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District Governor

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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## Governor's Letter

MARCH 2014

This year is fast winding down as we find ourselves busier and busier, both finishing up work for this year and gearing up with training for next year. Last month in my Governor's message I listed upcoming district events that are important for all members of 6630. I would like to continue that this month.

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY - Sat., March 29th. DGE Mike Davanzo has prepared a very worthwhile group of training sessions for club officers and any Rotarian interested in learning more about club and district activities, and in short making themselves a better informed and knowledgeable Rotarian. Registration is online at: [rotarydistrict6630.org](http://rotarydistrict6630.org) Cost is \$40. Per attendee and clubs are asked to absorb this cost.

4-WAY SPEECH CONTEST - The 4-WAY Speech contest will be held Saturday morning April 5th. at Aurora Middle School on the school campus. The drive is off the intersection of Rt. 43 and Rt. 306. This is always an incredible event that will amaze you with the talent that these young students possess. Registration is at the door with info on the district web site at: [rotarydistrict6630.org](http://rotarydistrict6630.org)

100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE RC OF AKRON - On April 5th. the RC of Akron will celebrate its 100th. birthday in grand style at the Hilton West in Akron (Fairlawn) from 6:00 PM

to 9:00 PM. See the district web site for more information and to register: [rotarydistrict6630.org](http://rotarydistrict6630.org)

DISTRICT CONFERENCE - The Rotary district 6630 District Conference will be held on Friday and Saturday, April 25/26 at The Quail Hollow Resort and Conference Center at Rt. 190 and Rt. 44 in Concord Township. Many great sessions and an emphasis on celebrating this Rotary year. Friday starts with an "All Club Weekly Meeting" lunch that can be used as your club weekly meeting or just come and enjoy with many fellow Rotarians. Informative and hilarious talk by Michael Angelo Caruso who will "light up our meeting". Introduction of 50 year Rotarians. Friday afternoon the Wine Tour, made famous last year, returns with a bigger bus and more enthusiasm. Private Historical Tour of Garfield's Home. First rounds of the Bean Bag/Cornhole tournament and; weather permitting; great golf at the Quail Hollow course. Saturday has a plethora of excellent and timely training sessions for all with the Chagrin Valley Film Festival winning film in the afternoon, a review of the Haiti VTT project, bean bag/cornhole finals and raffle of the special boards. Bring a large bid from your club or an individual. Many other fun events, too numerous to mention. Registration opens soon at: [rotarydistrict6630.org](http://rotarydistrict6630.org)

A. Z. BAKER & PRESIDENTIAL CITATION AWARDS - I have received several applications for the A. Z. Baker Award and

the Presidential Citation. This is a great start. If you plan on applying for either of these awards for your club, and wish to be recognized at the District Conference, please get me the paper work by April 15th. I previously sent you 2013/2014 application forms so you should have them. They can also be accessed from the district web site. If I don't receive your application by April 15th, additional awards will be presented at Mike Davanzo's Foundation Event in the fall.

FOUNDATION GIVING - THE ANNUAL FUND - Our districts foundation giving to the Annual Fund is lagging behind our levels from previous years. We have had many additional giving challenges this year (The Governor's Polio Challenge, Shelter Boxes for the Philippines disaster and others) that we do not normally encounter. You have generously and willingly stepped up to these additional challenges as our district always does. I just want to remind everyone that we cannot forget about our foundation giving goals set at the beginning of this Rotary year, nor should we contribute to the others at the expense of the Annual Fund. Our Annual Fund Chair, PDG Stew Buchanan and DGN Cheryl Warren have been working with individual clubs on efforts to achieve their goals. I will be sending reminders out also. I know my own club of Burton-Middlefield is later than usual this year in finalizing our annual

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## Governor's Letter cont'd

fund gifts and achieving our goals, so I am hoping it is the same with other clubs and we will put on a late push to get to the top. Also keep in mind our EREY achievements from last year and duplicating or improving on those accomplishments. A 100% EREY club with an average giving of \$100. Per

member all members giving something, is a great accomplishment and a sense of pride for many clubs. We had 12 clubs achieve this prestigious status last year and I would like to have at least 20 this year!

ALL ROTARY - GIVE TILL IT HURTS - SERVICE ABOVE SELF !!



## Stow-Munroe Falls Heroes Day

The Rotary Club of Stow Munroe Falls will be holding the "Second Annual Heroes Day in May" on Saturday May 17th, 2014. This is a day where we give back to the local heroes in our community by servicing them. We will take on the job of spring cleaning their yard, mulching, planting annuals, cleaning out the gutters and any other minor exterior work the homeowner would need done.

The event will start on Saturday morning at the meeting place of The Church in Silver Lake at 8:30AM. The Rotarians, and local volunteers will come together for an invocation as well as bagels, donuts and coffee. The group will consist of about 20-25 individual volunteer teams of 10-15 people on each team. They will meet to gather tools, supplies, fresh flowers and head off to the home of a local hero in the area who will receive the gift of spring cleaning. The supplies such as mulch, towels, and flowers are also mostly donated. This project serves many, on a low budget and is a project that you "feel great" about getting your hands dirty.

Our goal is to service 25 homes this year of local heroes, or surviving spouses of those who have served. The heroes are made up of local Veterans, retired Police and Fire, or the spouses of such

who could benefit from us coming over and doing their spring yard work. The team will work on the home for about 2 hours. Afterwards, the team will escort the hero and spouse back to the church for a free lunch sponsored by local food establishments in the area. The teams are made up of Rotarians, local businesses, scout troops, churches, as well as teams of police and fireman giving back as well. The best part of the project is the humble thank yous and relationships you create with the Veterans and heroes that we serve.

My future vision for the project is to take it district wide. Have all of our local clubs take that Saturday morning. Host the project in their own community. Another goal and perspective that is a key piece is to get local clubs and businesses in the community involved that are not current Rotarians, or familiar with Rotary. I am very honored and impressed that our local police and fire volunteered to be a part of the event as well by creating teams. Last year we had about 34 local businesses create teams who again are not in Rotary. Bringing the community together for the good of others and giving back is a wonderful thing.

If you are interested in creating a team and taking part in this year's project we would love to have you join us! Gather up 10 Rotarians, and create a team. Take part this year in our community, and lead your club next year in this great project. For more information visit our Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/HeroesDayInMay](http://www.Facebook.com/HeroesDayInMay) or contact Committee Chair Jacqueline Bowman at [JacquiBowmanSold@gmail.com](mailto:JacquiBowmanSold@gmail.com)

## Youth Ending Hunger / Interact Club

The Youth Ending Hunger/ Interact Club is a student led club at Shaker Heights High School. The students volunteer at food related places that deal with ending hunger locally and worldwide. They have four monthly field trips and a number of special annual events. The four monthly field trips are as follows: Cleveland Food Bank, Hospice of the Western Reserve (they prepare a spaghetti dinner for the residents on a Friday night- see photo below for students in action.)



Heights Hunger Center, Holy Spirit Soup Kitchen,

The special annual events include the following: YEH-

Interact Spaghetti Dinner (fund raiser), Rotary Club Pancake Breakfast, Hoops for Hunger (student-faculty basketball game fund raiser), Harvest For Hunger Month, APTE Summit @ Ohio State, Relay for Life @ CWRU, Cleveland Marathon, Walk for Hunger

These many volunteer activities of the students in the YEH-Interact Club at Shaker Heights High certainly exemplify Rotary's motto of Service Above Self. Their faculty advisors are Mr. Bill Scanlon and Mr. Nathaniel Hsu. The 2013-2014 Club Officers are: Phil Turner- President, Peter Weiss- Vice President and Mica Jordan-Secretary. These officers are shown here in this photo.



A project led by Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls in cooperation with other community volunteers from local businesses, Interact Club, Stow Munroe Falls Highschool, local scouts, local Police & Fire and local residents. We will be servicing Veterans and retired local Police and Fire by giving back a day of our time spring cleaning up their yard, planting annuals, mulching, gutter clean-outs, edging, etc. Please sign up your local business or family to give back and take on a house! Each team will consist of 10-15 members, t-shirts will be provided as well as a lunch afterwards. Children volunteers with parents welcome!

Please call Jacqui Bowman to register your team, or make a donation.

Rotary Club Member: Jacqueline Bowman  
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## Fun at Berea Rotary's Annual Auction

The Rotary Club of Berea's Silent Auction/Reverse Raffle was at the Cleveland Browns Training Facility in Berea on March 1. Berea Rotary is the only organization permitted to use the facility. More than 130



Catering was by Bucci's and everyone enjoyed table-hopping.

guests enjoyed a catered dinner and posted bids on dozens of silent auction items, including a football autographed by members of the 1952 Cleveland Browns team.

The event attracted some District 6630 officials, too, including Past District Governors Stew Buchanan and wife Cheryl and Jack Young and partner Marsha Pappalardo plus Assistant Governor Geneva Prince. The auction provides funding for Rotary scholarships to local high school students and supports Berea Rotary projects such as the scoreboard for the Berea School District's Roehm Athletic Complex, Shred Fest, the Computer & Electronics Roundup, Rotaract at Baldwin Wallace University and Interact at Berea-Midpark High School.

### Wounded Heroes helps soldiers and their families

When Ken Volpe's son-in-law, Sgt. William Mullee, was wounded in action in Afghanistan in 2012, the family discovered how difficult life could become not only for Sergeant Mullee but for his wife, Jennifer, and young son Easton, too. Stationed at Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Washing-

ton State, Mullee was treated at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Bethesda, Md. His family took with them to Maryland whatever they could manage while most of their belongings remained on the other coast.

Volpe and his wife, Lora, realized that many other wounded soldiers faced the same dilemma -

keeping families whole and healthy while they recovered.

That led Ken and Lora to found Wounded Heroes, a national organization based in Berea, to give basic living essentials to families while their soldiers deal with sometimes horrific injuries that take months and sometimes years to deal with. Ken explained the mission of Wounded Heroes/The Price of Freedom to Berea Rotary on Tuesday, March 4.

Sergeant Mullee lost his right leg from the knee down. The Volpes met other soldiers who lost all four limbs. "The mental attitude is wonderful," Volpe said. "Seeing them is inspirational." The group's first fundraiser was Cruisin' the Triangle last year on Fathers' Day. It was so successful, the event will be repeated this year on Father's Day, June 15. Volpe also plans cruise-ins every Sunday at Scoundrels on North Rocky River Drive. There will be a 1950s theme with waitresses in poodle skirts.

"People's generosity has been overwhelming," Volpe said. "These soldiers need help every day for the rest of their

lives." Volpe said he is heartened that America has rallied behind these wounded veterans as they did not during Vietnam.

All donations to Wounded Heroes go to provide clothing,

food, toiletries and other essentials for the families of wounded veterans. For more information, go

to [www.woundedheroes.org](http://www.woundedheroes.org), email [woundedheroes@wowway.com](mailto:woundedheroes@wowway.com) or call Ken Volpe at (440) 532-0486.



Bob DiBiasio talks Tribe

Bob DiBiasio, spokesman for the Cleveland Indians for the past 35 years, says the team is ready for another successful season. "We feel so confident," DiBiasio told Berea Rotarians during baseball night on March 18.

DiBiasio credited manager Terry Francona with much of the team's success last season. "We are blessed to have him as our manager," he said. Rotary's motto is Service Above Self. The Indians' motto is Team Above Self and that is due to Francona, DiBiasio said.

"The guys care about each other, they sacrifice for each other. You have a different hero every night."

DiBiasio said one of his favor-

ite quotes is by second baseman Jason Kipnis, "We lead the league in hugs."

Starting pitching is the key to winning, he said. "If our starting pitching stays healthy, we'll be good."

Recruiting younger players has changed, DiBiasio said. "They are stronger, more athletic." So where scouts used to look for special skills like hitting, now they look for athleticism.

His advice to youngsters: Play more than one sport to get a sense of competition and courage and learn eye-hand coordination. "Whether it's intramural or varsity, just play."

The Berea Rotary Baseball Night attracted several District 6630 officers - Past District Governors Stew Buchanan, who has volunteered at Progressive Field for the past 20 years, Jack Young and Dave Skrzynski, who is a member of Berea Rotary, District Governor Elect Mike Davanzo and Assistant Governor Geneva Prince.

DiBiasio conducted a raffle for Indians prizes. Stew Buchanan and Ed White won game tickets and Berea Rotary President Matt Lombardi, decked out in his Yankee shirt, won an autographed photo of Astrubal Cabrera.

**Four-Way Test Speech Contest:** Winner of Berea Rotary's Four-Way Test Speech Contest is Sarah McKissock, a junior at Berea-Midpark High School. She and speech & debate coach Ryan Peoples will represent Berea Rotary at the District Competition on April 5. Chair of the Berea Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest is Berea Municipal Court Judge Mark Comstock.

## TRC Medina Sunrise and Rotaract Portoviejo, Ecuador

Our first partnership project of Medina Sunrise Rotary with Dr. Andres Bello and Rotaract Portoviejo, Ecuador, <https://www.facebook.com/rotaractportoviejo>, was building a kitchen and providing food for a daily meal at a two-room village school in the Amazon jungle.



Through the years, Medina Sunrise Rotary, Rotary District 6630, MEDWISH International, Dr. Michael Carlson, Medina County Schools ESC, Walmart and the Cleveland Clinic have supported our Rotaract Club's numerous service projects, which have included:

- Village Water Project (the first and only bathroom and shower - P&G provided dental hygiene kits)
- School Library with Books (named for the Carlson Family)
- Surgical and Laboratory Equipment and Medical Supplies for the county hospital (thanks for help from MEDWISH)

- Electronic Equipment for the Medical College (laptops, monitors, video cameras - thanks for help from Walmart)
- PreSchool Building & Playground (with toys, games and childrens' books)
- School Supplies (including toiletries, clothing, hygiene products, plus snacks and candy - thanks to Walmart)
- An Urgent Care Facility (construction supplies, office and medical equipment)
- Family and Children Health Care Fairs (education, medical care, immunizations, food, activities)
- Urgent Care Facility (building supplies, office and medical equipment)
- End Polio Now (Public Affairs "This Much" International Media Campaign)
- Give Hope, Give a Hand (supplying prosthetic hands to amputees)
- Christmas is for Children (bringing Christmas meals, toys and activities to the children in the Amazon - see photo)
- Youth Literacy Programs (partnering with Interact)
- Saturday Happy Faces Day (assessing and providing surgery for children with cleft palates - see attached photo)
- Childrens' Burn Clinic (treatment, medications, burn-care products)
- Administrative Assistance (covering cost of training, travel, Internet, permits, architectural services, publications, videography and public education campaigns)

It seems like only yesterday that in 1999, Dr. Andres Bello was a popular Rotary Youth Exchange Student at Medina High School, playing racquetball at Washington Court and attending three proms ... It was through the lasting relationships he formed in Rotary, that together we learned, "We Can Make a Difference."

To Andres and our internationally respected Rotaract Club of Portoviejo, we say, "¡Felicidades - Congratulations!"



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZoSchRjKlQ> (Preview) [click on link for short video]

### TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

#### CELEBRATE ROTARY ROTARY DISTRICT 6630

Conference Convener  
Bob Johnson, DG 2013-2014



Conference Chair  
David Hamford

District Conference and Celebration  
April 25 - 27, 2014  
Quail Hollow Resort & Conference Center  
(Business casual attire unless otherwise indicated)

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 25

10:15 a.m. Michael Angelo Caruso "Leadership"  
11:30 a.m. Weekly Rotary Lunch Meeting  
1:15 p.m. Michael Angelo Caruso - Honor 50 Year Rotarians  
ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING  
2:15 p.m. Activities: Golf Scramble - Wine Tour - Private Historical Tour (James A Garfield Home) -  
Carn Hole Tournament  
3:30 p.m. Cocktails  
6:30 p.m. Dinner (Barbeque)  
9:00 p.m. Rotaract's Representative, Jim Berg, Regional Foundation Coordinator (District 5840)  
Vocational Training Team - Gift of Life  
Hospitality Suites

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 26

Morning TRAINING SESSIONS for Club and District Leaders and ALL ROTARIANS  
Designing Club Projects - District Grants - District Website (for Club Runner Chiles) -  
District Website (for non-Club Runner Clubs) - Every Rotarian Every Year - Film  
Documentary on Fresh Water in Africa - Starting or Growing a Foodbank Project - IRS  
Compliance - Membership Success Stories - Polio Plus Update - Rotary Club Central -  
Rotary Youth Exchange - Social Media (Facebook) - Social Media (Other)  
Business Opportunities - Youth Services Q & A  
11:30 a.m. Lunch  
Youth Services: Parade of Flags - Four Way Test Speech Contest Winners  
Keynote Address  
2:30 p.m. Special Presentations:  
Documentary Film on Water in Africa (Winner of Chagrin Valley Film Festival)  
Vocational Training Team - "What are these things?"  
Youth Conference  
3:00 p.m. Games/Social time  
5:30 p.m. Cocktails  
6:30 p.m. Dinner  
State of the District  
Rotary Youth Exchange (Outbound Ceremony)  
Rotaract's Representative, Jim Berg, Regional Foundation Coordinator (District 5840)  
Vocational Training Team - Gift of Life  
9:00 p.m. Hospitality Suites

#### SUNDAY, APRIL 27

9:00 a.m. Memorial Service  
9:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet

### The Rotary Club of Akron Ohio Recognition Plaque for 10 year Contribution To Wayne Holmes Chili Open Miniature Golf



To Be Presented Spring of 2014

#### Paul Harris Fellow Award Recipients

When We Hold Our Spring 2014 Meeting, We Will Have the Privilege of Presenting 10 Outstanding Recipients the Paul Harris Fellow Award.

Of the 124 Members & Honorary Members of the Rotary Club of Akron:

65 are either current Paul Harris Fellow Recipients, On Their Way to Becoming Paul Harris Fellows, or, As in Many Cases, Adding another Paul Harris Stone.

#### Rotary Club of Akron Rotary International Foundation Committee

Bill Marley PHF - 5: Co-Chairman  
Marcia Holcomb PHF - Co-Chairwoman  
Jack Harig PHF - 8: John Reyes PHF - 2, and Ron Allen PHF - Senior Advisors  
Harry Stewart PHF & Stan Martin PHF - Committee Members

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## TRC Lkwd/RR Sunrise 8th Annual Outstanding Work Ethic Awards

The West Shore Career-Technical District's 2014 Outstanding Work Ethic Award winners were honored at a breakfast at Brennan's Catering & Banquet Center on February 21st. The Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and the Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club welcomed nearly 100 Chamber members, Rotarians, school and school district administrators, members of the Lakewood Board of Education, students, parents, employers, work supervisors, and guests to the 8th annual awards event. Fifteen West Shore Career-Tech students, one representing each program at West Shore, were recognized for demonstrating professionalism, responsibility, and integrity in the workplace.

Linda Thayer, Director of Career-Technical Education at West Shore Career-Technical District, and Patty Ryan,

CEO and President of the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce presented the awards to the students. They were joined by Keith Ahearn, Principal of Lakewood High School, Dr. Michael Shoaf, Superintendent of Rocky River City Schools, Debra Bernard, Principal of Rocky River High School, Ned Lauver, Assistant Principal of Westlake High School, and Chuck Drumm, President of the Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club. Each student received a certificate plus a door prize and a gift bag of items donated by Lakewood Chamber-member businesses.

Congratulations to the 2014 Outstanding Work Ethic Award winners:

### Bay High School:

Hannah Chambers Interactive Media

### Rocky River High School:

Summer Williams Service Occupations

### Training

#### Westlake High School:

Derek Bratsch Automotive Technology  
Rachel Meek Community Based Training:  
Rae Ann Suburban Nursing Home  
Kevin Kruger Networking / Cisco

#### Lakewood High School:

Zachary Sanderson Biotechnology  
Tanya Kona Business Management  
Brian Kolenz Community Based Training:  
The Bonne Bell Company  
Nick Roche Construction Trades  
Anthony Ferrone Culinary Arts / ProS-tart  
Morgan Reddy Early Childhood Education / Senior Services  
Deena Mansour Electronic Technology  
Gabrielle Myers Health Careers Technology  
Sam Byrd Medical Office Management  
Leaf Holland Project Lead The Way

## TRC Hudson Gala

Hudson Rotary's 30th annual Gala celebration is chaired by Ron Strobl, Connie Mroczkowski and Gail Royster. The committee has been busy coordinating ticket sales, donor solicitation, sponsors, program advertising and publicity for the Gala.

Beneficiaries of this year's Gala will be Gift of Life Northeast Ohio, Safety Town and the EMS Outreach Fund of Hudson as well as continuing support for Hudson's Service Learning Class, Boy Scout troop 321 and the Rotary scholarship program for Hudson students.

The event is Friday, May 16, 2014, from 6 to 10 pm at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg. Tickets include dinner, an open bar, a chance in a cash raffle, a silent and live auction and are \$75 per person. The event is black tie optional. Hudson Rotary invites you to come celebrate Service Above Self for our community.

## SAVE THE DATE TRC BEDFORD

Rotary Rib Fest

May 30-31, June 1

Vintage Motorcycle Show May 31, 4-7

Vendor Opportunities call

Wayne Urban 440-232-3241



DG Bob Johnson, DGE Mike Davanzo and DGN Cheryl Warren had the honor of meeting with and learning from Past Rotary International President Wilfrid J. (Wilf) Wilkinson during All Ohio PETS

## Contribute... EREY

The 2013-2014 Rotary year is fast coming to an end and we need to focus on meeting our Club and District goals for the ANNUAL FUND.

Our District has a goal of \$ 199,000 for this year and we are at \$ 76,000 through January 31, 2014. In addition, we would like to have all of the Clubs strive to be E R E Y Clubs this year. Giving is always larger in the later part of the year, but we all need to be sure we have everything turned in to (TRF) THE ROTARY FOUNDATION at Rotary International well in advance of the end of the year, June 30, 2014.

We had 11 E R E Y Clubs last year. The goal for this year is to double that to 22 Clubs. Work with your members to be receive special recognition as a E R E Y Club this year!!!

Keep in mind, to make it easier to for your Annual Fund Contribution, you can complete the Rotary Direct form and then not worry about it. That form is on line at Rotary.org or call Stew Buchanan at 330-607-1442.

If any of your Clubs would like a presentation or other follow up information, our Committee would be very happy to come and visit with you at any time. Call Stew Buchanan to set a time or to get information. 330-607-1442.

## West Geauga Interact Fashion Show

*Interact is again holding a luncheon and Fashion Show, this year's date is Saturday April 26 from 11:30-2 Mayfield Church on Mayfield Rd and Caves. Tickets/20. Per person, students 10.00. All ticket and raffle sales will go to LifeStraws to provide clean drinking water where it is not accessible. Contact :Chelsea.talty@Westg.org*

## Dates to Remember

### MARCH- Literacy Month

31 March 2014 District Training Assembly & Grants Mgmt Seminar

31 March Presidential Citation Application Deadline

### APRIL- Magazine Month

15 April Membership Development Initiatives Award Deadline

25-27 April Distr Conference at Quail Hollow

### MAY- No Special Designation

15 May TRF Citation for Meritorious Service Nominations Deadline

### JUNE- Rotary Fellowships Month

01-04 June RI Convention, Sydney, Australia

### Upcoming Rotary International Conventions:

2015 São Paulo, Brazil

2016 Seoul, Republic of Korea

2017 Atlanta, Georgia, USA

## RI Board of Directors Meeting Decisions

The third meeting of the 2013-14 RI Board of Directors was held on 20-23 January 2014 in Evanston, Illinois, USA. At this meeting, the Board reviewed 8 committee reports and recorded 35 decisions.

### CLUB AND DISTRICT

In an effort to improve the timeliness and quality of membership data, the Board made changes to policy regarding how clubs report this information, including requiring that clubs must report their new and terminated members within 30 days and by establishing that the club secretary is responsible for timely membership reporting to RI, effective 1 January 2015. These changes will further enable RI to simplify how it bills clubs for their per capita dues.

### INTERNATIONAL MEETINGS

The Board agreed to offer a worldwide rebate to those districts that reach a registration number for the São Paulo convention (registrants to be Rotarians and guests at 19 or older) before 31 March 2015 that exceeds 10 percent of the Rotarians in their respective districts, based on the 1 July 2014 semi-annual report; with such rebate to be up to 10 percent of the districts collective registration fees payable to the district after the convention.

### ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCES

Noting the opportunity to promote the work of RI at a world's exhibition, the Board affirmed its support of RI's participation at Expo Milano 2015.

The Board amended its recommended pro-

ocol for introducing, presenting, and seating all current past, and future officers of RI and its Foundation, committee members, and their spouses at all RI meetings, function, and receiving lines, and for listing in all RI publications to be as follows:

President (or president's representative)  
Past presidents (in order of seniority)  
President-elect  
President-nominee  
Vice-president  
Treasurer  
Director Executive committee chair  
Other directors  
Trustee chair  
Trustee chair-elect  
Trustee vice-chair  
Other trustees  
General secretary  
Past directors (in order of seniority)  
Directors-elect  
Past trustees (in order of seniority)  
Incoming trustees  
Directors-nominee  
Past general secretaries (in order of seniority)  
President, immediate past president, vice-president, and honorary treasurer of RIBI  
District governors  
Past district governors (in order of seniority)  
Rotary coordinators, Rotary public image coordinators, and regional Rotary Foundation coordinators and endowment/major gift advisers  
District governors-elect  
District governors-nominee

## Four Way Test Speech Contest

Yes, that's right! The Four Way Test Speech Competition is just around the corner. Everything is set for a successful event which will take place on April 5th at the Harmon Middle School in Aurora, Ohio. Bright, high school age individuals will be doing their best to connect Rotary's four way test motto to the various subjects they have chosen for their speeches. As in prior competitions, those in attendance and competing will be reminded of the importance and value of the 4 Way Test motto and will be inspired by the student's perspectives and application of this motto to everyday life in the world in which we live. All registrations will take place at the event. Forms will be available in the entry way of the school prior to the actual start of registration however, registration does not begin until 8:00 a.m.

Once your students are registered, there will be an opportunity for the students to see the rooms where they will be delivering their speeches. National Honor Society students will be leading small groups to the rooms for pre-viewing. A continental breakfast and beverages will be served in the school cafeteria and ALL are invited to relax and enjoy breakfast before the competition begins.

After a short introduction, the judges, parents and/or friends will be asked to proceed to the classrooms of their choice where they will hear the contestants deliver their speeches. Upon completion of the last set of speeches our judging staff will proceed to the cafeteria where the finalists will deliver their speeches after a brief break. Students and all others attending the event are also invited to enjoy a tasty lunch of sandwiches, fruits and salads, along with a

choice of beverage and a dessert after the final speeches.

The announcement of the winners will take place at approximately 12:30p.m. Prizes will be awarded and the winners will be asked to stay for photos. Please do not leave early!

The top 5 finalists will be invited to deliver their speeches one more time at the District Conference on Saturday, April 26th at the noon hour break. This is a great privilege for the students who have invested their time and talents, so please remember to mention this opportunity to them.

See everyone on April 5th

Sincerely,

Scott Pease Chairman - 4 Way Test Speech Competition

## Camp RYLA

### *History of RYLA:*

District 6630 has a hidden gem in Camp RYLA (Pronounced Rye-la). This New Generation program has been featured by our District since 1991 and was developed by Rotarians Rich Humphries, Lyle Pohly and Dr. Bob Jackson. While serving as District Governor and after returning from the Rotary Convention where he learned about the RYLA program, Rich worked with Lyle and Bob to initiate the process of establishing the program in our District. It was determined that, due to its remote setting and centralized location for Clubs in the District,

Hiram College would be an ideal location for the camp. Thus, the three met with Hiram College's Dean of Students, Stuart Tennant to discuss this collaboration. In June of 1991, the first RYLA Camp was held at Hiram College from June 16 - 21, 1991.

Dr. Bob Jackson served as the Chair of the District committee from 1991 - 1997, and continued on the committee until 2011. Lyle Pohly served on the committee from 1991 - 2008 and assumed the primary responsibility of arranging the speaker series for the program. Dan Svede then served as the Chair of the District Committee from 1997 - 2011. Other prominent Rotarians from District 6630 that have served on the District Committee are John Wilson, Tim Wright, and Shelia Hedrick. Marc West, at the time a Hiram College staff member in the Residential Education department, was selected as the On-Site Director. West serves as the On-Site Director and now serves as the Chair of the District Committee. During the summer of 2012, RYLA was moved to Baldwin Wallace University from Hiram College to meet the need for better accommodations at more reasonable pricing. To date, RYLA has seen 935 amount of participants, and 94 staff members through the program.

### *What is Camp RYLA?*

Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a 5 day leadership training camp, held usually the second or third week in June, which focuses on personal and professional development of high school students. Rotary clubs throughout the world are committed to helping shape

the leadership skills of today's youth. Camp RYLA is one way Rotarians achieve this goal.

### *Why CAMP RYLA?*

*Strong leaders are made, NOT BORN! Leadership principles are learned NOT INHERITED!*

Through Camp RYLA, the participants, the "leaders of tomorrow", have the unique opportunity to be exposed to many facets of leadership by individuals who have already learned to be leaders in their professions or fields. Camp RYLA is an enjoyable and valuable experience for those who can meet the challenge.

### *What will a Student get from CAMP RYLA?*

Camp RYLA provides students with an opportunity to exchange ideas, opinion, and beliefs with other students in a relaxed, retreat style setting. At camp, they will be involved. Participants will develop new friendships and become a more effective role model, team player and leader.

### *How does CAMP RYLA work?*

Approximately 2 students from the same area high school, who will be Seniors in the 2014-2015 year, will be selected for this scholarship award. The total camp participants are around 50-55 talented and enthusiastic leaders from high schools throughout Northeastern Ohio. Some are established and others are emerging leaders. Camp RYLA proves that a student can make friends— and have FUN—while learning & growing!

### *What is a typical day at CAMP?*

Days begin early with breakfast to get the body moving. Throughout the morning, students attend speaker sessions. Afternoons are contained with speaker sessions, educational activities, and discussion groups. Evenings have social events that allow participants to interact with other

campers. They conclude their day back in the residence hall (dorm) for group discussions. This time allows the campers to reflect on the day's experiences and on what they have learned.

Some of the speakers that have participated in Camp RYLA have been the following:

Linda Rea; Dave Mager; George Cochran; Sarah Shumate; Kathryn Craig; Bob Bryson; Lori Fox; Todd Rose; Eric Dickens; Cherrymae Aromas; Kacee (Farrell) Snyder; Debbie Sprang; Betsy Bishop; Lyle Pohly; Trinidy Jeter; Cassy Bailey; Jaime Gray; Chris Bragdon; Kim Dettmer; Evelyn Ashley; Daniel Powell; Hale Chatfield; Dick Kluge; Brad Shumacher; Sean Gilmore; Glenn Zaltzman; Diane Swoope; George Lilja; Robert Kobak; Denny Taylor; Matt Hils; Steve Hallan; Ron Taggart; Frank Vaughn; Michael Schwartz; Lawrence Simpson; Dorothy Jackson; Mark Albrect; David Pyper and The Institute for Creative Living.

All of the speakers have provided their services pro bono, which has been appreciated.

During the later years, we have included a MBTI event. Low rope activities have also been added by the Institute for Creative Living, which has been a great addition to the Camp.

### *Who will I "Hang Out" with at CAMP RYLA?*

Upon arrival, campers participate in "ice melters" that will help them get to know the other people at the camp. During this time they will also meet the Counselors (who, for the most part were campers 2 years prior or current college students) and the On-Site Rotarian Director.

Later on that day, participants, with ten to twelve other campers, will be assigned to their discussion group for the rest of the week. Participants will be in a group of diverse student leaders representing high schools from throughout the Northeastern Ohio area. Teamwork, Communication & "Consensus Building" are developed as the students face the week's challenges together. Through these experiences they will find they have many things in common with other participants. These experiences will be the source of many of their camp memories.

### *Looking to Get Involved with RYLA?*

The District RYLA Committee is always looking for members to join. If want to be a committee members, please contact Marc West, [mwest@bw.edu](mailto:mwest@bw.edu) or (440) 826-3483.





## Mark Your Calendars

### District Indians Game

Mark your calendars. District 6630 will have its annual night at the Indians game with the fireworks on Saturday August 2, 2014. The game will be against the Texas Rangers. According to Stew Buchanan, who is in charge of the evening, there will be many activities going on including a bobble head give away of Jim Thome. This year we are teaming with District 6600 and 6650 to showcase Rotary and Rotary's final push to eradicate Polio. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. More details will follow.

### All Ohio PETS

During the weekend of March 14-15, incoming club presidents from Ohio attended training in Columbus. It was an educational and uplifting weekend as attendees heard from RIPE, Gary Huang and PRIP Wilf Wilkinson. In addition, John T. Capps gave his enthusiastic talk on membership and leadership. The attendees were able to meet in small groups and discuss and learn about designing a service project/grant, attracting and engaging members, leading Rotarians, Foundation giving, youth programs, effective meetings, and successful grant writings.

### Grant Requests

If your club is interested in applying for a district grant please note the following. By May 15, 2014 the club must submit a grant inquiry form. The form is on the district web site and is submitted electronically. Keep in mind, to qualify for a grant for next year, a club - during this Rotary year - must have a \$25 per capita in giving to the annual fund and two members of that club attended the grants management seminar. The final GMS is on March 29.

## GOL NEO



Last May Hudsonites turned out for The Rotary Club of Hudson's Gala Auction in support of "Gift of Life NEO" - a program to surgically rescue children born with heart impairment currently performed at Akron Children's Hospital by Doctors Ellen and Jeff Kempf, pictured above with two-year-old Haitian Kelf Bully.

"We had a ball at the Gala," said Gala chair Rotarian Ron Strobl, "and at the same time filled with gratitude that Gift of Life was working to save lives."



Kelf with his parents before coming to Akron

On November 16, the Drs. Kempf - he is director of Akron Children's Office for Pediatric Global Health and she is director of the hospital's Oak Adoptive Health Center - put a treatment plan in motion. They talked with Kelf's parents about bringing him to Akron. As the Kempfs knew from the previous times they brought Haitian children to Akron for heart surgery, he would likely be granted a passport and visa in a timely manner, but his parents would not. Kelf had his surgery on Nov. 20. The Rotary Club's gift helped cover the costs.

"The whole program is so heart-warming that we were compelled to put Gift of Life at the head of our beneficiary list this year as well," said Connie Mroczkowski - co-chair of this year's Gala, "Let's hope we can support another wonderful outcome like this."

Other beneficiaries of this year's Gala are



Hudson's Safety Town and the Hudson EMS Outreach Fund. Proceeds also support Hudson's Service Learning Class, Boy Scout troop 321 and the Rotary scholarship program for Hudson students.

The event is Friday, May 16, 2014, from 6 to 10 pm, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg. Tickets include dinner, an open bar, a chance in a cash raffle, a silent and live auction and are \$75 per person. The event is black tie optional. Hudson Rotary invites you to come celebrate Service Above Self with and for our community.

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When: April 15, 2014  
Where: Baldwin Wallace University Union Ballroom/Colony Room  
Time: 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. (Doors open at 6:30 p.m.)  
Cost: \$15/person; \$25/couple  
Dinner:

Butter Steak  
Garden Tomato Salad  
Grilled Chicken Breast  
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For more information about the CSOW please visit their website:  
<http://www.csdw.org/csdw/home.html>



## TRC Medina St Pat's Party

By Angela Huston

On March 14, The Medina Rotary Club played host to a sell-out crowd at the Medina Eagles Club for one of its two major annual fund raising events, the St. Patrick's Day Party; the other is the Wine and Cheese Benefit in the fall. The proceeds from these events help support the club's service projects that have benefitted the community since 1947.

The authentic Irish dinner buffet prepared by the Eagles was just one of the highlights of the successful event. Guests eagerly participated in a variety of interesting games throughout the evening, including a 50/50 raffle, a Bingo game, several sideboards, a Chinese raffle, and a reverse raffle with a minimum \$2,000 Grand Prize; Pam Voss and Brian Zeise shared the reverse raffle \$2,000 Grand Prize.

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## Please Consider TRF Direct

Hello fellow District 6630 Rotarians. Over the last couple of years, we have been encouraging you to use Rotary Direct as the preferred method of making your Rotary Foundation Annual Fund Contributions. Rotary Direct is a quick and easy way to ensure that your Annual Fund Contributions are made in an amount and frequency you are comfortable with via a periodic deduction from your checking account or a charge to your credit card. With Rotary Direct, it's on auto pilot and you are participating in the Every Rotarian Every Year program and continually working your way to your next Paul Harris Fellow recognition level.

To date, we have 68 District 6630 Rotarians committed to this process who annually contribute \$25,048.00. Thanks to those 68.

If you are not one of the 68, please consider Rotary Direct going forward.

Jim Lechko

District 6630

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## News From TRC Chesterland

By Reena Kanner

The members of the Chesterland Park Board, Joe Weiss, Clay Lawrence, Lance Yandell attended the Chesterland Rotary meeting and presented the club a certificate of appreciation for the work they have done organizing and decorating Chester Park for the annual Winterfest.



This all could not have come together without help from the community, Danny Boys, Chester Rental, Maple Leaf Community Residences, Lake County captains, Chesterland fire dept explorers, Girl and Boy scouts, Woodshop and art dept at West Geauga High school. The beautiful tree was donated by the Downs family right here in Chesterland. It was the largest tree ever and filling the Gazebo to the top and the ahhs and oohhs when it was lit by Santa Claus could be heard all the way to Novelty-

## District Governor Nominee Designate

It is my honor to announce the selection of Richard Farkas (RC of Akron) as the District Governor for District 6630 for the 2016/2017 Rotary year. Dick and his wife Lynda live in the Portage Lakes region of Akron. His dedication to Rotary and moving our organization ahead have been proven to me many times over as he has served as our district trainer for the past three years. He retired from the Air Force where he served as commander of the Nuclear Alert Force. Dick and his family lived in Virginia where he was a member of the Rotary Club of Annandale, serving as club president in 1995/1996 before

moving to the Akron area. As a member of the RC of Akron he served as club president in 2008/2009 and led a very successful club makeover that helped propel the RC of Akron to a position as one of our strongest and most active clubs. Dick will lead our district in an exciting year as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of the Rotary Foundation which was born in 1917 right here in Cleveland, Ohio by our own Arch Klumpf. He will represent us at Rotary's International Convention in Atlanta in 2017 where we can showcase our district to the entire Rotary world. Congratulations Dick!

## Strike Out Polio with the Captains

The Rotary Club of Cleveland and the Lake Erie Captains will team up to STRIKE OUT POLIO"

Friday May 9, 2014 at Classic Park Stadium and you can help!

Come out to the ball park, join the Rotary Parade before the game, see the Story of Rotary's fight against Polio on the giant scoreboard, enjoy the game, and watch the post-game fireworks, all for just \$10.00 per ticket.

All reserved seats are \$10.00 and \$5.00 from every ticket sold will be donated to Polio Eradication. All

clubs and Rotarians from District 6630 are invited to participate. Each club will get credit for all the tickets they sell as their gift to The Rotary Foundation Polio Eradication Campaign. Not only will we raise money to continue the fight against Polio but we will also raise public awareness about the good work done by

our Rotary clubs.

For more information and to get tickets contact:

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