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Governor's Letter



Join Leaders



Share Ideas



Take Action

A Time to Celebrate!

REGISTER ONLINE – EARLY REGISTRATION DISCOUNT BY JUNE 19

End of the Year Family Cookout and Fun Day – Recognition and Awards

I want to thank each of you who took time to attend our District Conference of Clubs. **Please view the Conference Newsletter ([click here](#))** for great information and pictures

WHEN AND WHERE ?
 June 28, 2015
 Rustic Hills Country Club
 5399 River Styx Road
 Medina, Ohio 44256

WHAT TIME ?

Golf
 9 holes (tee times 7am to 11am)
 18 holes (tee times 7am to 10 am)
 Prize for lowest score

HOW DO I GET A TEE TIME?

Golfers should call the RHCC at 330-725-4281 and ask for the Pro Shop or if prompted to hit an extension – put in 309. When connected, please indicate that you are with the Rotary 6630 group and would like a tee time.

Swimming

10 am to ??
 Regular pool and small kids pool

Lunch

Buffet open from Noon to 2:30
 Lunch to 3:00

Awards

3:00 to 4:00

WHAT IS THE COST ?

Item	Before	After
	June 19	June 19
Buffet Lunch	\$ 8	\$14
Golf (9 holes)	10	12
Golf (18 holes)	12	15
Cart	5	5
Swimming	1	4
Awards Program Only	0	0

*Sign up for what you want!!
 On the District Web Site*

If weather permits, lunch will be poolside
 Awards will be inside

WHAT SHOULD I WEAR ?
(Country Club Attire)

- Golf Shirts with collar
 Regular pants/shorts (no cutoffs)
- Poolside Swim/Casual Wear
- Awards Casual pants/shorts/skirts/dresses
 Shirts with collars
 No jeans, no cutoffs

Governor's Letter cont'd

WHERE DO I ENTER AND HOW DO I CHECK IN ?

Please enter through the main entrance. Check in and receive a wrist band to allow you to participate in the activities you selected.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITIONS

The District will be recognizing many Rotarians for the service this year and for a number of awards including the AZ Baker and Presidential Citation.

General comments about the year will be in the June newsletter.

Please Note:

The Country Club would like a count by June 19.

MEMBERSHIP

We still have another month to work on our membership numbers. As you know, it is important to bring in members, but also, and, even more important to engage and care for the members that we have.

I am pleased to announce the following new members for the month of April.

Barberton

Jim Sawin

Chardon

Paul Olzak

Garrettsville-Hiram

Adam Jenkins
Michael Keas

Medina Sunrise

Richard Bauman
Jeff Hill
Jeremy Horne

Nordonia Hills

Gary Cook

Parma

Emmanuel Zanoudakis

Solon

Robert Paul

Stow-Munroe Falls

Suzanne Garrett

Strongsville

Brittany Cappy

I would like to give special recognition to the Rotary Club of Akron and Club President **Shon Christy**.

At this point, the RC has a net growth of 15. That is the highest in the district.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

OUR ROTARY FOUNDATION

We are a month away from the end of the year. Please remember our goal that every Rotarian contribute something to our foundation. I know some clubs send in the money at the end of the year and that is fine.

Please consider a way to encourage each member to give something, perhaps use your happy bucks for this purpose.

I thank you for your support and generosity.

Old Friend Visits TRC Burton-Middlefield

On Wednesday evening, April 27th, the RC of Burton-Middlefield received a surprise visit from one of earliest club members and past District Governor, Lloyd Schill. Lloyd and his wife Joan were visiting relatives in the area from their present home in Sun City West, AZ and did a "make up" at our club.

They had not been to our club in about ten years so needless to say it was quite a surprise

and a treat. We often don't notice in our week to week club activities how we change in membership over the years and found it amazing that Lloyd had never met a great many of our present members.



He was DG in 1989-1990 and was the last DG from Burton-Middlefield until Bob Johnson last year in 2013-2014. Lloyd is still an active member of his home club in Sun City.

TRC Cleveland and Little Free Library

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary:

IT WAS THE PERFECT STORM. I was looking for a project for my Rotary Club to sponsor during my year as President. My wife Christine and I saw a huge book donation center at the Rotary International Convention in Sydney. How cool to donate books to children who don't have any books of their own. Christine shared her involvement with Little Free Library (LFL) in Shaker Heights, but the LFL representative recommended not working on a new inner city project because of lack of support in keeping the library boxes filled, poor construction generally led to abandoning LFL and how would we get the hundreds of books needed to maintain and support the project?

Enter a handful of passionate people that helped light up this Rotary project. Gus Zettl, husband of Fran Zettl, has a woodworking shop in his barn but was having health issues. I mentioned I was all thumbs in shop class and Gus adopted this project, engineered and rebuilt the Rotary Club of Cleveland's Little Free Library several times until he completed his masterpiece.

Carrie Neville aroused the philanthropic passions of her Cleveland State Athletic Department staff and organized a book donation plan that yielded 2000 donated books to the project.

Lisa Holly picked up those books and delivered them, free of charge, to the LFL in a Berea Moving and Storage Van. Additionally, over the last few months several Rotarians had also donated or

bought books to give to kids in need.

We needed a sponsor to adopt this project and Abby Dohanos delivered. We installed our library within Tri-C's Metro campus where students with both homework to do and kids to watch, could let their charges pick out a book to keep them occupied during study hours, or take home to read or keep, or both.

The Executive Committee and Board of Trustees of the Rotary Club of Cleveland encouraged me all through the process and my wife, Christine, introduced me to Judy Payne, Cleveland Little Free Library chair, both of whom gave me support and insight into this endeavor.

My books in my library are very important to me. For young people to have a chance to select and keep a book of their own fed that passion and helped improve literacy in our city. Thank you to all of my fellow Rotarians and their family members and friends that helped me get this awesome project started.

I hope our club can place other Little Free Libraries in the Cleveland area in the weeks to come.

Paul B. Qua

2014-2015 President

Rotary Club of Cleveland

Strongsville Duck Race & KidsFest Free Family Fun

With eager anticipation, kids and parents line the banks of the Rocky River, awaiting the arrival of a waddling yellow wave of rubber ducks who aggressively jockey for position as they approach the finish line.

The annual Strongsville Duck Race is the culmination of a daylong free festival of family friendly fun and interactive

learning at KidsFest. The 3rd annual Pat Catan's KidsFest and Duck Race, organized by the Rotary Club of

Strongsville, will be held on Saturday, June 6, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the Cleveland Metroparks Chalet Recreation Area.

KidsFest is Rotary's way of providing kids of the community with a full day of fun and safe activities, like pony rides, face painting, inflatables and the chance to see and touch army trucks, fire engines and monster trucks. Food and refreshments will be available.

KidsFest, which drew more than 3,000 attendees last year, is free to all, but raffle tickets will be available to win a wagon full of toys. And, those who want a chance to win \$1,500 can adopt ducks to enter into the race.

The cost is \$10 per duck, or \$20 for a flock of three. Parents of the first three ducks to swim across the finish line will win \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$500. The ducks will be dropped into the Rocky River, about a half-mile upstream from the entrance of The Chalet. It takes about 20 minutes for them to swim home.

Ducks can be adopted at the event, or online in advance of the race.

Proceeds from the duck sales will be donated to the Cleveland Metroparks for the restoration of the Wintergreen Cabin, at Fair and Albion roads. The cabin, which once was extensively used by scouts and other groups, fell into disrepair and was being considered for demolition. In April, the Strongsville Rotary presented a check for almost \$15,000 to the Metroparks, representing the proceeds of the 2013 and 2014 Duck Race.

"Thankfully, the Strongsville Rotary partnered with the Cleveland Metroparks and adopted the cabin as a renovation project," said Joseph Roszak, chief operating officer of the Cleveland Metroparks. "A fund has now been established and repairs have started. Our goal is to make the facility usable again this summer and complete the final stages of the project by summer 2016. What was once abandoned will now be given back to the community as an asset to be used for a variety of rental uses."

Parking will not be available onsite at The Chalet, but handicapped accessible shuttles will be running continuously between The Chalet and the Pearl Road entrance to the Ohio Turnpike -just a few minutes away.

Sponsorship opportunities are available for the event, and Rotary is also seeking organizations that would like to sell ducks for fundraising. To adopt your ducks, or to get more information about KidsFest and the Strongsville Duck Race, you can visit StrongsvilleDuckRace.com.

****EDITOR'S NOTE****
BE SURE TO MOVE YOUR CURSOR OVER THE GRAPHICS OR PICTURES FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT... MANY OF THEM ARE LINKS TO VIDEOS, WEBSITES, PICTURES OR OTHER GOODIES

TRC Cleveland East Turns 94

"The Rotary Club of Cleveland East welcomed fellow Rotarians and honored guests to our 94th Birthday Party as we proudly celebrated 94 years of Service Above Self," said club president Yolanda Burt.



Jack Young, Rotary Ohio District 6630 Vice-Governor, recognized the Rotary Club of Cleveland East as role models for young people, families and professionals. He thanked them for being visible examples of Service, Commitment and Leadership, and congratulated them for building sustainable community partnerships. "You are part of 1.2 million Rotarians world-wide who make a difference in the lives of the people in our community and beyond through your time, talents and treasure. Happy Birthday Rotary Club of Cleveland East!"

Medina Clubs & Memorial Day

"Memorial Day is a federal holiday in the United States for remembering all the brave men and woman who gave their lives while serving in the country's armed forces," stated Jack Young, a Veteran and Past Rotary District Governor. "This holiday, which is observed every year on the last Monday of May, originated as Decoration Day after the American Civil War in 1868." Today, the Rotary Clubs serving Medina County, including Brunswick,



News From Hudson Clocktower

The Rotary Club of Hudson Clocktower has two floats in every Memorial Day parade, since 2007. Leadership Hudson project was to erect a memorial at Markalillie cemetery in Hudson to honor service men killed in war and the club made a replica. The banners on that float- list the names of these persons as well as display rotary name on back. We store these in a



member of our club (Angus McArn) barn. Rotarians Angus, Gerry Sawyer, Pat Myers, Jim Knauf, Jim Phipps, Ted Olson, Phil Leiter, and John Laird, assemble, reassemble, ride in and disassemble and store again. We have various members of service riding and walking. One man on this years float -Bill Butler- is 90 and blind, and a great person.

Medina and Medina Sunrise, proudly march in the Medina Memorial Day Parade to honor all Americans who died while in military service. Their ultimate sacrifice will never be forgotten. They gave their lives for Freedom.

Update From Distr Fndn Chair

100% of District Grant money used in the 2014-15 Rotary year!!!

I am excited to report 100% of our funds allocated to District Grants (\$39,399) have been used by clubs in District 6630 for the betterment of the communities we live and work in. 15 clubs participated in the District Grants this year.

By the time this publication is in your hands, your club should have already submitted its District Grant Inquiry on ClubRunner if it wants to participate in a District Grant for the 2015-16 Rotary year.

Participation in the Grant process requires 2 members attend a Grant Management Seminar, an average of \$25 per capita giving in your club to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund, being current on Rotary International and District dues and being current on reporting for any outstanding grants.

The Rotary Foundation (TRF) giving update:

We have seen significant increases in giving to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and Polio the last few years. Our Annual Funds giving has been more than \$195,000 the last two years and our giving to Polio eradication has been over \$132,000 the last two years. Through April we are at \$130,588 and \$93,123 respectively.

Many clubs send their contributions in at the end of the year and we anxiously await them. Be sure to have your contributions in before June 30th in order to have them credited to this Rotary year.

Interesting Statistics:

District 6630 has the following:

3,295 all-time Paul Harris Fellows

144 Benefactors (committed \$1,000 or more in their estate planning to TRF)

30 Bequest Society members (committed \$10,000 or more in their estate planning to TRF)

32 Major Donors (\$10,000 or more in contributions to TRF)

28 Paul Harris Society Members (committed \$1,000 annually to the Annual Fund/Polio)

Jim Lechko
Foundation Chair
Rotary District 6630

Rotary Club Adopts a Highway

In April, the Garrettsville- Hiram Rotary was joined by two troops of Boy Scouts (4262 of Garrettsville and 65 of Nelson) and James A Garfield High School Interact club to make spring cleanup along State Route 82 between our two towns a success. With nearly 50 people helping



cleanup all the winter debris, the event went smoothly, and our program of spring and fall cleanups continues to be one of the best “helping hands” in the state according to ODOT. We encourage all clubs to form a group, and “adopt a highway” as a service project to keep involved with local service organizations.



TRC Rocky River Sets the Bar Pretty High

Kanchan Adhikary Rotarian and club Treasurer of the Lakewood Rocky River noon club talks about their donation to Nepal. The club members and the Rotary Club have committed over \$10,000 to Nepal relief effort to Shelter Box.



News From TRC Strongsville

DID YOU OR DID YOU NOT ATTEND THE DISTRICT CONFERENCE ??? We just completed a very successful District 6630 Conference! YOU MAY HAVE CHEATED YOURSELF AND YOUR Club if you didn't attend Friday or Saturday. There was a lot to learn and you could have made a contribution by sharing some of your view points. I know we are all so busy we can't find time for something like this. Make some time next year to attend one of two of the sessions and then run back to your Club and Share it!

There were opportunities to share the good and bad things about your Club. Large and small Clubs had this great opportunity to share that information with the Clubs in our District. Do yourself a favor and find someone who attended the Conference and ask them what they learned new about Rotary.

I've been around for 19 years and still came back with new information. How about the excitement of being around the students both Incoming and Out Going! Have you ever heard the students doing the Four Way Test? The winners were Outstanding! Get a copy of the winning speech and you will find a valuable lesson about the good and bad of the Internet!

There were plenty of things to do away from the meeting so you could work on your people skills. A visit to the Races, to Lakeview Historical Cemetery, and Cooking sessions to name a few. I wasn't able to stay for the entire Conference but the time I spent was well worth it. There is so

much more to Rotary than the weekly meetings and the Conference is a great place to gain that knowledge.

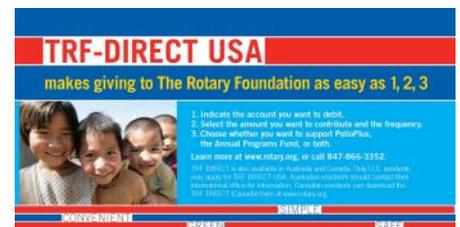
Here in Strongsville we are working on the 3rd Annual Duck Race & Kids Fare to be held on June 6th 2015 at the Cleveland Metroparks Chalet. This is a Fun Fest for Kids and it is all free except for the food. We will have Pony Rides, Face Painting, Touch a Truck, Inflatables, and explore the Cleveland Metroparks Nature Tracks.

The Ducks will go into the Rocky River at 2 PM so go adopt a Duck or A Flock and you can win 1 of 10 money prizes. Did I mention these are Rubber Ducks All parking is at the RTA Lot on Pearl and we will transport you to the event? This is a City wide event and is a great example of different groups working together for a worthy cause. Some of the proceeds will go to refurbish the Wintergreen Cabin in the Metro-park. The rest will go to other Rotary projects.

Have your Club look at some type of activity that involves Kids. This event has grown each year and it is only because we geared it to family fun! Join us and bring the grand-kids or your own!

REMEMBER there are still 6 weeks to get some new members for your Club. Challenge your Club or yourself to get one more member before the end of this Rotary year. GOOD PEOPLE ARE OUT THERE.

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Miaskowski
Rotary Club of Strongsville



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3. Choose whether you want to support PolioPlus, The Annual Programs Fund, or both.

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- or choose one below:
 - 1st of every month
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 - 1st of every quarter
 - Annually

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If you choose to support both PolioPlus and the Annual Programs Fund, your contributions will be debited from your account in two separate transactions.

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 City _____
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 Account Type _____

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 Savings (include a deposit slip)

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- Visa MasterCard American Express
- Account Number _____
- Security Code _____ Expiration Date _____
- Signature _____

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 Rotarian: Please credit the Rotary Club of _____

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 E-mail: info@rotary.org

Membership Thoughts

By Lance Chima
Incoming District Membership Chair

Consider this.....How many years have you heard that Rotary has 1.2 million members worldwide? I've been in Rotary for years, and why aren't we now at least 1.3 million members or even more? Statistics tell us that in North America, 44,000 new members join Rotary each year, but 51,000 leave. We are doing an outstanding job attracting new members, but not a very good job of retaining members. Statistics also tell us that "engaging" Rotarians is the key to retaining members. Is your club engaging every Rotarian? Does your club have a mentorship program in

place where established members periodically reach out to newer members to ensure the new member is becoming engaged? Does your club have a "Rotary Cares" committee? This might be someone paying attention who will send a card or flowers if a member becomes ill, or a note of appreciation to someone who goes above and beyond. These are just a couple of ideas to help members feel engaged. These do not take much time or energy- just someone to take the lead and make them happen! Consider what you can do at the club level to help reverse the trend and watch Rotary become 1.3 million (or more) members strong.

TRC Akron/Ronald McDonald House

On Wednesday, May 6th, Governor Mike Davanzo and Bob & Annette Oborn of the Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls presented a check to fund a guest room at the Ronald McDonald House in Akron to Meri Skiera, Director of Programs & Services of RMH. These funds were raised through the generosity of many people through a Go Fund Me site. The money will fund a room for a family staying there while their loved one is hospitalized for a full year. They housed over 18,000 individuals in 2014 including 55 families for over a month. They rely on private donations to fund the 20 room location and are planning a \$10M - 40 room expansion. We will post letters from the families using our room to thank Rotarians for their generosity in future newsletters. We hope to continue fund raising for RMH Akron each year. A big thanks to the Rotary Club of Strongsville and Allen Aircraft for their \$1,000 donations to make this possible. Contact Bob Oborn at boborn@kentelastomer.com or 330-689-0485 if you would like to be involved in fundraising for next year.



Rotary



Thank you to Gift of Life NE Ohio, Rotary Districts 6630 and 7255 and the Rotary Clubs of Chagrin Valley (Chagrin Falls), Burton-Middlefield, Akron, Barberton, Solon, Conneaut, Hillcrest Sunrise (Cleveland), Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise, Northampton Township, Willoughby, Stow-Munroe Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, and Port-au-Prince for your partnership in enabling St. Damien Hospital to host its first-ever pediatric cardiac training visit. Your leadership and generosity provided the context for 11 Haitian children to receive their gift of life and empowered Haitian doctors and nurses to care for their own children. Through your funding of Rotary Global Grant 1418788, St. Damien Hospital now has 4 Intensive Care beds with monitors and ventilators, 2 additional beds with monitors for pre and post-op patients, and other essential equipment including an emergency crash cart, EKG machine, defibrillator, vital signs monitor and general medical supplies. The Vocational Training Teams funded by your global grant worked together both in Akron, Ohio and in Port-au-Prince, Haiti to enhance the knowledge and skills of the Haitian team. We thank you and Akron Children's Hospital for your efforts to build a foundation for pediatric cardiac care at St. Damien Hospital.



END POLIO NOW

PRESENTED BY
ROTARY DISTRICT 6630, DISTRICT 6650 & DISTRICT 6600

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

Dollar Dog Night
ROCK N' BLAST FIREWORKS SHOW

EVERY TICKET PURCHASED INCLUDES:
CONTRIBUTION TO THE END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN
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END POLIO NOW T-SHIRT

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

For More Information Contact:
Stew Buchanan: 330-640-2122 or stewb1981@aol.com
Ashley Madison 216-420-4181 or amadison@indians.com

ROTARY EVENT AUGUST 7TH ORDER FORM			
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Terrace Club - Upper Box		\$60	
Terrace Club Discount for Children Under 18		-\$ off	
Lower Box Tickets Only		\$50	
Upper Box Tickets Only		\$25	
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TRC West Shore Rotary Days

West Shore Rotary Days Service Project was held Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Youth Challenge Headquarters 800 Sharon Drive Westlake, OH 44145 Rotary members, friends and family washed vans inside and out at the Youth Challenge facility.

Youth Challenge brings together children with physical disabilities and youth volunteers who enrich each other's lives through one-on-one participation in adapted sports and recreational activities.



Cook-out was at noon with hamburgers, hot dogs and chips with a presentation of a Service Above Self Award to Youth Challenge volunteer Zac Alberty and Director of Volunteer Services Sarah Perez-Stable. We had a ball! The smiles on the kids' faces and ours say it all!





2015 Conneaut Youth Programs
 Rotary Golf Outing
 When: Friday, July 17, 2015
 Where: Village Green Golf Course
 North Kingsville, Ohio
 Time: 10:00am Shotgun
 Cost: \$60 per person

1st Place: \$400
 5th Place: \$200
 2nd to the last place: \$100

Contact Scott Landis at 593-6880

A Life Changing Trip to Nicaragua

I hope you will join us for our August, 2015 trip to Nicaragua. We will be leaving from Houston on Wednesday August 5, 2015 on United flight # UA1421, at 6:10 p.m. and arriving in Managua at 8:25 p.m.

We will return from Managua on Tuesday August 11th on United flight # UA1423 leaving Managua at 7:15 a.m. and arriving in Houston at 11:40 a.m.

Getting group rates for tickets has gotten increasingly difficult. People are coming from so many different places and usually you can get much better prices on line than we can get as a group rate. So we are asking everyone to buy your own tickets directly but, you must coordinate your arrival and departure to match within an hour or so of the United flights shown above. I know that American and some others have flights through Miami which closely match this schedule. The ground travel, meals and hotel charges will be \$640.00 per person (double occupancy in hotels). Add \$200.00 per person if you require a private room. We will coordinate all of this as we always have in the past. If you will be on flights other than these United flights Please send me a copy of your tickets so that we will know when to meet you. Payments and sign-up sheets for this should be sent to:

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 10700 Gerke Rd.
 Brenham, Texas 77833
 Fax 979-836-0614
 We will schedule everyone on a first

come, first served, basis as of the date we receive your payment. No one will be scheduled before payment is received. Attached is a reservation form which should be sent in by everyone, with the information and your payment. Please provide ALL the information. In order to secure all the hotel reservations we need to have your registration by July 5, 2015 or we will not be able to be sure that we can have hotel reservations for you. AFTER THIS DATE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS.

Remember this is a tropical climate so dress accordingly. Jeans and shorts are great but you need to not wear sandals or open toe shoes when we visit the dump and the more rural areas. We will be staying part of the time at a beach resort so remember to pack your swimsuit, etc. A copy of our planned itinerary will be sent nearer to our departure date to all those registered for the trip. Remember that you will need a passport that is not within 6 months of expiring and please use the name exactly as it is on the passport for your plane tickets and on the registration form that you send us. We will need a completed registration form with up to date information.

We really hope you can go with us. Please let me know and call me if you have questions.

Jim Kite
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 e-mail jimkite@sbcglobal.net

SAVE THE DATE

Banner Exchange & Induction of
 2015-2016 Governor Cheryl A. Warren

Rotary
 District 6630





Be a gift to the world

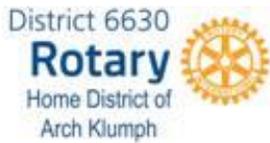
Date: Saturday, July 18, 2015
 Time: 11am - 2 pm
 Location: Akron Rotary Camp
 \$20 per person Register at: www.RotaryDistrict6630.org



Mike and Judy Davanzo
 District 6630 Governor 2014-2015



Cheryl and Steve Warren
 District 6630 Governor 2015-2016



Be a gift to the world

Pre-Register for the 2016 Conference
Hotel Room Giveaway!!

2016 Annual Conference of Clubs
Conference Dates: April 22-23, 2016
700 Beta Banquet Conference Center, Mayfield, Ohio

That's right . . . We are asking you to plan ahead for 2016.

Our Annual Conference of Clubs is a Celebration not to be missed.
Bring your family, bring your friends!

[Pre Register now \(click here\)](#) or visit www.RotaryDistrict6630.org

**If you PRE-register before September 1, 2015 you will be entered to win a one-night stay at the hotel during the conference.*

*We are honored that Dr. Scott L. Scarborough,
President of The University of Akron
has accepted our invitation to serve as the
Keynote Speaker on Saturday evening.*

[Check out the current lineup of
Plenary Session presenters below \(or click here\):](#)

[We are also seeking sponsors for the event.](#)

[If you, or someone you know, would be able to provide a sponsorship
for this 2016 event, please click here for the form.](#)

About our Speakers for the 2016 Conference of Clubs:

John T. Capps: John is an enthusiastic Rotarian, author and speaker. He has participated in numerous humanitarian projects throughout the world and says "We take ourselves too seriously. Participating and sharing the humanitarian programs and projects of our clubs provide us some humor in order not to weep. I am not a great Rotarian; I just toil daily in the cornfields of life to bring thoughtfulness, a few laughs and sometimes tears of joy by serving others."

Josh Bliell: Marine Corporal Josh Bleill [Bly-ul; rhymes with "Kyle" or "smile"] is a native of Greenfield, Indiana. After graduating high school, Josh attended Purdue University. Upon completion of his education, Josh decided to serve his country by joining the United States Marine Corps in 2004, and was activated for a tour of duty in Iraq in 2006. While serving in Iraq, Corporal Bleill was severely injured, resulting in the loss of both of his legs. After extensive rehabilitation, Bleill returned to Indiana in August

Busy Spring for TRC Aurora

The Aurora Rotary Club had a very busy spring. Aside from pulling off their most successful Taste of the Western Reserve Event ever they have selecting students from both the Aurora and Streetsboro High School to interview and present scholarships to. This May, the club presented six students a total of \$6,000.00 in scholarships.

Also, new Rotary member Bruce Harris initiated a new event in the city called Fill a bag, Feed a family. Every church in the city as well as groups like the Aurora Rotary volunteered to drop off shopping bags complete with information to every home in the city. The Rotary club helped prepare some of the 6,000 bags that were needed for this event. The volunteer later returned to the homes to collect the food. After the food was picked up it was driven to a local warehouse where it was processed and sorted. According to Mr. Harris, the Aurora food pantry has experienced drastic shortfalls of food over the past few summers. This city-wide drive is designed to assure that anyone who needs food this summer will not be turned away.



Christmas Tidings Now? You Bet!

Christmas cheer is needed year round and that's just what the Rotary Club of Mantua was spreading as they served the church that has opened their doors for Rotary programs for decades! Members followed their morning breakfast with hands-on service, taking apart old Christmas swags, wreaths, and garlands to save and sort the good stuff so that church members can revitalized their stock and make the holidays pop this year as never before. This is a large church with lots of decorations so summertime is the perfect time to begin tackling this rather large task, but with the Rotarians many hands made light work of it. It felt great being in Service Above Self to an church who has helped spread the Light of Rotary to so many.

Rotarians Respond to Nepal by Supporting Shelter Box

According to PDG Jack Young, Shelter Box Board of Director Emeritus for 2015 indicated that as of May 16, 2015 at least 27 Rotary Clubs and 11 individuals have provided donations to Shelter Box totaling over \$45,000. According to PDG Young this is a significant indication of "Rotary Above Self" in helping those who have been affected by a major disaster. Even though the complete response is not finalized, PDG Young hopes that the district will average at least one box per Rotary Club in the District (53 boxes).

In his daily communication with the Shelter Box Office, he indicates that the response from throughout the United States is overwhelming. The office has brought in volunteers from the surrounding area of the office in Florida, just to handle the mail, incoming calls, etc. In addition to the original match of an individual in Florida of 100,000 dollars a Rotarian in Toledo, Ohio did the same type of match up to \$ 50,000. In our own district Rotary Clubs were matching the amount donated from club members from their clubs funds. "It is truly heart warming to see the response from Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Friends of Rotary" according to PDG Young.

In addition, PDG Young has been in contact with Shelter Box Response Team members who indicated the situations over the past several weeks is worse than being reported. This is especially true in many of the remote areas of Nepal.

Further, Jack has been in contact with several Past and current RI Directors regarding the support of RI for the efforts of Shelter Box. The feedback has been extremely positive.

At the same time PDG Young, has been in direct email correspondence with the District Governor Elect of Nepal. According to DGE Kunwar, he reported in an email on May 16 that immediate relief is being helped by distributing relief materials such as Shelter Boxes, Tents, Tarpaulins blankets, mattresses, foods, medicine, etc. A special thank you to all of those helping to support organizations such as Shelter Box.

He further reports that the death toll till date is more than 8,500 individuals according to the Ministry of Home and it is expected to increase. In addition, more than 17,000 people are seriously injured. Further, in rural areas, about 90 percent of houses have collapsed completely which is a very high number with more than 450,000 houses have been seriously damaged. There is still much concern for further damage from after shocks.

In addition to the short term response, the Rotary District in Nepal is putting together a long range strategic plan for building low cost houses. For those who are interested in this approach, please contact PDG Young for further information.

As of this date (May 16) the following Rotary Clubs have responded to support Shelter Box. If your club is not on the list, please contact PDG Jack Young. Donations from individuals are also being accepted.

Rotary Clubs:

Strongsville, Medina Sunrise, Chardon, Hillcrest-Sunrise, North Royalton, Brunswick, Willoughby, Barberton, Westlake-Bay Village, Burton-Middlefield, Parma, Barberton Foundation, Berea, Kent, Aurora, Ravenna, Garrettsville-Hiram, Solon, Mentor, Lakewood-RR, Jefferson, Chesterland, Bedford, Wadsworth, Cleveland, Nordonia Hills and Fairlawn

Interact Clubs:

Twinsburg, North Royalton and Stow

Others:

Plus many individual contributions from both Rotarians and non Rotarians

Again, if your club is not listed, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young (440-759-4000 or JackIvilla@aol.com

Again, the DGE in Nepal is very appreciative for the support of Rotarians around the world. This entire situation has been a very challenging process for all involved.

Updates to RI Website

Between 19-22 May, we are introducing several updates to the Club & District Administration pages that will make your administrative tasks easier:

Quick links: You'll be able to designate favorite links from the Club & District Administration section and access them from your My Rotary dashboard. [See an example.](#)

Terms of access: Incoming club and district officers will have access to club and district information by 1 June. Most outgoing club and district officers will retain access to the information for 12 months.

Overall redesign: Related activities will be grouped together on Club & District Administration pages. See [an example](#) and the [new landing page](#).

If you have questions, contact rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

The image shows a screenshot of the Rotary.org Brand Center website. At the top, there is a blue banner with the text "CREATE A CLUB LOGO" and "rotary.org/brandcenter". Below this, there is a navigation menu with options like "Home", "About Us", "Help", "Contact Us", and "Log Out". The main content area is divided into two sections. The first section, labeled "1", is titled "WELCOME TO THE BRAND CENTER" and features a large image of a Rotary Club member. The second section, labeled "2", is titled "CLUB LOGO" and shows a form for creating a club logo. The form includes fields for "Club Name", "Club Location", "Club Type", and "Club Color". There are also buttons for "CREATE" and "CANCEL".

News From TRC Port-Summit

Quilting for History

Port-Summit Rotary was pleased to see the unintended results of their donation to the Art Department at Mogadore's O.H. Somers Elementary School at its weekly meeting on May 7th. The club had donated old white shirts from the membership for elementary students to use as Art Smocks. The abundance of donations resulted in more smocks than were needed.

Somers Third Grade Teacher, Marti Edgerly saw an opportunity to repurpose the shirts so she cut them into squares that were decorated by her third-graders and sewn into two beautiful quilts. The quilts will be auctioned off with the proceeds to benefit the Mogadore Historical Society. Pictured with the quilts below are in-coming President Judy Miller, out-going President Vince Rosnack, and Mogadore Superintendent of Schools and Rotarian Dr. Christina Dinklocker.



Paul Harris Awards

At the May 14th meeting of the Port-Summit Rotary Foundation Chair, Randy Rininger presented Paul Harris pins to Rotarians Rodger Sansom (+1), Judy Miller (+1) and Jack Evans. Congratulations to everyone! All are pictured left to right, below



Annual Bass Tournament

The annual Port-Summit Rotary Bass Tournament saw 30+ boats in the water at Portage Lakes State Park on Saturday, May 16th competing for nearly \$2,000 in prize money. Net proceeds went to support the Akron Rotary Camp for Kids with Special Needs, Port-Summit Scholarship funds and other worthy causes. Twenty-two Rotarians, family and friends volunteered to make the day one that Northeast Ohio fishermen look forward to with anticipation every year.

Professional Fisherman, Mark Milano of Louisville (pictured below with Tournament Director Emeritus, Tom Brandt) says, "...This tournament is about where the money is going to and how it is going to help out the Port-Summit Rotary Club and the children they help. Really that's the reason we fish in this tournament every year." Also pictured below are Port-Summit Rotary President Vince Rosnack (2nd from left) and Tournament Director Jack Evans (2nd from right) along with volunteers Mason Evans (left) and Bill Evans (right).



Videos From The Speech Contest



What is
ONE ROTARY SUMMIT?
Coming Soon to District 6630 ...
watch for more in the
July District Newsletter



2015-16 IMPORTANT DATES

District Events, Training & Deadlines

JULY 2015

Rotary Days --- Throughout the Year

District Banner Exchange --- July 19, 2015 11 am- 2:00pm
• Location: Akron Rotary Camp for Special Needs Children

AUGUST 2015

Polio Night at Progressive Field --- August 7, 2015
• RSVP Required - Watch your email and the website for more details

SEPTEMBER 2015

Motor City Zone --- Zone 28 & 29 Institute & Emerging Leaders Forum
• September 10-13, 2015 Register at www.motorcityzone.org

OCTOBER 2015

ONE Rotary Summit --- October 17, 2015 **NEW IN 2015**
• Membership / Foundation / Public Image Summit
• Location is pending - watch your email and the website for more details

PETS-1 - Date Pending

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) --- October 24, 2015 - RSVP on District Website

NOVEMBER 2015

Foundation Awards & Special Event --- November 15, 2015
• Hilton Inn West, Fairlawn, Ohio
• Watch your email and the website for more details

A Look Back at 50 Years of Rotary In Chardon

TRC Chardon Celebrates 50 Years

Below is the speech Ward Lawrence (who was a Founding Father, Our first President in 1965, and currently a member with 50 yrs. of perfect attendance!!!) delivered.

It is indeed a special night as we celebrate 50 years of this VIBRANT, ACTIVE, AND GENEROUS Rotary Club that we all can be proud of. This club has been an important part of my life and I was honored to be asked to give a brief history of our beginning.

In the early part of the summer of 1964, after many interesting discussions, it seemed there was a place in our community for another service club....especially if it met at noon there was no singing. At that time Chardon had a Kiwanis, Lions and Jay Cees but they all met at night. We hoped the new club could be a

Rotary Club so our first and only inquiry was made through the Burton-Middlefield Rotary to the District Governor. Through his efforts and our almost daily contact with our Godfather,

John Rose of BMR the guidelines for establishing a new club were outlined. Basically we needed a commitment from 25-30 people who shared a common goal of belonging to a first class service club, and who were interested in serving our community and others worldwide.

We set out recruiting those special individuals and I am pleased to remember that it was easy to meet our goal. Of the original members....8 are still living and 3 reside in Ohio including D. Sommer our 11th president, who is with us tonight and myself.

During our organizing many questions had to be answered and one was where would we meet? The answer came when our good friend, Isabel Andersen, owner of Chardon Lakes Inn agreed to open for us on Monday (her normal day to be closed) and we began meeting in the north room of the building which is now Bailey House.

We went through a few months of regular

weekly meetings to make sure this idea would stick and late in 1964 we were advised by Rotary International that a charter would be granted in February 1965.

In the New Year the excitement began to build as we were told that maybejust maybe the President of Rotary International, Charles Pettingil of Conn. who was scheduled to be in Cleveland that day, could be persuaded to attend our Charter Night. How naive we were at that time to think that he tried to attend as many charter nights as possible...and the truth dawned upon us that this was to be a great, great honor, for this man to present the charter to Chardon Rotary. His attendance probably had something to do with about 300 people attending our Charter presentation at Chardon High School Cafeteria. The cafeteria was the largest place in Chardon to accommodate the crowd!!!



Well the fun was over and now it was time to get serious with the work of nurturing and sustaining this club....first to earn money and then just as importantly to spend it wisely. The Maple Festival was just around the corner. ..What could we sell? What could we sell and make money? Small jugs of maple syrup seemed logical (show it) which we filled and sold for 50 cents!! They were cute but profits were slim so we decided to call it a day and move onto food. We then sold mush-kabobs and corn fritters both at the Maple Festival and the Great Geauga County Fair. As most of you are aware we went from 50 cent maple syrup jugs to our current Harvest auction...which last year raised \$50,000.

Through the years we had fun bonding into the

special club we now have with family camping trips, Rotary Dinner Dances, Progressive Dinners, canoe outings and many other opportunities to work together. Also

through the years our meeting place moved to the Gilded Cock Tavern when it was built (now Bass Lake Tavern) and later for a time to the Inn At Fowlers Mill with our host Dan McCleod, who is here with us tonight. And of course we have been back at BLT for many years. Thank you Michelle Niehus for taking good care of us.

We are proud to be a generous Rotary Club. We had a few lean fundraising years in the beginning but with the start of our Harvest Auction in 1993 we have in 50 years raised and given away one million dollars. That's one million dollars. Some of the projects both in our community and world-wide that we have helped fund are:

The Vietnamese boat family
Provided a fresh water well in Haiti
Joined in the fight to eradicate polio
In early years provided a Chardon Youth Center

For many years sponsored AFS Students

Bought canoes and a trailer for the YMCA

Built a pavilion for the community to enjoy near the bike path

Continue to

sponsor a reading program for Chardon students

For many years have given scholarships to local students

Through the generosity of Chardon Rotarians and their friends at last year's Harvest Auction

we helped fund two much needed incubators for the Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti for over \$30,000.

Chardon Rotary has done amazing things in the last 50 years. Many thanks to our members and also the many friends of our club who are always there to lend their support to our fundraising and our projects.

I think we can agree that Chardon Rotary has made a difference both in our community and in the world. We appreciate and thank all of you who are here tonight to help mark this wonderful occasion.