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Governor's Letter

Wow! The more I experience Rotary, the more I love it! I continue to be amazed at the good works and generosity of District 6630 Rotarians!

As I visit the clubs and attend events, I leave pumped up to share all I have seen!

The problem is my newsletter would be a book of the month!

From Conneaut to North Ridgeville, from Cleveland to Tallmadge, our clubs continue to make our world a better place. If you want to be energized, visit another club! Multiply that by 35,000 and that is what we do!

Thanks to all who participated and made our Foundation Gala a success! \$12,000 was raised and about 180 people had a great time together!

Thanks to Stew Buchanan for leading and organizing the District Cavs Game night! After a fun time at the Clevelander, we heard from the Exchange students, then headed over to the Q. for the game. And what a game we saw! The Cavs beat the Pistons and our District win streak continues!

Many of our Rotarians were in Columbus March 10 and

11 for All-Ohio PETS. Amy Kapostasy, DGE, led the Presidents-Elect and helped prepare them for their term. She presented them with the new theme banners and pins. We are in good hands!

WHAT'S NEXT?

Please consider collecting shoes to help the InterAct Clubs' project, 'SHOES FOR THE SOLE.' Boxes of shoes will be collected at the District Conference on April 21st and 22nd.

THE FOUR-WAY SPEECH CONTEST

Clubs are conducting their competition now. It is a great time to visit other clubs and hear their contestants compete. The winners will square off April 8th at Aurora High School. Register and plan to attend this great event!

CELEBRATE ROTARY

It is time to sign up for our District 6630 Conference! Registration is now open! Early registration ends March 22nd. It is only \$169. if you register now. The price climbs to \$199. afterwards.

If the Gala attendance is any indication, I expect a sellout. Don't miss out on our tribute to all Rotarians do! Be there to hear the stories! Be there to meet

other Rotarians and the InterAct students. Don't miss the celebration!

SAVE THE DATE

On Sunday June 25th, we will have the Awards Picnic at Pioneer Water Park. It will be an all day affair. You will hear much more about this next month. The admission and parking will be included in the event price. The Awards will be given after a picnic. This is a chance to bring the family and share Rotary with friends. I can't wait! Wow!

SHARE ROTARY

More Rotarians can do more! We need to share Rotary with our friends and communities. We do so much to help our communities and we need to publicize what we do!

I challenge everyone to invite someone to their club. Someone invited us! Share Rotary! Grow Rotary!

Visit a neighboring Club! I love visiting clubs! You will too!

We live in exciting times! We are so fortunate to be Rotarians! Share the gift of Rotary!

Your Proud District Governor,

Jim McKee

TRC Cleveland Wins Connector's Choice Award

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Cleveland! WINNER Networking Organization of the Year Award, at the Cleveland Business Connects 10th Annual Connector's Choice Awards held March 1, 2017.

Cleveland Business Connects magazine and parent company Contempo Communications hosted the CCA ceremony, which annually honors the region's corporate events industry and business networking community. Approximately 450 guests attended. Past galas had been held at the House of Blues (2008-12), Galleria at Erieview (2013), State Theatre at Playhouse Square (2014-15), and Hard Rock Rocksino at Northfield Park (2016).

Twenty-one CCA winners were crowned inside the former Tenk Machinery warehouse, which was built in 1879. Tenk West Bank

had last July hosted four Republican National Convention parties in the name of then-Speaker of the House John Boehner, but the CCA ceremony was the first function at the venue since Marigold Catering in February started leasing

the year will long be considered the area's most significant ever in terms of event planning. Not surprisingly, most of the 99 CCA finalists cited those major functions in their written CCA submissions, which were reviewed by a

panel of 23 judges, whose consensus determined the winners. "As expected, considering the significance of 2016, we received a large number of compelling submissions; certainly more than the 21 winning documents," CBC magazine Editor Thomas Skernivitz said. "We relayed those 21 stories in our current issue, which was released at the ceremony, and we'll certainly follow-up in future issues with the accomplishments of some of the other organizations and individuals who didn't receive CCA winners' plaques but were definitely deserving nonetheless."

Rotary Club of Cleveland (All-Around Business Networking Organization of the Year): "2016 was truly the 'year of Cleveland,' and we at the Rotary Club of Cleveland are so proud of the fact we were at the center of it all," Past President Jerry Jarzabek said. "A very special year for our city, members, and friends."



space in the century-old facility on the west bank of the Flats.

CCA winners were recognized exclusively for their work in 2016. In light of the week-long RNC and Cavaliers' and Indians' title runs,

panel of 23 judges, whose consensus determined the winners.

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Choking Clean Water

Blooms of poisonous blue-green algae threaten the western basin of Lake Erie, the source of drinking water for millions of people. Read more about how Rotarians are joining the fight.

ShelterBox Efforts

All District 6630 Rotarians. And Friends of Rotary

As announced last weekend at PETS, Madagascar was hit last Friday by a 170 Cyclone. Within 24 hours, Shelter box was sending a Response team to assess the country in how we could help.

Below is information I received today (3-17-17) from a PDG whose club is currently working on a Global project in Madagascar. Portions of the correspondence from Rotarians in Madagascar are as follows.

"Internet has been established in most area. The Cyclone hit the North East Coast in the middle of the day with winds up to 290 km/hour. There was much flooding with gale force winds. Many trees have been uprooted flooded roads and roofs blown off due to the high winds. The cyclone has killed at least 50 persons and displaced potentially 720,000 people according to the local Red Cross and the National.

Bureau of Risk and Catastrophe Management"

"Several years will be needed to reestablish crops. The total extent of the catastrophe is still difficult to evaluate due to the isolation of affected regions and the damage to communication networks. Besides the torn roofs and uprooted trees, roads and

dams are damaged. It appears that nearly all of the vanilla, cocoa and clove crops are destroyed, as well as the rice paddies. It will take several years to reestablish the level of crop production, which existed before the catastrophe"

"For the Region called Toamasina, there were 2 deaths and 15 other deaths announced

at Vatomaniry. The number of disaster victims in this region is upwards of 1800 and more than 100 of these are in Toamasina. The most significant damage, up to 90 per cent of the infrastructures and thousands of victims are at Maroantsetra et Manaara"

"The Rotarians in Madagascar especially thank the Rotary Club of Cincinnati, Ohio for sending aid Boxes and Shelter Tents."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON HOW YOU, YOUR CLUB AND OTHERS CAN HELP, please contact PDG Jack Young, Shelter Box USA Board of Directors 2007-14/Board Emeritus 2015-16 at Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000.

Current ShelterBox Deployments

1. SYRIA: Shelter Box has been working to help those affected by the Syria crisis since civil unrest first took hold in 2012. Syria is currently helping to distribute 3,000 winter Shelter box Kits to families in need.

2. IRAQ: Since the offensive began on October 17, 2016 to liberate the people of Mosul City, more than 161,000 men, women

and children have been displaced. In addition to Shelter Boxes we are also providing additional aid items such as blankets, ground sheets, cooking equipment and water filters. to meet the desperate needs of families without shelter.

3. HAITI: Shelter Box responded after Hurricane Matthew struck the country on October 4, 2016. Our monitoring and evaluation continues. More than 1,000 additional Shelter Box Kits have been distrib-

uted to families still in need with the training to build secure shelters, Vital additional aid items such as water filters and mosquito nets have also been given to the most vulnerable people.

4. CAMEROON: People displaced by the Boko Haram conflict are arriving daily in Minawao camp. To meet the growing need for shelter, we have provided 1,440 tents to Minawao camp and a total of 2,568 have received aide.

5. NIGER: In total 2,000 Shelter Boxes have given families in Niger shelter after fleeing attacks from Boka Haram, bringing security and hope. Flooding in November 2016 also hit families already displaced by the extreme violence. The 344 boxes which were being held in Dosso have now been distributed.

As you can see your help and support is still urgently needed. For more information or if you would like a club presentation please feel free to contact District 6630 PDG Jack Young, Past Shelter Box Board member at 440-759-4000 or jack1villa@aol.com.

****EDITOR'S NOTE****

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From Ouch to Eureka and Beyond!

By Peter DeSouza

When asked if he had ever doubted God's existence, Pope Francis said, "I, too, know these empty moments." The silver lining in such moments, he said is that "crises also provide an opportunity to grow" and any faith that doesn't face times of crisis "remains infantile."

If we think of faith as trust or confidence in someone or something, then Rotarian belief in the values of the 4 Way Test, is an act of faith. Since introduction, Friends of the 4 Way Test caused some adverse reactions, "Ouch!" However, as I reflected on the origin of the 4 Way Test, all the good it has done in the world and the true meaning of 'service before self', I had a 'Eureka' moment! I realized that setbacks are no reason to give up the ship. So together let us move forward and execute the 2017 District 4 Way Test Speech Contest as best as we can. What Club Chairs must do before - April 3, 2017

- 1) Fill out the 'Registration and Payment' form
- 2) Get a parent of your Club Contest winners advancing to the District Contest to fill and sign the 'Consent form'
- 3) If there are other Rotarians from your Club or additional friends and family of winners (other than 2 parents) who would like to attend, fill out the bottom portion of the 'Contest Flyer'. Mail all these forms along with payment due to RI District 6630, P.O. Box 578, Burton, OH 44021 by April 3, 2017. These forms can be downloaded from: www.rotarydistrict6630.org
- 4) Print and fill out the 'Letter to winners of Club Contest' and give it to the win-

ners. Ask them to read and bring this letter with them to the District Contest.

What to expect on Contest Day - April 8, 2017

- 1) 8:30 to 9:00 am:

To put your stamp on the FUTURE.



become a friend TODAY.

If you support the values of the 4 Way Test and would like to pass them on to the next generation. Become a Friend of the 4 Way Test. All you have to do is send in a check for \$25/- Just as a stamp makes a letter go places, your friendship will make this contest soar higher!

In return, your name will be listed in the District Contest program as a Friend of the 4 Way Test. You will also be entitled to attend the District Contest on April 8, 2017 at Aurora High School, at no extra charge. This includes lunch and refreshments (\$15/- value).

You do not have to attend the contest to become a Friend. All money raised will be used towards the contest. An excellent opportunity to put your stamp on the future!

(Cut and return this portion with payment to address indicated below by April 3, 2017)

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Please list my name as a Friend of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest as follows:

YES, I will attend the District Contest on April 8, 2017

NO, I am unable to attend the District Contest

Make checks for \$25/- payable to RI District 6630 and mail to:

RI District 6630, P.O. Box 578, Burton, OH 44021

Deadline to receive Form & Payment is April 3, 2017

Registration. A Rotarian from the Club must accompany the student contestant. After registration, all will proceed to the Common Areas for refreshments. 2) 9:10 am: National Honor Society students take student contestants on a tour of classrooms in which semi-final rounds takes place. 3) 9:30 am: Call to Order, followed by Briefings of Judges, Timers and Student Contestants. All others will be requested to go to the classrooms in which the contests take

place. 4) Everyone will be required to remain in the classrooms until all speakers have delivered their speeches. The audience will be informed when it is okay to return to the Common Areas. 5) Lunch will then be served, followed by Finals in the Auditorium. 6) 3:00 pm: Contest ends.

Friends of the 4 Way Test -

What are we trying to accomplish? At a meeting on Jan 13, 2017, point of contacts from several Clubs exchanged thoughts on how to grow and expand the District Speech Contest. Some ideas included:

- a) Invite teachers and principals from participating and non-participating schools to experience the District contest
- b) Improve the quality and profile of the District contest
- c) Motivate Rotarians from non-participating clubs to attend as guests or to serve as judges and timers

To implement these ideas, additional resources are needed. The group considered approaching businesses and/or Rotarians. Ideas sparked were later blended to create 'Friends of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest'. To become a Friend, all you have to do is send a check for \$25/- to RI District 6630. In return, your name will be listed

in the District Speech Contest program as a Friend of the 4 Way Test. You will also be entitled to attend the District Speech Contest on April 8, 2017 at Aurora High School, at no extra charge. This includes lunch and refreshments (\$15/- value). We have an opportunity to do something positive and bring Friends of the 4 Way Test to life. Regardless of its outcome, the 4 Way Test Speech Contest has a promising future! How do I know? Let's call it FAITH!

Interact Talent Show

STOW, Ohio--SMFHS's Interact Club hosted their annual talent show in the high school auditorium on Thursday, February 16. Five distinguished judges had the challenge to assign scores to each of the 20 talented acts.



The results of the judges' decisions were as follows: Left to right: 1st Place, Khylee Kridler; 2nd Place, Bailey Bender; 3rd Place, Geovonte Clark; 4th Place, Riley & Sydney Timms; and 5th Place, Charity Clark. Each of the finalists received a trophy and a gift card provided by Stow Rotary.

Why volunteer? Colleges and employees look at what one does outside of school and/or work hours. Volunteering shows you are engaged in your community, demonstrates your time management skills, and a great way to network.

Interact meets every Monday after school in Room 160 and is open to all grades.

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Updates From Gift of Life

March 7, 2017

We just learned today that our 10th child from Haiti has received her visa and is cleared to come to Ohio for complex (Tetralogy of Fallot) open heart surgery. She travels to Ohio this Friday and has her surgery scheduled for 8:00am Tuesday March 14th. If all goes well she may be able to attend our CV Rotary meeting on March 21st or 28th before her return home to her very anxious parents who must remain in Haiti. This child and the more than 40 children we have been able to serve at our heart surgery center in St. Damien's Children's hospital in Haiti are why we do the fund raisers like this year's April 1st event.

March 14, 2017

I just spoke with Jeff Kempf from Akron Children's. Edinaele had open heart surgery this morning arriving at

6:30am. She was just transferred to the ICU as everything went well for her. Jeff said the surgeon from Cleveland Clinic who is working with Akron Children's was very positive and pleased to be part of the program. If the recovery goes as expected, Edinaele should be released Saturday to Jeff and Ellen Kempf's house where she will stay for her recovery and follow up visit next week. If everything progresses from there as planned she should be able to go home to her anxious parents before the end of March. Thank you all for helping with our 10 the child at Akron Children's and more than 50 children from Haiti who have now had lifesaving surgery from the efforts of all of you.

We could not do this without you!

Ken
 Kenneth J. Fogle, Chair
 Gift of Life North East Ohio, Inc.

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The Broadview Hts. Rotary Club celebrated the Chinese Lunar New Year with their annual fundraiser at the Kumo Seafood Restaurant. A lavish Lion Dance was performed for the crowd. Attendees, such as Marsha Pappalardo, placed a red envelope containing money into the Lions Mouth during the dance as a significance of bringing her good fortune. Photo by Joyce McFadden

TRC Hudson Enjoys World Affairs Speakers

The month of February featured four World Affairs speakers at the Rotary Club of Hudson's regular weekly meetings. The distinguished presenters were:

Todd Hiser--Senior International Trade Specialist, Department of Commerce US Commercial Services Field Office

Karen Leith--retired Director of Social Action of Summit County and an authority on Cuba's political situation

Dr James Stanley--Professor of International Studies at Cleveland State, Akron and Kent State Universities

Heather Hodges---former US Ambassador to Moldova and Ecuador and current President of the Cleveland Council on World Affairs

The Department of Commerce has offices in 80 countries around the world that help US companies sell their goods and services by finding customers and matchmaking. Mr Todd Heiser explained that the Commerce Field Offices identify key markets and set up a process for establishing distribution programs. This includes doing research and background reports on foreign companies and then dealing with documentation and trade problems. All trading par-

ties are encouraged to meet face-to-face to examine standards for workers' rights, safety and environmental issues. Mr Heiser stated that currently Mexico is very nervous not knowing what to expect from the Trump administration.

Profiling Cuba's state of politics and economy, Ms. Karen Leith recognizes that the revolution is still very much alive and growth is minimal. Cuba's only export is trained medical personnel, while tourism is the one hope for improving the economy. The US Senate isn't likely to remove the embargo, independent Cuban enterprises are heavily taxed, food is still rationed and their source of oil, Venezuela, has raised the price. Opening a US embassy will require attention to banking, travel, diplomacy, human rights and integration with Latin American neighbors.

Dr James Stanley defined international politics as the pursuit of power with attention to national interests. He explained that the fundamentals of US foreign policy recognize that allies and alliances are critical, the global economy is mutually beneficial and that democracy is important. The criteria he sees for a great world power combines a strong military, a strong economy, good credit for borrowing

and a worldwide interest. Truths about world powers that Dr. Stanley recognizes are: it is easier to start a war than end one; today's enemy is tomorrow's ally; international law is adhered to on the basis of national interest; expect the unexpected; any action will create a reaction; and pay attention to what leaders do not what they say.

Ms. Heather Hodges described what diplomats do as the art and practice of conducting statesmanship. The US maintains diplomatic relations in 195 countries, with the ambassador representing the President of the USA. The embassy is the top authority and supervises all foreign related departments, including the CIA. Two thirds of the embassy staffs are career officers, familiar with local culture and customs. An embassy staff often includes a political officer, a DEA representative, an economics officer, a public affairs officer, an information officer, a cultural affairs officer, a diplomatic security officer and various services counselors who help with passports, incarceration, missing persons and refugees.

For further information about the Rotary Club of Hudson and to view upcoming speakers and events, please visit www.rotaryhudson.org

District 6630 Newsletter Policy

***Submit story suggestions to Mike Johns, Jr.
at stonecut@sbcglobal.net.***

We accept article ideas about club and district successes, including fundraisers, publicity efforts, service projects, and membership drives. Please include descriptions, high-resolution photos, and contact information in your email. Due to the high volume of submissions, we cannot promise to feature your story.

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

TRC Bedford Pancake Breakfast Apr 30th

JOIN THE FUN AND FOOD AT BEDFORD HIGH SCHOOL APRIL 30th

Come for the pancakes. Come for the prizes. Come for the fun! Rotary Club of Bedford holds the 39th Annual Pancake and French toast breakfast, complete with bacon, sausage, juice and beverage, April 30th, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Bedford High School cafeteria, 475 Northfield Road in Bedford. Adult tickets are \$7, children \$3, children under age 3 are free. Tickets are available at the door. Raffle prizes include a 32" television, 4 tickets to a Lake County Captains baseball game, a huge LaGra Basket of sauces and pasta, and a wide variety of outstanding gift baskets. Ticket holders need not be present to win.

Before the pancake breakfast, you are also invited to participate in the 24th Annual Bedford School Foundation Sunday Funday Run/Walk. Registration begins at 7 a.m. and the race starts at 9 a.m. Choose from a 5-mile run or 2-mile walk. Registration is \$22 (postmarked by April 20th) or \$25 on race day. Age 12 and under is \$12. The Rotary pancake breakfast is free for race participants. Proceeds go toward scholarships for Bedford High School graduating seniors. For more information contact Bud McNellie at bud_mcnellie@bedfordfoundation.net or phone 440-247-3129. Flyers, course maps, photographs, on-line registration, and race results are available at www.bedfordfoundation.net.

The Bedford Garden Club, in celebration of its 90th Anniversary, is sponsoring a student Art Contest for Bedford High School Juniors and Seniors. A first prize \$50 gift card and a second prize \$25 card will be awarded. Judging and awards will take place in the cafeteria between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

The Bedford City Schools Art Show will be exhibited in the high school gym from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More than 3,500 student works of art from Bedford students in grades preschool through 12 will be on display, including paintings, drawings, hand-crafted jewelry, clay projects, masks and more.

All activities are open to the public. Admission is free.

Medina Sunrise Presents \$10,000 Check

Lessons from Christine Larson RYE student in Peru

Something I never thought of until I went on the Rotary exchange is that how deeply your country affects your outlook on the world. For example to me there are seven continents but to a Peruvian there are five: America, Asia, Africa, Europe, and Oceania. For them Antarctica doesn't exist. They don't consider it because it's not populated. They just have north and south pole.

I was watching a Peruvian TV show and they asked the guy on what continent can you find Australia and I clearly was like if he gets this wrong he is an idiot because it is Australia and then the answer was Oceania and I had to ask why. My host mom didn't believe me that we separate them differently. We don't have Oceania in English because it doesn't fit our definition of a continent.

"Along with two of our Directors, Jill Milchaski and Mike Warner, I am very happy to be here today with our Rotary friends and partners to accept your generous check for \$10,000," said Rhonda Wurgler, the Executive Director of the Children's Center of Medina County. Medina Sunrise Rotary's support enables us to continue our mission of hope to nurture abused and neglected children through collaboration, advocacy treatment, prevention and caring."

The Children's Center of Medina County is a one-of-a-kind, child-oriented and child-friendly community organization, which serves as a centralized location for interviewing and examining children who are the victims of physical and sexual abuse. Since the Children's Center opened in 2007, we have nurtured 7,084 children in Medina County through the programs we offer our

community. Our critical focus is the health and wellness of every child. With the support from our donors, volunteers, community partners and team; we will continue helping by making a difference in the lives of children in our community.

The Children's Center is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization relying on donations and grants to provide essential service to our children and families in Medina County. The CCMC is also

an Accredited Member of the National Children's Alliance (NCA) children's advocacy centers. Accreditation assures the community and our partners that we are meeting national standards for delivery of care and services.

Rhonda Wurgler, who was made an Honorary Rotarian this morning, can be contacted at The Children's Center of Medina County: 330-764-8891 or via email, rwurgler@medinacountychildrenscenter.org



Expand Your Leadership Skills & Rotary Knowledge

Would you like to sharpen your leadership skills and learn more about Rotary at the same time? Then Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) may be for you. Each of the three RLI courses focuses on a different set of leadership skills and Rotary programs and practices. They are facilitated by Rotarians trained in participatory learning techniques and the curriculum is updated frequently.

Rotary Leadership Institute Sessions I, II, and III will be held on Saturday, May 13, 2017, 8:00am-3:30pm at the Holiday Inn Strongsville, 15471 Royalton Road. Session I topics include Insights into Leadership, My Rotary World, Engaging Members, Our Foundation, Ethics – Vocational Service, and Service Projects. Any members who have already attended Session I should attend Session II. Session II topics include Strategic Planning and Analysis, Team Building, Club Communication, Targeted Service, and Attracting Members. Those that have attended both Sessions I and II should attend Ses-

sion III. Session III topics include Rotary Opportunities, Effective Leadership, International Service, Public Image and Public Relations, Building a Stronger Club, Making a Difference. Sessions must be attended in order and only one session can be attended on this training date.

The cost of each Session, which includes Continental breakfast, lunch, and participant materials, is \$75 however District Governor Jim McKee has arranged for \$25 of the cost to be covered by the District. Your club may cover the remainder. Registration is now open via our District 6630 website, www.rotarydistrict6630.org under Upcoming Events on the left of the home page. Registration closes on May 5th, but register early as seating is limited.

Questions can be directed to District RLI Co-Chair, PDG Julie West, at jwest@ameritech.net or 216-392-6771.

Youth Exch'g Update

Former exchange student Franziska Erwentraut from Germany is presently working on a Master's in Marketing in Germany. She visited Medina in early March.

Former exchange student Pierre Prevert is working on farms in South America after graduating from college. He will visit Medina in August.



Moritz Rittstiegl (pictured above) from Wilhelmshaven Germany visited Medina in February with his wife Ulla, and 3 1/2 year old Ferdinand and 1 1/2 year old Charlotte. The Bob Baisch family hosted him 19 years ago. He graduated from Medina High School in 1998. In Germany he received his PHD in Mechanical Engineering and is now working as a consultant for a company in Chicago.

News From TRC Berea

Outfitted in Indians gear, Berea Rotarians were primed for the upcoming season by Jeff Stocker, senior manager of ticket sales for the Tribe.

Stocker admitted that "baseball is my life. Without baseball, I might not be here," he said. Turns out his parents met at a baseball game where his grandfather was a coach. He also got his job through a baseball connection



– Rotarian Steve Warren, husband of PDG Cheryl Warren. Steve is with Fox Sports.

As Stocker starts his 16th year with the Indians, he and the organization sense "lots of excitement for the past



and for what's in the future." He recounted last season where the Indians almost won the World Series despite major injuries. "We fell short by one inning, one run, one game," he said. "The goal this year, as it is every year is the World Series."

"We have a core of young players who have developed into super

stars," he said. Add to that the acquisition of Edward Encarnacion and the prospects look pretty good. He hit 42 homeruns, 127 RBI for Toronto last year and was the biggest free agent on the market.

Manager Terry Francona is also a major factor, Stocker said. "He is a player's manager," he said. Francona was named Manager of the Year and Chris Antonetti was named Sports Executive of the Year. Stocker also credits the Dolan Family for the team's success. "Every penny earned has gone back on the field," Stocker said. The \$122 million team payroll is the highest it's ever been.

The fans are ready. Opening Day tickets sold out in three minutes.

Stocker handed out game schedules. A drawing for an autographed photo of All-Star pitcher Corey Kluber was won by Marsha Pappalardo of the Brunswick Club.

News From Port Summit

On March 4th, members of the Port-Summit Rotary Club attended the Foundation Gala at Hale Farm and Village. The evening was filled with



food, fun and fellowship...and some wonderful period costumes! We were so pleased our club was presented with a few awards that evening, among which were the "100% Sustaining Club" and the "US \$100 Average Giving : 100% Member Participation". We were also so thrilled to see Christina Dinklocker being recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow during the evening ceremony.

On To Atlanta! Have You Registered Yet?

All District 6630 Rotarian's please join over 80 Rotarians from District 6630 and over 30,000 Rotarians and friends of Rotarians in Atlanta in June of this year. You will have the unique opportunity to:

- Hear Bill Gates, Co Chair of the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation who have been a great supporter of the Rotary Foundation
- Participate at the Coke Party for Zones 28-29
- Join the candlelight vigil to end slavery and human trafficking
- Attend a number of informative Rotary Breakout session on topics that will help your club

REGISTER BEFORE THE COST GOES UP: on April 1 the cost of registration will INCREASE from \$ 415 to \$ 490. For further information please feel free to contact ON TO ATLANTA DISTRICT 6630 CHAIR, PDG Jack Young, 440-759-4000 or jack1villa@aol.com.

Congratulations New Paul Harris Society Members

From the Desk of:

Jim Lechko
Paul Harris Society (PHS) Chair
Rotary International
District 6630

Congratulations to our news Paul Harris Society Members:

John Graves	Nordonia Hills
Paul Ertel	Cleveland
Matt Daugherty	Lkwd/ RR
Doug Cooper	Doug Cooper

Thank you so much for your generosity and commitment to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

If you don't already know, a combination of cash contributions to The Rotary Foundation (Annual Fund and/or Polio Plus) and/or PHF points equaling \$1,000/1,000 makes you a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF). Achieving the next level of \$1,000/1000 cash contributions or points puts you in the Multiple PHF category. At \$10,000 in cash contributions you will have achieved Major Donor Level 1 status with many more levels above that up to and including Arch Klumph Society status at \$250,000.

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

Consider joining me and a number of other fellow Rotarians in District 6630 in the fairly new Paul Harris Society. The only requirement to be a member of this distinguished group of Rotarians is to make a commitment of \$1,000 annually to the TRF Annual Fund and/or Polio Plus. **Many of you have already made that commitment of \$1,000 per year but have not officially joined the club (PHS). Let me know if this describes you and we will get you enrolled.**

Contributions to the TRF Annual Fund make their way back to District 6630 to fund the projects our clubs do through the District Grant and Global Grant process. Contributions toward the Polio Plus effort will assist Rotary in its' biggest effort ever in the eradication of Polio worldwide.

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

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

Jim Lechko
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RYE Winter Overnight

**RYE Winter Overnight
February 18 & 19, 2016**

Billed as time to get to know one another better, learn about other cultures and use other languages, play games and have fun, the Akron Rotary Camp was the gathering place Feb. 18 and 19 for the 2017 Game Overnight for District 6630's Rotary Youth Exchange students, Inbound and Outbound. Smiles broke out and hugs abounded as students exchanged greetings: Louis Fricke (RC Lakewood-Rocky River) and Louis Nonte (RC of Hiram-Garrettsville) from Germany; Gustavo Meireles



(RCs of Cuyahoga Falls-Northampton) and Stella Fagotti Miranda de Paiva (RC of Medina) from Brazil; Zack Chien (RC of Chesterland) from Taiwan; Jan Dolkowski (RC of Hudson) from Poland; Monica Fujiwara (RC of Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise) from Japan, Margot Dussauge (RC of Strongsville) from France and Sky Chen (RC of Akron) from Taiwan. In addition to the Inbound student, Katie Pelligrino (RC of Cuyahoga Falls) came as RYE ambassador after a wonderful year learning language and culture in Belgium. Long term Outbound candidates enjoying the international camaraderie were Kevin Cush, Shania Gutierrez, Gabrielle Meimee, Drew Vargo, and Elizabeth Whetstone. Short term Outbound candidates Jacob Angus, Kaylee McKee, Cameron Gable, Daniel Negowski, and Ashley Foster were also part of the weekend crowd. Two days of activities and festivities to close cultural gaps kept these international students engaged. Missing from the Inbound group was Natalia Guimaraes Roncholeta (RC of Aurora) who was traveling.

The Rotarians responsible for the

RYE weekend included Susan Colville-Hall, Brian Chima, Leslie Tier-



ney, Bob Heydorn, Sheila Hedrick, Patrick Kelley, Bob Large and Judy Stull. A huge thank you goes to Leslie Tierney for a most delicious lasagna dinner and sumptuous breakfast. Susan Colville-Hall planned the schedule and carried our instruction on culture and language. Brian Chima led students in a variety of fun activities, including the Sunday morning hike. Bob Heydorn, Sheila Hedrick, Patrick Kelley, Bob Huge and Judy Stull were responsible for the orientation of the Outbound students.



To break the ice, everyone had to get information about others by asking specific questions and completing a worksheet with all the activities and items that various people liked or did. Another opportunity to find out about others came as students sat in a circle on the floor in the Great Hall, answering questions that corresponded to the inquiry associated with the color drawn from a bowl of Skittles.

Language learning groups formed as Inbounders assisted Outbounders in the practice the language of their

destination country. Causal conversation topics such as "Getting to know me" and "What I like" were the focus of this session. The intention was to help students learn ways to ask their hosts about routines. Another benefit was to discuss ways to learn the language better—intensify with more practice!! Inbounders also shared with Outbounders some new cultural concepts of the host culture, such as how to greet someone and what to expect when in the family setting.



As the afternoon progressed, students compared the maps of the world they drew with one drawn by a student from another country to analyze the similarities and differences. Finding that the continent they drew first and that most resembled an actual continent was the one in which their own country was located and that their country usually was in the center of the drawing, they could identify this experience as an ethnocentric one. They compared a Mercator map with a Dymaxion version. The size of North America was surprisingly different – much, much bigger on the Mercator map. An interesting discussion followed with students drawing conclusions about the cultural baggage we have acquired and carry when we travel abroad.

Following a wonderful meal, exchange students gathered outside by the lake really to relax and talk the evening away. Campfire and roasted marshmallows - what a perfect way to end a fun-filled day, unless it is there is the opportunity for a ping-pong challenge. Who exited champion? Bob Heydorn, of course.

RYE Overnight cont'd

After a sumptuous breakfast prepared by Chef Leslie Tierney, Brian Chima invited students to answer some quirky questions during the morning walk around Rex Lake.

Back in the Great Hall, more serious culture learning took place: Wookies & Wahoos: A role play about a visit from a foreigner. Students worked in groups first to create a hypothetical culture and, then, to host someone



from another visiting culture. Based on the simulation game, Bafá Bafá, the game presented challenges to students and terminated with various interpretations of what it is required to adapt to a different cultural setting.

The final task for the Inbounders was to read their own notes on goals set in December and to ask: "How well have I done in meeting the goals I set?" Students analyzed how well they had met each goal: language, academic, social or cultural and then were asked to set new goals for April in each of the three categories.

The morning ended with clean up assignments, lunch and departure. Inbound students were picked up by host parents and said their sad good-byes to their international friends. Outbound students stayed for the afternoon Outbound Student Orientation conducted by Pat Kelley, Outbound Chair for the district.