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ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

A Year in Review

What a year this has been! I have been so fortunate to have served you this year. As I traveled to our clubs, I witnessed the amazing works and energies of each club. Having attended multiple activities and programs, it was easy to see why we are such a fantastic group. America, it is said, is a melting pot where different peoples come together as one. Each individual keeps a part of his/her heritage, shares it with others, and assimilates into our great nation. Our district is quite similar. We have 53 clubs - each with a different focus and culture. These clubs come together and join a common cause to form a vibrant district and part of our great organization.

For our District to function at a high level it requires the commitment and dedication of many Rotarians. The list is long starting with the Board of Directors, the District Officers, the Committee Chairs, the Committee Members, and Presenters at various events. Sum total of this involvement is well over 100 Rotarians. These fine individuals are listed in the District Directory.

Each club takes the elements of an effective Rotary Club and meeting and tailors them to fit that club. Here are some of those activities as they fit the culture of the individual club:

Fines - This is a fun way to collect money. Some clubs have

the sergeant at arms collect fines and some clubs do not do any fines at all. Fines were originated when Rotarians did not do business with other Rotarians.

Food - Most clubs have a meal. Some have a pay when you attend policy, others require a payment for all 52 meals. Most charge guests, although some do not.

Formality - A few clubs have a head table where officers and guests sit. Many clubs have smaller tables with no special seating. There are clubs that do ask the guest speaker to sit at the table where the president sits. The arrangement of tables varies on location.

Four Way Test - All clubs say this, some at the beginning of the meeting and some at the end.

Greeters - Few clubs have "official greeters".

Happy Dollars - Some clubs have a person go around and collect happy dollars from all members present. Some clubs ask if anyone has a happy dollar and only collects from those members.

Heads/Tails - A few clubs do this game at their meetings

Information Sharing - Clubs have a variety of activities to announce news.

Some have the "News at 6" where a Rotarian gives highlights of the day's major stories, some have a Rotary minute where a member gives a brief bit of information about Rotary. Some do a sports minute and other highlights.

A few clubs have a member share a bit of information about him/herself.

Jokes - A few clubs have a joke of the day. Most clubs do not.

Newsletters - Not all clubs have a newsletter. Some use the website or Face Book page as the newsletter.

Offsite Meetings - Some have a few meetings each year at a local business. This is to learn about the business and also to introduce the owner to Rotary.

Some clubs use the 5th day of the week for a social (either club or cluster) in lieu of a regular meeting.

Raffles - Some clubs do not have a weekly raffle at the meeting. Some clubs do 50/50 at each meeting. A few clubs add the Queen of Hearts to the mix.

The Queen of Hearts is done differently at the various clubs. Some clubs pull one ticket for both the 50/50 and the Queen; others use one ticket for the 50/50 and another ticket is drawn for the Queen. Clubs that have the Queen of Hearts usually limit participation to regular club members.

Singing - Some clubs like to sing, some clubs do not sing.

Time - Meetings usually last 1 hr. to 1 hr. 15 min. Evening meetings tend to last longer than breakfast and lunch.

Visitors - Some clubs have a person read the names of the guest(s) and the club applauds. Some read the name of each guest and then after all names are read, the club sings a song of welcome.

Governor's Letter cont'd

Websites – Most clubs do have a website. There are some that are not updated on a regular basis

Whatever the culture, the clubs are welcoming and enjoyable. It is a fun but also a learning experience to visit another club. I do encourage you to do that not only when traveling, but also here in our district. When traveling, it is customary to exchange a club banner or pin with the host club.

Each club has made its mark on the local community. Most clubs actively support programs for feeding the needy. These take many forms. Another popular program is giving dictionaries to third graders and other projects dealing with literacy. Some of the signature projects for clubs are:

- Honoring students
- Honoring community members
- Honoring outstanding police and fire fighters
- Scholarships for high school students
- Supporting creative housing
- Supporting children's centers
- Supporting a wide range of non profits
- Beautifying our parks and neighborhoods
- Working with Youth Challenge
- Working with the Akron Rotary Camp
- Working with Camp Paradise
- Working with Camp Cheerful
- Working with the Broadmead School
- Fixing houses of the veterans
- Helping senior citizens
- Visiting the sick and the elderly
- Preparing meals for people visiting the sick at hospice
- Preparing baskets for Thanksgiving
- Adopting families at various times of the year

In order to provide all this financial support, our clubs have entered into a variety of fundraising. Here are some examples:

- Silent and live auctions
- Reverse raffles
- Chili open
- Raffles for money

- Raffles for jewelry
- Raffles for prizes
- Casino night for fun
- "Tasting" foods of a community
- Night at the Races
- Celebrating a special event (Kentucky Derby)
- Golf outings
- Dinner dances
- Dessert auctions
- Biking events
- Walking events
- Wine tasting

What do Rotarians do with all the proceeds? The money raised is put back into the community and world. For this year, our Rotarians contributed:
 \$200,000+ to Our Rotary Foundation (not from proceeds but personal donations)
 \$90,000+ for local grants (club and Our Rotary Foundation money)
 \$150,000+ International giving (shoe boxes, shelter boxes, club projects in a foreign country, club special relationships in a foreign country, and global grants).
 \$750,000+ money from fund raisers that pay for all the good that is done by our district.

This is an amazing amount and an amount of which we all should be proud. We need to use these figures to help explain why we do what we do and show our public, that we are a vibrant organization and one that makes a huge difference in our communities and in our world.

Again, please let me thank you for your dedication of service and your willingness to share your time, talent, and treasure with your communities and our world.

It has been my privilege and honor to have spent this year with you. I wish each club continued success and I look forward to seeing how you will continue to be a gift to the world. Thank you for Lighting Up Rotary.

Membership and Foundation

Please consider making your final push for your Foundation Giving for the year and also for your membership. We are very close to meeting our goals for the year, but not yet there.

YEAR	MEMBERS	GOAL	COLLECTED	PER CAPITA	TOTAL GIVING
2014-15	2,083	\$173,427	\$156,642	\$75.20	\$280,364
2013-14	2,117	\$195,700	\$195,239	\$92.22	\$342,451
2012-13	2,184	\$160,065	\$196,453	\$89.95	\$390,757
2011-12	2,228	\$140,610	\$157,961	\$70.90	\$246,091
2010-11	2,255	\$136,370	\$173,365	\$76.88	\$278,891

MEMBERSHIP

We have added a few new members during the month of May. I am pleased to welcome them into the Family of Rotary. Here are our newest members.

RC of Akron

- Eric Bailey
- Amanda Barna
- Kevin Keeney
- Nichole Major

RC of Aurora

- Allison Semak
- Dale Thorne

RC of Chesterland

- Jay Bishop

RC of Cuyahoga Falls

- Matthew Baker

RC of Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise

- Mark Schneider

RC of North Ridgeville

- Matt Butler

RC of Solon

- Orlando Sellers

RC of Strongsville

- James Jerome
- Vera Miller

TRC Brunswick Outfits Canine Officer

The Brunswick Rotary Club has ordered the vest for canine police officer, Nico. Rotary patches have also been purchased to be sewn on his vest and Officer Nico with his handler will come to a meeting once he has his vest. Brunswick Rotary meets 7:15 AM each Thursday at the Recreational Center, 3637 Center Rd.

Stow-Munroe Falls Talent Show

The Stow-Munroe Falls High School Interact Club held their annual Talent Show Contest on Friday, May 29, from 7-9 p.m. in the high school auditorium.

Students demonstrated a variety of talent from singing, dancing, instrumental, and more. Rotarians from the SMF Rotary Club and high school instructors served as judges for the event and Ian Black, President of Interact, was the emcee for the event.



Left to right: 4th place Alexandra Austin & Kim Brown, 2nd place the band "Falling Down to Earth", 1st place Bailey Bender, 5th place Tulasa Baral, & 4th place Chazon & Geovante Clark.

Interact is a service club sponsored by the Stow-Munroe Falls Rotary. Club membership is open to 9th - 12th graders at the high school. Main requirements to be a member of the club is to be involved and participate in all of the club's activities such as the Alzheimer's Walk, Salvation Army, Food Bank, Wrapping Party, Polar Express, Homecoming Parade, Easter Egg Hunt, Hero's Day, and more.

Remember to Wear Your Rotary Pin!!!

I find Rotary fellowship across the country. I am a jeweler and was working at the Couture show in Las Vegas when I came across a very nice company. The owner Etienne Perret, from Maine was a very personable gentleman and needless to say, I added his product line to my store. At the end of the show, there was a casual cocktail party. There I bump into Etienne and he is a Paul Harris Society member and assistant DG. Well, we both went on to how helpful the foundation was in help our local clubs reach not only our community but across the planet. I knew I like this person from the start. The moral of the story...always wear your Rotary pin, a great way to make new friends!

Sincerely,
John Shulan
Rotary Club of Fairlawn



District Governor Installation

Saturday, July 18, 2015

*The Rotary Club of Akron
cordially invites you to join us
for the Installation of*

Cheryl A. Warren

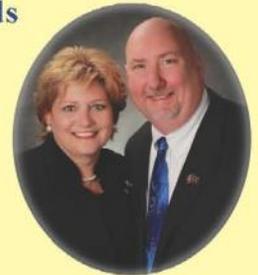
*2015-16 District Governor
of Rotary District 6630*

11 am - 2 pm

**The Akron Rotary Camp
for Children with Special Needs**

**4460 Rex Lake Drive
Akron, Ohio 44319**

**R.S.V.P. before July 6th
online or by phone
www.RotaryDistrict6630.org
330.644.4512**



\$20.00 per person

Casual attire is encouraged.
Flat shoes recommended.

Weather permitting, pontoon boat rides will be available.



Randy Cole, executive director of the Ohio Turnpike, explains the toll road's plan to members of Berea Rotary.

Turnpike is economic driver says executive director

The Ohio Turnpike has a major economic impact on northeast Ohio, the new executive director told Berea Rotarians. Randy Cole was appointed to his new job by Gov. John Kasich in December. Previously, he had worked for the Ohio Office of Budget and Management.

Cole said the roadway has a \$500 million impact on the region with spending on roadway improvements and maintenance and by financing such billion-dollar projects as the new Innerbelt Bridge and the Opportunity Corridor in Cleveland.

"And we are not supported by tax dollars," Cole noted. Tolls supply most of the operating monies.

Cole spoke to Rotary following a catered dinner at Turnpike Headquarters on Prospect Street in Berea. Rotarians then toured the building.

The Turnpike, which turns 60 years old this year, must change to survive, Cole said. It already has added a third lane to accommodate increased commercial traffic. Future challenges include a switch to electronic tolling. Drivers will be able to swipe a card at exit gates rather than pay cash to a human toll-taker. Autonomous vehicles are also on the horizon. These are cars and trucks driven solely by computers. No human driver is aboard. They already are in place in some Western states. Electric cars pose their own problems. Right now, service plazas sell gas. Electric cars need to plug in to recharge. The plazas also have to meet the Wi-Fi challenge.

Of more immediate concern to residents along the Turnpike is noise. The addition of extra lanes has increased noise levels.

The Ohio Department of Transportation has made \$5 million available to pay for noise barriers and other infrastructure improvements in communities bordering the Turnpike. Applications are being considered and results should be known by the beginning of June. Cole said the grant program should be available next year also.

The toll road opened in 1955. Plans are under way to celebrate the anniversary on Oct. 1. Look for details about this in the coming months.

For more information on the Ohio Turnpike, visit www.ohioturnpike.org.



Jack Young demonstrates what goes into a ShelterBox.

ShelterBox supplies basics for disaster victims

"When you support ShelterBox, you support a home for a family," Jack Young, an emeritus member of the ShelterBox board, told Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, June 9.

Young, a past district governor, said ShelterBox began in 2000 in Cornwall, England. Tom Henderson, a former Navy SEAL, started the program "to provide hope and dignity for those who have lost everything." ShelterBox is headquartered in the U.K. but there are subsidiaries around the world, including the U.S.

The box weighs about 120 pounds fully loaded and contains a huge tent, a water filtering system, sleeping bags, a stove, and even crayons and coloring books for children, among other items. Jack said the contents are geared to the location and what is needed. Even the box is usable, he said. It has been used to store food, as a raft to float children across a flooded river

and as a crib for an infant.

ShelterBox partners with Rotary to respond to emergencies. In 2014, there were 28 major disasters worldwide. ShelterBox responds when invited (25,000 boxes were sent to aid refugees from Syria, for example), and "Rotary helps make it happen," Jack said.

The earthquake in Nepal has impacted District 6630 especially, he said. One member of the Lakewood club lost four family members in the catastrophe. The District has contributed, so far, \$56,000 to aid ShelterBox in Nepal. Berea Rotary has sent \$1,000 (the cost of one ShelterBox) as its donation.

"Our goal is to provide shelter, warmth and dignity," Jack said.

For more information, go to www.shelterboxusa.org.

Berea Rotary awards scholarships



President Linda Kramer presents a Rotary scholarship to Courtney Elkins during Senior Scholarship/Recognition Night at Berea-Midpark High School, left. At Olmsted Falls High School, Evan Rawbon also received a Rotary scholarship. Bridget Bush of OFHS received the Rotary Polaris scholarship. The Rotary Scholarship Banquet will be in July.

TRC Berea takes part in Rotary Days

The Southwest Cuyahoga Cluster, which includes Berea, took part in Rotary Days on May 30 at the North Royalton Garden

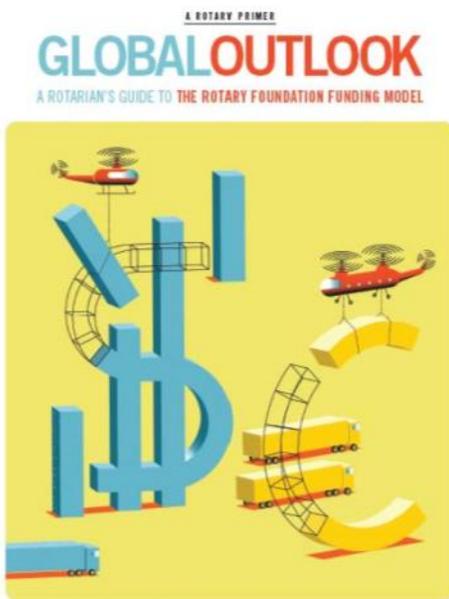
Berea News cont'd

Club's annual spring plant sale. We set up a table and tent where we could tell visitors about various Rotary projects. Berea touted the Computer & Electronics Roundup. Pictured are Berea Rotary President Linda Kramer, Assistant Governor Geneva Prince and North Royalton Rotary Club member Char.

Shred Fest is a success



The Berea Rotary -sponsored Shred Fest on Saturday, May 23 collected 5 tons of documents, which were shredded on site by All Ohio Secure Shred of Richfield. Last year, the Shred Fest collected 4 tons. We also collected 200 pounds of outdated prescription medicines, which were disposed of by Southwest General Health Center, and 120 eyeglasses, which were donated to Lions International. Marc West headed up the project and recruited Baldwin Wallace University students to help out.



Rotary Days –Ashtabula

Rotary International President, Gary C.K. Huang's, "Light Up Rotary" theme for the year included having a "Rotary Day" to bring more attention to Rotary and what we do. Last Fall Julie West headed the District effort for Clubs and Clusters to engage in such an event. The Ashtabula Cluster of District 6630 chose a Charity Bicycle Ride on May 30th, along one of Ashtabula's treasured assets, the Western Reserve Greenway Trail, a 44 mile bike trail linking Ashtabula to Warren, Ohio.

The themes for the event were to engage all of the Cluster's Clubs and to partner with the First-Responders in the area, especially Volunteer Fire Departments and Ambulance Services. In addition, it was also designed to bring more awareness to Rotary, raise some funds for both the Rotary Clubs and the First-Responders, and bring out families to the trail.

"The event was a success in many ways. This was the first time that all of the Clubs in the District planned and executed a combined event," said Joe Rodgers, AG, for the Cluster. "We divided up the responsibilities for the event from marketing to refreshments and it all worked very well. Each Club in the District had displays of the various activities that their Clubs are engaged in or support through their donations." All along the trail First-Responders set up to greet and help riders, as did the Geneva Club.

A benefit for riders this year was that each rider was given a new bike helmet. Jefferson Club member, Kevin Grippi, who was instrumental in managing the building of the Trail, pursued a grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Eighty helmets were provided to riders to promote safety.

As a first-year event, there was much to be proud. The event got the notice of the

Warren Rotary Cluster whose Cortland's Club donated to the event and had three riders make the 70 mile roundtrip. They also expressed a desire to make this a combined Warren/Ashtabula Cluster event along the entire trail for next year.



President Kathy Pape & Russ Coleman, Conneaut RC in front of the Shelter in a Box display



President Jack Nettis, RC/GV RC and



Display by the RC/GV and Andover Clubs



Jefferson RC display

Membership Benefits Program Unveiled at Convention

RI President-elect K.R. Ravindran announced a member benefits program, Rotary Global Rewards, at the closing plenary session of the Rotary Convention in São Paulo. The program, which launches in July, includes discounts on hotels, restaurants, and entertainment.

[Read more about the closing plenary session](#)

[Learn about Rotary Global Rewards](#)

[Visit the Member Center](#)

News From TRC Aurora

The Aurora Rotary has been very busy this summer. Many members participated in a food drive that raised about 17,000 pounds of food.

On June 6 many members helped with the Aurora fish derby by others participated in the relay for life.

The group is now laying for the foundation for August 1, the first ever Aurora community service day.

The club will prepare and serve a celebration picnic for up to 200 people who will be doing community service work throughout the city. This event is a cooperative between neighbor to neighbor nonprofit organization headed up by Rotary member well Chatman, by Amy McDougald a member of the Aurora city consul and a Rotarian, and fellow Rotarian and founder of food to share Bruce Harris.

Projects for the community service day include improvements to low income housing, cleaning up parks and making repairs to the local food bank.

News From Hudson Clubs

Below is an article from WestLife newspaper by Sue Botos about our club's connection to Nepal through our member, Kanchan Adhikary. Thanks to so many of you who donated to ShelterBox, shining the light of Rotary on a country 7,500 miles away. Together, with matching funds from our club Board, we contributed over \$10,000 to help the people of Nepal rebuild their lives after the April 25 earthquake and the subsequent aftershocks.



TRC Akron Feeds the Homeless

The Akron Rotary Club (along with a Rotary Youth Exchange Student from France) served dinner at The Haven of Rest in downtown Akron. The Haven of Rest serves as a place for the homeless men and women of Akron to enjoy a warm meal and shelter on any day of the year.

The Akron Rotary was introduced to The Haven of Rest when speaker Michael Solosky (Donation Coordinator) of The Haven of Rest spoke at The Akron Rotary Club in 2014. The Akron Rotary Club hopes to serve dinner once again later this year with more youth exchange students.



A big thank you to Rotarians, friend, and RYE student (from left to right): Brian Chima, Susan Colville-Hall, Stewart Buchanan, Quentin Darras, Justin Work, Patrick Kelly, Robert Heydorn, and Dr. Doug Hauseknecht.

Malabar Farm Has Rotary Connection

The Best of the West was presented by the Malabar Farm Foundation in which visitors and guest had the opportunity to sit down and visit with Dan Haggerty, from Grizzly Adams; Darby Hinton, from the Daniel Boone Show and Johnny Crawford from the Rifleman.

The beautiful property belonged to author Louis Broomfield, contemporary of Ernest Hemingway. The land is a must see for anyone who loves Hollywood memorabilia, wants to take a hike, indulge in local folklore and help preserve this special part of history. Malabar Farms is the only state park that is still a working farm.

Bob Huge, Rotarian and Past President of the RC of Berea, is the current President of the Malabar Farm Foundation and indicates that once a month they hold barn dances and in September they have heritage days. Members of the Bromfield family will return and there will be a number of activities. One of the unique histor-

ical facts about the farm is than Bob Huge father was the farm manager and Bob grew up on the farm. Bob attended many of the functions at the farm in which many Hollywood Celebrities would attend.

In June of this year, Dan Haggerty, Darby Hinton and Johnny Crawford presented a down to earth presentation on their role in the various movies regarding Best of the West. Prior to and following the presentation, guest spent much time in an informal discussion with each of them. During this time PDG Jack Young learned that Dan Haggerty was presented a Rotary Paul Harris Fellow. Since Dan was also a veteran, Jack presented him with a Rotary Veterans Pin from Ohio District 6630.

The main attraction is the 32 room house built by Louis Broomfield. It is also called the "Big House" Broomfield, who was born and raised near Mansfield, made it big as a novelist and screen writer and

lived all over the world, but after the depression returned to Ohio to build his beloved Malabar Farm and implemented conversation techniques in hopes of preserving the Central Ohio landscape.

Broomfield is not the most popular name around, but Malabar is well known for being the country escape for many of the 1940's and 50's New York and Hollywood jetsetters. It is most famous as the wedding site of Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall. A shrine to their nuptials resides on the dining room table and remains a pilgrimage site for the fans of old Hollywood. At the bottom of the farm, a small log house known as Pugh Cabin served as the filming site for the opening scene of Shawshank Redemption.

We owe a special thank you to Bob Huge and the Malabar Foundation for their efforts in keeping this part of history alive in Ohio.

Rotary & Tribe End Polio Now

The "End Polio Now" night with the Cleveland Indians this year will be August 7, 2015. What a fantastic night it was last year. Over 350 Rotarians and guests enjoyed dinner in the Terrace Club, marched pre-game on the field with red "End Polio Now" T-shirts, had great lower bowl seats, a fun raffle, and we also saw the Indians win. WOW!!!!

We will also have a raffle again for a chance to throw out a first pitch and recognition for a Paul Harris Fellow. Raffle tickets will be available from your Cluster Assistant Governor's. These funds also go for "End Polio Now"

What a great way to raise funds for Polio and see the Cleveland Indians!!

Be sure to sign up soon. The flyer is attached with several options for tickets and dinner in the Terrace Club. We will only have room for 350 people in the Terrace Club.

SIGN UP NOW!!!! FLYER BELOW

Indians
END POLIO NOW
PRESENTED BY
ROTARY DISTRICT 6630, DISTRICT 6650 & DISTRICT 6600

Friday, August 7th
Cleveland Indians Vs. Minnesota Twins
Game Starts 7:10pm

Dollar Dog Night
ROCK N' BLAST FIREWORKS SHOW

EVERY TICKET PURCHASED INCLUDES:
CONTRIBUTION TO THE END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN
PARTICIPATION IN THE PREGAME PARADE
END POLIO NOW T-SHIRT

TERRACE CLUB EVENT:
Event Starts at 5:30PM
All you can Eat Buffet
Raffles & Silent Auctions

For More Information Contact:
Stew Buchanan: 330-940-2122 or stewb1809@aol.com
Ashley Madison: 216-420-4181 or amadison@indians.com

ROTARY EVENT AUGUST 7 th ORDER FORM			
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Terrace Club Discount for Children Under 10		-5 off	
Lower Box Tickets Only		\$50	
Upper Box Ticket Only		\$25	
PAYMENT AMOUNT:			

Name: _____ Email (required): _____
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 73 Lake Front Dr. Akron, OH 44319
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First Annual Portage Rotary Service Week

Rotary days for the Garrettsville-Hiram club consisted of 3 days at our local school, followed by a Saturday morning in the park that we called our Fit and Fun Festival.



For three days at the elementary school, G-H Rotary operated 4 stations, attended by the 800 kids, with a climbing /slide plus a football toss for all the children, the teaching of the "food wheel", and activities they can do in the summer to stay fit. Each child received a cinchpak



with the Rotary logo and local sponsors, inside the paks were coupons for summer activities, a water bottle and a bag of whole grain pretzels.



A key to the program was a "tracker" to log activities daily during the summer break. In

September, when they bring the tracker back, they will be placed in a drawing for a new bicycle and other sporting equipment.

On Saturday, the Fit and Fun Festival continued at 9 am in the Village park. Stations were setup by the Department of Natural Resources, the Portage Parks District, the Wellness center, and the YMCA. Highlighting the morning was a show by



Ronald McDonald teaching the kids healthy activities. Local police departments gave bicycle safety tips, and a show by Garrettsville's new K-Nine officer. The first of an updated Family week, we



hope that not only will the kids stay active all summer, but as they bring home Rotary materials and speak of good times, we will build greater community support of our club.



Rotary Releases \$40.3 Million for Polio Immunization Activities

Rotary is releasing \$40.3 million in grants to support polio immunization activities in 10 countries, including Afghanistan, Nigeria, and Pakistan, the three countries where the disease has never been stopped. The funds come at a critical time and will build on gains Rotary and its partners have been making in the fight to eradicate polio. Nigeria, the last polio-endemic country in Africa, is approaching one year without a case of polio.

- [Read more about the latest polio grants](#)
- [Learn how you can help us eradicate polio](#)
- [Support a polio fundraiser in Scotland](#)
- [Join a discussion about ending polio](#)

Rotary District 6630 Announces Opportunity to Promote Your Vocation

The listings are only for Rotarians. Rotarians are encouraged to list their businesses in our new eYellow Pages. The regular listing is FREE or an upgraded listing with a graphical banner is available for \$50 per year. Simply click on the image below - it will take you to the eDirectory data entry page, where you simply enter your information.



Do Business with a Rotarian!

Rotary District 6630 eYellow Pages click here



Yellow Pages Search - District 6630

Local business listing for Rotarians only.



Search

Word:



Category:

Signup

Short Listing Only



Signup

If you would like to be added to the Yellow Pages listing, go to the [signup page](#). A regular listing is **free**, or an upgraded listing with a graphical banner is \$50 per year.

Signup

Help



Please check the [help page](#) if you have any questions.

The purpose of the Yellow Pages is to provide information to Rotarians of the District about the local Rotarian business professionals. The listing is restricted to Rotarians only. This listing is not exhaustive, Rotarians must pay a small fee to be listed with a graphical banner. Using it as a commercial mailing list is prohibited.

Rotary District 6630 Vocational Training Team (VTT) Grant Summary Report

In partnership with Gift of Life NEO and Akron Children's Hospital and Dr. Jeff Kempf, Vocational Training Team Leader 2014-15

The Vocational Training Team Grant grew out a relationship with St. Damien Children's Hospital in Tabarre, Haiti and Akron Children's Hospital in Akron, Ohio. Since the earthquake in 2010, Akron Children's Hospital has established a relationship with St. Damien, a free-standing children's hospital in Tabarre, Haiti.

We have sent various residents from Akron Children's Hospital and have had visiting faculty come from Haiti to Akron in order to improve the overall health care of the children in Haiti and to establish a long lasting clinical dialogue between us and our colleagues in Haiti. The **VTT Grant was a project started by Governor Bob Johnson and Rotarian Ken Fogle who also represent the Gift of Life of Northeast Ohio.** Prior to the grant, one of the working relationships between Akron Children's Hospital and St.



Gift of Life Child in Akron 2013

Damien Children's Hospital was a relationship to bring cardiac patients from Haiti, after they had been identified by our pediatric cardiologist by echocardiograms and physical exams, for corrective cardiothoracic surgery. That program, working with Gift of Life North East Ohio, has been in place for three years. Our long-term goal is to work with Gift of

Life Northeast Ohio and District 6630 Vocation Team Training to eventually establish a cardiothoracic team in Haiti to be run by a Haitian team consisting of surgeons and ICU physicians and nurses, etc.

The VTT was established to bring healthcare workers from Haiti and to take a complimentary group of healthcare workers from Akron to spend time in Haiti. The program was established to bring seven healthcare workers plus a team leader, all of whom were picked by our colleagues in Haiti. We also, at that time, arranged for two children to be a part of the experience and receive corrective cardiothoracic surgery while the team was here. The team came in October 2014 and stayed six weeks at Akron Children's Hospital for training. The team included Jean Marc Deralien, a bio technician, Andra-Marie Jean Claude, a hospital administrator, Dr. Johanne Alex, a pediatrician in charge of their ICU, Dr. Beatrice Fontalis, a physician in charge of the Pediatric Emergency Department, Ganaelle Charlemagne, nurse, Marie lour die Cherry, critical care nurse, Jean Pierre Hughes, Pharmacist and Dr. Bridgette Hudicourt, a Haitian adult Ophthalmologist and also a Rotarian who served as team leader for the first week of their visit here. During their six weeks, they participated in bedside rounding as well as direct care of patients. They participated in the observation of the two Haitian patients who were here for their surgeries and then cared for those patients at the bedside. They also spent the entire six weeks in the ICU performing direct patient observation. The bio technician spent six weeks with Akron Children's Hospital's bio technician, Mr. David Kuhajda, repairing equipment that we share both in our ICU and the ICU at St. Damien. Mr. Andra-Marie Jean Claude, the hospital administrator, spent time with our hospital administration on various projects and was able to see the inner workings of the hospital. Jean Pierre Hughes rounded with the Pharmacy's team and his cohort, Cassandra Karich, as well as spending time in the in-patient and-outpatient pharmacy here at Akron Children's Hospital.

The team also had the opportunity to participate in a Lean Six Sigma project on a weekly basis, for the six weeks they were here, and created a Lean Six Sigma to establish a better flow pattern as well as to improve equipment storage in their ICU. During their time here, the two Haitian children successfully had their heart lesions corrected.



1st Gift of Life Child in Haiti 2015

Upon return to Haiti, the team assisted in setting up the PICU with equipment purchased through the grant and included four complete ICU beds, including monitors, four additional step-down beds with monitors, two crash carts, in-room bed for family members and also includes previously secured refurbished heart lung machines secured and transported by Akron Children's Pediatric Global Health Partners and Gift of Life North East Ohio.

The Akron Children's Hospital team that traveled to St. Damien in March 2015 included Mr. David Kuhajda, a bio technician, Jennifer Fitch, a hospital administrator, Dr. John Pope, a pediatric intensivist, Tracy Herstitch, pediatric ICU nurse practitioner, Erin Rosen, PICU nurse, Chris Weisbrod, hospital administrator and Cassandra Karich, hospital pharmacist. Our VTT teams arrived and worked simultaneously with a Gift of Life surgical team and had been placed in Haiti with the expectation to do twelve open heart surgeries on identified Haitian children

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and participate in the bedside care of the patients during that time. The twelve



Akron Children's team in Haiti 2015

cases were successfully completed and there was also extensive bedside education for additional nursing staff as well as didactic teaching. There was also equipment evaluation and repair as well as restocking the ICU so that maximal monitoring could be done post surgically in the ICU. VTT grant equipment formed the core of the PICU and will serve St. Damien's with a trained Haitian ICU team beyond this first visiting heart surgical team.

The VTT was certainly outstanding for both our Haitian colleagues as well as their American counterparts. In all, fourteen children received cardiac surgery as part of the teams that were involved from both countries; two in the United States and twelve in Haiti. The program has

continued to offer lasting exchanges between our Haitian colleagues and ourselves and has continued to prompt dialogue about problems and cases that we share in our two countries. A recent meeting of the National Health Ministry took place in Haiti and there was great discussion about the fact that, since the earthquake, much of the work done in Haiti has brought supplies and equipment that were never used due to lack of training. The project that was completed through Rotary International helped, not only the hospital, but the people of Haiti, to establish a higher quality of care and a continued dialogue that should last for years to come.

The Green Shelter Box and Tent to be on the "Big Screen"

According to Board of Director Emeritus, PDG Jack Young of our district, he has been notified that last week's release of the 100 million dollar Hollywood 3-D movie about a devastating earthquake on the west coast of the USA comes as Nepal still reels from aftershocks has ties to Shelter Box.

The impressive \$100 million blockbuster, named San Andreas, stars Dwayne Johnson, as a Los Angeles Fire Department rescue-helicopter pilot searching for his daughter after a massive earthquake. During location filming last year on the Australian Gold Cost, Shelter Box was asked to supply aid items and tents for shots of a camp near the end of the movie.

Shelter Box Australia's Mike Greenslade tells how it came about. "It was through the son of one of our long serving Shelter Box Ambassadors, Ray Squire. Ray's son, Mikey was the props buyer for the firm and was aware of Shelter Box and what we do." "He saw the opportunity for promoting us, while adding some authenticity to the film and solving a props buying problem.

"We gathered demo boxes from Queensland and New South Wales, released ten from storage in Melbourne and shipped up a demonstration kit from the Sydney Rotary Convention to the Warner Broth-

er studios on the Gold Coast were picked up by the production company."

This was the biggest budget movie ever filmed at Warner Brothers Village Roadshow Gold Cost Studios. Mike adds, "The filming for our scene took place in mid-June last year at Woongoolbs near the Gold Cost, with me and Shelter Box colleagues Gary Bidner and Mat Mackenzie acting as extras, dressed as response team members.

The filming took all day and revolved around a small tent city with Shelter Box relief tents and green boxes in full view. "In the final scenes there are flashes of green boxes and a great hero shot of "The Rock" with a Shelter Box Tent in the background." The film was released to theaters worldwide in 2D and 3D versions around May 29.

According to PDG Young, "Shelter Box hopes to get international publicity and promotional support as to how it provides dignity, warmth and shelter to those affected by disasters" Promotional materials now include information about ways to participate in relief efforts. "Further, Shelter Box hopes to use San Andreas as a trigger for donations to help with its work in Nepal" Chief executive for Shelter Box Alison Wallace ways this could be seen as a bittersweet coincidence.

Although it is a big screen fiction, the computer generated San Andreas earthquake will give audiences some insight into the fearful suffering of people in Nepal. For further information on Shelter Box, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young (440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com)