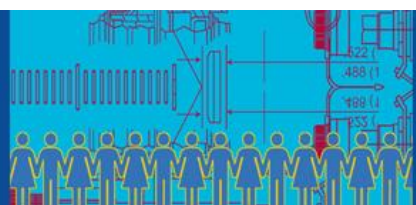
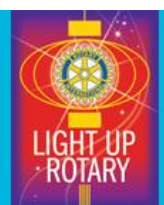




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Northeast Ohio, USA



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Mike Davanzo

District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

Mike Johns, Jr

Editor

October 2014

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Governor's Letter

Greetings and Thank You for Making a Difference in the Your Community and Our World!

As you know, November is Foundation Month. Each year our district has a Foundation Event to celebrate our work in the Foundation and to recognize those clubs and individuals for their contributions to our Rotary Foundation.

By participating in our Foundation, you become part of all the wonderful works and good deeds that our Foundation supports in our communities and in our world. It is such a wonderful way to be part of the internationality of Rotary. It is a way to make you a participant in Rotary International.

Our 2014 Foundation Event

I invite you to attend our Foundation event this month. It will be on Sunday, November 9 from 1 to 4 at the Weymouth Country Club in Medina. The event will feature a talk by Terry Ryan from Great Lakes Brewery. He will be talking about the company. After his presentation, our immediate past district governor, Bob Johnson, will present Foundation Awards from his year.

The event will begin with a social and some beer tasting. Tasting will be a nominal \$1 per sample. The cost of the event will be \$30 which in-

cludes a served lunch. In addition to the fellowship, there will be an opportunity to purchase raffle tickets for some exciting prizes.

Registration is online on the district website. Please register and attend. I am looking forward to seeing you at this special event.

Our Goal This Year

The district goal this year is to continue our generous donations to the Foundation, but also to have each Rotarian make a contribution to the Foundation. What a wonderful statement that would be to have 100% participation in Our Foundation. I ask you to please consider a gift to OUR Rotary Foundation and I do thank you in advance.

Membership

As in the previous columns, I do want to welcome the following new members to our Family, the Family of Rotary. Before I list the members, I do want to share with you a message from a past Rotary International President, Cliff Dochterman. He said "When I try to put the meaning of Rotary into a single word I keep coming back again and again to one word- OPPORTUNITY. Rotary offers opportunity beyond your wildest imagination...Rotary only offers you

the opportunity, the rest is up to you."

I encourage you to offer your friends and like-minded individuals the opportunity to experience the benefits of joining Rotary. In addition, I would encourage you to consider a place within our district where a new club would be beneficial. If you have any suggestions, please contact Al Connors our membership extension chair or myself.

Now, let us welcome our new members to Our Family, the Family of Rotary:

Akron

Brian Steere
Stephen Warren

Chagrin Valley

Mike Carlton
Nancy Santilli

Lakewood & Rocky River SR

David Breudigam

Nordonia

Donny Basch
Ashley Easter

Medina Sunrise

Reid Miller

Solon

Michele Tushar

Tallmadge

Carol Kilway

A final thought from Cliff (he relates a conversation of two men)

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Governor's Letter cont'd

"...That's Joe, and he is the president of the railroad." "How did you get to know the president of the company?" Charlie thought a moment, then said "Joe and I came to work for the railroad on the same day over thirty years ago." "But why is he the president of the company, and you are still here working on the rail crew?" "Well, I'll tell you." Said Charlie. "Thirty years ago I came to work for one dollar an hour and Joe came to work for the railroad." What will you do?

Fellow Rotarians,

As many of you already know October is Vocational Service Month.

I have posted some ideas from RI that you may find will make it easier for your club to take action.

At my home club in North Ridgeville our President Mario Cipriano came up with a great idea: He asked that everyone in the room take a brief moment and explain to the rest of our club and guests their occupation. This took just a few minutes and was very informative. It also worked well with our high school students of the month that were in attendance. This short exercise seemed to give everyone a sense of the vocational diversity within Rotary. Have fun!

- Host a classification talk at your next club meeting. These presentations give members the chance to learn the inner workings of jobs other than their own and can plant the seeds for professional networking opportunities. The talks also are useful for introducing guests and prospective

October is Vocational Service Month

members to your club.

- Organize tours of members' workplaces. Members who find public speaking difficult might prefer to conduct a workplace tour rather than give a classification talk. If logistics can be worked out, schedule an occasional meeting in a member's place of employment.

- Join or form a Rotary Fellowship related to your vocation. Rotary Fellowships are international associations of Rotarians, Rotarians' spouses, and Rotaractors who share a recreational or vocational interest. There are vocational fellowships for doctors, law enforcement officers, editors, and members of other professions. Learn more at www.rotary.org/fellowships.

- Volunteer for a service project that uses your vocational skills. Think about the skills that make you successful in your profession: Maybe you are trained in some branch of science or medicine, are handy with tools or mechanical things, know how to start a business, have expertise managing finances, or can influence others through public speaking or writing. Use your unique set of talents to make a difference in your community.

Please take a few minutes during your meetings this month and spread the word about vocational service!

Working through Rotary,

Shawn Mueller

District Chair, Vocational Service



Rotary Learning Center

10 tips to enhance your next service project

Part 3 of the webinar series Lifecycle of a Service Project provides key insights on finding the resources you need to carry out an effective, sustainable project. Discover 10 tips from the webinar, and learn why it's best to start locally and build partnerships

[See the 10 tips](#)

[View the full webinar](#)

[Learn more about the lifecycle of a project](#)

[Find resources for your project on Rotary Ideas](#)

Help Support Garrettsville

On March 22, 2014 a major fire destroyed the Buckeye Block of Garrettsville's historic Main Street, displacing thirteen businesses. Several of these businesses drew people to Garrettsville from across the region, so their loss has also affected other businesses on Main Street. The community has pulled together and the Garrettsville Strong fund has received almost \$73,000 in donations (from near and far), but that does not begin to cover the cost of rebuilding.

We want to show our support by giving the town an economic boost. We can do this if Rotarians and their families

and friends visit Garrettsville for their upcoming Christmas Walk Fundraising Event the weekend of November 15th and enjoy Christmas on Main shopping while they are there. The Christmas Walk features several Garrettsville homes decorated for the holidays. Also, on the 15th, a lovely team of white horses and carriage will be taking families on a ride around the Village. But, if you want to avoid the crowds, November 22nd would be a great shopping day too. More details will be available soon, but please mark these dates on your calendar.

Club Leaders ~ Connecting With Your Team

One of the things we can all agree on is that the world runs on relationships.

Our ability as club leaders to establish and maintain rapport within our club is the foundation needed to have a vibrant and effective club.

Regardless of our classifications or personalities, making a strong connection with another person is based totally on human nature. As you reach out to other members, listed below are some things for you to consider in question format.

- Do members feel wanted and valued by the club leadership?
- Do you encourage and solicit feedback when planning club events/activities?
- Do you have members participate in setting vision/passion statement, goals and objectives?
- Do you and include every member in the above process?
- Do you have a family fun event during summer months?
- Do you implement an annual "check in" for members on how their membership is go-

ing and what you can do to improve the Rotary experience?

Most members want to be heard and have their ideas acknowledged. When members choose what they want to achieve as a club as a team, they will work to make it a success because they'll believe it. Since you have obtained buy in, you will minimize the number of members who compete for their own ideas.

Please consider the above ideas. When implemented, they will not only result in a more satisfied member, but will also foster greater engagement and participation.

Remember to: Keep the member in Rotary and keep Rotary in the member!

Tony Corrao

District Growth and Retention Chair

****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

Nominations For District Governor '17-'18

The time is fast approaching for submitting the names of candidates to be interviewed for the position of District Governor for the 2017/2018 Rotary year. The deadline is Friday, Nov. 14th. to have applications sent in. This is a very important appointment for our district and identifica-

tion and selection of the right person is crucial to District 6630 continuing its line of excellent

leadership that we have been lucky to have received over the years.

Forms can be accessed by [CLICKING HERE](#). The depth of good potential leaders is out there. Please help us identify this person and offer

them this wonderful and rewarding opportunity of a lifetime. Applications should be sent to:

Robert Johnson
Chair-2014 Nominating Committee
14372 Broadwood Dr.
Burton, OH 44021

- [1. Letter Explaining Nomination Process](#)
- [2. 2014/2015 District Governor Nominee Candidate Information](#)
- [3. Candidate Nomination Form for DG position for 2017/2018](#)
- [4. District Governor Responsibilities.](#)
- [5. Governor Nominee Form](#)

Thank you for your help in this important District function.

Robert "Bob" Johnson
IPDG District 6630 (DG 2013/2014)

RYE Canoeing Outing Mantua Rotary

September 21st RYE students gathered at CampHi in Hiram for a canoeing outing on the Upper Cuyahoga River. Members from several Ohio-Erie clubs were there along with RYE International students. Click the link below to view their photos.

[View Album](#)

[Play slideshow](#)



District 6630 Foundation Event

Weymouth Country Club
3946 Weymouth Road
Medina, Ohio 44256

Sunday, November 9, 2014

1:00	Social Hour with Beer Tasting*
2:00	Dinner / Program
4:00	Depart to Continue to Do Good in the World

Our Program

Terry Ryan, Sales Associate from Great Lakes Brewery
"Our Story"

Past District Governor Bob Johnson
Celebrating the Foundation in 2013-14

Cost: \$30
Hors D'Oeuvres
House Salad with Balsamic Vinaigrette
Panko Crusted Chicken, Roasted Garlic Mashed Potatoes, Roasted Parsnips and Carrots
Dessert
(Indicate Vegetarian or Gluten Free on your registration)
*Beer tasting is \$5 per tasting size
Dress: Business Casual
On the District Website www.rotarydistrict6630.com
Please register by November 3, 2014

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

I invite to attend our celebration of the Rotary Foundation. Continue your fellowship as you engage leaders, share ideas, and take action. The date is Sunday, Nov 9, 2014 Time 1-4 pm
Speaker: Terry Ryan from Great Lakes Brewery
Also: PDG Bob Johnson will celebrate the 2013-14 Foundation and present his awards.
Weymouth Country Club in Medina

Interaction 2014

Interaction 2014 is looking to be a great time! Interact Clubs I have spoken to are rounding up members, Rotaractors from the University of Akron will be there as well as other Rotaractors and Rotarians. We also have a couple of schools with Interact/Rotaract clubs in the process of forming who have express interest in joining us (great way to get started!). Youth Exchange kids will be participating in Cleveland Rotary Day on the morning of 8 November and hopefully will be able to join us in the afternoon. The more people to share ideas the merrier!

In order to arrange free parking in the University of Akron lot and have enough beverages on hand, we need a nose count by 1 November 2014 so, please RSVP to interact6630@gmail.com the following information:

Your club or school name

The number of people in your group

The number of cars requiring parking passes

Will you be participating in the pot luck dinner by bringing dish(es) from a country of interest to your group?

Arrggg! It is after 1 November and we want to go to Interaction 2014 - are out of luck? NO! You are still welcome to join us without RSVPing in time (please let us know ASAP) but you will have take care of parking (there are free on-street parking and pay lots available) and please bring beverages in addition to your pot luck supper dish(es).



This conference is for anyone interested in Interact or Rotaract. We are always happy to hear your suggestions as to how we can make it better so don't hesitate to email them to us at Interact6630@gmail.com.

Looking forward to seeing your club or group at the best Interaction conference yet!

Arne R. van der Heyde

District 6630 Interact & Rotaract Co-chair 2014-2015

PS for Rotary Clubs, we sure could use your help in defraying the cost of this conference. Please send a small donation of \$50, \$100, or more made out to Rotary District 6630 with Interact on the memo line to me at:

Arne R. van der Heyde

853 N Medina Line Rd

Akron OH 44333

Thank you for your support!



Saturday, 8 November 2014

Schedule

Socialize

3:00 pm Sign-in and Socialize

Learn

3:30 pm What is Interact? (for everyone, especially new clubs & advisors)

3:45 pm Brief Club Introductions (projects, fundations & fun)

4:00 pm Interact Resources, Awards, and Contests

4:15 pm Break

4:25 pm District Wide Events and Project Ideas (RYLA, Pals, etc)

Share

5:05 pm Break-out Sessions to Meet and Exchange Ideas

Videos such as Video Contest Winners available

5:40 pm Summarize Break-out Sessions

5:55 pm Close

Dinner

6:00 pm Pot Luck Dinner - Bring dish(es) from a country of interest!

Small kitchen available. Beverages provided (let us know how many are coming)

Socialize

6:45 pm Clean-up and Socialize

Taylor Institute of Direct Marketing at the University of Akron
The Polisky Building, Room 567 Akron OH 44325

News From TRC Wadsworth

Wadsworth Rotary is hosting Hannah Gray and Zach Porter for the month of October. They are both juniors at Wadsworth High. Both play tennis, and are members of Wadsworth High's Interact Club. The Wadsworth High Interact Club is seriously busy participating in charity activities and the Wadsworth Rotary Club is very proud of these youths.



The guest speaker was Jesse Smith. Mr. Smith was a teacher at Wadsworth High School for many years in the home construction program. Upon retiring a few years ago, he returned to his first love, of playing the guitar. He just did it a bit differently. He decided to make his own. He's been making them ever since. He makes many of them using koa for the back side and red spruce for the front. He showed the folks at Rotary how he constructs them. Since he loves playing the guitar and travels to do so. He really, really knows how to play. He demonstrated his wonderful skills playing the first guitar he made. The instrument is beautiful and his playing makes one melt.



As many of you know, The Rotary Foundation (TRF) enables us to do more good in the world by providing matching funds for District Grants, and for Global Grants which include Vocational Training Teams and Global Scholars. These matching funds come primarily from donations to the Annual Fund, but also from interest earned on the Endowment Fund. Our first focus is on giving to the Annual Fund, which can be done on an annual, quarterly or monthly basis, most easily through Rotary Direct. TRF recognizes those who have cumulatively given \$1000 to the Annual Fund as Paul Harris Fellows and those who give \$1000 annually as Paul Harris Society members.

What you may not know is that there are other ways to give to The Rotary Foundation. One of the easiest ways is through planned giving, by including The Rotary Foundation in your estate plan. Your gift to the Endowment Fund (previously called the Permanent Fund) can take a number of forms, some of which include through your Will or Living Trust, a Charitable Remainder Trust, Retirement Plan such as IRA or 401(k), Life Insurance, or a Donor Advised Fund. Those who include the Endowment Fund in their estate plan are recognized as Benefactors. Those who commit \$10,000 or more are Bequest Society members.

For more information on Planned Giving, visit the Rotary website at www.rotary.org/planned_giving, or contact Julie West, District Major Gifts Sub Committee Chair at jwest@ameritech.net.

TRF-DIRECT USA
makes giving to The Rotary Foundation as easy as 1, 2, 3

1. Include the account you want to debit.
2. Select the amount you want to contribute and the frequency.
3. Choose whether you want to support **PolioPlus**, the Annual Programs Fund, or both.

Learn more at www.rotary.org, or call 847-866-3352.

TRF-DIRECT is also available in Spanish and Chinese. (In U.S. only.)
For Spanish: TRF-DIRECT USA (Spanish version) (PDF) (download)
For Chinese: TRF-DIRECT USA (Chinese version) (download)
TRF-DIRECT: Contact Us at www.rotary.org

TRF-DIRECT USA
I hereby authorize The Rotary Foundation to debit:
☐ Checking/savings account (US\$10 minimum)
☐ Credit card (US\$25 minimum)
US\$ _____ for PolioPlus
US\$ _____ for Annual Programs Fund
(in US\$ only please)
☐ 1st of every month ☐ 15th of every month
☐ 1st of every quarter ☐ Annually
Specify month: _____

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 _____ State _____ Postal Code _____
Account Number _____ Routing Number _____
Account Type _____
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☐ Savings (debit a deposit slip)

Credit Card Information
Please charge my (mark one below)
☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express
Account Number _____
Security Code _____ Expiration Date _____
Signature _____
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It is my responsibility to notify The Rotary Foundation if there are any changes to my bank or credit card that will affect my TRF-DIRECT participation. The subscription remains in effect until I notify The Rotary Foundation in writing and the Foundation has had a reasonable amount of time to fulfill my request. The Rotary Foundation can terminate this agreement at any time.
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City _____ State _____ Postal Code _____
Phone _____ E-mail _____
Rotary Club _____ District (R03) _____
Rotary Membership ID _____
☐ New Rotation: Please credit the Rotary Club of _____
☐ Renewal: Please credit the Rotary Club of _____
☐ Rotareactor: Please credit the Rotary Club of _____

Mail or fax the completed form to:
The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International
TRF-DIRECT, 03420
One Rotary Center
1600 Sherman Avenue
Evanston, IL 60201-2698
Phone: 847-866-3352 Fax: 847-596-2390
E-mail: info@rotary.org

Our leadership development program called **LEADERSHIP 6630** has been in operation since January of this year. The program is based on learning by exposure to committee and event activities going on throughout the district. Instead of classroom instruction and lecture, the members attend meetings of their choice and then Q and A sessions with their classmates to gain insight and knowledge about all forms of District activity. The goal is to develop a deeper pool of knowledgeable candidates to fill district positions in the future.

The September meeting of **LEADERSHIP 6630** was held Thursday 9/25 at the Hilton Doubletree in Independence. Seven were in attendance and listened to a very informative presentation by Berea Rotarian Marc West who chairs the RYLA program for high school juniors held each year at Baldwin Wallace in Berea. This program has been very popular and well attended for many years under Marc's direction. This is another fantastic Rotary program that has been so well run over the years that we have a tendency to "take it for granted" and not give it the

exposure it certainly deserves. We will make every effort to put an article in the District Newsletter and on the district web site to remind clubs in February to send in candidate's names from their local high schools.

This was another exiting and informative meeting for the **LEADERSHIP 6630** team and one of them jumped on board to work with Marc and his committee. We will continue to add informative programs as we move forward through DG Mike Davanzo's year. Bob Heydorn, the inbound Youth Exchange Chair, will present at next month's meeting. Past speakers have included, District Foundation Chair Jim Lechko, District treasurer Tracy Jemison, District Trainer Dick Farkas, Grants Committee advisor Rick Pollak and others. It has been exciting to watch the team gain knowledge about the district and it's operations and become more comfortable talking about an array of different district related topics. It appears we have built a solid base on which to move ahead in this and other future district leadership training programs.

Bob Johnson - Immediate Past District Governor - District 6630

Membership Minute

Top issue facing Rotary: Membership

More than 10,000 Rotary members completed the [2014 Strategic Plan survey](#). Asked to identify the top issues facing Rotary, they focused on membership recruitment and retention, membership diversity, and club innovation and flexibility.

About 20 percent of respondents asked for more networking opportunities, more member involvement in planning club activities, and fresh ideas for involving new members.

Use the [Strategic Planning Guide](#) to develop your club's vision.

Set and track your club goals in [Rotary Club Central](#).

Resources & reference

[Membership Development Resource](#)

[Guide](#)

[Club Assessment Tools](#)

[Connect for Good](#)

Belonging to a Fellowship may and oft-times proves to be most enjoyable and worth-while !

For example, you "meet" people, as yourselves, from all over the world and when traveling, you have a friend to meet and greet you upon arrival and to show you "around" (after all, who knows an area better than a "local") !

Additionally, one learns !

For example, the following is from the ROTI (Rotarians on the Internet) Fellowship group - over 100,000 fellow Rotarians strong and growing almost daily !

How much of the Polioplus movement do YOU know about ? Read below !

Reminder : World PolioDay on 24 October 2014.

Polio eradication this week: HEADLINES :

- All cases of wild poliovirus type 1 reported this week were from Pakistan. In 2014, Pakistan has accounted for 83% of cases reported globally. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province and the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) constitute the most heavily infected area of the world, with 73% of cases worldwide occurring within these provinces.

- The risk of international spread of polio from Pakistan remains high. The bulk of cases in neighboring Afghanistan are linked to cross-border transmission with Pakistan, and the outbreak affecting the Middle East originated in Pakistan.

- The Global Polio Eradication Initiative's Independent Monitoring Board (IMB) is meeting this week in London to review the progress of the past months. The IMB report will be published in 3 weeks.

Situation 2014 Globally 209cases - in endemic countries 190cases - in non-endemic countries 19cases Afghanistan

- No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 1 September in Kandahar province, Southern Region. The total number of WPV1 cases in 2014 remains 10.

- No new cases of type 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) were reported in the past week. No cases of cVDPV have been reported in 2014.

- The next Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) will be held 12-14 October using bivalent oral polio vaccine (OPV) in high-risk areas of Southern Region and Eastern Region. The next National Immunization Days (NIDs) are scheduled for 19-21 October using bivalent OPV.

Nigeria

- No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. Nigeria's total

case count for 2014 remains 6. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 24 July in Somalia Local Government Area (LGA), southern Kano state.

- No new type 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) cases were reported in the past week. The total number of cVDPV2 cases for 2014 remains 20. The most recent cVDPV2 case had onset of paralysis on 17 August in Kano.

- The next Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) are scheduled for 1-4 November in northern Nigeria using trivalent OPV.

Pakistan

- Eight new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. Of these, 3 are from the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) (1 from North Waziristan Agency and 2 from Khyber Agency); 2 are from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province (1 from Tank and 1 from Torgar district, which had been uninfected so far in 2014); 2 from Balochistan province (1 in Killa Abdullah and 1 in Quetta district); and 1 case in Sindh province in the previously uninfected Liaquat town of Karachi city. This brings the total number of WPV1 cases in 2014 to 174 compared to 36 in 2013 by this date. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 14 September in Khyber Agency.

- No new type 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) cases were reported in the past week. The most recent cVDPV case had onset of paralysis in Khyber Agency, FATA, on 23 June. The country has reported 19 cases of cVDPV2 in 2014.

- Immunization activities are continuing with particular focus on known high-risk areas, in particular the newly opened areas of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province. At exit and entry points, 182 permanent vaccination points are being used to reach internally displaced families as they leave their homes.

Central Africa

- No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported this week. In 2014, 10 cases have been reported in central Africa: 5 in Cameroon and 5 in Equatorial Guinea.

- National Immunization Days (NIDs) are taking place in Cameroon and Equatorial Guinea starting on 30 October and in Chad, Congo and Gabon starting 31 October lasting to 2 November. The next NID in Angola will be 7-9 November. Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) will take place in the Central African Republic in November; dates to be confirmed.

Horn of Africa

- Wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) has not been detected in environmental samples in Israel or the West Bank and Gaza Strip in recent months. The most recent positive sample was

collected in southern Israel on 30 March. Environmental samples collected since April have been negative.

- National Immunization Days (NIDs) will be held in West Bank and Gaza in October; exact dates to be confirmed.

Israel and West Bank and Gaza

- Wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) has not been detected in environmental samples in Israel or the West Bank and Gaza Strip in recent months. The most recent positive sample was collected in southern Israel on 30 March. Environmental samples collected since April have been negative.

- National Immunization Days (NIDs) will be held in West Bank and Gaza in October; exact dates to be confirmed.

Middle East

- No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. Three cases of WPV1 have been reported in the Middle East in 2014 - two in Iraq and one in Syria. The most recent case reported from Iraq occurred in Mada'in district, Baghdad-Resafa province, with onset of paralysis on 7 April. Syria's most recent case had onset of paralysis on 21 January.

- Phase 2 of the Middle East Outbreak response continues to be implemented, with campaigns planned across the region in October, using a mix of bivalent and trivalent oral polio vaccine, depending on the area.

West Africa

- No wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases have been reported in West Africa in 2014. The most recent WPV1 case in the region occurred in Tahoua province, Niger, with onset of paralysis on 15 November 2012.

- No new cases of type 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) were reported this week. The last case of cVDPV2 was reported in Niger on 11 July 2013.

- Even as polio program staff across West Africa support efforts to control the Ebola outbreak affecting the region, efforts are being made in those countries not affected by Ebola to vaccinate children against polio. National Immunization Days (NIDs) are planned in Burkina Faso, Cape Verde, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea Bissau, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo on 31 October to 2 November.

from Jay Dzurilla, RD 6630

Distrito Governador 2006-2007
Rotary Club of Strongsville
ROTI (Rotarians on the Internet) Board Member

Dinner is Served

On Thursday, September 11 members of the Rotary Club of Westlake-Bay Village had the privilege of serving dinner at the Ames Family Hospice House in Westlake. Ames House, owned by Hospice of the Western Reserve, offers comfort care for seriously ill people and their loved ones in peaceful setting.



In fulfilling its mission of service, Rotary members served over 70 dinners to patients, their families and staff. In addition, piano students, ranging in age from 9 to 14, taught by Ashley Baker of Rhapsody Music Studio, played throughout the dinner.

Rotary is an international organization, made up of neighbors, friends, and community leaders who come together to create positive, lasting change in our communities and around the world. If you are interested in joining the Rotary, please contact Doug Lawton at lawt1@gmail.com.



Reverse Raffle Dinner

Saturday, November 8, 2014

5:30 to 11:00 pm

The West Side Irish American Club

8559 Jennings Rd., Olmsted Township, Ohio 44138 Ph. 440-235-5868
(Jennings Rd. south off Bagley, just west of Stearns Rd.)

Full Buffet Dinner & Open Bar

Top Prize \$3,000

5:30 Arrival, Full Open Bar with Hors D'oeuvres

6:00 Cocktails, Side Boards, Silent and Chinese Auction Items to Bid

7:00 Dinner, Full Buffet with 3 Entrees with Salad, Potato & Vegetable

9:00 Raffle Begins with every 20th Ticket a Winner

\$3,000 Last Number Top Prize

Questions? Contact Committee Chairs:

Bryan Mulohan 440-336-8497

bmulohan@westshore.com

Alison Tortelli 716-445-7805

atamano1@comcast.net

Choices: _____ \$100 Individual Dinner & 1 Main Board Ticket
 _____ \$150 per Couple 2 Dinners & 1 Main Board Ticket
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Fairview Park, OH 44126

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VTT and GOL

Despite Dr. Jeff Kempf's best efforts to get the names of "Vocational Training Team, Gift of Life North East Ohio and Rotary District 6630" we only got a brief mention of Rotary International on the news but the story is good and more to come. Jeff had invited me to participate but my day got in the way.

See the you-tube video at the end of this string below for news coverage of our VTT.

The VTT team is 1/2 way through and very positive about all they are learning. This is going to make a very big difference in the future of health care in Haiti as we broaden our support for St. Damien's Children's Hospital. The team was guests of the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club and the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival on Saturday. They saw the newly created documentary "Poverty Inc." which is a very powerful story of how the NGO's have got it wrong for so long and entrenched poverty rather than relieved it. In our post film discussions I think the team felt what we were doing in VTT skill transfer and support of "Haitians serving Haitians" is the right way. The film director was present at the after film cocktail and spent a great deal of time in discussion with the Team. They are a proud an intelligent group and will do much for their community.

Really good stuff!

Ken
 Kenneth J. Fogle, Chair
 Gift of Life North East Ohio, Inc.
 216-861-5151
<http://youtu.be/vTIFrrFKv4>

4-Way Test Speech Contest

I am happy to announce that the 4 Way Test Speech Contest is set to be held at the Aurora High School in Aurora, Ohio on Saturday, April 11, 2015. This location has provided a great venue for this event in the past, so I am particularly pleased that the contest will be returning to this location.

There will be changes to the event this year which I think will interest everyone. The first change is the addition of an ALL Rotarian judging panel. I do, however, need your help. There are currently 4 Rotarians who have previously judged this event, who have volunteered to do so this year, but we need ELEVEN more!! If you are interested in being a judge for this District event in 2015, please contact me directly at the number listed below ASAP!

An additional change, which may require some work, is the desire to reach out to all of the home schooled students across the District to encourage them to participate in this event. Please make every effort when you contact the school representative to make sure that they pass the word to this group of students.

I think that everyone has a very good idea of what needs to be done to prepare for this event, but in the coming weeks through the end of March 2015, I will be offering suggestions and words of encouragement that will help each Club prepare for this event at the local level.

My first suggestion is to schedule a sit down meeting at the School with their Faculty Advisor. This is important because the students will need guidance as to how to prepare for their speeches. Additional information and a basic explanation and history of the 4 Way Test can be found by going online to the District's website or by googling "Rotary 4 Way Test Motto."

This will be another great District event!

Scott Pease
 Chairman
 4 Way Test Speech Contest
 440-724-5510

A Success in Bedford

Annual Bedford Rotary Five Star Veterans Honor Run 10K and 2 Mile Fun Walk/Run

Over 90 runners and walkers participated in the annual Bedford Rotary Five Star Veterans Honor Run 10K and 2 Mile Fun Walk/Run on Sunday, September 14.



The morning was perfect for a race through historic Bedford and the beautiful MetroParks. Medals were awarded at the end of the run, goodie bags were handed out and most importantly, we celebrated our veterans! We hope that you will join us next September as we continue this tradition.



'14-'15 Directory Updates

Arne van der Heyde (page 95)
H: 330/ 666-8893

Bob Huge (page 97)
robertcolehuge@aol.com

Rotary Club of Bedford (page 105)
President Elect: Joe Mestnik (Kimberly)
6065 Robertdale Road
Oakwood OH 44146
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libertynews@aol.com

Susan Schmidt, Coordinator (page 25)
Susan has moved on to a new career opportunity!

Want to Change Your Life?

As a reminder to those Rotarians, Friends of Rotary and Students who wish to go on the next trip to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua please contact PDG Jack Young, by October 25. Jack is coordinating those coming from District 6630 with Rotarians in Texas.

Those leaving Ohio are scheduled to leave on December 3 and return on December 10, 2014. We will be handing out Christmas Shoe Boxes to the children in our schools and a special memorial plaque to commemorate PRID Betsy Demaray on the outer perimeter wall that was built to enclose the school of the dump. She was a founding member of our board of directors for the work that we do in Nicaragua. We will also be visiting other work sites in Nicaragua and the trade school which we support.

THEREFORE, PLEASE CONTACT PDG Jack Young by October 25, 2014 if you are planning on being a member of this year's team in December. (Contact Jack at 440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com or Jack1villa2@aol.com) Club presidents please share with you club members.

REMEMBER THE TRIP IS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 3-10, 2014.

Jack A. Young, PDG
Board of Directors
American Nicaragua Hope & Relief Fndn

★ **Doogans of Aurora** ★

&

The Rotary Club of Aurora

Invite you to Attend

The Last Chance Meet & Greet

with candidates for this November's election.

Wednesday, October 29th

6:00 to 8:30 pm

6:00 - Social Time with Cash Bar and Appetizers
6:45 - Call Program to Order - Being A Rotarian Video
7:00 - Introduce Candidates
- Short Speech by each Candidate without Debate or Questions
8:00 - Social Time with Cash Bar, Appetizers and Question Candidates.

We welcome Portage County residents to a last-chance before the November 4th general election to meet and greet candidates for election or supporting levies. This FREE, non-partisan Rotary Community Service event offers the opportunity to socialize, learn a little bit about Rotary, listen to short presentations from the candidates and then mingle and ask questions.

For Info and/or Reservations Contact:
Amy McDougald
mcdougaldofaurora@gmail.com
or
Dick Rowley
Drowley1@windstream.net

Music on Main Street XI

The Rotary Club of Kent is presenting its annual Music on Main Street on November 1st at the Kent Stage at 7:30 pm. Proceeds of this annual concert are used to purchase dictionaries and atlases for the children of the Kent City Schools and the Brimfield schools and to support other club projects. This year's program features The Wanda Hunt Band, a popular area R&B group. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased from any club member or on-line at mainstreetkent.org. It's a great chance to enjoy one of Kent's new restaurants, have a fun filled evening and support a good cause!



Having Fun With Fines

The Rotary Club of Hudson has discovered that paying fines is not only lucrative, but enjoyable!

At the first meeting of the month, The Finemeister takes the podium to the theme of the 60s TV hit "Dragnet" to levy fines for miscues, oversights, omissions and "excessive publicity." Fines include, but are certainly not limited to: failing to wear your pin or badge or purchase a Rotabuck raffle ticket (\$1.00); forgetting/mispronouncing a fellow member's name (\$2.00); getting caught doing something embarrassing at an event (\$3.00); and being mentioned in or running an ad in a local periodical (as high as \$5.00). The Finemeister wraps things up by asking for Happy News, at which time members pony up for the right to share upbeat stories about family and friends, among them graduations, anniversaries, births and career milestones.

Members are encouraged to pay immediately and in cash . . . or be subjected to another fine! Friendly jabs and well-meaning barbs are encouraged, and funds raised (often over \$100) support a local charity, event or project.

Finemeister sessions support the community, entertain, and generate fellowship and goodwill. Try it and we think you'll agree!

15 Community Service Ideas for Fall

We feel great when we can reach out and help others have a better life. This goes for people in faraway lands as well as right around the corner. I scouted around for some ideas that other Rotary clubs have done this time of year for the benefit of the community they serve. Some of these are great opportunities to bring awareness to your club and its activities, and opportunities to add members to your clubs. If your club is already doing one or more of these ideas, I encourage you to continue serving in this manner, may be add something to the event to bring more attention/participation to your event. If your club is not active in the community, please consider starting a community project to round out your efforts in the five avenues of service. Here are 15 ideas to get you started:

1. Adopt a needy family for Christmas and shop for their wish list
2. Chili luncheon/cook-off fundraiser to fund donations to community organizations.
3. Assist with the Christmas party for the Headstart and Early Childhood Special Education students
4. Build a ramp for a low income individuals with disabilities
5. Build a walking trail, pergola and bridge for local hospital or park
6. Build pavilion at football field of local high school
7. Conduct a walk/run followed by entertainment-proceeds to benefit community assistance organizations.
8. Help Ronald McDonald House
9. Clean up litter on the highway
10. Collect packaged products at food bank
11. Painted classroom in daycare center
12. Plant trees in the community public areas
13. Ring bells for Salvation Army's Red Kettle Christmas fundraiser
14. School beautification-clean flower beds, trim trees, mulching, weeding and cleanup.
15. Tailgate event at local high school football game to invite students to learn more about Interact

Philip Weiss
District Community Service Chair,
District 6630

News From TRC Berea

Clambake is another success



Enjoying the Berea Rotary's annual clam bake on Oct. 7 are, from the left, JoAnn Solnick, Larry Koterba and Marilyn Deucher. We had new caterers this year - Johnny Goslin and Russ Frank. They treated us to delicious clams and chicken, plus Manhattan-style clam chowder, baked white & sweet potatoes, corn on the cob and coleslaw.



Lining up for their turn at the goodies are Chuck Stanko, Mark Comstock, and Ed and Diane White, left, and Hilary Wilson and John and Claire Spooner below.



Our hosts were Judy Stull and Bob Huge, left. Dottie and Jim Walters, as did many others, took advantage of the take-out boxes. The leftovers were excellent the next day.



Cleveland Browns Alumnus to Speak:
Guest speaker at the Oct. 21 meeting of the Rotary Club of Berea will be Ernie Kellerman, who played for Coach Blanton Collier and the Cleveland Browns from 1966-71 as a safety. Teammates included Lou Groza, Leroy Kelly, Paul Warfield, Jim Houston and Frank Ryan. Ernie is a Rotarian, a member of the Chagrin Highlands Club. A native of Cleveland, he will talk about his days at St. Peter Chanel High School and Miami of Ohio and how they helped him in his football career. Berea Rotary meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Colony Room of Baldwin Wallace University's Strosacker Hall, 120 E. Grand St., Berea. For reservations, call (440) 236-9055.

News From TRC Akron

Recently, Dr. McGregor participated in a fundraiser for Hattie Larlham and went Over the Edge to represent Akron Children's Hospital. This is his story:

As the Chief Medical Officer (CMO), and the newest member of the executive team, I am always open to opportunities to serve the hospital. I have interacted with Hattie Larlham as a volunteer related to a local church and have cared for Hattie residents as a pediatric physician when I work clinically as a hospitalist at Akron Children's, so I recognize the phenomenal work Hattie Larlham does. When asked if I would be game to represent the hospital, I couldn't really come up with an answer other than yes.

I have essentially no prior experience rappelling and in fact have a little challenge dealing with heights. My solo experience was thirty years ago as a pediatric resident I was a volunteer doc at diabetes camp. We had a 20 foot climbing wall which the campers used to learn rappelling. On my watch a child had a low blood sugar reaction and I



had no choice but to rappel down to administer a glucose containing remedy. So I guess children and young adult patients motivate me to overcome fears.

The first step of 300 feet was pretty frightening but the professionals who prep and train you were so safety focused with repeated use of safety check lists and good humored instruction, I gave up my fear and went for it. Once I experienced my weight being adequately supported by the ropes, I could actually look down and enjoy the view. Akron really has awesome green space and the Rubber Duck Stadium looked pretty tiny. I was surprised when after about a 200 feet drop the weight of the ropes shifted and I no longer

had pressure keeping me firmly against the wall so I had to gain comfort hanging loosely.

The result was a worthy organization raised about \$150,000.00 and I added a 22 story rappel experience to my bucket list and got to cross it off. I say, put this on your bucket list.

Your Club & The IRS

Greetings from Rotary. Your Club and District Support (CDS) team is contacting you today to remind you of the IRS annual filing requirement for all Rotary clubs in the U.S. and U.S. territories.

Note: If your club has already completed this requirement this year, please disregard this message.

Whether your club is a subordinate under Rotary International's 501(c)(4) group exemption or is independently tax-exempt, the IRS requires that all Rotary clubs in the U.S. and its territories file an annual information return. For those clubs whose tax year follows the Rotary year, the deadline to file is **15 November**. The form a club must file is dependent upon its gross receipts for the year. For more information, please see [Frequently asked questions about annual reporting requirements for exempt organizations](#) at www.irs.gov.

It is important that your club comply with IRS requirements. Please note that [Section 6033\(j\)](#) of the Internal Revenue Code *automatically revokes* the exemption of any organization that fails to satisfy its filing requirement for three consecutive years.

Our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) will answer many of the general questions you may have about Rotary clubs and the IRS. Please direct any specific questions regarding your club's tax-exempt status or reporting requirements to local counsel, your tax adviser or the IRS at www.irs.gov or 877-829-5500.

Thank you for your attention to this important reminder.

Sincerely,
Your CDS Team

Clergy Appreciation Dinner

On Thursday, September 25, the Rotary Club of Brunswick gave special recognition to local Clergy of the Brunswick/Medina County area at the Brunswick Community Center. Jim Horn, Brunswick Rotary Club President, welcomed all who attended and gave an overview of the clubs activity and its commitment to the local community. Tiffany Safram, president elect led the group in the pledge of allegiance.

Marsha Pappalardo, Past Club President, presented information on the membership process and Bill Wilkinson, Past Club President, gave an update on the upcoming Thanksgiving Baskets to families in the area. The local club is involved and supports a number of local and International projects including, The Hands Foundation, Salvation Army, Hospice of Medina County, local scouts, Dictionaries to local third grade students, meals to

local Seniors, Rotary District Scholarships in the Rotary 4 Way Speech Contest, Food Pantry, Shelter Box USA, Christmas Shoe Boxes to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua and many more.

For more information on Rotary and your involvement please Jim Horn President, elwood001@roadrunner.com or Marsha Pappalardo, cmpappa@aol.com.

Pictured below are members of the Rotary Club of Brunswick and Local Community Clergy.



District DDF Report

From the Desks of PDG Bob Johnson and Foundation Chair Jim Lechko:

We are happy to provide you with the following report regarding the use of our District Designated Funds (DDF) from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) for District (local) and Global Grants for the 2013-14 Rotary year.

Matching dollars given out for our local projects totaled \$22,765.00. Grants were awarded to Lakewood Rocky River - Hoop House project; Ashtabula - Bleacher Repair; Conneaut - Athletic Equipment; Geauga Cluster - KnoxBox; Medina Sunrise - Freezers (Food Bank); Kent - Kent City Schools Traveling Tales; Mentor - Deepwood Broadmoor School; Brunswick - Biosand Filters and Willoughby - Autism project.

Matching dollars for Global Grants totaled \$40,790. Grants were awarded to Fairlawn - Micro Finance; Chagrin Valley Akron Children's Hospital Vocational Training Team (VTT) and Chagrin Highlands - India VTT.

District 6630 also donated to two TRF initiatives: Polio Plus - \$10,000 and Rotary Peace Centers - \$10,000.

See the spreadsheet below for details.

Honor Your Rotary Veterans

PDG Jack Young a United States Air Force Veteran, recently presented the Rotary Veterans pin to two members of the Rotary Club of Port-Summit. He thanked them on behalf of our district, for meeting our motto of Service Above Self for their service to Rotary and for Serving our country to protect our freedom. After presenting them with their special pin, both Rotarians gave a brief overview of their service.



A Special thank you to all Rotarian Military Veterans for their service. For more information on the special pins please contact PDG Jack Young, (Jack1villa@aol.com or call 440-759-4000.

Rotaract Clubs Seek Members

Do you have a child, grandchild or relative attending the University of Akron or Kent State? Do they want to be part of a global community of young adults taking action for positive change? The University of Akron Rotaract Club and the Kent State University Rotaract Club may be the perfect fit for them. These clubs, with the support of Rotary on both the local club and district level, grow together on the collegiate level volunteering to help on projects and placing service above self. If you would like to contact the president of these clubs, please email Tyler Humphrey (teh50@uakron.edu) for the University of Akron or Mary Allen (meallen45@gmail.com) for Kent State University. If you would like an introductory meeting set -up, please contact District Interact / Rotaract co-chairs Arne R. van der Heyde (arnvdh@gmail.com) or Bob Oborn (boborn@kentelastomer.com)

Rotarians, lets help these clubs grow!

10/22/2014

prepared by Stephen Zabor

District 6630 Grants Committee				
2013-2014 District Designated Funds Distribution				
	Total Project Budget	World Fund	DDF Grant Amount	Balance
Initial DDF Budget - 50% of Annual Share Contribution 2010-11				\$86,682.50
50% to Available Endowment Fund Share Earnings				\$379.75
Rollover Amount from 2012-2013				\$4,266.28
Returned Funds - Brunswick Tilapia				\$15,004.00
Total Combined DDF Budget				\$106,332.53
Less Committed PROJECT FUNDING:				
District Simplified Grants (2013-2014)			\$28,560.00	\$77,772.53
PolioPlus Fund			\$10,000.00	\$67,772.53
Rotary Peace Centers for International Studies Pooled Fund			\$10,000.00	\$57,772.53
Global Projects				
Beginning Balance				\$57,772.53
Approved 10/4/13 - Fairlawn Micro Finance	\$ 50,165.00	\$ 21,485.00	\$ 14,290.00	\$43,482.53
Approved 1/6/2014 - Chagrin Valley VTT Akron Childrens Hosp	\$ 60,125.00	\$ 25,925.00	\$ 17,500.00	\$25,982.53
Approved 12/2/2013 - Chagrin Highlands India VTT	\$ 65,000.00	\$ 27,000.00	\$ 9,000.00	\$16,982.53
Approved DDF Total for Global Grants	\$ 175,290.00	\$ 74,410.00	\$ 40,790.00	
Unused International Project Funds - Rolled over to 2014-15				\$16,982.53
Local Projects DSG - Beginning Balance				\$28,560.00
Approved 1/6/14 - Lakewood RR - Hoop House	\$4,830.00		\$2,415.00	\$26,145.00
Approved 10/7/13 - Ashtabula - Bleacher Repair	\$4,622.24	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$23,845.00
Approved 10/7/13 - Conneaut - Athletic Equipment	\$3,099.25	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$22,345.00
Approved 10/7/13 - Geauga Cluster - KnoxBox	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$18,845.00
Approved 10/7/13 - Medina Sunrise - Freezers - Food Bank	\$4,800.00	\$0.00	\$2,300.00	\$16,545.00
Approved 11/4/13 - Kent - Traveling Tales - Kent City Schools	\$2,527.50	\$0.00	\$1,250.00	\$15,295.00
Approved 2/3/14 - Mentor - Deepwood's Broadmoor School	\$7,604.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$11,795.00
Approved 4/7/14 - Brunswick - Biosand Filters	\$5,040.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$9,295.00
Willoughby - Autism Project	\$15,900.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$5,795.00
Current Approved Total for DSG	\$58,422.99		\$22,765.00	
Unused Local Project Funds - Rolled over to 2014-15				\$5,795.00

Sydney Shares her Year in France with TRC Akron

Sydney Heersink, a former Firestone High School student, connected via Skype to the Rotary Club of Akron September 16, 2014, to report on her Rotary Youth Exchange experience in France 2013-2014. She gave accolades to the club for supporting her and to two of her host families in France for their continued support and mentoring in a new culture. Examples of cultural faux pas and other cross-cultural adventures never kept Sydney from getting the most from her year abroad. She was transformed from the shy, quiet girl in the high school classroom to the outgoing, willing to speak to others in a foreign language that she beautifully mas-

tered. Also challenging were the subjects



she studied at the local "lycée." After finding that the French are academically ahead of American students, Sydney was placed at a level comparable to a junior

rather than senior. Several French friends helped her understand assignments so she could do her best work. One of the more difficult aspects of living abroad was making friends. It was difficult but not impossible. The host family and siblings are an essential key to the success of the international student's integration into and comprehension of the new culture. If Sydney were given a 2nd chance to do the RYE program, she would jump immediately on board, saying that it was the opportunity of a lifetime and that her life is changed forever and for the good. She is extremely grateful to Akron Rotary.

News From TRC Jefferson

Karen Hanson is the founder and director of Girls for the World, a Cleveland based organization with an international footprint. The mission of GFTW is to develop in girls and young women the confidence and leadership skills that will enable them to bring about positive social change in their communities and in the world. Karen has presented workshops in India, Peru, Nicaragua, Haiti, and here in the United States. The Jefferson Rotary Club supports the work of Girls for the World, because of the wider mission of Rotary International to encourage worldwide leadership development and training.



Karen Hanson was the speaker at the Jefferson Rotary Club meeting on September 4, at which time she accepted a \$1,000.00 check from the club on behalf of GFTW. The Jefferson Rotary Club also contributes to many local programs and projects, especially involving youth development. If you would like more information about Girls for the World or Rotary International, please visit www.girlsfortheworld.org

TRC Medina-Sunrise Commendation

Senator Larry Obhof, recently named the 2014 Ohio State Legislator of the Year by the Public Children Services Association of Ohio, read a commendation from his office in conjunction with the Senate President recognizing Medina Sunrise Rotary Club on its 20th Anniversary of service - "Making a difference in the lives of children in our community and beyond through its time, talents and treasure."

"For twenty years, the members of the Medina Sunrise Rotary Club have worked to improve our community," Obhof said. "They have spent great time and effort to help the children of Medina County, and it was an honor to join them and help celebrate this milestone anniversary."

Ohio State Senator Larry Obhof, Majority Whip and Vice-Chair of the Senate Civil Justice Committee, proudly represents the people of the 22nd Senate District, which includes Medina, Ashland and Richland counties, as well as portions of Holmes County.



Staff Sergeant Mike Zickefoose State Senator Larry Obhof Rotary Club President Barb Evatz DG Dr. Mike Davanzo MCRC Executive Director Mike Wright

ShoeBoxes for Chinandega

Shoe Boxes and medical supplies delivered to the RC of Troy Michigan on their way to Nicaragua.



Pictured loading the School Boxes on pallets to begin the journey are Marsha Pappalardo, Past President and Past AG of the Rotary Club of Brunswick; Tiffany Safan, President elect of the RC of Brunswick; Lou Ann Wilkinson, PP of the RC of Ashtabula; Ron Wilkinson, PP and Past AG, Rotary Club of Ashtabula, and PDG Jack Young, RC of Conneaut.

A special thank you to Ron for using his trailer to transport the 550 shoe boxes and other items to PDG Larry Wright, Michigan District 6400. The shoe boxes and other items will be given to the children in December of this year. This was truly a tremendous effort by the clubs participating in the district of 6630.

Important Information About Rotary Insurance

We would like to highlight important insurance information that your club should find useful.

The U.S. Rotary Club and District Liability Insurance Program ("Program") automatically provides U.S. Rotary clubs and districts with general liability ("GL") and directors' & officers'/employment practices liability ("D&O/EPL") insurance. It is paid for by U.S. Rotarians on the July Semiannual Report.

Insurance Information Portal (Portal)

Visit the *Insurance Information Portal* for the latest information regarding the Program. Here you will find the essentials: certificates of insurance for your events, insurance policies and summaries, and loss control guidelines that should help you plan your club's activities and events.

www.locktonportal.com/sites/rotary/resources

Username: Rotarian

Password: Resources#1

Note: Username and password are case-sensitive. This portal is for U.S. Rotary club/district use only. Please share this information with those in your club, but avoid posting it in places, including unsecure club web sites, where it is easily accessible by outside parties.

Fireworks Coverage Change (NEW)

Fireworks coverage is no longer provided to clubs that contract directly with the pyrotechnics company that detonates the fireworks. Please visit the Insurance Information Portal for more details and for FAQs.

Certificate of Insurance

The certificate of insurance is the most frequently obtained document on the *Portal*. If there are any issues with the certificate, please contact Lockton (see the bottom of this email).

Loss Control Guidelines

Visit the *Portal* to help ensure safe and successful events/activities. There, you will find loss control guidance for many different events and activities, including:

- *Use of Automobiles*
- *Contract Best Practices for Activities & Events*
- *Financial Risk Management*
- *Use of Golf Carts and other Mobile Equipment*
- *Food Handling and Serving*

Events with Attendance Exceeding 25,000

Rotary clubs that organize events exceeding 25,000 attendees over the entire event period are required to report such events to insurance@rotary.org and purchase primary general/special events liability insurance with a minimum limit of \$1 million per occurrence/\$2 million aggregate. The Program provides excess coverage above this required policy.

Non-Owned/Rented Auto Liability

The Program provides excess liability coverage for the use of rented and non-owned automobiles above any other valid and collectible insurance on the automobile. This coverage is intended for insured entities only and does not extend to individuals who use their personal automobile for Rotary club business. There is no comprehensive/collision coverage for damage to any auto operated by the club/district.

Incident Reporting

Report all incidents that may lead to a claim or lawsuit to Risk Management at claims@rotary.org or by fax to (847) 556-2147. The Incident Report form is available on the *Portal*. If your club is served

with a lawsuit, please contact Risk Management immediately.

Claims Expenses

The assessments club members pay are used to cover the cost of insurance policies and cost of claims within the \$500,000 self-insured retention for GL and \$25,000 deductible for D&O/EPL.

2014-15 Insurance Assessment Rates

Due to rising insurance costs and an increase in severity of claims, GL rates increased for 2014-15. This increase was partially offset by a credit due to lower-than-expected losses in earlier policy years. D&O/EPL rates increased slightly for 2014-15. Despite these increases, this insurance continues to be very competitive in price and breadth of coverage when compared to liability policies in the insurance marketplace. GL rates are \$2.73 per member and D&O/EPL Rates are \$0.34 per member.

Sincerely,

Julita Brzozowska

Risk Manager, Rotary International

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District Announces RIHS Scholarship

The District is again offering the opportunity for Rotary Clubs to offer the prestigious RIHS Scholarship (long-term) to local high school students in their communities at minimal cost to the sponsoring Rotary club. The clubs who are participating in Rotary's Youth Exchange program are demonstrating their commitment to each of the Five Avenues of Service in one of the best, most direct, most meaningful, and most fun ways possible. Clubs are helped to promote the availability of the RIHS Scholarship and sponsor local (outbound) students to spend a year of high school overseas in a remarkable, life-changing experience. The club will also host one or more foreign (inbound) students for a year in your community.

Under the leadership of a club Youth Exchange Officer, Rotarians use local media community announcements, visit high schools and/or local community organizations to create awareness about the RIHS Scholarship to local teenagers and parents. They meet with interested students and their parents, and interview the students to determine their suitability for the program. Clubs are urged to invite their RIHS Scholarship candidates to one or more Rotary meetings before the student leaves to help them learn more about Rotary and the sponsoring club. RIHS Scholars should be given a few club banners to exchange overseas.

For the inbound students, the club is secondarily responsible for finding host families (as part of their application, Outbound students will provide 3 committed hosting families) and arranging for schooling, in addition it will provide the student with a small monthly allowance. Using three host families gives the student a variety of experiences, several families get to enjoy the student, and no one family is over-burdened. The club must get approval from a local high school for the student's enrollment there.

The host club will also need to designate one of its members to serve as the Inbound student's Counselor, to meet with the student on a regular basis, keep on top of the student's progress through the year, help resolve problems, and provide a direct link to the Rotary club. The Coun-

selor can be the Youth Exchange Officer or a different member, but the Counselor cannot be the current host parent.

Host clubs should try to bring their Inbounds to at least one Rotary meeting each month, so as many members as possible can meet the student. It's also a great idea to involve the student in club activities, whether they are community service efforts, social events, or whatever. These events allow the student to meet more Rotarians, and vice versa, opening up wonderful opportunities for future times together and greater international understanding.

How should clubs promote the RIHS Scholarship and Short-Term programs?

If you think that most teenagers could not be exchange students, and could not handle the challenges of a new language, people, and culture, you're absolutely correct! But there are exceptional students in every town who would be perfect for this program, and would jump at the chance to take part, if only they knew about it. So you need to reach those kids!

The first proven way to promote the program is to contact a school counselor at each high school in your area. Explain that your club is offering the RIHS Scholarship and also an affordable family-to-family summer exchange program. Ask the counselor to invite the students to an information meeting at the school. The school needs to announce the meeting a few days in advance on their announcement system, and the students should sign up in advance for the meeting. It's good to schedule it shortly after classes are over during any school day. You may ask the District YE committee for help with the meeting if you like.

The second proven way of finding prospective outbound students is to ask your local paper to make a public service announcement. Here is a generic press release you may choose to use:

_____ Rotary Club Announces Rotary International High School Scholarship

The _____ Rotary Club is proud to announce that it is offering a scholarship for international high school studies. An-

nually, 9,000 students between the ages of 15 and 18.5 years old participate in this program worldwide. This is for the 2015-2016 academic year.

In addition to the scholarship program, _____ Rotary Club is also offering a short term, family-to-family summer exchange program for high school students.

For more information, please contact (insert YEO's name/tel/email).

(<http://rotarydistrict6630.org/SitePage/youth-exchange>)

Posted Date: MM/DD/YYYY

Your District Youth Exchange Committee is more than willing to help. Contact your District YE Outbound Chair for assistance - you'll be surprised at how many students in your own community would love to apply for the RIHS Scholarship and/or the Short-Term program.

What is the club's role in the Short-Term program?

Rotary's Short-Term exchange program offers teenagers a unique opportunity to spend part of a vacation with a family in another country, and then share an equal time here with a foreign teenage guest. The program is a family-to-family exchange, usually during the summer months when school is not in session.

Clubs wishing to offer this program in their communities need only to find students and families who wish to participate. The club then interviews the students and parents, and, if they are acceptable candidates, forwards their applications on to the District Short Term Chairs. As with the RIHS Scholars, it's a nice idea to invite the Short-Term outbound student and parents to a Rotary meeting, to get to know the members and gain an understanding about the club and the organization as a whole.

Some clubs schedule a special activity for both students during the inbound part of the exchange - a cookout or other outing, or perhaps just an evening at a club member's home. Inviting both students to a Rotary meeting is, of course, always a nice idea.

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RIHS Scholarship cont'd

Eligibility of children, grandchildren and relatives of Rotarians

Both the Short-Term summer exchange and the RIHS year-long scholarship exchange are open to children of Rotarians and non-Rotarians alike. Because this is not a Rotary Foundation program there is no restriction on who may participate, and all students may apply irrespective of parent or grandparent Rotary involvement. Both the programs offer wonderful opportunities to those very special teenagers who recognize its importance and are willing to take on its challenges. Keep in mind that parents of exchange students can also be potential new members of your club!

For more information contact Tim Snell, Rprobert Heydorn, Patrick Kelley, Robert Huge or Judy Stull, or check the information and forms on the District's Web Page at <http://rotarydistrict6630.org/SitePage/youth-exchange>

Policeman & Fireman Exemplify Service Above Self



From left, Shaker Heights Police Chief D. Scott Lee; Sgt. Richard Mastnardo; Shaker Rotary President Maria Kaiser, Firefighter Dan Peter and Shaker Fire Chief Patrick Sweeney at the Rotary Club of Shaker Heights Fire and Police Awards. Tom Jewell/Special to the Sun News

SHAKER HEIGHTS, Ohio ~ Local Rotarians again recognized a firefighter and police officer who exemplify the club's motto of "Service Above Self" on Wednesday (Oct. 8).

Sgt. Richard Mastnardo, who joined the force 15 years ago and is in his 10th year as a K-9 officer, has been in charge of Special Services in the department since 2007.

Shaker Heights Mayor Earl Leiken noted that he saw Mastnardo, a master trainer and K-9 evaluator, in action with his partner at the time, Dar.

"I found that dogs are quite effective in quelling riot situations," Leiken said, referring to some tense moments resulting from "flash mobs" converging on recent Fourth of July fireworks celebrations that have since been cancelled.

Mastnardo now has an "explosive detection K-9" named Alan who put in a brief appearance after Wednesday's appreciation breakfast at Shaker Fire Station #1.

Dar, now 11, has since retired as the most highly decorated dog on the police force, a two-time winner of the "Hero Dog of the Year Award," once for apprehending a suspect armed with a gun during an altercation with Mastnardo in late 2008.

And Mastnardo still believes that police dogs can help make officers more approachable in the community, even if it just comes down to a kid wanting to pet the K-9.



From left, Shaker Heights Police Sgt. Richard Mastnardo, Mayor Earl Leiken and Firefighter Dan Peter.

"I'm proud to be a member of the police department, proud to serve this community," Mastnardo told the Rotary after accepting his plaque from past Shaker Rotary President Bob Ault. "I'm passionate about it, and I thank you very much."

Past Shaker Rotary President John Sobotincic accused Leiken of stealing his thunder when he introduced Firefighter of the Year Dan Peter as having "a remarkable reputation for being able to solve any problem ~ which is an asset to any organization."

Peter has 22 years with the department, certified as a paramedic and an engine driver and a member of the Heights Special Rescue Team since its inception.

But you haven't really arrived in the Shaker Heights Fire Department until they give you a nickname.

"And his nickname is 'MacGyver,' because he can fix just about anything and use his skill and brainpower to get out of any jam," Sobotincic added. "But it's what Dan accomplishes behind the scenes that matters."

This involves working on numerous community and charitable causes and events, and also includes a considerable amount of cooking.

"There's a saying: 'You're either in the fire service, or the fire service is in you,'" Sobotincic said, as he handed Peter a Rotary pen ~ similar to one that was previously lost in the fire department.