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# ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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## Governor's Letter

WOW! The new Rotary year has begun already! Time flies when you are having fun! First, I am so excited to serve as our Rotary District Governor for 2016-2017. Second, I want to thank all the folks who have worked tirelessly to prepare me for my role this year! Here we go!

We have a great team leading our District this year and expectations and morale are sky high. Supporting the clubs is our first priority and greatest responsibility.

The Centennial Celebration of the Rotary Foundation is quickly approaching and District 6630 is at the center of the Rotary world. Arch Klumph, R.I. President, 1916-1917, was Cleveland's own. He not only was the driving force to start the Rotary Foundation, but was instrumental in the formation of the Cleveland Orchestra. Don't miss out as we honor our own Arch Klumph with a Million Dollar Dinner and private concert performance by the Cleveland Orchestra on October 23. This event happens once in a hundred years! None of us will live to attend the next one, so don't get shut out!

Next year the Rotary International Convention will be held in Atlanta, Georgia. It would be great to have the largest contingent from Ohio attend. Don't miss it! PDG Jack Young is chairing the 'On To Atlanta' campaign.

Our district Conference and Assembly will be held April 21-23 at the Sheraton Suites Hotel in Cuyahoga Falls. Please save the dates.

So what is my focus for the year? Our R.I. theme is 'Rotary serving Humanity'. The theme is what Rotarians do! This should be easy to follow!

My focus is on youth, growing membership and HAVING FUN!

Interact Clubs bring new energy and enthusiasm. Cluster projects help us do larger projects together and make new friends. Visitations expose us to new ideas. It's also a fine way to find speakers for your club. Don't miss out! Step out and visit other clubs!

To make the year interesting, I am offering the Governor 100 Point Challenge. Rotarians who meet the challenge will be recog-

nized at the Awards ceremony next June. The rules are simple. Keep your own score. You earn 1 point for every meeting, event, committee meeting, district or club affair. Interact counts! Sessions at conference, Zone, the Gala, PETS, the Banner Exchange all count! You can start compiling points from the start of the past District Conference. The contest ends June 15, 2017. Yes, the Atlanta Convention counts!

Share Rotary! All of us were invited to join. Let's share the gift with others! Invite people and our clubs will grow!

We must remember we are all volunteers and we have responsibilities which sometimes take precedence over Rotary. Let's be kind to each other, accept each other's limitations, and support each other's projects. I want to emphasize visiting other clubs. Your Rotary pin is your admission ticket to any Rotary Club in the world. You have 34,000 choices! Explore with Rotary!

## PDG Bob Johnson Takes Over as District Foundation Chair

As a new Rotary year begins we have changed hats at the District level as Robert (Bob) Johnson replaces Jim Lechko as District Rotary Foundation Chair. Jim has done an excellent job over the past three years and has left little to be changed or added to the responsibilities of the job. As your new DRFC, I will strive to maintain the fairness of the grants committee in distributing District funds (DDF) to as many clubs as possible while they continue to support their local projects. The same goes for the Global (International) projects as we move into a 3 year cycle of increased DDF coming back from RI for District 6630's use. Alexandra Jean-Blanc who heads the District Grants Committee

has done a commendable job in raising awareness among clubs in the district in applying for matching grant money for their projects. For the first time in many years in 2015/2016 all DDF that was assigned to District (local) projects was spent. This was a great accomplishment and I hope to see it continue.

Areas that need our attention are increasing major gifts, participation in "Rotary Direct" and participation in the Paul Harris Society. PDG Julie West will be working hard on major gifts and we should see a dramatic spike in giving this year with the 100 year celebration of Arch Klumph and the Rotary Foundation. Jim Lechko will stay on the Foundation Committee and will work

toward increasing the number of participants in the Paul Harris Society. Members of this group pledge to give \$1000 annually to TRF. DGE Amy Kapostasy is overseeing general fundraising and DGN Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski will chair the annual fund

One of my personal goals will be to convince clubs that are not presently doing so to participate more generously in Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY). My own home club has done this for years and has always met our generous giving goals to TRF. Our club is also discussing making this EREY contribution part of our yearly dues which would greatly facilitate collection of EREY funds and giving to the Foundation. There are

currently two "Sustaining Member" EREY clubs in the district, The RC of Fairlawn and Northampton Twp. I am hopeful that my club will be #3. If your club is active in the matching grant process, both District and/or Global, then applying rule 2 of the 4-WAY Test ("Is it fair to all concerned") should make EREY donations universal and ongoing.

I am looking forward to being your DRFC and increasing our District's participation in the world wide work of Rotary International through our incredible Rotary Foundation.

Robert "Bob" Johnson  
2016/2019 District Rotary  
Foundation Chair

## School Supplies for Children in Nicaragua

First, a great big thank you to all for supporting the Shoe Box and Layette Bags for the Children of the Dump Project in Nicaragua! This year 715 boxes will be provided to these children who will cherish them. This is the highest number in 11 years.

Jack Young and Marsha Pappalardo have organized this program since its inception and do an amazing job.

This year we have a special opportunity to fill the truck! The schools need school supplies for these students.

I know we can help! Jack and I have an idea which

should be fun and very rewarding for everyone.

We are having a District 6630 school supply drive.

The stores have tremendous sales on these items. A couple dollars can buy so much. Also, don't we all have unused school supplies packed away?

Let us put those items to good use! If you would please gather a few items, and bring them into your club, your AG will pick them up. We plan the pickup the week of August 14th-August 19th.

The AGs will see that the items get to Jack Young and fill the truck.

Items needed are writing tablets, spiral notebooks, pocket folders, wooden 3.2 pencils, crayons, glue sticks, kid's scissors, pens, rulers, compasses, and pencil sharpeners.

Let's see what we can do as a group! Think of it as like a can food drive.... Except it's a school supply drive!

Any questions, give Jack, 440-759-4000, or Marsha, 216-410-4844 a call.

Thanks to everyone who participates in these great projects. Rotary Serving Humanity!

Your Rotary Partner, Jim McKee, District Governor 6630, 2016-17

# Significant Milestone - Children of the Dump in Nicaragua

By PDG Jack Young

PDG Jack Young and Board of Director member of the American Nicaragua International Hope and Relief Foundation, indicates that our Rotary District through the generous support of District 6630, 6600 and 6650 and members of Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs have reached an all-time high in sending Children Shoe Boxes and infant Layette Bags to the Children of the Dump and school in Chinandega, Nicaragua.

This year alone, the combined efforts of Rotarian's and Rotary Clubs are sending 715 Shoe Boxes and 110 layette bags to Chinandega.

This is an all-time yearly record. Since 2006, PDG and Ohio Rotary Clubs and other clubs who joined our district have sent over 4,000 shoe boxes and 200 layette bags to Nicaragua for this International project.

ANOTHER MILESTONE: In additional, since our district became involved, when you combine the total financial effort and support over the years for Shoe Boxes, Layette Bags and for new and perfectly good items such as a fire truck from Stow, Ambulances from North Ridgeville, Geneva and Pat Carlson from Brunswick, several jaws of life, a semi-trailer load of medical related supplies from Med Wish at the Cleveland Clinic, Wheel Chairs, heart pace makers, firefighting equipment, fire fighters bunker cloths and other types of firefighting equipment,

school supplies, dictionaries, new welding equipment for the welding school, additional school supplies for the teachers, the cost of over 100 Rotarian's, friends of Rotary and young people, 12 students from Hiram College, fire fighters from Stow, 2 doctors from the Cleveland Clinic and many other expense/ supply items, in a conservative estimate of support of over \$ 992,000 or almost one million dollars. This has all taken place since the first trip by PDG Young in December of 2006. ALL OF THIS COULD NOT HAVE TAKEN PLACE WITHOUT THE SUPPORT OF YOU ALONG WITH SEVERAL OTHER DISTRICTS AND CLUBS WHO JOINED OUR DISTRICT IN THIS EFFORT.

What this does not include is those districts who have participated in Michigan, Iowa and Texas who actually started this process.

As most of you know, the Shoe Boxes to these children are given to the children who have maintained good grades, have good attendance and are recommended by their teacher. This is the criteria that

are set forth by the teachers in Nicaragua. Not by Rotarian's. The teachers feel that they must maintain a high standard for grades in order to encourage the children to receive their education. At his point in the process, we have had one student receive her Master's Degree in Business, 20 other students who have received or will be receiving their bachelor's degree, and thousands of other young people who have received their high school diploma. REMEMBER, ALL OF THESE CHIL-

In addition to these children, Father Marco Dessey founded a home to help educate women to take care of their new born babies and to provide education to keep them health. He did this by providing them a safe haven and provided transportation for the mothers to take them to a hospital and then provided them with education as to how to take care of their new born infant so that the mother could return to their village.

These women, who many of them are just young teenagers, have been raped by their fathers, brothers, friends or strangers have no place to go and are looked down upon by their families. Now they have a place to go to and someone they can depend on to help them during this difficult time. Rotary with the help of the American Nicaragua International Hope and Relief Foundation Board of Directors now give them this hope for the future in supporting these women and children to maintain their dignity.

It should be noted that since Father Dessey started this safe house and partnered with Rotary, we have not lost a single baby to death. We are dealing with thousands of births during this time and providing educational care to these women. Special thanks to Rotarian's Frank Herzo and Jim Kite from Houston, Texas, for their efforts over the years who started helping these children in Nicaragua- Cont'd on pg. 13

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DREN WERE FOUND ON A GARBAGE DUMP searching for food and other items need for their families in order to survive. For the majority of them, this Shoe Box from Rotarian's will be the only Christmas gift they will receive.



## More on The Foundation Centennial Celebration in CLE

On Sunday, October 23, 2016, Rotarians from all over the world will come to Cleveland Ohio to celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the Rotary Foundation, on the eve of World Polio Day. The occasion will be marked with a special performance by The Cleveland Orchestra, who together with music and video that will take us on a journey of the Rotary Foundation.

In a series of short films we hope to portray the Rotary Foundations 100-year record of doing good in the world; From its humble beginnings with Founder Arch Klumph, through its commitment to humanitarian work, to its present-day eradicating polio. Using compelling video storytelling, we will connect The Rotary Foundation to the broader community and make its global impact much more relatable.

Produced in a unique documentary style, we will use a combination of poignant interviews, archival footage and photos, letters and speeches to enhance our story. In addition, touching b-roll footage, artistic motion graphics combined with an evocative and emotional music track, will weave powerful stories that supple-

ment the indelible performances by The Cleveland Orchestra.

Our short films might be divided this way:

1. HISTORY - Arch Klumph-Founder & Visionary, Polio Fight
2. TODAY - Features Work that Rotary is doing Today
3. FUTURE – Mission & Vision for Rotary for the next 100 Years

At the conclusion of this emotional 75-minute program (speeches, music and video); it is our hope to increase the audience's awareness of the Foundation's global achievements, and inspire them with a sense of pride and individual responsibility.

Get your tickets now and invite your non-Rotarian friends to join you for this concert and the dinner that will follow at The Intercontinental Hotel.

Go to: [www.trf100.org](http://www.trf100.org) for all the details

## One Club's Contribution

The West Shore Rotary club, serving the communities of Fairview Park, N. Olmsted and West Park has been busy shopping and filling shoe boxes for the children of Nicaragua and the Rotary Shoe Box Project.



One team went shopping and another team filled the boxes making them social affairs for Rotarians and their



families. It was a great way to get to know our fellow Rotarians and do good for those in need.

Thanks,  
Luisa



## Cheryl shared **AWARDS PICNIC 2016** with you!



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# Kent Rotary Auction – 2016

The Rotary Club of Kent recently hosted their 47th annual charity auction, inviting club members and the community to engage in a casino-themed event hosted at the American Legion in Kent. Over 150 attendees were treated to a bountiful buffet prepared by Special Moments Catering, which included carved beef tenderloin, chicken marsala, roasted redskins and pierogis. For dessert, an extravagant display of candies and sweets hosted by CollegeTown Kent was a popular spot as guests browsed the tables. Dinner tables were decorated with cards, dice and highlighted with red napkins.

In keeping with the casino theme, many took advantage of gaming tables provided by Les Drinkwater of Highrollerz. Dr. Randy Smith organized the gaming area and many Rotarians served as guest dealers at the tables, which were sponsored by Davey-Kent, Flynn, Keith and Flynn law offices, Marathon Financial, and Stifel-Nichlaus. A new twist, a liquor wagon with raffle tickets was organized by Jeff Meyers and sponsored by the Franklin Hotel Bar.

In the weeks preceding the auction, members were encouraged to sell raffle tickets in the community. The winning ticket would receive a week-end trip to Las Vegas, including airfare and hotel. Hundreds of tickets were sold and the much-anticipated drawing was held at the conclusion of the auction. The winning ticket was held by Vijay Rastogi of Munroe Falls.

Silent auction items included various golf package to local golf courses, tickets for sporting goods and baskets for Popped, The Kent Cheese monger, auto detailing, books, and many other goodies. Verbal items were auctioned off with the talented Mike Tontimonia working the audience. Outings included the perennial favorite Kentucky Derby festivities offered by David and Janet Dix, as well as a Kent Architectural tour offered by Doug and Karen Fuller, Jeff and Lauren Meyers and David and April Sommers. Dinners up for bid included a Chef's dinner for six prepared by Emily Hansford at The Bis-

tro on Main and a Presidential Favorites dinner in honor of the 2016 election year offered by Larry and Mary Wright. New items this year included bicycles offered by Paul Organ and Kent Cycle, while historically popular items included OSU football tickets, golf outings and framed art.

Sponsors of the event included Colonial Machine, Kline and Kavali, Klaben Ford, Glanville and Husing, Habitat for Humanity, Hall Green Agency, Grange Insurance, and Kent Elastomers. Auction Committee planners included: 2016-17 Club President Bill Childers, President-elect Larry Wright, Debbie Krutz, Mark Yankovich, Nelson Burns, Tom Hatch, Joe Marken, Jeff Meyers, Sabrina Bennett, Justin Gates, Randy Smith, Anne Brown, Rachel Kerns, Sherry Joy, Todd Kamanesh, George Joseph, with the support of Tom Myers, Laurie Wemhoff and Heather Malarcik. Committee Chairs were Pam Petrus and Rebekah Wright Kulis.

Net proceeds from this year's event raised approximately \$30,000 which benefit the Kent Rotary Foundation. The Foundation supports many important projects in Portage County based on a grant application process. The current president is Tom Myers. Recent approved funding requests include: winter coats for local school children, laptops required for state testing in local schools, the new Honor Guard van for the Kent American Legion, Ben's Birdie Bags project by The Ben Curtis Family Foundation, None-4-Under-21 program, Coleman Foundation's Franklin Apartments facility and many others. A highlight of this year's auction also included the annual "Fund -a-Project" which will partially fund the Kent Parks and Recreation Walter Lang Trailhead. Dr. Walter Lang, a beloved pediatrician in Kent, was an avid supporter of the local bike trails. With the support of the family, Rotary and other benefactors, the trailhead and marker will be under construction within the year.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Kent, please visit [www.kentrotary.org](http://www.kentrotary.org), connect on Facebook: [KentRotaryOhio3544](https://www.facebook.com/KentRotaryOhio3544) and on Twitter @RotaryKent

## Solar Telescope

Dear fellow Rotarians,

I wish to thank the foundation for its support of the Summit County Astronomy Club solar telescope. Between the nighttime programs and especially the daytime programs with the solar scope, the club has been able to reach over 2000 people. The photo was taken at one of my favorite events At Camp Cheerful with kids with MDA. I am able to set the solar scope low enough so those in a wheelchair can take a peek.

Also, if any Rotary Club would be interested in a fun PowerPoint presentation about the universe and, skies permitting, a solar viewing please contact me at [summitcountyastronomy@Gmail.com](mailto:summitcountyastronomy@Gmail.com)

it's a beautiful universe.

Sincerely,

John Shulan



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## Reflections For Independence Day

I believe myself to be a fighter. As a United States Marine Corps Veteran and a trained martial arts instructor and the father of a 10-year old girl, I have had to be a fighter. But also as Rotarians I believe we are all fighters; Fighters of polio, poverty, ignorance, starvation and leukemia as well as a myriad of other causes. Regardless of the larger RI goals, District 6630 goals and Club goals; all Rotarians have their own personal goal or goals for which they are willing to fight. What is yours?

In this new Rotary year, I'd challenge all Rotarians to think about what they are fighting for within Rotary International, District 6630, and their local club and for themselves personally. This came up for me because of the proximity to Independence Day and the fight our forefathers had before them. I sent the below to our club with the fight at Fort McHenry in 1812 in mind. My hope was to inspire them to think of their fight for the upcoming Rotary year.

I ran into this and thought it worth sharing; please forgive if I have sent in the past; although I believe it is worth repeating.

The year was 1812 and the United States was at war with England over freedom of the seas. It was a tumultuous time as Great Britain was struggling with Napoleon's invasion of Russia. In 1814, however, Napoleon was beaten and England turned its attention to the United States. While many naval battles were fought, the fight eventually centered on the central part of the U.S. as the British attempted to split this country in half. Washington, D.C. was taken and then the Brits "marched" toward Baltimore, where a mere 1,000 patriots manned the cannons at Fort McHenry, whose guns controlled the harbor. If Baltimore was to "fall," the British would have to take Fort McHenry. The attack commenced on the morning of September 13, 1814, as 19 British ships began pounding the fort with rockets and mortar shells. After an initial exchange of fire, the Brits withdrew to just outside the range of Fort McHenry's cannons

and continued their bombardment for the next 25 hours. Surprisingly, on board one of the British ships was 35-year-old poet-lawyer Francis Scott Key, who was there arguing for the release of Dr. William Beanes, a prisoner of the British. Even though the captain agreed to the release, the two Americans were required to stay aboard until the attack on Baltimore was over. It was now the night of September 13th as the bombardment continued. As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry.

As reprised by famed author Isaac Asimov:

"Through the night, they heard bombs bursting and saw the red glare of rockets. They knew the fort was resisting and the American flag was still flying. But toward morning the bombardment ceased, and a dread silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered and the British flag flew above it, or the bombardment had failed and the American flag still flew.

As dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, Key and Beanes stared out at the fort, trying to see which flag flew over it. He and the physician must have asked each other over and over, 'Can you see the flag?'

After it was all finished, Key wrote a four stanza poem telling the events of the night. Called 'The Defense of Fort McHenry,' it was published in newspapers and swept the nation. Someone noted that the words fit an old English tune called, 'To Anacreon in Heaven' – a difficult melody with an uncomfortably large vocal range. For obvious reasons, Key's work became known as 'The Star Spangled Banner,' and in 1931 Congress declared it the official anthem of the United States.

Now that you know the story, here are the words. Presumably, the old doctor is speaking. This is what he asks Key:

*Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light,  
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming?*

*Whose broad stripes and bright stars,  
through the perilous fight,  
O'er the ramparts we watched were  
so gallantly streaming?  
And the rocket's red glare, the bombs  
bursting in air,  
Gave proof thro' the night that our  
flag was still there.  
Oh! say, does that star-spangled  
banner yet wave,  
O'er the land of the free and the  
home of the brave?*

FYI- 'Ramparts,' are the protective walls or other elevations that surround a fort. The first stanza asks a question. The second gives an answer:

*On the shore, dimly seen thro' the  
mist of the deep  
Where the foe's haughty host in  
dread silence reposes,  
What is that which the breeze, o'er  
the towering steep  
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half  
discloses?  
Now it catches the gleam of the  
morning's first beam,  
In full glory reflected, now shines on  
the stream.  
'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh!  
long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and the  
home of the brave!*

FYI - 'The towering steep' is again, the ramparts. The bombardment has failed, and the British can do nothing more but sail away, their mission a failure.

In the third stanza it's like Key allows himself to gloat over the American triumph. In the aftermath of the bombardment, Key probably was in no mood to act otherwise?

*And where is that band who so  
vauntingly swore  
That the havoc of war and the battle's  
confusion  
A home and a country should leave  
us no more?  
Their blood has washed out their foul  
footstep's pollution.  
No refuge could save the hireling and  
slave*

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# Independence Day cont'd

*From the terror of flight, or the gloom  
of the grave,  
And the star-spangled banner in tri-  
umph doth wave  
O'er the land of the free and the  
home of the brave.*

The fourth stanza and hope for the future, should be sung more slowly than the other three and with even deeper feeling.

*Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen  
shall stand  
Between their loved homes and the  
war's desolation,  
Blest with victory and peace, may the  
Heaven - rescued land  
Praise the Power that hath made and  
preserved us a nation.  
Then conquer we must, for our cause  
is just,  
And this be our motto --"In God is our  
trust."  
And the star-spangled banner in tri-  
umph doth wave  
O'er the land of the free and the  
home of the brave.*

I end with a presidential quote:  
"There is nothing wrong with America  
that cannot be cured with what is  
right in America".

Happy Independence Day!

Lee Quignano, RFC®

# Fire Truck from Stow Saves 3 Children's Lives

by Jack Young

Several years ago, Rotarian's from the Rotary Club of Stow and the Mayor provided a perfectly good fire truck to PDG Jack Young to send to Chinandega, Nicaragua. (Fire truck Pictured) after a presentation by PDG Young at a Rotary Club meeting.

Further, he Mayor of Stow authorized 2 fire fighters to travel to Nicaragua with Rotary to help train the firefighters in Nicaragua on its use. After the dedication of the fire truck in Nicaragua and during the first week in service, the fire truck is credited in saving the lives of three children. This is because it was sent to a fire in a small hut and since it had a 500 gallon water tank on the truck, the fire fighters were able to quickly put out the fire and save the lives of these 3 children who were huddled in back of

their small home. There is no way that one can place a monetary value on a person's life. This is just another example of Rotary Serving Humanity.

Thank you to the Rotarians of the RC of Stow and the city officials of Stow for making this happen.



# On to Atlanta Rotary District 6630

With the preliminary reports that I have received from Rotary International Officials, your District has officially registered 74 attendees to the 2017 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta as of July 12, 2016.

This is a fantastic initial response by Rotarian's in District 6630.. We still have 10 months to go to the actual convention and we know many more will be registering this year. In order to make plans for our district attendees, please let me know if you will be going to the convention in Atlanta and how many will be going. This is a once in a life time experience for you and your families (children and their friends) to attend an International Convention so close

to home and to meet Rotarian's from all over the world.

In talking with our District Governor Jim McKee, our district has set a goal of at least 200 individuals from our district to attend the RI Convention next year. We hope that you will help your district surpass this number and join us for a once in a life time Rotary experience. We are also looking at chartering buses so that you can enjoy your trip to Atlanta.

For more information, please feel free to contact me regarding your involvement. Best wishes.

Jack  
Jack A. Young, PDG 2005-06  
Ohio Rotary District 6630

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To provide business opportunities, support and services for consumers and help of the town, areas and advance the civic and general interests of the community.

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Includes golfer registration bag	Silver Sponsorship - \$750
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complementary, golfed lunch	Gold Sponsorship - \$1,250
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PRIZES: 1st - \$500 Cash  
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## Rotary Outbound Exchange Student's Last Report from Brussels



Katie Pellegrino

July 1, 2016

You can also follow Katie's Journey at:

[www.belgium-rye.weebly.com](http://www.belgium-rye.weebly.com)

On July 1, 2016 Katherine Pellegrino wrote:

Hi!

This marks the official end of the beginning. I have reached the end of my final full month in Belgium. I can't believe I've already reached this point, that each person and place that I see could be for the last time.



This month I was able to do quite a bit of traveling. I took a day trip to Luxembourg with some friends which

was a nice way to say goodbye to some of them. Then I had the opportunity to join the final trip organized by the Rotary which was a week in Prague and South Bohemia. It was a great final trip! In Prague, along with the two small towns we visited in South Bohemia, there is so much color everywhere! There is not a single dreary area, even in the countryside which was in full bloom with wildflowers. It was so beautiful and, moreover, it was a nice way to say goodbye to all of my exchange student friends. I am one of the last to be leaving Belgium and most everyone else has either already left or will leave this week. The Prague trip is really the last time we will all be together in such a big group and it's so hard to imagine that in just a month everyone will be in different areas of the world.

On a different note, earlier this month I finally took the opportunity to go to a panel talk at NATO. Brussels is a major centre for both the European Union and NATO and I've often visited their areas. The panel was open to guests so I decided to go check it out finally after so many months. It was a talk about Poland and strengthening its borders, so a good portion of the talk was in Polish. It was so cool though because we all received little headsets which transmitted live translations of what was happening into English. It was quite interesting and I was happy to finally sit in on one of the talks and take advantage of one of the key things that Brussels has to offer.

Finals are finally over and I attended my school's graduation (which doesn't involve either caps or gowns). Since everyone leaves on vacation soon, my friends from school threw me a going away party a few weeks ago even though I still have month here. It was really sweet, yet hard to believe that that will probably be the last time I see all of them. It's a lot harder leaving exchange than it is to go on exchange. When I left the states 311 days ago, I knew that I would return to my friends and family in a year. I knew it wasn't truly good-

bye. Now, I would like to believe that this is not truly goodbye, but in reality who knows when, or if ever, I will see these people again. The idea is still too surreal for me to fully fathom, however, it's there all the same. All I can do is make the most of these last 19 days, which is exactly what I plan on doing.



So there you have it! I have almost a month of vacation time left in Belgium and I plan to make the most of it!

I suppose my next report will come from the states, so see you then!

Katie



## Newest Interact Club Reports in

Hello! So I am Carli Stewart, the treasurer of the Interact/Rotary Club at Mayfield High School! So during the spring and the 4th quarter of the past school year, we were doing quite a few events! The one I believe is the most heartfelt and very special, is when our club goes to The Hospice of the Western Reserve; we go every few months. In April we went on our 3rd visit to Hospice, each time we go we there we serve a taco dinner. We have members working in the kitchen, serving food, and delivering meals to certain rooms... It is so rewarding being able to put smiles on the patients faces and also their families.

Also, before the Easter holiday came around, our club went to the Aberdeen Retirement home and created an early Easter for the residents and their family members! We had a coloring station set up, painting station where kids were painting eggs, and face painting station! Then we had some fun as well, we had the job of hiding eggs full of candy around the building. The eggs were for the residents that had little ones in their families. We were able to create a day full of happiness for many families, watching kids run up to grandparents showing them how many eggs they found.

Also throughout the year we have been collecting items for a Mayfield Grad, named Sergeant Cameron DiBarto. Because he is being deployed to Baghdad, and we wanted him to know the whole Mayfield Community was there to support him.

There was also a Run this spring that was to benefit the Geauga County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Members participated in it by packing bags for runners, and then going out in the cold weather making sure all runners were okay. We had members standing out in hail! Now that is what I call dedication!

Also the officers and our great advisors had the great opportunity to attend the Rotary Conference this past spring. We were officially inducted as an Interact Club, and we are very excited to join the Rotary International. We cannot wait to be a part of all the great things Rotary does!

By Carli Stewart  
Treasurer  
And the Interact Club at Mayfield

## News From TRC Port Summit

Outgoing President Judy Miller honored Dizzy Duck Derby Co-Chairs Tom Brandt and Ron Whitmer as Port-Summit's Rotarian of the Year at



her Outstallation Ceremony on Thursday, June 23rd at the Suffield Springs Golf Club. Whitmer and Brandt led a total team effort that resulted in the Club's most successful fundraiser in many years. Miller presented a Rotary Tumbler containing a rubber duckie to each club member, honoring their participation in the Dizzy Duck Derby and other club events throughout the year. The ceremony also included a "President Roast", though roasters bemoaned the scarcity of roastable material that Judy provided over a very successful year of leading the Club.

Included in the evening's festivities was an impressive performance by Harry Arble, the Singing Troubadour. Additionally, RYLA attendee, Miranda Evans from Field High School spoke glowingly of her experience at the

annual Leadership Camp in Berea. Scholarship winner, Sarah Pierce of Mogadore High School accepted her award and spoke briefly about her future plans.



The evening concluded with incoming President Randy Rininger thanking Judy for her hard work and leadership and presenting her with a beautiful Past President's pin, including a center diamond surrounded by three smaller diamonds. The extra diamonds represent her three non-consecutive terms as Club President.



## "The Little Ministry with the Community at Heart"

Christ Kingdom Ministries a Non-Denominational Community Impact Ministry Located at 23920 Lincolville Avenue Oakwood Village Ohio 44146 (Bedford District) is gearing up for their annual school supply drive and donations are needed.

Our Goal is to supply 150 students with book bags filled the supplies that are needed to help them succeed. This year Bishop M.L. Rodgers plans to turn the back to school giveaway into a life changing event coined "The Fall Back to School Altar Call".

In addition to giving away school supplies the bishop hopes to collaborate

with the Oakwood Village, as well as other local churches and put on a gospel concert, serve hot dogs, and drinks, bless the police department, the schools and the mayor, hold a massive baptism for those who have the need to be baptized, and pass out the book bags during the event all free of charge.

Donations of food, school supplies, or monetary can be mailed to the address above or dropped off in person Thursdays 7:00p.m. - 8:30p.m. or Sundays 9:00a.m.-11:00a.m.

The event is tentatively scheduled for August 20, 2016 1:00p.m - 5:00p.m.

## News From TRC Berea

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

### **Berea Rotary honors scholarship winners**



Rotary President Bob Hugel, left, and Scholarship Chair Tom O'Donnell congratulate Rotary's scholarship recipients, from the left, Samantha Rocco, Makayla Holivay, Samantha Finnerty and Courtney Elkins.

Berea Rotary honored scholarship winners and their families during the annual Scholarship Dinner on Tuesday, July 12. Attending the dinner were 2016 recipients Samantha Finnerty of Olmsted Falls High School, Makayla Holivay of Polaris Career Center and Berea-Midpark High School and Samantha Rocco of Berea-Midpark High School. Courtney Elkins, a 2015 recipient, also attended.

Scholarship Chair Tom O'Donnell introduced the students. "There were a lot of applicants," Tom told them. "You are part of a very select group." The selections were based on academics, community involvement and outside activities, he said.

The students gave an update on their plans. Courtney Elkins, who lives in Brook Park, will be a sophomore at Cleveland State University this fall. She plans to become a teacher. She attended Rotary's RYLA camp in 2014 and was vice president of Berea-Midpark's Interact Club (Rotary's club for high school students) her senior year. A highlight of her freshman year at CSU was spending eight days in the New Orleans area, helping to build houses and working in a library sorting books. Her team also weeded a community garden and helped to care for horses. She described her freshman year as

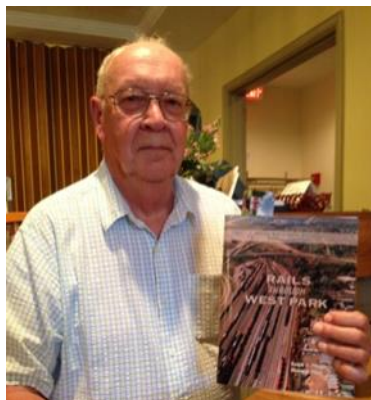
"awesome."

Samantha Finnerty of Olmsted Falls will major in chemistry as part of a pre-med program at Ohio State. She hopes to go into research and would like to study abroad. Samantha was very active in Student Council at Olmsted Falls High School and would like to continue her involvement in student government at OSU. She also enjoys creating art and hopes to continue that interest as well.

Makayla Holivay of Brook Park studied exercise science at Polaris and will major in exercise physiology at Ohio University with the goal of becoming a physician's assistant. After obtaining her degree at OU's main campus in Athens, she will apply to the physicians assistant program at OU's Dublin campus for a master's degree. She was captain of the girls' basketball and softball teams at Berea-Midpark and wants to continue to play at the college level.

Samantha Rocco of Brook Park will study education at Ohio State's Mansfield campus for two years before transferring to the main campus in Columbus. She plans on obtaining a dual certification in social studies and language arts. Samantha took part in Berea Rotary's Four-Way Speech Contest. At BMHS, she was involved in Junior Achievement and was a teacher's aide. She also was active with Student Council and Speech & Debate. Samantha was Miss Brook Park in 2015.

### **Sandstone quarries dotted northeast Ohio**



Ralph Pfingsten displays his book, "Rails Through West Park."

As president of the West Park Historical Society, Ralph Pfingsten is concerned about the history of all of northeast Ohio. Right now, he's working on a book about the sandstone quarries that used to dot the area in the 1800s through the early 1900s.

So-called Berea Sandstone wasn't just found in Berea, he told Rotarians on Tuesday, June 21. It was found in Ashtabula, Lorain, Medina and assorted other locales as far away as Columbus.

John Baldwin of Berea was the one who discovered the uses of sandstone in Berea and made it famous, hence the name, but larger quarries were elsewhere, Pfingsten said. Amherst, still home to Cleveland Quarries, was the biggest.

Berea Sandstone is very popular because it is resistant to corrosion and the surface doesn't glaze over. The surface is always rough and therefore good for sharpening instruments. That led to its wide-spread use in building (the Superior Viaduct in Cleveland and the Canadian capitol building, for example) and for grindstones.

It's a good thing quarrying ceased in Berea when it did, Pfingsten said. "If they had continued, Berea would probably not exist. The quarries kept expanding and taking more of the town. Eventually, Berea would have been a big hole in the ground," he said.

What happens to all those abandoned quarries? Berea's have filled with water and become recreational and wildlife areas. Jaquay in Columbia Station became Wildwood Water Park. Misty Lake Apartments in Middleburg Heights are on the site of the former Smith Road Quarry.

For Pfingsten's latest book, "Rails Through West Park," contact him at (440) 243-7568 or [rap347@wideopenwest.com](mailto:rap347@wideopenwest.com). Cost is \$10.

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## News From TRC Berea cont'd

### **Rotarians join RYLA campers for a picnic**

Berea Rotarians joined Rotary Youth Leadership Award campers on the



West Lawn of the BW campus on Tuesday, June 14 for a picnic. The

kids later enjoyed some square-dancing. Among the Rotarians on hand for the annual cookout were



Past District Governor Dave Skrzynski, District Governor Nominee Bev Skrzynski, Berea Rotary Club Presi-

dent Judy Stull, President-elect Bob Huge, Treasurer Bob Hammer, Secretary JoAnn Solnick, Ed and Diane White, Russ Hill, Matt Lombardi and daughter xxx, Don Voight, Dottie and Jim Walters. Our own Marc West was RYLarian in chief. Thanks to Jim Walters for being photographer extraordinaire!



## What is the Paul Harris Society (PHS)?

As you probably know, a combination of cash contributions to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) (Annual Fund and/or Polio Plus) and/or PHF points equaling \$1,000/1,000 makes you a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF). Achieving the next level of \$1,000/1000 cash contributions or points puts you in the Multiple PHF category. At \$10,000 in cash contributions you will have achieved Major Donor Level 1 status with many more levels above that up to and including Arch Klumph Society status at \$250,000.

Recognition of your commitment to TRF for these contributions is made via the PHF pin with sapphire, ruby and diamond stones depending on your PHF level.

Consider joining me and a number of other fellow Rotarians in District 6630 in the fairly new Paul Harris Society. The only requirement to be a member of this distinguished group of Rotarians is to make a commitment of \$1,000 annually to the TRF Annual Fund and/or Polio Plus.

Contributions to the TRF Annual Fund make their way back to District 6630 to fund the projects our clubs do through the District Grant and Global Grant process. Contributions toward the Polio Plus effort will assist

Rotary in its' biggest effort ever in the eradication of Polio worldwide.

I was told many years ago that if you want to know what a man truly loves, look at where he spends his time and money. This is your opportunity to show that you truly love Rotary and all that it does.

If I have spurred your interest in the PHS, please contact me, I would love to discuss it further with you.

Jim Lechko

216-529-5625

### **District 6630 Newsletter Policy**

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

**We accept article ideas about club and district events, including fundraisers, publicity efforts, service projects, and membership drives. Please include descriptions, high-resolution photos, and contact information in your email.**

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

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# Insurance Information For US Rotary Clubs

## U.S. Rotary clubs:

We would like to highlight information on the insurance Program for the 1 July 2016/2017 policy term that your club should find useful.

The U.S. Rotary Club and District Liability Insurance Program ("Program") automatically provides U.S. Rotary clubs and districts with general liability (GL) and directors' & officers'/employment practices liability (D&O/EPL) insurance. It is paid for by U.S. Rotarians in the July club invoice. (See assessment rates below.)

Visit the *Insurance Information Portal* for the latest information regarding the Program. Here you will find the essentials: certificates of insurance for your events, insurance policies and summaries, and Loss Control Guidelines that can help you plan your club's activities and events.

[www.locktonportal.com/sites/rotary/resources](http://www.locktonportal.com/sites/rotary/resources)

Username: Rotarian

Password: Resources#1

Note: Username and password are case-sensitive. The portal is for U.S. Rotary club/district use only. Please share this information with those in your club, but avoid posting it in places (including unsecure club web sites) where it is easily accessible by outside parties.

## Loss Control Guidelines

These Loss Control Guidelines (and many other posted on the Portal) may assist you in planning safe and successful events/activities:

- Use of Fireworks
- Use of Automobiles
- Contract Best Practices for Activities & Events
- Use of Golf Carts and other Mobile Equipment
- Food Handling and Serving

Use of Inflatable amusement rides/tents/canopies

## Fireworks Coverage

Remember that fireworks coverage is no longer provided to clubs that contract directly with the pyrotechnics company detonating the fireworks.

Your club or district may sponsor an event and provide funding for the fireworks, but another party, such as a municipality, must sign the contract. Your club/district should be named as an additional insured on the pyrotechnics policy (or other company hired to detonate fireworks); the limit carried should be \$5M or higher. Require a certificate of insurance from the pyrotechnics firm. If your club signs the pyrotechnic agreement, your club will need to purchase a primary, stand-alone general liability policy with a \$5M limit.

Bodily injury or property damage arising from the transportation, delivery, storage, set-up, detonation, takedown, or clean-up of fireworks by an insured or additional insured is excluded. However, this exclusion does not apply to an insured's vicarious liability arising from the transportation, delivery, storage, set-up, detonation, takedown or clean-up of fireworks by a third party.

With respect to the "sale" of fireworks, as long as this is "legal sale for fundraising purposes of pre-wrapped fireworks purchased from a licensed third party" there is coverage under the Program subject to policy terms and conditions. See **Loss Control Guidelines – Use of Fireworks** and FAQs on the Portal.

## Certificate of Insurance

The certificate of insurance is the most frequently obtained document on the Portal. If there are any issues with the certificate, please contact Lockton (contact information is below). If you need an additional insured endorsement please send an email to Lockton along with a copy of your agreement.

## Non-Owned/Rented Auto Liability

The Program provides excess liability coverage for the use of rented and non-owned automobiles above any other valid and collectible insurance on the automobile. This coverage is

intended for insured entities only and does not extend to individuals who use their personal automobile for Rotary club business. There is no comprehensive or collision coverage for damage to any auto operated by the club/district. See Use of Automobiles under Loss Control if your fundraiser or activity involves the use of automobiles.

## Events with Attendance Exceeding 25,000

Rotary clubs that organize events exceeding 25,000 attendees over the entire event period are required to

Report such events to [insurance@rotary.org](mailto:insurance@rotary.org)

- Purchase primary general/special events liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$1 million per occurrence/\$2 million aggregate

- Purchase primary liquor liability with a \$1 million limit if applicable to your club's event

Send risk management a copy of the policy or a certificate of insurance evidencing the coverage purchased

The Program's coverage is excess of this required policy.

## Incident Reporting

Report all incidents that may lead to a claim or lawsuit to Risk Management at [claims@rotary.org](mailto:claims@rotary.org) or by fax to (847) 556-2147. The Incident Report form is available on the Portal. If your club is served with a lawsuit, please contact Risk Management immediately.

## Claims Expenses

The assessments club members pay in the July Club Invoice are used to cover the annual cost of the commercial insurance policies and cost of claims within the \$250,000 self-insured retention for GL and \$25,000 deductible for D&O/EPL.

## 2016-17 Insurance Assessment Rates

With the exception of one state with a lower rate, the GL rates increased for 2016-17 by less than 4%. D&O/EPL

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## Insurance cont'd

rates increased a small amount (from \$0.40 to \$0.43) for the 2016-17 policy year. The rates for the U.S. Territories did not change. The Program continues to be very competitive in price and breadth of coverage when compared to other GL/D&O/EPL liability policies in the insurance market-

States and Territories	GL Rates	D & O / EPL Rate
CA FL ME NJ NY OR RI WI	\$5.61	\$0.43
AL AZ CO CT IL LA MA MD MN MO NV PA TN TX WA	\$3.23	\$0.43
HI ID IN MI NC OH OK SC VA VT	\$2.80	\$0.43
AK AR DC DE GA IA KS KY MS MT ND NE NH NM SD UT WV WY	\$2.30	\$0.43
American Samoa, Guam, Northern Mariana, Puerto Rico, US VI	\$1.25	\$0.43

place. The Program rates by state per member are shown below.

Sincerely,  
Julita Brzozowska  
Risk Manager, Rotary International

### Contact Information:

Insurance Broker  
Lockton  
(800) 921-3172  
[rotary@lockton.com](mailto:rotary@lockton.com)

Rotary Risk Management  
Carol Dietz, Assistant Risk Manager  
(847) 424-5245  
[insurance@rotary.org](mailto:insurance@rotary.org)

Julita Brzozowska, Risk Manager  
(847) 424-5394  
[insurance@rotary.org](mailto:insurance@rotary.org)

Jodi Steel, Claims Manager  
(847) 866-3125  
[claims@rotary.org](mailto:claims@rotary.org)

## Significant Milestone cont'd

gua some 15 years ago with their Rotary Club in Texas. Along with this a special thank you to Marsha Pappalardo, Past President of the RC of Brunswick and Past AG for Medina County for coordinating the Shoe Boxes and Layette Bags that have been sent each year to Nicaragua.



### Shoe Boxes 2016

As for the support of the Shoe Boxes and Layette Bags this year, a special thank you to the following Ohio Rotary Clubs who have supported the program in 2016. This is an all-time high of over 25 Rotary clubs:

Rotary Club of Akron, Garrettsville-Hiram, Port Summit, South Hampton, Ravenna, Wadsworth,

West Shore, Chagrin Valley, Kent, Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise, North Ridgeville, Hillcrest-Sunrise, Hudson-Clocktower, Ashtabula, Conneaut, North Royalton, Burton-Middlefield, Medina Sunrise, Medina Evening, Aurora, Stow, Lakewood Rocky River Noon, Berea, Brunswick, Painesville, Mentor, Wickliffe and RC of North Coast in District 6600.

It should be noted that the Shoe Boxes and Layettes from Ohio will join those items supported by Rotary Clubs in Iowa, Michigan and Texas to start their 3-4 month journey to Nicaragua at the end of August. THEREFORE, ALL SHOE BOXES AND LAYETTE BAGS

MUST BE RETURNED TO PDG JACK YOUNG BY AUGUST 15, 2016. This year, Rotarian's and Friends of Rotary will be traveling to Nicaragua to distribute the Shoe Boxes during the first week in January of 2017. This change is necessary due to the current increased shipping requirements and delays in the international Shipping process.



For more information (travel requirements, cost, etc.) on this trip to Nicaragua, please contact Jack Young (Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000) or Rotarian Marsha Pappalardo (cmpappa@aol.com or 216-410-4844)

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,  
Jack

Jack A. Young, PDG 2005-06  
Ohio District 6630  
American Nicaragua International  
Hope and Relief Foundation  
Board of Directors 2007-17

# CONGRATULATIONS . . . THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!!!

*By PDG Cheryl Warren / District Governor 2015-16*

You are all absolutely amazing . . . It has been my honor to present so many awards in 2015-16 for your time and talents that you have provided to Rotary International, our District, your Clubs and people in your local and international communities to make the world a better place.

Please note that the 2015-16 awards presented thus far were awarded in recognition of one's performance – financial contributions to The Rotary Foundation or specific projects are not considered.

We will be hosting the recognition/awards for your generous gifts to the Rotary Foundation during the 2015-16 Rotary year at our November Foundation Event – details will be forthcoming.

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In April at our Conference of Clubs we presented several individuals with 2015-16 International and District awards and then topped off the year at our District Awards Picnic held in June where we recognized Clubs and Individuals for projects and District service during the 2015-16 Rotary year.

Here is a look at all of the clubs and individuals recognized in 2015-16 for their outstanding service

## ***Honored at the District Conference of Clubs:***

### **ROTARY INTERNATIONAL'S HIGHEST HONOR:**

#### **THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL SERVICE ABOVE SELF AWARD**

***District 6630 Recipient for 2015-16: Jack Hopkins, RC of Geneva (Click to read about Jack)***

*Nominated by 2015-16 District Governor Cheryl Warren*

**Just after taking office in July 2015**, Rotary International gives the District Governor the opportunity to nominate one exemplary individual from our District for this internationally competitive award that is granted to no more than 150 Rotarians worldwide.

Telling only a handful of people who I nominated was a secret well kept (I think). The notice finally arrived in the first quarter of 2016 that my nominee was selected. Rotary asks that this award be presented at our Conference of Clubs and remain a surprise until presented. Thanks to the support and diligence of Assistant Governor (Ashtabula County), Joe Rodgers, we were able to pull it off and Jack was honored at our Conference in April. [If you have not read the story about Jack's accomplishments, click here.](#) He is a fascinating man with a heart of gold. Thank you again Jack – you are *truly* a Gift to the World, a man who puts others first and gives of his time, talents and treasures to make the world a better place.

### **The District 6630 Gary M. Neuman Spouse/Partner Service Award**

***Presented posthumously to Gary Neuman (Click to read about Gary)***

*Nominated by The Rotary Club of Cleveland*

Partners and spouses of Rotarians give in so many ways and we never want to overlook the dedication and service they provide to our clubs and our district. I put a lot of thought into creating this award and spoke with the incoming line of DGs to ensure this was something they would want to continue in years to come. This new award in our District is named for our first recipient, the **District 6630 Gary M. Neuman Spouse/Partner Service Award** recognizes spouses and partners of Rotarians who have



demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service within Rotary District 6630. Unlike the Rotary International Spouse/Partner Award, this award is based solely on the humanitarian service rendered through Rotary District 6630, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others. An especially important aspect of this award is that it may be presented posthumously if the spouse/partner has passed during the current Rotary year in which it is being presented.

Gary's contributions to this district were amazing – everywhere you went, Gary was there to help.

[Please click here to read about his spirit of all things Rotary you will understand why naming this award after him has such significance in our District.](#)

### **The Rotary International Vocational Service Award**

**Presented to Dr. Brian Kane, RC of Painesville (Click to read about Dr. Kane)**

*Nominated by The Rotary Club of Painesville*

This award recognizes Rotarians who make a significant impact in advancing vocational service.

### **The Rotary International Citation for Meritorious Service**

**Presented to Jim Lechko, RC of Lakewood Rocky River (Click to read about Jim Lechko)**

*Nominated by 201516 District Governor Cheryl Warren*

An individual may only receive this award once in their lifetime and it recognizes individual Rotarians who have demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year.

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***At the June District Awards Picnic, we had a lot of Clubs and Individuals recognized for their outstanding service. Thank you for your time and dedication!***

Note: A few clubs/individuals have not yet received their 2015-16 awards from this event. PDG Cheryl Warren is trying to arrange for presentations over the next month. You can also call her at 330-495-9814 if you have not yet been contacted.

### **District 6630 Michael J. Johns, Sr. Lifetime Achievement Award:**

**Recipient: Michael J, Johns, PDG, P.R.I.D., RC of Cleveland (click to read bio)**

This award was named for Mike beginning in 2009. Nominations are made by the District Governor. It was my sincere pleasure to present it to the person it was named for this year.

Past Honorees were

James Banks	Stow-Munroe Falls	2009-10
Jack Harig	Akron	2010-11
Donald Kwait	Chagrin Highlands	2013-14
Jack Young	Conneaut	2014-15

### **District 6630 Rotarian of the Year:**

**Recipient: Mike Davanzo, PDG, RC of Medina Sunrise (click to read bio)**

The past honoree was Marsha Pappalardo Brunswick 2014-15

### **District 6630 Service Above Self Awards (click to read bios):**

**Stewart Buchanan, PDG, RC of Akron**

**Jack Harig, PDG, Arch Klumph Society Member, RC of Akron**

Past honorees were:

Dr. Arturo Basa	Strongsville	1996
Jack Young	Conneaut	2010

### **District 6630 Historian of the Year:**

**Edward Thomas, RC of Cleveland (click to read bio)**

**The RI Presidential Citation** certainly presented many challenges to clubs this year, some of which were unable to be achieved due to location, resources, etc., so RI President, Ravi Ravindran made a decision upon his review of the data to honor clubs with three levels of awards for the year. [If you don't recall the activities needed to achieve for this award, click here to view.](#)

Gold – Clubs that achieved all seven goals and the mandatory activities

Silver – Clubs that achieved six of seven goals and the mandatory activities

Bronze – Clubs that achieved five of seven goals and the mandatory activities

*Congratulations Silver Recipients:*

- RC of Akron
- RC of Hillcrest Sunrise

*Congratulations Bronze Recipients:*

- RC of Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise
- RC of Solon

**Club Builder Awards** are presented by the District Governor to clubs who had innovative new service projects, fundraisers and projects this year.

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|------------------|------------|---------------------|
| • Akron          | • Conneaut | • Hillcrest Sunrise |
| • Chagrin Valley | • Fairlawn | • Mentor            |
| • Cleveland      | • Geneva   | • Solon             |



**The District 6630 AZ Baker Awards** recognize clubs for participating in the Rotary International Six Areas of Service plus District, Zone and Leadership Education & Development Participation. Congratulations to these clubs and their members:

Akron	Chardon	Fairlawn	Mantua	North Royalton Broadview
Ashtabula	Chagrin Valley	Geneva	Medina Sunrise	Painesville
Aurora	Cleveland	Hillcrest Sunrise	Mentor	Port Summit
Berea	Conneaut	Hudson	Nordonia Hills	Tallmadge
Burton Middlefield	Cuyahoga Falls	Lakewood Rocky River	North Ridgeville	West Shore

**Training & Educational Club Awards.** Forms are submitted by the clubs for this award.

- Akron
- Burton Middlefield
- Chagrin Valley
- Cleveland
- Hillcrest Sunrise

**Training & Educational Member Awards.** Forms are submitted by the clubs for this award.

• Sandy Naragon Akron	• Mike Johns, Jr. Hillcrest Sunrise	• Anthony Corrao Hillcrest Sunrise
• Bob Johnson Burton Middlefield	• Ryan Knotts Hillcrest Sunrise	• John Bosco Hillcrest Sunrise
• Julie West Cleveland	• Alexandra Bohne Jeanblanc Hillcrest Sunrise	• Jackie Minotas Hillcrest Sunrise

It takes a team of people within the District to carry out all of the support, training, public relations, visioning, education, resources and events we provide such as One Rotary Summit, The Conference of Clubs, District Training Assembly, District PETs, All Ohio PETS to name a few.

The following awards recognize these individuals for their volunteer District service in 2015-16!!

**Assistant Governor's**

AG Coordinator Kevin Wermer	Cuyahoga County NW-Lorain County Kathy Berkshire	Geauga County Nancy Chartrand	Portage County Stew Buchanan
Ashtabula County: Joe Rodgers	Cuyahoga County SE-Summit Cindy Bowman	Lake County Amy Kapostasy	Summit County North Pat Myers
Cuyahoga County NE John Sobotincic	Cuyahoga County SW Linda Kramer	Medina County Kelly Low	Summit County South Steve Smetana

**Governor's Award of Excellence / District Governor Special Awards  
District Conference Committee / Committee Chairs / Special Thanks**

This truly shows the overall team effort in the District from all these individuals . . .we could not have done it without *each and every one of you!!*

Phil Ardussi	Reverend Reid Miller
Kathy Berkshire	Jackie Minotas
John Bosco	Beth Mlady
Julie Brandle	Pat Myers
Stew Buchanan	Sandy Naragon
Cherie Buchanan (spouse/partner)	Bob Oborn
Tony Corrao	Marsha Pappalardo
Hugh Cassidy	Scott Pease
Mella Castner	Rick Pollak
Nancy Chartrand	Geneva Prince
Lance Chima	Dan Reynolds
Shon Christy	Randy Rininger
Kathryn Craig (spouse/partner)	Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski
Mike Davanzo	David Skrzyński
Judy Davanzo (spouse/partner)	Ann Socha
Lynda Farkas	Stan Socha
JD Detsch (Akron Rotary Camp)	Judy Stull
Heidi Finniff	Edward Thomas
Ken Fogle	John Turnbull
Kay Hansford (spouse/partner)	Arne van der Hyde
Jack Harig	Bob Voss
Shelia Hedrick	Amanda Warner (Akron Rotary Camp)
Louise Heydorn (spouse/partner)	Steve Warren
Bob Heydorn	John Weber
Bob Huge	Philip Weiss
Alexandra Bohne Jeanblanc	Kevin Wermer
Tracy Jemison	Julie West
Mike Johns, Jr.	Marc West
Mike Johns Sr	Father Ralph Wiatrowski
Bob Johnson	Robert Wilson, Jr.
Amy Kapostasy	Jack Young
Patrick Kelly	Steve Zabor
Pamela Kiltau	Fran Zettl
Ryan Knotts	Each committee is also made up of many individuals that gave their time and talents! Thank you all!!!!
Jim Lechko	
Jim McKee	



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