materials, sign-up sheets and timely informational announcements will be made throughout the months of February and March. Please direct all inquiries to Harlan Radford at harlanrjr@yahoo.com

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News From Katie Pellegrino

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

I can't believe yet another month has already passed! At the beginning of the month I hit my official 100 Days in Belgium which was quite exciting!

I had a week of exams at school followed by three weeks of vacation, which, compared to the two weeks of vacation in the States, I found quite enjoyable! For the holidays I took a trip to visit my Aunt in Switzerland. Unfortunately, with the unnaturally warm temperatures, there was no snow yet. But it was an amazing visit and the Swiss Alps are so beautiful! After living all of my life in the flatlands of Ohio and Belgium I found it amazing to have such immense mountains on every horizon. It was quite lovely indeed.

I celebrated Noel with my host family, which I found very calm and relaxed. We had a nice dinner followed by midnight mass on the 24th and on the 25th we had a big dinner with all of the extended family. It was so nice because I now know a lot of the extended family very well from seeing them at birthdays, dinners, or at the wedding. So it was quite splendid to see everyone for Noel!

I spent my last week of break traveling as much of Belgium as I could! I love how easy and simple it is to be able to take a train basically anywhere in the country.

Then came the change of the year! I can't believe it's already 2016! Unfortunately, the New Year's fire-

works were canceled in Brussels for safety reasons, but it was still a lovely turn of the year and I honestly couldn't be more thankful for everything that I did and learned in 2015, especially for the opportunity to live and study here in Belgium for a year. Thank you Rotary so much for this amazing opportunity! Only 4 months in and it has not only changed my life, but changed how I see the world and the people around me. So thank you very much for making all of this possible for me and for everyone who is on exchange.

And now it is the 3rd of January and my second day with my second host family. I switched families yesterday which, to my surprise, I found quite challenging due to all of the things I've accumulated these past 4 months. I had a wonderful time with my last family and my new family is very kind and amazing as well, so I have no doubt that my time here will pass well!

So there it is! On to another month and another year of fun!

I hope you are all well and that you had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Katie Pellegrino

District Four Way Test Speech Contest

Saturday April 2, 2016

Is It The Truth?

Is It Fair To All Concerned?

Will It Build Good Will and Better Friendships?

Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned?

These four questions will soon be the subject for one of Rotary's most exciting events of the year!! High School students from across our District will be competing in the annual 4 Way Test Speech Competition. This event promises to showcase the best and brightest in a highly competi-

tive public speaking event which will be held in Aurora, Ohio at the Aurora High School. All information about this year's event is currently posted on the District's web site. A map is also available on the site which may help you to locate the high school.

Now would be a good time to make sure that the students from your local area are aware that there are videos of past events on the District web site. I mention this every year so that the students have the opportunity to view delivered speeches from past winners of this event and learn from their presentations. It is essential that the speakers understand the format of this speech and the best way to present it to a live audience.

PLEASE NOTE: the registration information is handled the day of the event. Registration forms will not be sent out ahead of time nor will

they be available on the web site. You must come to the event to register. The doors will open at 8 a.m. Please remember that the Rotarian chaperone is responsible for paying for the competing student and for themselves. Family and friends should be told that they will need to pay for themselves separately.

All students are encouraged to take a quick tour with one of the Aurora High School's National Honor Society students for the purpose of becoming familiar with the speaking rooms. Others are invited to join these tours as well.

A continental breakfast will be served in the cafeteria for everyone attending the event. The event kickoff will occur promptly at 9 a.m. with a few introductions and a brief explanation of the day's schedule. Although the length of the day's event will be determined by the number of speakers, the event usually wraps up no later than 1 p.m.

Finally, it would be greatly appreciated if those who are planning to participate in and attend this event would let me know via email as soon as possible. We have had a very consistent turnout from year to year of about 30 to 35 competing students but planning is easier with advanced notice.

Thank you all for your interest and attendance in the past and I look forward to seeing everyone again this year on Saturday, April 2nd.

Scott Pease
District Chairman
4 Way Test Speech Competition
scottpease@roadrunner.com

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FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT... MANY OF THEM ARE LINKS
TO VIDEOS, WEBSITES, PICTURES
OR OTHER GOODIES**

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.



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.



Saturday, February 6, 2016
9:00am to 1:30pm Tee Times
Hale Farm and Village, Bath, Ohio

Please visit 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!"

Aurora Welcomes K-9

AURORA WELCOMES K9 OFFICER NERO

Aurora, Ohio, January 8, 2016: Aurora Police recently welcomed its newest member to the department. Canine "Nero," a two year old German shepherd, became state certified and is now teamed up with his handler, Officer Dale Riley. Riley is a nine year veteran of the department and expressed interest in becoming a canine handler when the opportunity arose. Nero was born in Slovakia before being brought to the U.S. in March 2014. Officer Riley and Nero underwent six weeks of intense training by Excel K9 in Hiram before completing their state certifications. Nero is trained in the following areas: narcotics, obedience, tracking, evidence search, area/building search and handler protection. He will reside with Officer Riley and his family on his off time and patrol the streets of Aurora during the afternoons.

This new Aurora program was fully funded with donations from a variety of



sources. Those sources include the Rotary Club of Aurora which held a raffle, raising a substantial portion of the funding. In addition to the Rotary funding, a \$5,000 grant was received from the Ben Roethlisberger Foundation which was announced in late December. The Aurora Vet Clinic has agreed to provide veterinary services to Nero free of charge while Pet Supplies Plus of Streetsboro will provide food free of charge. Several Aurora residents also provided donations to the program. Sutton Insurance has provided liability insurance on Nero as well.

"Aurora is very fortunate to have such an addition to its Police Department," Mayor Womer Benjamin said. "We are grateful to the donors who made the program possible. We hope you join us in welcoming Nero."

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6:00 pm to midnight

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Books Needed

District 6630 Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchanges students will be doing a service project at the District Conference on Saturday, April 23rd at the Beta Center in Mayfield Heights. The project is making bookcases and filling them with Children's books and donating them to community centers in need within our District. We are asking all Rotary Clubs in the District to collect new or gently used children's books for children for birth to 3rd grade. We will also gratefully accept any cash donations to buy books. If our Club Presidents and Interact Chairs could share this with their members and collect books, we would greatly appreciate it. We hope to have 50 or more Interactors, Rotaractors and Youth Exchange students there to make several bookcases. For more information or for a book pickup, please contact Bob Oborn at 330-689-0485 (please leave a message) or email at boborn@kentelastomer.com. Our Club's futures will be a product of how we support these groups as they are our future. We hope to make the service project an annual event at the conference.

Bob Oborn

District 6630 Interact / Rotaract Co-chair

Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls

District 6630 Governor Nominee Designate Named

Official Notification to ALL MEMBERS

The nominating committee, under chairman and Immediate Past District Governor, Mike Davanzo, has met and selected Beverly A. Ghent-Skrzynski of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, as the 2015-16 District Governor Nominee Designate (in line to serve as District Governor for the 2018-2019 Rotary year).

Per our District bylaws, we informed each club of the nomination and allowed for a challenge period of 2 weeks. No challenges were submitted and the challenge period has expired.

I am very pleased to announce that Beverly A. Ghent-Skrzynski is hereby declared our 2015-16 District Governor Nominee Designate and the forms have been duly submitted to Rotary International and approved accordingly.

About Beverly:

Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski is the 2015-16 President of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and former Executive Director and Club Secretary having served in those capacities for nearly 20 years.

Prior to relocating to Cleveland in 1994, she was a career association executive having held a number of managerial positions within the not-for-profit world as well as work on international meetings and conventions for Rotary International. When she first relocated to Cleveland from Chicago, Beverly was a member of the Rotary Club of Berea.

She has served on a number of different District 6630 committees including A.Z. Baker, Group Study Exchange, Ambassadorial Scholarship, Rotary Information, RAP (District Assembly), Executive Committee, Finance, Grants, Meeting and Event Protocol, District Centennial Celebration, Bylaws and the District Conference Committee having previously served as its chair. One of her greatest honors was to serve as the Spouse/Partner to her husband, David T. Skrzynski, when he served as 1998-1999 District 6630 Governor. She has attended several All Ohio PETS and traveled to 14 of the last 19

Rotary International Conventions.

Beverly has attended 17 of the last 18 RI Zones 28-29 (formerly 27-28) Training and Rotary Institutes and has previously been on the planning committee for 11 of them and has been both a Spouse/Partner Trainer and led sessions with the District Trainers on hotel and contract negotiations. She and her husband David were extremely honored to serve as Co-General Chairs for PRID Mike Johns in 2008 and they are again serving on the planning committee for RID Jennifer Jones when she brings this event to Cleveland in Fall 2016.



Beverly attended both Ripon College and Indiana State University in pursuit of her B.A. in Social Work. She was one of the lead organizers for her club when they produced the 2010 and 2013 Cleveland Tall Ships Festivals, is a 2014 graduate of the FBI Citizen's Academy and when not volunteering or serving on other local boards,

she feels blessed to be able to "Share Rotary" with her husband and cherishes her time with their grandson, Nick.

Beverly and her husband are committed to The Rotary Foundation and are both Multiple Paul Harris Fellows and Major Donors.

Beverly is extremely honored and excited to serve as 2018-2019 District 6630 Governor and looks forward to working with the current and incoming leadership and supporting their efforts where she can and having fun while doing it.

Though she has an admitted passion for "all that is Rotary," she believes first and foremost in the strength of the Family of Rotary and the power of the individual Rotarian and their club - each one has a special gift to share in their calling to serve those less fortunate.

We are all looking forward to working with Beverly in her new capacity.

Please join me in congratulating Beverly as she begins this very exciting journey with Rotary District 6630. You may email her at dnb9899@aol.com.

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News From TRC Berea

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



Berea Rotary President Judy Stull presents a total of \$1,500 to representatives of three food pantries -- Lona Gruber of SCAN, the Rev. Charles Brown of Church Street Ministries, and Daune Jaynes of Berea Community Outreach.

Berea Rotary presents checks to 3 pantries

The Rotary Club of Berea showed its ongoing support of local food pantries on Tuesday, Jan. 12 by presenting checks totaling \$1,500 to SCAN, Church Street Ministries and Berea Community Outreach. The funds were Berea Rotary's portion of the proceeds from Strongsville Rotary's Taste in Strongsville.

Lona Gruber of SCAN said her pantry began 15 years ago as an adjunct of Southwest General. It is now an independent agency, serving clients from Berea, Brook Park, Middleburg

Heights, Strongsville, Olmsted Falls and Columbia Station.

"We serve the working poor," Gruber said. Over the holidays, SCAN provided groceries for 150 families in November and 157 in December.

Daune Jaynes is the new director of Berea Community Outreach, which is sponsored by the City of Berea. She said donations and support from organizations such as Rotary "make a huge difference." She said clients "need so much more than food." Often it's emotional support and advice on where to find a warm place to sleep. Berea Community Outreach serves 109 Berea families.

Rev. Charles Brown, interim executive director of Church Street Ministries, said his agency served 391 households from the Greater Cleveland area in December. Those families included more than 1,000 seniors, adults and children. "There is a significant need," Brown said. "Certainly all that you do with volunteering and food donations makes a difference. Your generosity is appreciated."

Berea Rotary's Holiday Party

The Rotary Club of Berea celebrated its annual Holiday Party at Bucci's J'Bella restaurant in Strongsville. Special guest was Arch Klumpf, courtesy of Dave and Bev Skrzynski.



Bob Hugel and Judy Stull welcome Arch Klumpf to the Berea Rotary Holiday Party at Bucci's J'Bella in Strongsville on Dec. 15.



Ann Socha, center, with Bev and Dave Skrzynski, who brought along Arch Klumpf.



Mary and Don Voigt with Marian Stanko.

2015 Interact Awards

When 5 area Interact clubs collaborate and work together on a project, magic happens. This video tells the story of how a simple idea of feeding the hungry turned into a movement that united and ignited the La Crosse community to feed children in a foreign country AND those that are hungry in its own backyard.

[Click here to watch the video](#)

Pancake Breakfast with the Birds

**Saturday, February 20, 2016
8 am to noon**

Join the Nature Center and the Rotary Club of Shaker Heights for a pancake breakfast with the birds! Learn about the habits and habitats of birds, enjoy activity stations with crafts, take a guided nature hike and meet two therapy Ring-necked Pigeons from Frenchie's Pigeons, Fuzzies and Feathered Friends Rescue and Sanctuary. Proceeds benefit the Rotary Club of Shaker Heights Third Grade Dictionary Project and the Nature Center. \$9 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10. Children under 3 are free.

8 am to noon — Pancake breakfast will be served all morning. Crafts, games and other activities also offered.
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For clubs that complete a number of literacy projects.

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For clubs that average a \$100 per capita and every member donates something to the RI Foundation.

Membership Award
Based on Club Size
Given to the club with the highest gain in membership

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TRC Solon Night at the Races

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 19th, we held our 3rd 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. 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.



I am pleased to bring you the good news that His Holiness Pope Francis will officiate at a Mass to Rotarians at St. Peter's Square, Rome, on 30 April. We will have 8,000 seats reserved for Rotarians, as well as friends and family.

It is my great pleasure to invite you to join me in Italy on this day as we celebrate the Jubilee of Rotarians, a special event hosted by Rotary District 2080 and the Vatican.

In addition, local Rotarians will host special celebratory dinners and plan a service project for attendees.

I believe this event is a tremendous honor that will raise Rotary's status across so much of the world, and it should bring us all great happiness to be a part of it, regardless of our own religions and beliefs.

For more information, please visit the

[Jubilee of Rotarians website](#), which has been provided by our friends in District 2080. Updates and additional information will be available leading up to the event. Registration will open 18 January. I ask that you also include mention of this event in your governor's monthly letter.

This Jubilee, as established by Pope Francis, is known as the Holy Year of Mercy. It marks the time of forgiveness and reconciliation, of solidarity, hope, and justice. It is a commitment to serve with joy and in peace across the world. As you work hard to *Be a Gift to the World*, I do hope you will make the effort to be in Rome with as many members of your district as possible.

Best regards,
K.R. Ravindran

Rotary International Pres., 2015-16

Cyclists Raise Over \$4 million in Miles to End Polio Ride



The campaign to eradicate polio got a major financial boost from the annual Miles to End Polio bike ride, held as part of El Tour de Tucson, on 21 November in Arizona, USA. Rotary General Secretary John Hewko and a team of eight RI staff members helped raise \$4.4 million. The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation will match the funds 2-to-1, bringing the total contribution to PolioPlus to more than \$13.5 million.

From The District Foundation Chair

From the Desk of:

Jim Lechko

District Foundation Chair

Paul Harris Fellow (PHF) opportunities:

Looking for other ways to earn a PHF? Consider the following:

Any Rotarian making their Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) contributions via Rotary Direct during the 2015-16 Rotary year will be entered into a drawing for a PHF to be given out by our DG, Cheryl Warren, at our 2016-17 District 6630 Foundation event.

Any club attaining EREY status (every Rotarian in the club contributes something and the club averages at least \$100 per capita in contributions to the TRF Annual Fund for the 2015-16 Rotary year) will earn a PHF to be given to a deserving per-

son at our 2016-17 District 6630 Foundation event.

Grant \$ available for International projects:

There is still money available in the 2015-16 Grant Committee budget to fund International projects. Check out the Grant Committee Budget.

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 25th and March 5th. Register on the District 6630 website.

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.

GRANT MANAGEMENT SEMINARS:

January 25, 2016 (Fairview Park Library)

February 25, 2016 (Mayfield Library)

March 5, 2016 (Parma Library – Snow Road)

District 6630 Grants Committee 2015-2016 Grant Budget				
	** Tagged	* Paid/funded	Grant Amount	Balance
Initial DDF Budget - 50% of Annual Share Contribution 2012-13				\$96,525.76
50% fo Available Endowment Fund Share Earnings				\$435.89
Rollover Amount from 2014-2015				\$62,488.21
Total Combined DDF Budget				\$159,449.86
Less Committed PROJECT FUNDING:				
District Grants (2015-2016) See Local Projects DSG below		*	\$48,250.00	\$111,199.86
PolioPlus Fund - tentative	**		\$5,000.00	\$106,199.86
Rotary Peace Centers for International Studies Pooled Fund -tentative	**		\$5,000.00	\$101,199.86
International Projects Budget				
Beginning Balance				\$101,199.86
GG1524876 Chagrin Valley / India - Speech and hearing impaired		*	\$ 10,000.00	\$91,199.86
GG1526144Cheryl - Ravi project		*	\$ 2,500.00	\$88,699.86
GG1635692 Cleveland		*	\$ 6,000.00	\$82,699.86
GG1634120Fairlawn	**		\$ 15,000.00	\$67,699.86
GG1638400 VTT			\$ 25,000.00	\$42,699.86
Carryover to 2016-17 Global Grant Budget if not used				\$42,699.86
Local Projects DGs - Approved Spending Plan				\$48,250.00
		Funded	Approved	
Ashtabula			\$2,500.00	\$45,750.00
Aurora		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$42,250.00
Akron		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$40,250.00
Cleveland		\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$38,250.00
Medina Sunrise		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$34,750.00
Nordonia Hills		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$31,250.00
Mantua		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$27,750.00
Mentor		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$24,250.00
Solon			\$750.00	\$23,500.00
Chardon		\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$22,500.00
Burton-Middlefield			\$3,500.00	\$19,000.00
Chagrin Valley		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$15,500.00
Hudson Clocktower		\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$12,000.00
Barberton			\$3,500.00	\$8,500.00
District 6630 Contingency			\$8,500.00	\$0.00
Undisbursed balance of Spending Plan		\$18,750.00		
Current Approved Total for DSG			\$48,250.00	

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

TRC Fairlawn Speakeasy April 9th

Speakeasy Charity Casino

Fairlawn, Ohio: The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will host its sixth annual Speakeasy Charity Casino Fundraiser on April 9th, 2016, from 6:00 -10:30, at Fairlawn Country Club. The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will join forces with Stewart's Caring Place to make this a very special event in our community.

The Rotary Club of Fairlawn has raised over \$1 million for children in this community and around the world since 1964. Through the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, this year's proceeds will help local organizations that support children's education, health and welfare. Stewart's Caring Place will

also be receiving proceeds from this event.

The Speakeasy Charity Casino will be a fun-filled evening of dancing to a live band and games where everyone's a winner. Guests at Fairlawn Country Club will enjoy a nostalgic 1930s speakeasy atmosphere with professionally run simulated poker, blackjack, craps, roulette and slot machines (all proceeds from the evening go to charity). Visits to gourmet food stations, a silent auction, raffle entries for fabulous prizes, a cash bar, a "best-dressed" costume contest and fun at the gaming tables are included in the ticket price of \$100 per person. Of course, the real

winners will be Stewart's Caring Place and the charities and children of our community.

The spring fundraiser is one of the ways Fairlawn Rotary Foundation raises money for local organizations and schools. The club's efforts to support local charities and build goodwill throughout the community stem from Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." Rotary's compassion stretches well beyond the Akron community as it works to combat polio, poverty and illiteracy on national and international levels.

Volunteer at Centennial Celebration

The Plans for our District Centennial Celebration are moving forward very well. We are getting ready to welcome Rotarians from around the globe to the home town of Arch Klumph to celebrate together the 100 years of service by Our Rotary Foundation. We want to offer them a wonderful Rotary welcome by providing home hospitality. We know this will also provide a unique opportunity to the Rotarians of our district to meet and greet visiting Rotarians from far and wide in their homes here for the weekend of October 22-23, 2016.

If you have ever hosted a Group Study Exchange visitor you know how awesome it is. If you have not, here is the opportunity of a lifetime for you and your family. Please consider helping in this friendship exchange as a host.

Any Rotarian willing to greet arriving visitors, host them for the weekend, and provide transportation to Severance Hall and back to the airport can sign up on our website at: www.rotary6630.com by clicking on "Volunteer to Host home Hospitality (Centennial Celebration) Opportunities" button.



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Lending a hand to peace

By endorsing a peace fellow candidate, your club builds goodwill and cultural understanding. Find out how in our [cover story](#).



Rotary gives \$35 million boost to polio eradication

Rotary is releasing \$35 million in grants to support polio immunization activities and research in nine countries, including Afghanistan and Pakistan. The funds will build on last year's historic achievement of stopping the transmission of the wild poliovirus in Nigeria and all of Africa. [Read about the grants.](#)

GIVE TO END POLIO

Membership Research and Programs

Dear Club Presidents, Club Secretaries and Club Membership Chairs,
Effective 1 April 2016, distribution of the pins and backers created for the New Member Sponsor Recognition Program to honor Rotarians who sponsor (admit) new members will be discontinued. Sponsorship activities will continue to be tracked. Sponsor names reported by club officers will continue to be recorded in the RI database, and clubs and districts are encouraged to continue recognizing the sponsorship of new members.

RECOGNITION LEVELS AND PINS:

After 29 February 2016, recognition levels such as blue, bronze, silver and gold will no longer be recorded. Distribution of recognition items will stop after all the pins and backers achieved on or before 29 February are processed. Club officers are encouraged to report sponsor information by 29 February in order to claim recognition items.

FUTURE OF SPONSORSHIP:

Responding to feedback from many Rotarians, here are some exciting changes that we are exploring:

- Referring a new member admitted to another club may be considered "sponsorship" *
- Recruiting new members to charter a new club may be considered

"sponsorship" *

- Recruiting transferring or returning members will continue to be considered "sponsorship"
- Honorary members may be sponsors
- More than one sponsor may be recorded for each new member by club officers
- * Officers of the clubs where new members join will be asked to report their sponsors.

FUTURE OF SPONSOR RECOGNITION:

Clubs are encouraged to present recognition items to sponsors on their own and no longer need to wait for the shipment from RI. Please contact your local licensed vendor for options: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/member-center/licensed-vendors>

In addition, Rotary will continue to recognize Rotarians who have sponsored new members. Membership Development Award and Presidential Citations will continue to include new member sponsorship activities as achievements eligible for certificate recognition. Highly prolific sponsors may be honored at the reception during the International Convention for their outstanding achievements.

Thank you for your support for membership development. Please contact MembershipAwards@rotary.org for any questions.

End Polio with the Tribe

End Polio night this year will be Friday July 29, 2016. Should be another fun time like last year. Mark your calendar!!!

What a great night we had last August, 2015 with the Indians for Polio eradication. Thanks to all the Rotarians and friends from District 6630 and 6650 who enjoyed a fantastic evening!! We had a Parade around Progressive Field with everyone wearing red "End Polio Now" tee shirts and Rotary on the Scoreboards and a great video on "this close" for Polio eradication. Also, we had an all you could eat Terrace Club buffet, many great items in the Chinese Auction, and a fantastic "Rock' N Blast Fireworks Show. The Indians lost, but it was a great night anyhow.

The First Pitch and Paul Harris raffle drawing was held that night and the winner was as follows:

Indians First Pitch & Paul Harris Recognition -
Bruce Hansford, Rotary Club of Kent

Thanks to everyone who bought a raffle ticket. The proceeds from the raffle was \$2,422. In addition, \$495 from the Chinese Auction and \$533 for the ticket rebate from the Cleveland Indians for a total of \$3,450 for Polio eradication.

WOODRIDGE LOCAL SCHOOLS ART STUDENTS, FCCLA & INTERACT CLUB HOST

2nd Annual

THE EMPTY BOWL



Event

Handmade Art, Debauched Dinner & Silent Auction

FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2016
WOODRIDGE HIGH SCHOOL
5:00 PM

All proceeds to benefit Family Promise of Summit County which provides emergency shelter to families with children.

TICKETS AVAILABLE AT THE DOOR!
\$25 DINNER AND HANDMADE CERAMIC BOWL
\$10 DINNER ONLY
CHILDREN 6 AND UNDER ARE FREE

Times Change... When Was the Last Time Your Club Reported 90%+

The image below is a copy of a letter serving as District Governor. Thanks written in 1974 by PDG Earl Mutch to PDG Joe Skoda for sharing it. members of the Hillcrest Rotary Club. This letter was written while Earl was

Greetings Joe,

Hillcrest can be justly proud of its achievement of excellence in attendance. We have helped create some healthy competition which has already improved the district average. Until recently, 95% would nearly always put a club in first place. In January, a 95% club was in fourth place. The number one club had 99.5% - with only one absence during the month. We were in second place with 97% in a photo finish with Burton-Middlefield at 96.5. We had five absences.

Some month soon it will require 100% to be in first place or to be tied. Since five of our members were responsible for our five absences, it is obvious that all of our members are personally committed to perfection in attendance. Some personal circumstance caused five of them to miss one meeting in January.

The single most important thing that our club can do to improve district attendance is to set an example by having 100% in March. The next most important thing to be done is to continue with 100% in April, May and June. What effect do you suppose that will have on a number of clubs that are now seriously in competition to be in first place? We now have the opportunity to take the leadership in putting our district in first place in our country as the district having the greatest improvement in attendance.

Our members are committed to perfect attendance because they have come to understand the major personal benefits which result. They understand the personal loss which they sustain when a week passes without attendance at some Rotary meeting. We are hearing more and more about the commitment to teamwork in Japan which makes them tough competitors. It is significant that 15% of the Japanese clubs have 100% attendance for the entire year. No district will have a single club in first place for the year. Instead, there will be about seven clubs tied for first place in a district the size of ours.

We will easily achieve the goal suggested if we practice teamwork with our buddy. Do a little planning with your buddy to head off any personal circumstance that might cause an absence. Suppose that the only time available for Rotary attendance some week is an evening but there is a desire and responsibility to be with the wife. You could team up with another member and take the wives with you to an evening Rotary meeting. They could either attend the entire meeting or else dine by themselves and then come in for the program. Incidentally, the Heights club meets Wednesday at 6 P.M. in Diamonds at Severance Mall.

The five minute talks by our members makes all of us reluctant to miss the weekly meeting of our own club. I have regularly been attending Chardon Rotary about half of the time. Now I am strongly motivated to try to be at Hillcrest each week so that I don't miss the five minute feature of maximum interest.

Excelsior,

Earl
Earl Mutch

Woodridge Interact Club & FCCLA Students - Ambassadors for Family Promise Homeless Shelter

Mr. Jeff Wilhite, Executive Director of Family Promise Homeless Shelter of Summit County, met with students in the Woodridge Interact Club and FCCLA Club on January 12th to discuss plans for their upcoming fundraiser, The Empty Bowl Dinner. The dinner will be held on January 29th from 5:00-7:00 pm at Woodridge High School, and proceeds will benefit Family Prom-

ise, which provides whole families that are homeless with a positive path forward. Tickets for a ceramic bowl and dinner are \$25 and tickets for dinner only are \$10. Family Promise has helped homeless families in Summit County since 2003, and last year they helped 39 families get back on track by providing shelter and classes in nutrition and financial literacy as well

as assisting with job searches. Family Promise operates entirely on private donations and volunteer support. Woodridge Interact Club and FCCLA Club members will prepare and serve the dinner on January 29th. Tickets will be sold at the door. Mr. Wilhite called these Woodridge students Ambassadors for Family Promise and their community.

News From TRC Bedford

Bedford Rotarians were entertained with a musical historic tour of Rotary through the years at their 90th Anniversary celebration, January 12, 2016, at Catered Elegance Bedford. The Rotary Club of Bedford was organized November 20, 1925 and issued a charter by Rotary International on January 12, 1926. Then, the event was celebrated with a dinner in the cafeteria of the McMyler-Interstate Company, where the Charter was presented to the Club's first president, Jasper P. Hendershot. Originally a men's service club, it is the third oldest in Cuyahoga County.

The program narrated by Dan Sutherin with musical interludes by the Marshall Griffith Trio and vocalist Barbara Knight, reviewed the decades with vignettes of the times and the Club's history. Highlights included the 1920's Crippled Children Program; the Bedford Plan – a program designed for the Industrial Arts Department of Bedford High School lat-

er successfully copied by other school districts. Community projects such as the \$10,000 construction of "Miller's Court" at Bedford High School; college scholarships to High School students, hosting foreign exchange students, Safety Town and the Dictionary Project example the many educational endeavors.

Accumulated donations of \$30,000 were given to Bedford Hospital now known as University Hospital Bedford Medical Center. The challenge of raising funds for the Polioplus program was met by over-subscribing the assigned goal by 160%. They rebuilt the deck of the historic Train Depot (Abraham Lincoln spoke here). The Club provided park benches and a new sound system for Bedford Commons and made financial contributions to the YMCA, Meals-On-Wheels, and bought equipment for the Boy Scouts.

In addition to funding local projects,

the Club continues to support Rotary International and can boast 41 Paul Harris Fellows and two District Governors: Ralph W. Bell and Steven P. Radecky.

The Rotary Club of Bedford has left a huge imprint on the community's quality of life and a legacy of many more commitments to the future. The Club continues as a viable organization supporting its many local projects as well as those of Rotary International – truly a "Gift to the World".

This year's focus is to aggressively help to reduce family instability and parent mobility in the local communities and to encourage job creation working with local businesses, school and church organizations.

The Rotary Club of Bedford meets on Tuesdays at noon at the Winking Lizard Tavern, 25500 Miles Road. The Club's website may be reached through District 6630 home page at www.rotarydistrict6630.org.

Rotary at the Auto Show

The Rotary Club of Cleveland will hold its weekly meeting on Thursday, March 3, 2016, Noon at the IX Center, 1 IX Center Drive, Cleveland, OH 44135. Our featured speaker will be Lou Vitantonio, President of the Greater Cleveland Automobile Dealers Association. Lou's message will be about the strength of the Cleveland and national automotive industry. Lunch begins at 12:00 Noon, the program will start promptly at 12:30 and the meeting will conclude at 1:30 p.m., followed by a visit to the Greater Cleveland Auto Show. For all guests and non-Cleveland Rotary Members, the cost of this luncheon is \$20.00 plus a discounted \$10 ticket to attend the Auto Show if you would like. Parking is free. Reservations are required for all Rotarians and their guests, contact the Rotary office at Clevrotary@aol.com or (216) 556-8637, no later than Friday, February 26th. This continues a long tradition of holding our Rotary Club of Cleveland luncheon meeting during the auto show.

Rotary Global Rewards

Special offers exclusively for Rotarians

We would like to take this opportunity as the new year starts, to remind you about Rotary Global Rewards, our member benefit program featuring special offers that allow you to do a lot more for a lot less—no matter what you're doing.

Whether you're working on your club's community projects, enjoying a night out with friends or sharing your Rotary story with someone new, you can take advantage of discounts and special offers on airfare, hotels, vehicle rentals, and entertainment.

Would you like to offer discounts from your business to other Rotarians? Help build the program by adding

special offers from your own company to the growing portfolio of Rotary Global Rewards. To learn more, visit Rotary.org/GlobalRewards.

Please share this exciting news with your members. You'll find promotional tools on the Rotary Global Rewards website that will help you introduce your Rotarian friends to the program.

The good you do comes back to you



World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

Week Ending 13 January

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	71	27	349	51	359	56
- in endemic countries	71	3	330	49	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	24	19	2	19	4

Headlines:

This week India marks five years without reporting a single case of wild polio, a remarkable achievement. Today, lessons learned in India and Nigeria are being used to drive progress in the last two polio-endemic countries: Pakistan and Afghanistan.

There are three months to go until the globally synchronized switch from the trivalent to bivalent oral polio vaccine. This will be an important milestone in achieving a polio-free world.

Afghanistan No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis in Kunar on 19 November. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 remains 19, compared to 28 reported in the country in 2014.

Pakistan: One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the past week, with onset of paralysis on 2 December 2015 in Punjab province. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is now 52, compared to 296 reported for 2014 by this time last year. A total of 306 cases occurred in Pakistan in 2014.

Countries	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	2014		recent case	
					WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	19	0	28	0	28	0	19-Nov-15	NA
Pakistan	52	2	296	20	306	22	02-Dec-15	09-Feb-15

Governor's Letter cont'd

ROTARY CELEBRATES ITS BIRTHDAY FEBRUARY 23RD!

111 YEARS STRONG



The first four Rotarians (from left): Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, Hiram Shorey, and Paul P. Harris, circa 1905-12.

[Paul P. Harris](#), an attorney, wanted to create a professional group with the same friendly spirit he felt in the small towns of his youth. On 23 February 1905, Harris, Gustavus Loehr, Silvester Schiele, and Hiram Shorey gathered at Loehr's office in Room 711 of the Unity Building in downtown Chicago. This was the first Rotary club meeting. They decided to call the new club "Rotary" after the practice of rotating meeting locations.

Within five years clubs had formed across the country, from San Francisco to New York.

In August 1910, Rotarians held their first convention in Chicago. The 16 clubs that existed at that time united to form the National Association of Rotary Clubs.

In 1912, the name changed to International Association of Rotary Clubs to reflect the addition of clubs in other countries. The name Rotary International was adopted in 1922.

By July 1925, Rotary had grown to more than 2,000 clubs and an estimated 108,000 members on six continents.

Rotary's reputation attracted presidents, prime ministers, and a host of other luminaries to its ranks — among them author Thomas Mann, diplomat Carlos P. Romulo, and composer Jean Sibelius.

As Rotary grew, members pooled their resources and used their talents to serve their communities. The organization's dedication to this ideal is best expressed in its motto: Service Above Self.



IMPORTANT EVENTS AND DEADLINES

FEBRUARY 2016

Rotary International 111th Birthday --- February 23, 2016

Grant Management Seminars --- February 25, 2016 RSVP on District Website

MARCH 2016

Grant Management Seminars --- March 5, 2016 RSVP on District Website

PETS-2 and All Ohio Pets --- March 11-12, 2016 at The Renaissance Hotel, Columbus, OH

Presidential Citation Deadline --- must meet goals in RC Central **by March 30, 2016**

A.Z. Baker Award Forms ---- Due to District Governor March 30, 2016

APRIL 2016

District Conference (DisCON 2016) and Training Assembly

- April 21 - RI President's Rep Reception
- April 22-23, 2016 / Memorial Service April 24
- Location: 700 Beta Drive Banquet & Conference Center, Mayfield, Ohio

Four Way Speech Contest ---April 2, 2016 at 8am - Aurora High School. Aurora, OH

MAY 2016

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) --- May 7, 2015

Grant Inquiry Forms Due --- May 15, 2016

Rotary International Convention - Seoul Korea --- May 28 - June 1, 2016

JUNE 2016

Rotary Youth Leadership Academy (RYLA) --- 2016 dates will be announced soon!

District Awards Picnic --- June 25, 2015 (time TBD)

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... thank you for reading our content
I hope this makes you smile!

