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District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

This Rotary year is fast drawing to a close. Late spring and the annual District Conference is really the "Fall" of the Rotary year so it's time to start preparing for the new year. District Governor Elect Mike Davanzo has been working at his usual steady but organized pace to develop great training opportunities for his incoming Presidents Elect for the 2014/2015 year. Mike's development of a District Administration transition plan has made all of us work closer together and as a direct consequence, we and the district have all benefited from this project.

I cannot tell you how quickly my year seems to have evaporated and disappeared. I can never remember any activity or project in my life having gone so quickly. It has been incredibly busy but sooooo... rewarding! I have a strong sense that we have stabilized some of the parts of our district and better organized others; all so we can be more productive in the future. I believe membership has begun an actual trend towards increasing. I will be thrilled when our VTT in conjunction with Gift-of-Life-Akron Children's Hospital and St. Damiens Hospital in Haiti begins to train the Haitian medical and administrative staffs to perform their pediatric heart surgeries at their own facility in Haiti! We will have made an immeasurable difference in many young children's lives. Your "End Polio Now" donations have been incredible. As was an-

nounced at the District Conference, Our district is on track to donate over \$100,000. Towards polio eradication this year. These funds will eventually access a 2 to 1 match from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of over \$320,000. raised from District 6630. We should all be proud of this accomplishment. The three polio challenge winners from World Polio Day last October 24th. were:

LARGE CLUBS - RC OF CLEVELAND

MEDIUM CLUBS - RC OF CHARDON

SMALL CLUBS - RC OF MANTUA

Our last big remaining challenge this year is to reach our goal in annual giving to the foundation. We have lagged a little behind in contributions this year; I feel; because of your generosity to the other challenges that arose. There were several large ones: The disaster in the Philippines and our Shelter Box response. The world polio day challenge and your incredible support. Requests for support of the VTT project in Haiti. The disastrous fire in Garrettsville and our request for funds to do a matching grant pro-

ject as part of their rebuilding efforts. We raised over \$2100. in donations at the District Conference for their cause. So it is time to concentrate on our yearly annual fund. I know my own home club of Burton-Middlefield was later than usual in sending in our EREY and annual fund money this year due to the aforementioned other challenges. But we did step up (as I know you will) and make our club a 100% EREY membership contributor and \$100. per capita giving. These are the funds that will come back to us in three years and allow us to do more of our fantastic matching grant projects.

My wife Cindy and I are off to Australia at the end of the month but will definitely return in time to turn the reigns over to new DG Mike on July 1.

Please - Save the Date

Greetings to All:

This is just a note to ask you to save the date for the Banner Exchange. Every year the district changes leadership. This change is formalized at the traditional banner exchange.

The banner exchange this year (passing the banner from Gov. Bob Johnson to Mike Davanzo) will be on Sunday, July 13 at 2pm. The location will be the A.J. Root Company in Medina.

The is a nominal charge of \$15 to cover food (appetizers) and beverages.

The event consists of a social time and then a short ceremony. It should be over by 4 PM.

As usual, the list of Rotarians invited to this event are the PDGs, AGs, District Chairs and Officers, and the club presidents for 2014-15. The clubs of Burton Middlefield and Medina Cluster are also invited to attend.

An invitation will be sent before the event.

I hope to see you there as we kick off a new Rotary year and new Rotary Theme.

Mike

Interested in a Water Project for Your Club or Cluster?

For those of you lucky enough to have seen the presentation by Erin Huber at the District Conference last month please keep her drinking water projects that she has done in Africa in mind. Erin is the director of a non-profit that, to date, has provided fresh drinking water to schools and community residents in rural Africa who have been accustomed to carrying water everyday up to 4 miles! She is truly a "one-man-army" and could use

Rotary's support in some way. If your club (or cluster) has a thirst for water projects (very bad, I know) I urge you to contact Erin to have her put on one of her presentations or discuss her work with you. She can be contacted at:

Erin Huber - Executive Director
www.DrinkLocalDrinkTap.com
440-381-6430
P. O. Box 771409
Lakewood, OH 44107

Rotary/Armed Forces Pin

By: Mike Davanzo, District Governor 2014-15 and Jack A. Young, PDG/Council of Governors Chair 2014-15

After discussion with DGE Mike and the Public Image Committee, we would like to have honored our Rotary Veterans during the first half of Mike's year as District Governor. In doing so, we would like all Rotary Clubs in our district to the following.

1. Obtain the names and number of Rotary Military Veterans in your respective club.

2. By June 15, 2014 please send the names and number of Veterans to PDG Jack Young, so that the special pin can be ordered as a group.

3. By June 30, 2014, each club please send a check for the special Rotary/Veterans pin to Jack. Checks can be made out to Russell Hampton Service Awards for the total amount. (The cost to clubs for each pin is \$ 3.00 with the district paying the amount for the difference and postage.)

4. During for first quarter of DG Mike's year, the pins will be presented by Mike, the Assistant Governor of each cluster or designated club Rotarian by Mike on his behalf.



5. When the presentation is made at the club, please make sure you submit to the local news media the information about your club and what you are doing

to recognize Rotarians/Military Veterans.

NOTE: IF YOU WISH YOU CAN ORDER PINS FOR DECEASED ROTARIAN/MILITARY VETERANS TO BE GIVEN TO THEIR FAMILY MEMBER. That decision is up to your club. Just let Jack Young know who they are.

This will be a special way in which Rotary can honor our Rotary Veterans and thank them for their service to our country. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young (440-759-4000 or at Jack1villa@aol.com. Jack A. Young
3303 Twain Circle
Brunswick, Ohio. 44212

TRC Parma Fishing Expedition

On Tuesday, May 13, 2014 the Rotary Club of Parma hosted 45 special children to a morning of fishing and a picnic lunch at the Pine Hills Golf Course in Hinckley, Ohio. Leading up to the Tuesday event the weather was a concern - - - the weather the night before, Monday, May 12th was terrible with tornado warnings and severe thunderstorms. The result on Monday morning was a beautiful Tuesday morning with concerns over flooding; many of the roads leading to the golf course were closed due to flooding! With a leap of faith the event stayed on schedule and at 10:00 Tuesday morning the buses from the Parma City Schools brought 45 physically challenged children to the Pine Hills Golf Course for a great morning of fishing. Everything was ready, including the fish - - - they were really biting! With a host of volunteers and helpers from the school the children were transported down to the fishing pond where the fishing poles were ready for action. Immediately the fish did not disappoint and screams of delight were heard as bass, crappie, sun fish were pulled up from the pond. For some of the children present this was the first time they held a fishing

pole and caught a fish, everyone had a great time!

Following fishing the kids were transported back up via golf carts to the cart barn where a lunch of hot dogs, hamburgers, chips and soft drinks were waiting. After devouring lunch the happy group bid goodbye and climbed back on to the school buses for the trip back to school. A beautiful day of fishing, lots of fun and memories and a great feeling for all involved! Parma Rotary has proudly hosted the special children from the physically challenged program at the Parma City Schools for more than 30 years and this year may have been the best yet!

Tim Graydon

Rotary Club of Parma

Record Number of ShoeBoxes Planned

Due to the overwhelming response of Rotary Clubs in District 6630, another 100 Shoe Boxes were ordered to support the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. This brings the total of Shoe boxes to be given at Christmas 2014 to 550 Boxes.

A special thank you is given to all Rotary Clubs, Interact

Clubs and others who support the unique opportunity to serve those less fortunate in the world. This is the largest number of shoe boxes to be sent to Nicaragua in a number of years. All shoe boxes are to be returned by August 15 in order to meet the timing of the shipping requirements to Nicaragua.

Growth and Retention Committee

We are pleased to announce that we formed a Growth and Retention Committee for the 2014 -2015 Rotary year. It is a privilege to serve as chair of this committee as well as an honor to lead the District as its Chair. I'm excited and look forward to interacting with all of you to achieve our net growth goals for the year.

Prior to sharing with you our goal, I would like to thank and recognize Al Conners for his previous service as District Membership Chair and most recently, Co - chair. Al has been the catalyst in putting together several membership seminars which benefited the district during the last few years. In addition, Al has been my mentor, my go to person and has always been available ...even when he is in Florida!

Since I have only been a Rotarian for 4 years, he has been a great resource for me and reduced my learning curve on the responsibilities of the chair.

Al, my sincere thanks you for all of your support!

Growth and Retention Committee members:

- Lance Chima - Akron
- Jack Miaskowski-Strongsville
- Kathy Berkshire-Rocky River
- Sheila Hedrick - Akron
- Mike Davanzo - Medina
- Tony Corrao -Hillcrest, SR - District Chair

The purpose of the committee will be to develop and offer all clubs two strategies that will

assist them in both Growth and Retention. The Growth strategy has been finalized and the Retention strategy is in process. Implementation of these action plans will be easy, fun and provide a simple process for all clubs on how to identify and approach prospective members.

Shortly, the above committee members will be teamed up with Assistant Governor's and will meet with them on a regional basis. They will exchange ideas on how to best introduce and promote these strategies to their cluster.

Our Goal: To have District 6630 lead Zone 29 in net growth ending June 30, 2015.

We have an opportunity to lead the zone... Just imagine when the numbers are finalized in 2015, we are #1 in net growth out of 30 districts! My hope is for all of us to be committed to this goal and have fun doing so. Let us embrace this challenge and let us also choose the high road of achievement.

As Zig Ziglar would say...I'll see you at the top!

Kind regards,
Tony Corrao
District Growth and Retention Chair

Setting Membership Goals

Joe Rodgers, recently installed Assistant Governor for Ashtabula County Rotary Clubs, touts the creation of membership goals based on "Net New Members" rather than "new members". This recognizes that most clubs experience member turnover during the Rotary Year and that for a club to grow, new member inductions must exceed the turnover loss. The concept is sound and one that

forces consideration of existing member retention.

The concept

will soon be evident to all Rotary Clubs. Come July 1, club secretaries will be involved with the preparation of semi-annual reports, or SARs. These reports document the names and addresses of club members and must be accompanied by a check covering 6 months Rotary International dues and a few other items such as "The Rotarian" subscription, etc. At this time, the club knows how many members have been lost because of death or relocation to another community. Unknown until the dues invoices go out to the membership is the additional members lost because of illness, or lack of interest. In short, a club of 40 may have achieved a new member goal

of 5 only to find that the dues paying membership has dropped to 39. The membership goal of 5 was achieved, the net membership increase was -1. It's obvious that we cannot control members lost to death and relocation. We can, however, control the members lost because of disinterest or the old bugaboo "in the front door and out the back door". We can also measure the loss of members and predict what future losses will be. If our records indicate we will lose 6 members at dues paying time, a new member goal of 5 is not the way to go.

There are a number of ways to measure member satisfaction with our clubs. These include member surveys etc. One that we should certainly use is the interviewing of former members who dropped their affiliations with our club.

If used properly, this can identify retention issues within our membership and help us reduce existing member losses. Another technique used to reduce these losses is to identify members who are not attending club meetings or participating in projects and assigning a friend of that individual to help identify the problem and hopefully prevent that person from leaving our club. There is usually a "message" concealed in a retention problem ; if we ignore that message, we put our club at risk.

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Singing Angels

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Singing Angels is celebrating its 50th anniversary, and 40 young people from Northeast Ohio are heading abroad to an international choral celebration in Geneva, Switzerland, July 3-9.

The singers traveling "To Geneva, With Love" will be in concert June 19 at 7:30 p.m. at the Rocky River High School auditorium, 20951 Detroit Road.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, the concert will kick off the Angels' 2014 tour. Proceeds from the event will benefit the club's community grants program.

Advance tickets are available through the club's website, www.lakewoodrockyriver.org, for \$10.00. Tickets at the door the night of the concert will be \$12.00.

Charles Eversole, Singing Angels artistic director, is a member of the Lakewood-Rocky River club.

Earlier this year, Friendship Ambassadors Foundation invited the Angels to perform at its international choral celebration, "The Rhythms of One World 2014."

The Singing Angels is one of seven choirs from six continents invited to sing at the festival. Signal Hill Alumni Choir

(Trinidad & Tobago), Echology of the University of Newcastle (Australia), County Town Singers (Canada), Voices International (Luxembourg), Coro Universitario de Mendoza (Argentina), and Kearsney College Choir (South Africa) will also be attending.

Since its debut in 1964, the Singing Angels have performed in 34 countries, been featured on national and international television, performed four times at the White House, three times at the Vatican, and has appeared in concert with a host of stars including Celine Dion, Bob Hope, Kenny Rogers, Roberta Flack, the Cleveland Orchestra, and others.

Geneva is the home of the United Nations in Europe. The festival celebrates the June 26, 1946, signing of the original UN Charter, "We the Peoples." Two mass choral concert performances will be staged - July 6 at Victoria Hall and July 8 at Palais des Nations, uniting the participants through a musical sharing - a true hallmark of FAF's 'peace through the arts' program.

Other featured concerts will take place in prestigious venues throughout Geneva. In addition, workshops open to the public will be led by internationally-recognized choir directors.

Polio Challenge Winners

At the District Conference, Governor Bob Johnson announced the three winners of his polio challenge that began back on October 24th, World Polio Day. The three clubs that won in each of their size categories were, the RC of Cleveland for large clubs, the RC of Chardon for medium size clubs and the RC of Mantua for small clubs. Together with these three winners, all clubs in the district contributed well over \$100,000. To End Polio Now; an incredible effort. To make it even more impressive, this money will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of more than \$300,000 from the clubs in district 6630. Incredibly generous giving like this will help to push us over the top and hopefully, in the near future, make polio a thing of the past. Thanks to everyone who stepped up to the challenge.

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District Awards Event

On Saturday, June 28th. District 6630 will hold its annual awards ceremony at Geauga County's Big Creek Park north of Chardon. The event will be held at the Aspen Grove picnic shelter adjacent to the parking lot for the Donald W. Meyer Center (where we will be in case of rain). The address for the Meyer Center is: 9160 Robinson Rd. Chardon, OH 44024. If you are coming from the south or west arrive at the Chardon Square on Rt. 44. Go north off the square on North St. (go figure!) and (Ravenna Rd.) about 1.8 miles to Woodin Rd. Turn right .7 mi. to Robinson Rd. Turn left and follow signs to Big Creek Park and Meyer Center. From the North or East exit I-90 at Rt.44. Go south 4 miles to Hosford Rd. Turn left and go .7 mi. to Ravenna Rd. Turn right and go .6 mi. to Woodin Rd. and turn left. Go .7 mi. to Robinson Rd. Turn left and follow signs to Big Creek Park and Meyer Center. Event starting time 1:00PM. snacks and munchies provided

End Polio With The Tribe

END POLIO NOW!!

This is the Theme for the District # 6630 Night out with the Cleveland Indians.

Big night for all—Pre-game parade around the baseball field, fireworks, fun and fellowship! This will include the upper level of the Terrace Club with an all you can eat buffet, game ticket, special guest and much more for \$58.00 per person.

Or if you like, we also have available upper level box seats between home plate and first base for \$22.00. There is no food with these seats, but there will be a free T-shirt and you can be part of the big Pre-game parade.

Click here to see the flyer with all of the details and the ticket order form.

We are planning to have a large group for the Pre-game parade, all wearing your free red T shirt. We have room for 300 in the Terrace club, so get your tickets ordered soon. Use this as one of your special Club outings with friends and family.

In addition, we will have our END POLIO NOW fund raiser by selling raffle tickets for a first pitch at an Indians game, game tickets and an autographed baseball.

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Lkwd/RR Sunrise Sends Dictionaries

By Larry Faulhaber

Following the lead of the Lakewood Rocky River Noon Club, the Sunrise Club wanted to be part of the RI literacy program of distributing dictionaries to third grade students. Since the Noon Club had been covering the Lakewood and Rocky River Schools for some time, it was suggested that the Club look for an area where dictionaries would be needed and appreciated out side the area. Sunrise Club members Jim Rowe and Bill Gaydos made contact with Sister Loretta Spotila of the Sisters of St. Augustine headquartered in the Cleveland area. She is involved with the Interfaith Wellness Ministry in Estill County in Kentucky. For the last five years the Sunrise Club has been sending about 300 dictionaries to the Sister who takes them to third grade students in schools in the area. At a recent Sunrise Club meeting, President Chuck Drumm passed around photos and thank you notes from the students who recently received their books. The members got to see their smiling faces as they held their prized dictionaries.

I Want To Quit Rotary!!

This was current RI President Ron Burton's thought 30 years ago. His attitude stemmed from the fact that he was given nothing to do by his club. He stayed in Rotary because of a "just in time" request that he head the club's Rotary Foundation Committee. Ron's take-this is an important committee and an opportunity to contribute(read Expert Analysis beginning on page 63 of the May issue of "The Rotarian").

Rotary retention problems are highlighted by the 58,000 members lost in the USA during the decade 2003-2013. This begs the question what do you think turns people off about Rotary? Ron advises that we take a look at our club and ask ourselves "would you join today?". If the answer is no, "why not and how would you change it?". This is a question we need to ask ourselves and our members regularly. Are we turning off members because singing is a regular part of our meetings or are we missing an opportunity to enrich those meetings? Are the meeting programs interesting and informative or are they sleep

inducing "ho-hums" ?. Is our meeting time and place the best fit for our current membership or will we hide behind the statement "we've always met there at that time for lunch, etc ". Are we telling the story of our project accomplishments in the media and on our social networking postings ? We cannot be complacent about the need to trumpet our club story and that of Rotary. Listen to your members~new and old. If you believe the old saying "don't fix it if it ain't broke" , you're in for a shock! The retention story in the USA tells us that complacency is a luxury we can't afford. Let's determine why so many of our members are leaving via the back door and develop strategies to shut that door and keep it closed !

"Lifetime Achievement Award"

Don Kwait Receives the "Michael J. Johns Lifetime Achievement Award"

At the 2014 District 6630 District Conference on Friday April 25th., Don Kwait was honored with a 'LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD' by District Governor Bob Johnson and Past Rotary International Director, Mike Johns. Mr. Kwait's long list of accomplishments in the Rotary world impressed everyone in the audience and showed a level of devotion and dedication that few have ever attained.



Mike Johns spoke briefly of Mr. Kwait's accomplishments in helping to eradicate polio in the Philippines in the late 1970s, before Rotary adopted polio eradication as a major corporate effort in 1985. His service at RI headquarters on the Board of Directors and as a Foundation Trustee; along with his service in the district and his club will set Don Kwait apart as a pioneer and a true Rotarian.

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POLIO Headlines 23.05.2014

The 67th World Health Assembly, the WHO's highest decision-making body, is meeting this week in Geneva. The report of the polio eradication programme is scheduled to be discussed on Friday.

On the sidelines of WHA, Bruce Aylward, WHO Assistant Director-General for Polio and Emergencies, discussed polio eradication at the [World Health +SocialGood](#) digital event on Monday.

In a statement published on 13 May, the Government of Pakistan announced that it had initiated implementation of the Temporary Recommendations to reduce the international spread of wild poliovirus as recently issued by WHO. Health facilities across Pakistan are now vaccinating prospective travelers and issuing the required vaccination certificates.

An Extraordinary Technical Advisory Group on Polio convened for the WHO Americas Region has agreed with the objectives of the polio endgame, including the phased removal of oral polio vaccine from the routine immunization schedule.

Global Wild Poliovirus Weekly Update as on – May 21, 2014

Wild Polio Virus case reported in the past week World Wide for 2014: 5 (All from Pakistan)

- No New Case of WPV was reported from Afghanistan
- No New Case of WPV were reported from Nigeria.
- 5 New Case of WPV1 was reported from Pakistan,
- No New Cases of WPV was reported from Somalia
- No New Case of WPV was reported from Kenya
- No New Cases of WPV was reported from Ethiopia
- No New Case of WPV was reported from Cameroon.
- No New Case of WPV in Equatorial Guinea.
- No New Cases of WPV was reported from Syria.

- No New Case of WPV was reported from Iraq.

Total Wild Polio cases reported in 2014 : 82 (compared with 34 in 2013)

OFFICIALLY REPORTED WILD VIRUS CASES ON May 21, 2014 for 2014 in Endemic Countries: 73 (Compared with 32 in 2013)

- Afghanistan: 4 cases in 2014 (compared with 2 for the same period in 2013)
- Nigeria: 3 cases in 2014 (compared with 22 for the same period in 2013)
- Pakistan: 66 cases in 2014 (compared with 8 for the same period in 2013)

OFFICIALLY REPORTED WILD VIRUS CASES ON May 21, 2014 for 2014 in Importation Countries 9 (Compared with 2 in 2013)

- Kenya: 0 case in 2014 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2013)
- Somalia: 0 case in 2014 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2013)
- Chad: 0 case in 2014 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2013)
- Ethiopia: 1 case in 2014 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2013)
- Cameroon: 3 Cases in 2014 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2013)
- Equatorial Guinea: 3 Case in 2014 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2013) new country
- Syrian Arab Republic: 1 Cases in 2014 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2013)
- Iraq: 1 Cases in 2014 (compared with 0 for the same period in 2013)
- Two new cVDPV2 cases were reported in the past week from Damboa LGA, Borno state in Nigeria. The most recent cVDPV2 case had onset of paralysis on 20 April. The total number of cVDPV2 cases is 45 for 2013, and 12 for 2014.

Rotarian Honored for 30 Years of Service

Bert Drennen of the Rotary Club of Conneaut, Ohio was honored at the Spring Commencement Service of Kent State University-Ashtabula for thirty years of community service.

Drennen, Past President of the Conneaut Club and a Paul Harris Fellow, was named the 2013-14 recipient of the Ashtabula Area College Committee, Inc. Community Service Award. He has

served on various boards and committees for the city of Conneaut and at the Ashtabula County level. He is a member and a volunteer for numerous organizations and currently holds committee as-



signments for LEADERShip Ashtabula County and the Rotary Club of Conneaut. He is also a board member for the Conneaut Public Library and a member of the Conneaut Education Foundation. Drennen says "My community service involvement provides me with both social and professional activities while offering me many opportunities for lifetime learning". His wife, Carol, was also recognized at the commencement ceremony for her retirement as the Senior Program Director of the Nursing and Allied Health programs at KSU-Ashtabula.

Grants Deadline Extended

Deadline for District Grants extended

The grants committee has decided it would be in the best interest of the clubs and the district to extend the deadline for submitting a grant application. Please remember before a club is able to submit an inquiry form (the first step), the club must be qualified. That means at least two members of the club had to have attended a grants management seminar this current year and signed both the RI MOU and the MOU addendum for the district. Also, by the end of the Rotary year, June 30, the club would have contributed at least \$25 per capita to the annual fund of our Rotary Foundation.

If you have any questions, please contact a member of the grants committee.

A Great District Conference for 2014

On April 25 & 26 was the 2014 District 6630 District Conference. Hundreds from our 54 Rotary Clubs attended the two day event that began on Friday with a special Leadership Seminar put on by our dynamic guest speaker Michael Angelo Caruso. He then later entertained the guests of the "Rotary Meeting"

Lunch with his antics and member in-



volvement sessions including 90 year old Jack Benish from the Shaker Hts. Club. Master-of-Ceremonies Lance Chima, president of the RC of Akron kept the meeting light and moving along with his humor. Our own Don Kwait from the RC of Chagrin Highlands won a very well deserved Lifetime Achievement Award for his tireless efforts in Rotary service. The yearly District business meeting followed lunch and was run very efficiently by

our own District Executive Secretary Rick Pollak. What is becoming the "Main Event", the Friday afternoon wine tour, was well attended as the word from last year got out. Friday evenings dinner was a rollout and introduction of the Haiti VTT. Drs. Jeff and Ellen Koempf spoke about

their work with child pediatrics and heart conditions and how Rotary and Gift-of-Life are

helping to change lives. Nancy Chartrand, the AG from the Geauga County cluster of clubs, did a fantastic job with her humor and wit carrying the day. Saturday morning started bright and early with 45 minute workshops in groups of four beginning on the hour from 8:00 to 11:00. Many excellent sessions with a tremendous array of presenters on a variety of important and meaningful topics were presented. Jim Berg, our RI Presi-

dent Ron Burton's personal rep from San Antonio, Texas gave a class on the foundation and its relevance to all we do. Erin Huber, a young film documentary maker who won the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club film festival showed both a short and a long version of her film about water and how it

dominates the lives of many Africans. She showed us all how one person can make a difference in the world.

Lunch was the presentation of our A. Z. Baker awards; all 28 of them! Great work by a record number of clubs. John Solich, the president of the Mentor Club acted as Master-of-Ceremonies and gave it his old "professional touch". The pizza lunch was pretty good too. In the afternoon we had

Erin Hubers Water in Africa movie and unfortunately the weather wouldn't give us a break for the much anticipated Corn Hole Tournament run by Bob Oborn. He later made up for it by auctioning of the game board sets at dinner for a total of \$650.!

All donation proceeds (over \$2100.) for the weekend went to Garrettsville recovery efforts. The Saturday Governor's dinner was enjoyable and relaxed and gave me a chance to sell our 2013/2014 year in Rotary to the crowd. I was also honored that my 96 year old mother was able

attend the dinner as my guest of honor. She said she enjoyed it but I was "a little too long winded". Ya gotta love it! I hope you took the time to attend and had a great time. Hope to see even more of you next year at the Doubletree in Independence.



News From TRC Berea

Historian talks about Cleveland Air Races

Air racing got its start in Los Angeles in 1928, aviation historian Bill Meixner told the Rotary Club of Berea on Tuesday, April 29. Cleveland sent a delegation to those races and campaigned to bring the event here. In 1929, Cleveland hosted a 10-day affair with acrobatics, parachute jumps, wing walkers, gliders and even some nighttime aerobatics. At that time, the Cleveland Airport was state-of-the-art with the nation's first-ever air traffic control tower. Charles Lindbergh attended those races as did Jimmy Doolittle and some 100,000 spectators on the field and another 200,000 along the route.

The races continued in Cleveland until World War II interrupted but they got under way again in 1946 with lots of military and modified military aircraft. There were many crashes, Meixner said, "but most were in rural areas - Strongsville, for example, and some were at the airport."

But the one Bereans remember is the tragic crash of Bill Odom's P-51C Mustang into a home on West Street, killing a mother and her infant son. Odom's plane was owned by famous aviator Jacqueline Cochran. Women weren't allowed to fly in pylon races, so she asked Odom to be the pilot. He was an experienced flyer but it was the first time he had navigated a closed course.

Early in the second lap, Odom and pilot Steve Beville, also in a P-51, were almost side by side when they turned Pylon No. 2. Beville headed for 3 but Odom mistakenly headed for 4. When he realized his mistake, he tried to recover but the P-51 inverted and started a nosedive. "There was no chance of recovery," Meixner said.

That was the end of the Cleveland National Air Races.

Rotarian Dale Lange recalled that he watched those races as a child. The family's home was near the crash site. On that day in 1949, his father saw the plane dive and yelled at everyone to "hit the ground." Lange said as the plane hit, debris landed throughout the neighborhood narrowly missing spectators.

Berea Rotary donates to El Salvador project

Heat. No air conditioning. Crowded living conditions. Hard physical labor. Cold showers. That's what 22 Berea-Midpark High School students, faculty and alumni have to look forward to when they make their sixth journey to El Salvador this summer. But the

payback in good will and smiling faces is well worth the trip, says Rick Mack, faculty adviser to the Solidarity Group.

The Solidarity Group hopes to raise \$13,000 - enough to build two homes in the village of San Jose Villanueva. The group works through Epilogos Charities, which selects the site for the homes and the families who will live there. The families traditionally work alongside the volunteers to help with construction.

The Solidarity Group replaces corrugated steel shacks with two-bedroom cement block houses. Roofs and windows are installed by a contractor.

The Rotary Club of Berea presented a check for \$500 to help with the fundraising efforts.

The Solidarity Group will be in El Salvador from July 2-11. Check donations can be made out to Epilogos Charities with Berea-Midpark Solidarity Group on the memo line. Mail to Rick Mack at 264 Wallace Drive, Berea, OH 44017 or to Berea-Midpark High School, c/o Rick Mack, 165 E. Bagley Road, Berea, OH 44017.

Suburbs are the hub for heroin addiction: Cuyahoga County judge

Heroin addiction in Cuyahoga County is at epidemic levels, Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge Michael Astrab told Berea Rotarians on May 20. And its focus is the Cleveland suburbs.

"No suburb is safe," Astrab said. "It is literally everywhere. It is in all the schools, in every city."

For example, in 2013, there were five prosecutions and one death from heroin in Berea; eight arrests and two deaths in Middleburg Heights; 20 arrests in Brook Park; 10 in Parma Heights with one death; 57 in Parma with six deaths.

Most of the users and victims are young people, 18-20 years old, Astrab said, although he did handle one case where a 21-year-old woman who tried to kick the habit was shooting up with her father.

Heroin is a "pleasure-inducer," the judge explained. At the first hit, users feel better than they have their entire lives. Each subsequent hit is an attempt to reach that high again. It never happens.

The journey to addiction starts most often with prescription drugs or marijuana. It escalates to harder, illegal drugs. And since heroin is cheap and readily available, it has become the drug of choice.

Addicts are "masters of deceit," Astrab said. They will take money, valuables and pills from family members and when that source dries up they will steal from strangers. Astrab said he has twice been confronted by would-be thieves in the parking lot of Wal-Mart in Strongsville, where he lives. His advice: Don't confront them. Call 9-1-1. At home, go through the medicine cabinet and dispose of outdated and unwanted prescription medicines, especially pain killers.

"We need to fight this as a community," Astrab said. The courts have diversion programs. MetroHealth Medical Center has Project Dawn to help users beat the habit. But everyone needs to be vigilant, he said. If you see suspicious activity in your neighborhood, if cars are pulling into a driveway at all hours and staying only a few minutes, if strangers are hanging around a nearby house, call the police.

SAVE THE DATE: The Rotary Club of Berea's annual Computer & Electronics Round-up will be Saturday, June 7 - held in conjunction with the Rotaract Club of Baldwin Wallace University. Hours will be 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., or until the truck is full, at Berea-Midpark High School, 165 E. Bagley Road, Berea.

The following items will be accepted: computers, speakers, modems, stereo equipment, video games & systems, microwaves, computer cables, CRT monitors, servers, printers, scanners, fax machines, cameras, DVD players, lithium batteries, camcorders, CD players, computer parts, any phone system, flat screen monitors, keyboards, copiers, cell phones, floppy disks, power supplies, electronic cables, mice, Palm equipment, AC adaptors. NO TVs.

The event is free but donations will be accepted to support Berea Rotary projects.

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To All Club Presidents & Pres Elect

My apologies for any frustrations that have resulted from district communications regarding the established May 15th deadline for submitting Grant Inquiry Forms (or funding applications) for District Grants. We are extending the deadline, and clarifying the requirements/process here.

The deadline has been extended to June 15, 2014.

The first step (after having at least 2 club members attend the Grant Management Seminars) in becoming a qualified club is to submit the signed MOU and the MOU Addendum. These documents require the signatures of the 2014-2015 President and the 2015-2016 President. (In addition, the Addendum requires the signatures of the club members who did attend the GMS in cases where the two primary signors did not attend.)

Once those have been submitted and ap-

proved, the club will be added to the Grants Module (District Website) as qualified, as long as they are current on submission of district dues and RI dues (all clubs are current). This is an essential step as non-qualified clubs do not have the ability to submit.

The other stumbling block that clubs are concerned about is regarding the minimum per capita contributions to TRF. Clubs have until June 30th to meet or exceed that goal.

The actual submission, of the inquiry form, is electronic through the Grants Module of the District Website. Those can be accessed only after becoming qualified. Next year's Club President and those who attended a Grants Management Seminar are able to access the Grants Module and submit an inquiry.

Several clubs have already submitted inquiry forms. THANK YOU! Those are fine, but

may be adjusted/revised in the meantime.

I hope this answers your concerns and clarifies what needs to happen between now and June 15th when we will develop a spending plan for District Grants. Once again, I am attaching the MOU and MOU Addendum as well as a document listing RI Guidelines on Fundability of projects.

Please let me know if you have questions.

Yours in Rotary,

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