







Jim McKee District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

TWO MORE WEEKS

Wow! The new Rotary year is only 2 weeks away! We can still do much more this year! Please write a generous check to the Rotary Foundation. There is no better way to do our part to make the world a better place than to support our foundation. The money comes back to us in so many wonderful ways!

Tell your President-Elect you want to help! Volunteer for club committees! The more you give to Rotary, the more you will receive! Sign up for the District Awards Picnic at Pioneer Water Park! \$20 adults, \$10 for children age 10 and under. Bring the neighborhood!

AWARDS PICNIC

Invite a friend or family to our picnic. Sunday, June 25th, our Awards picnic will include lunch, beer and soft drinks all day, and park admission. Parking is free for Rotarians and guests. You can still register on line or you can call me directly. It is a time to thank the Rotarians and clubs who get the job done!

Come out and celebrate with us! We have a large pavilion. The Awards portion will be at 1:30. We will eat and visit from 12:00 to 1:30, then start the program. Afterwards, we can talk, swim, play putt putt, do the lazy river, water slides, pedal boats and more. If you want, you can just sit in the pavilion and share stories. Rain or shine, please don't miss out! You can leave anytime! This will be the most laid-back event you can attend. The emphasis is having fun together!

ATLANTA CONVENTION

Every District 6630 Rotarian can be proud of the 80 Rotarians from our District 6630 who attended! Our booth was incredible. featuring Arch Klumph memorabilia. his musical instruments, and the book, Arch Klumph, Rotary's Renaissance Man.' The books were signed by Ed Thomas, our author extraordinaire, and Arch's grandchildren, Maeve and Rory McGuire, and were available for sale. along with the Arch Klumph medallions. Our District is known worldwide as the home of Arch Klumph, the Father of the Rotary Foundation.

Those who attended heard from our President John Germ. Thanks to the many donors and country pledges, \$1.2 billion was pledged to the polio campaign. This will get the job done! To date, only 5 new polio cases have been reported. We are this close to eradicating this dreadful disease. Our donations will be matched 2/1 by the Gates Foundation. Bill Gates personally thanked Rotary and pledged up to \$450 million more to finish the job! We need to write our checks now! We must remember EBOLA was contained in 5 days because of Rotary research and test centers!

Thanks to Jack Young, our On To Atlanta chair, we had an awesome time! Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski and Dave Skrzynski did a magnificent job setting up our booth. Mike Davanzo deserves kudos for scheduling our members to man the booth.

It was an incredible honor to be the District Governor this year. I am so thankful to do this, and I have a long list of people I want to thank, but you need to come out Sunday for that!

GOVERNOR'S FARE-WELL

It seems like yesterday I introduced myself to you and laid out my plan for our District this year! Wow! We wanted to increase youth programs.

We added 6 InterAct Clubs. Five will have received new Charters this year! We had an InterAct Conference which drew 110 students from 12 schools and 40 Rotarians! The students chose 'Shoes for the Sole' as their joint project. We had over 4000 pairs of shoes to ship at our District Conference! Wow!

The Centennial Celebration at Severance Hall was magnificent. The Cleveland Orchestra performance for Rotary was a once in a lifetime event. The Rotary Dinner afterwards raised nearly \$ 2.3 million for the Rotary Foundation. These were awesome achievements! Wow!

The Four-Way Speech Contest was expanded and gave a record \$3,900. to seven amazing students.

The short-term Youth Exchange program doubled its participation this year. Six students are enjoying this opportunity. The long-term program has 10 outbound and 10 inbound students participating. We have had outstanding success sharing these programs. Let's keep it up!

Last Thursday, I attended the RYLA banquet and saw a banquet hall full of robust, enthusiastic, youth leaders who raved about their experience at camp! WOW!

Governor's Letter cont'd

All the youth programs are thriving. Anyone who attended the Carnival at our District Conference can attest to the synergy Rotarians and InterActors create together! What a fun learning experience!

CELEBRATE ROTARY

Our conference was fun! It was informative. It was entertaining! And best of all, it was under-budget! Whew! Our Gala raised \$12000 as our generous Rotarians donated experiences which others can enjoy! We dressed up in 1850s get-up for the fun of it! We made new friends and memories! Oh, and we raised a great deal of money doing it! Wow! Isn't Rotary fun? We need to continue to serve our youth, celebrate our successes, work together, and have fun! We must introduce new people to Rotary so they can enjoy that special feeling of 'Doing Good In The World.' New ideas mean more good deeds and more fun!

BEST EXPERIENCE

This year has been an amazing experience for me. I was humbled to be chosen, and honored to have served

as your District Governor. The journey to each of your clubs, the joy of meeting you, and the elation seeing what each club accomplishes....it's simply amazing. Making so many new friends is the icing on the cake! WOW! 'Rotary Serving Humanity' has been a memorable year! It's almost time to 'Make A Difference.' Our District will have a new leader on July 1st as Amy Kapostasy takes the helm. I know it is going to be great!

Thanks for your friendship and support! Did I mention, it is time to write a check?

When we all do a little, it adds up to a lot. Wow! We are truly blessed to live where we do, and have the opportunities we have. Isn't it amazing that the more we do for others, the more we benefit ourselves? Don't ever hesitate to make a difference! Don't stop or slow down now! We did plenty this year and had fun! We can enjoy the picnic, then it's back to work! Your Proud District Governor, Jim McKee



Taste of Yesteryear Sept. 24th

Are you Looking for a fundraising opportunity? A fun event to enjoy in Northeast Ohio?

Join the Northampton-Cuyahoga Valley Rotary Club at the 2017 "Taste of Yesteryear" Food Festival.

Your club can participate in this year's food festival and raise funds for your foundation / projects by registering at our web site

http://tasteofyesteryear.com/ and clicking on the vendor tab.

The Rotary Club of Northampton – Cuyahoga Valley is sponsoring the 2017 "Taste of Yesteryear" Food Festival at Hale Farm & Village Sunday, September 24th from 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM.

The Festival will showcase circa 1900 foods prepared over open wood flame, charcoal, or on potbellied stoves. Individual Chef's, restaurants and organizations around Northeast Ohio will share their tum-of-thecentury creations.

Step back in time at as you roam the grounds of Hale Farm & Village, a 200-year-old family farm, now an out-door living history museum, nestled

in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

Experience the tastes, smells and lifestyle of early residents of the Cuyahoga Valley.



\$1.2 Billion Pledge to End Polio

At the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta this week, global leaders and key donors affirmed their commitment to ending polio. The historic pledges of new funds will go toward drastically shrinking the \$1.5 billion gap in the funding that is needed to reduce cases to zero. <u>Read more</u>

Read about Bill Gates' keynote speech on polio



Rotary Club Explores Biomedical Industry

The Rotary Club of Hudson learned about the accomplishments of the Northeast Ohio Biomedical Industry from speaker Jim Weisman, CEO in residence of BioEnterprise. This session is the first in a month long series on Health and Wellness.

Mr Weisman pointed out that Ohio is

a top state for biomedical venture capital, raising over \$200 million of private investments in the last 5 vears. This effort is engendered by extensive biomediresearch cal in area hospitals and universities such as Cleveland Clinic and Case Western Reserve. The desire is to emulate the Research



Triangle in Minneapolis, a leader in healthcare innovation.

BioEnterprise adheres to a "market back approach" for private investments including:

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Mr. Weisman has a great interest in developing future science graduates in regional high schools and colleges with an emphasis on more data scientists.

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Mr Weisman cited various successes

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For information about future Rotary Club of Hudson weekly speakers, please check www.rotaryhudson.org.

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Lkwd/RR Hands on For **Service Project**

On Saturday, June 3, a group of Club members and their families spent a morning, at the Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood, cleaning up, raking, trimming and mulching the gardens around the Center. Beck

hosts many educational, arts, musical activities and theater events through the year and there are visitors from all over Cleveland that visit the site. Club members bring the tools and work together as a team.

Beck's origins can be traced back to 1931, when eighteen devoted thespians, known as "the Guild of the Masques," were rehearsing plays in Lakewood living rooms. The Guild took its next momentous step on May 12, 1933 when it changed its name and incorporated into the not-forprofit arts organization, Lakewood



Little Theatre. Then in April 1974, the future of the Lakewood Little Theatre was forever changed when a wealthy retiree Ken Beck agreed to support the Theatre's plans to build a multi-cultural arts center. After a successful campaign to solicit support from the public the new complex boasting a 500-seat theater, art museum, galleria, skylights, and indoor gardens.

Whether you've been inspired by an art class or dazzled by a play, it would be nearly impossible to imagine life without Beck Center, states Executive Director Lucinda Einhouse. This bi-annual service

by the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club to beautify the grounds is appreciated by all who attend classes and events throughout the year.

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Central American Sun & Water Conference

see, but the best part was meeting

the people and communities the pro-

jects serviced. It did not take long for

my skepticism to fade away. As we

talked with Ivan and the community

leaders, I started to understand the

complexity of these water projects.

We are not just giving money. We are

not just completing a project and then

leaving. We are forming a partnership

with these people and are providing

resources, education, health, time;

For these projects to be successful

and sustainable, you must first have

the complete" buy-in" from the local

the list goes on and on.

In 2012, at my home club's (Rotary Club of Kent) meeting; I remember listening to the speaker. Ivan Villasboa, tell about providing potable water to remote villages in El Salvador. To me this talk was just that; another talk of which I did not have a full understanding. After the meeting, I introduced myself to Ivan and started asking questions. As, I was talking with Ivan, my father, a fellow Rotarian approached and heard the doubt in my voice. Toward the end of our conversation Ivan invited me on a delegation trip to visit El Salvador and meet some of its people. Before I could respond my Father accepted

the invitation on my behalf.

months Six passed and I was on a plane heading to Central America. I was excited but was also asking myself; "what had my Father gotten me into," as reports of crime were rampant throughout Central America and especially in El Salvador. When we landed, Ivan was there to meet There were us. two of us form Rotary District 6630 on this trip. the other Rotarian was

2017 CENTRAL AMERICAN SUN & WATER CONFERENCE DELEGATION

October 27th to November 2nd-3rd

Virginia Goodell of the Mantua Rotary club. From the time we arrived, I felt safe, thanks to our group leaders.

My first three days where spent in the capital city, San Salvador, where we learned the history and culture of EI Salvador. We visited museums. churches, historical sites, and ate some great food. While in San Salvador we attended Santa Tecla Rotary Club meetings.

The Second half of the week was spent outside the big city as we visited villages where water projects were successfully paving the way for future endeavors. They were rewarding to community and as the projects near completion, the villages elect delegates to a water board. These water boards are responsible for the maintenance of the solar water systems as well for collecting the monthly water bills. As Rotarians, we must partner with local organizations who know how to work within different levels of government as well as have a connection with the communities. We work with CoCoDA (Companion Community Development Alternatives), of which Ivan is a part.

This is the story Ivan tells in all his talks about the water projects. Every six months CoCoDA visits the villag-

es to go over the Water Board's books to insure there are no problems. On one of Ivan's visits he was looking through the books and noticed that there was about \$3000.00 missing. He knew that they should have had around \$7000.00 in the account but were only showing \$4000. When asked where this money had gone, they did not answer. He asked again, " did you have to do a repair." It is important that Ivan knows what has happened so he could report back to the supporting organization. At this point, the elders and elected board members were snickering and Ivan was getting upset. The treasure of the board handed Ivan

A gathering of Central American community leaders and North American supporters to explore the incredible potential of using solar power to bring clean, affordable and sustainable water to rural Central Americans

Come to learn and be inspired

Return home empowered

Share with us in this adventure, participate in the conference and get the opportunity to visit Solar Power Water Distribution Systems around in El Salvador

Come stay with host families and learn first-hand about their experiences.

You will also have the opportunity to visit very important historical and cultural sites to have better understanding of this amazing country.

COST: \$900 per person departing on November 3rd \$1,000 per person departing on November 4th with final day at the beach

SIGN-UP DEADLINE: August 1st, 2017

For more information contact us at info@cocoda.org www.cocoda.org Also Contact Larry Lohman @ lohmanconsultants@gmail.com a paper, which took him a minute to realize he was holding a Bank CD for \$3000.00. This was an educational aspect that was not planned in the grant process, but has grown out of it. These projects may focus on a small area but the ramifications are much greater.

Since my first trip, I have dedicated myself, not only to family, work, my Rotary club, but to helping people worldwide have better lives. I personally focus my

efforts on people in El Salvador, but, through Rotary I try to spread the importance that Global Grants can provide worldwide.

How can we help? I make the same invitation to you. There will be a Solar Water Conference and Rotary Delegation Trip October 27 - November 4, 2017. Shared ideas can be used for projects all over the world.

Please join me in a life changing experience.

Lawrence P. Lohman Rotary Club of Kent, Ohio lohmanconsultants@gmail.com





Risk Management Info From RI



Dear current and incoming U.S. Rotary club officers:

This short message is to advise you about the 2017-18 insurance assessment rates (insurance premiums per member). The insurance assessment rates will be charged on the July Club Invoice.

These assessments fund the \$250,000 self-insured retention of every general liability claim and \$25,000 deductible of every directors' and officers'/employment practices liability (D&O/EPL) claim, under the U.S. Rotary Club & District Liability Insurance Program. The assessment amounts depend on claims activity per state, funding needs of the selfinsured retention, the cost of excess insurance, and credit for past claims history. The assessment rates by state and per member are shown below.

Ohio General liability rate \$2.90 D&O/EPL Rate \$0.44

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Please note the user name and password for the Portal is different from your My Rotary account user name and password.

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Regards, Rotary Risk Management Team

In Defense of Children

Actor and philanthropist Ashton Kutcher and Rotary addressed a major human rights issue at the convention: human trafficking and modernday slavery. U.S. Senator Bob Corker of Tennessee discussed the legislative framework that allows traffickers to thrive in plain sight.

Read more

News From Westlake Bay Village

Westlake Bay Village Rotary Club would like to extend a hearty THANK YOU to Herb Hoppe for serving as Club President for the past two years. At time when the club was scuffling a bit and folks were finding it hard to make the commitment, Herb stepped up and took a second term. Under his leadership, the club added seven new members in the past 24 months with five of those in his second term!

Herb is not the kind of guy that would want a spotlight shone on him, so I will digress a bit and introduce our members inducted since January 2017: Jeff Appel, Carrie Hoover, Anjali Barnick, Joe Kraft, Scott Goggin, Mark Grimm and Garry Kishbaugh. These folks have really helped bring a vibrancy and enthusiasm back to the Westlake Bay Village Rotary Club.

In addition, we would like to thank and welcome incoming President Kevin Krantz and President-Elect Joe Kraft. We are also very excited that we have a couple of prospective members in the wings - a great way to start Mr. Krantz's presidency!

Andrew Mangels, Director Westlake Porter Public Library

Rotarian Magazine Photo Contest Winners Announced

The Rotarian's annual photo contest is back and, with the enhanced graphics capacity of our new website, looking better than ever. The 2017 contest drew 600 entries from 40 countries, judged by veteran photojournalist Steve McMurry. See the nine breathtaking images he selected as this year's winners and start getting ready for next year's contest.

Explore the photo gallery and read our interview with photo contest judge Steve McMurry

Rotary Voices

Unveiling People of Action

Rotary's new public image campaign, People of Action, was revealed at this year's Rotary International Convention in Atlanta. John Smarge, chair of the Communications Committee, showed attendees the campaign video and talked about People of Action as an important step in prompting awareness and understanding Rotary.

Read more about the campaign

District 6630 Newsletter Policy Submit story suggestions to Mike Johns, Jr. at stonecut@sbcglobal.net. We accept article ideas about club and district successes, including fundraisers, publicity efforts, service projects, and membership drives. Please include descriptions, high-resolution photos, and contact information in your email. Due to the high volume of submissions, we cannot promise to feature your story. PLEASE USE "ARTICLE FOR DIS-TRICT NEWSLETTER" IN THE SUB-JECT LINE

PDG Jack Young Receives Third Presidential Service Award

It is my pleasure to inform you that you have received the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for your passion and commitment to ShelterBox USA. The President's Volunteer Service Award is a special recognition presented on behalf of President Barack Obama. The award is part of a national recognition program created in 2003 through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for individuals of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer activities.

I want to thank you for your dedication to ShelterBox and to our shared goal of seeing a world where no family is left without shelter when disaster strikes. It is truly a pleasure to work with you. The Awards and levels of the Awards are based on time spent during a calendar year working with an organization. Your award will be arriving shortly.

On behalf of the ShelterBox USA staff, we are so grateful for the time and energy you spend helping to promote ShelterBox in your community. Your work helps transform lives and rebuild communities around the world. Thank you for all you do.

Sincerely, Amanda Runge Strategic Partnerships Manager, ShelterBox USA





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A Great Night at the Ballpark

END POLIO NOW INDIANS vs YANKEES AUGUST 3, 2017

Don't forget to sign up for the "End Polio Now" night with the Indians 8/3/17. March on the field before the game, free "end polio "T-shirt (if you already have one, please wear it!),

Dinner in the Terrace Club, raffle, Chinese auction, see Cleveland beat the New York Yankees and more.

We will also have a raffle for a Paul Harris fellow and a chance to throw out the first pitch at a future Indians game. Raffle tickets now available from your assistant governor and other District Officers.

Rotary Foundation Named World's Outstanding Foundation

The Association of Fundraising Professionals recognized The Rotary Foundation with its annual Award for Outstanding Foundation at its 2017 conference in San Francisco. The award honors organizations that show philanthropic commitment and leadership through financial support, innovation, encouragement of others, and involvement in public affairs. Learn more about the award

Conference Celebrates All of Rotary's Contributions to Peace



The Presidential Peace Conference kicked off today with Dr. Bernice A. King, chief executive officer of The Martin Luther King Jr. Center for Nonviolent Social Change, addressing Rotarians on the role they play in contributing to peace and international understanding. The two-day conference celebrates all that Rotary does to promote peace.

Read more

Linda G. Kramer Public Image Chair Rotary Club of Berea **Berea Rotarians go to Court**



Judge Mark Comstock tells Rotarians about the expanded and renovated Berea Municipal Court.

More than 25 Rotarians and guests ended up in Berea Municipal Court on Tuesday, May 6, thanks to Judge Mark Comstock.

The judge, a member of Berea Rotary, hosted a tour of the newly renovated court facility, which is housed on the second floor of Berea City Hall. The new courtroom is actually an addition built on top of the Berea Police Station.

The addition was designed by Berea architects Makovich & Pusti and built at a cost of \$1.5 million. Contractor was EnviroTech, the company of Berea Rotarian Tom O'Donnell, who is now retired. No taxpayer dollars were used, the judge said. All of the funding came from a Court Construction Fund, which was fed by fines imposed on people convicted in the Berea Court.

The addition includes a special holding area for prisoners before they appear before the court. There also is a victims' advocate room.

The new courtroom hears misdemeanor criminal cases, such as DUI, assault, theft and domestic violence. Felony charges are heard by Common Pleas Court in Cleveland. Misdemeanor civil cases are heard by a magistrate in City Council chambers on the first floor of the municipal building. Not all cases are heard by a jury, Judge Comstock said.

"If your liberty is not at risk, you are not entitled to a jury," he said. Charges such as speeding or running a red

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light do not warrant jail time. No jail time, no jury. Instead, Comstock hears the cases himself.

Next up are renovations to the other half of the court complex – the clerk of court's offices, which are adjacent to the new courtroom. Those changes will involve converting the old courtroom into office space for the clerk and meeting rooms. That project will get under way as soon as funds are available – possibly later this year.



Mark Comstock is the Berea Municipal Court judge. He has been a Rotarian since 1992

The court also is working to reduce storage space for files. "A lot of files – those we don't need immediately are off site," Comstock said. "But we are in the process of scanning most of the files." Within five years, all the files will be scanned and computerized with no need for off-site storage, he said.

Search for family tree holds 'many twists & turns'



Pat Hunt presents a program on genealogy, beginning with a photo of himself as a child

Rev. Patrick Hunt may be busy as pastor of Heritage Congregational Church in Berea as well as volunteering with the police department's Community Engagement Unit, but in his spare time, he has spent years tracing his family's heritage.

"There have been so many twists and turns," he told Berea Rotarians on May 23. "A lot of surprises."

He has traced his roots from 1614-2017 and "met" some interesting ancestors along the way. Working back in time, Hunt's father was a sergeant with the Tuskegee Airmen – black soldiers who served in an elite Army Air Corps unit during World War II. "He never talked about it," said Hunt, who confirmed the information just 11 years ago.

Hunt found that his family centered in Virginia and traced his line to slaves. Slaves took the last names of their owners. For that reason, researching history is "a little difficult for African-Americans," Hunt said. "You don't look for names of people. You look for property."

Hunt traced his family to a plantation run by Goodwyn Hunt, who freed his slaves upon his death. Two of them were Anthony Hunt and Tom Hunt. Goodwyn's father was William Huntt, born in 1614 and immigrated to Virginia in 1635 from England. Huntt's roots were in Scandinavia. When Pat Hunt had his DNA tested, the dominant gene turned out to be Scandinavian.

Hunt was so shocked he called legacy.com, which had conducted the DNA test. They assured him it was accurate.

Services for Rudi Kamper



Services for Rotarian Rudi Kamper were May 26 at Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman. Rudi was an Air Force veteran. Air Force personnel performed the flag-folding ceremony and the VFW honor guard offered a three-volley salute.



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