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 District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

November is Rotary Foundation month and it is a no better time to discuss what our Foundation is and why we should all continue our support. This mission of the Rotary Foundation is to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education and the alleviation of poverty.

I shouldn't have to remind anyone in District 6630 of the passion Past Rotary International President Arch Klumph had to begin the Rotary Foundation! In 1917 at the International Convention R.I. President Klumph proposed to set up an endowment. As he said "for the purpose of doing good in the world." In 1928 the endowment was renamed the Rotary Foundation. When founder Paul Harris passed away in 1947 contributions came pouring into Rotary International the Paul Harris memorial fund was established to help to build the Foundation.

In 1957 the Paul Harris fellowship was created to recognize generous contributions of one thousand dollars or more. In that year only five people were named. By 2006 over one million people had received this special recognition.

Today, our Rotary Foundation helps to fund humanitarian activities from local service projects, to global initiatives. In District 6630 we encourage clubs to apply for grants to invest in projects and scholarships. Our Foundation also leads the charge in worldwide campaigns such as eradication of Polio and the promotion of Peace.

This is all made possible by voluntary contributions by Rotarians and friends of Rotary. Without the belief and generous contributions from the Rotarians in District 6630 none of our District grants would be possible. Consider this, for less than twenty eight cents a day, less than a cup of coffee your annual giving of on hundred dollars to the foundation can be made. Of course many of you and probably do give far more. There are so many outstanding organizations that we all support. But none I believe is more important than our own Foundation. Rated as one of the leading charities in the area of efficacy, transparency, accountability and financial stability. Our Foundation has continued to receive a four Star ranking by Charity Navigator a leading on-line watch dog group.

To participate in giving to the Foundation is easy. The best way is to participate in a program called Rotary Direct. This program allows you to select the giving program that is just right for you. You can find this form on our District website under the Foundation heading. Our Foundation is the one common tool that we have to help support all of the things that make us proud to be a Rotarian. I know all of you are willing to help!!! Please join us in celebrating the Foundation at the District Foundation event on November 28, 2017. More information and registration is available on the District 6630 website.

Please don't wait to continue to do all that we do to continue to "Making a Difference" in our communities and the world

Now and Forever!

Thank you for all that you do!!

Amy Kapostasy
 District Governor 6630
 2017-18



Are you looking for ways to connect with new members? Do you want to learn more about membership leads? Is your club diverse? Find strategies for tackling membership challenges in the [Learning Center](#).

New courses include interactive modules that allow you to choose your own adventure. After reading a scenario, you'll get to decide what to do. You can even see what happens when you choose different actions. Whether you use these courses at learning events or on your own, they offer a fun experience for everyone.

Resources

Expand your club with membership leads

What happens when people express an interest in Rotary at rotary.org/join? Rotary screens them and assigns them to a district. The districts are then asked to assign each person, or member lead, to a club in the area that's likely to be a good fit. Club leaders are asked to contact the lead or let the district know that another club would be a better fit. Rotary International receives an average of 1,000 leads per week. In 2016-17, districts followed up on 41 percent of them, and clubs pursued just 26 percent.

Following up on your leads offers a great opportunity to find potential members who are already interested in Rotary. Learn how in the [Managing Membership Leads](#) webinar or [Connect to Membership Leads](#).

First impressions matter

Watch a recording of the webinar [First Impressions Matter: The Membership Experience](#), in which speakers talk about:

- The one thing you can do today to improve your club's public image
- What happens to your club culture when you begin to affirm possibilities by saying "Yes, and ..." to new projects and ideas
- Following a dream and inspiring communities along the way

One participant described the webinar as "wonderfully engaging," noting that "the presentations were strategic and succinct, and the information provided was creative and inspiring."

Watch [other webinar recordings](#).

News From TRC Chagrin Valley

The eighth annual Chagrin Documentary Film Fest was held October 3-8 in venues in and around Chagrin Falls. Chagrin Valley Rotarian Mary Ann Ponce, founder of the festival, has worked tirelessly over the past eight years to bring the world to Chagrin Falls. Club members supported the film fest with all types of work. We did everything from selecting the films admitted to the fest to running the projectors along with the normal manual labor needed to pull off an event of this magnitude. Over 600 films were submitted with eighty selected for viewing.

For the past four years George Pogan, fellow Rotarian and proud Hungarian, has organized a Friday-night Hungarian festival involving a movie, food, dancing, and social evening. A large group of Hungarian-Americans from greater Cleveland unite each year to keep their homeland's customs and memories alive. This year's event highlighted the movie Cold Warriors, about a handful of young American-Hungarians who were ready to fight for freedom in a homeland they barely knew.

Chagrin Valley Rotary sponsored the Service Above Self award given to the best documentary that exemplifies our motto. Four Rotarians spent over five hours viewing four films nominated for the Service Above Self award. The award-winner was The

Peacemaker directed by James Demo. This was the story of international peacemaker Pdraig O'Malley. Mr. O'Malley has worked in Northern Ireland, Kosovo, Nigeria and Iraq, working to implement a model based on his recovery from addiction. We were happy to recognize in attendance co-producer John Mulrooney. Mr. Mulrooney, an associate professor at Bridgewater State University, flew in from Boston to attend the festival.

Movie Maker Magazine has named the Chagrin Documentary Film Fest "Top 50 Film Fest Worth the Entry Fee" for 5 years running. Quite an honor when you consider there are 5,800 film fests around the world.

The theme of this year's annual Rotary fundraiser was "H(e)arts for Guatemala and Hearts for Haiti". It was held one week after the Chagrin Documentary Film Fest on Saturday, October 14. The Hart family adopted a son from Guatemala and now wanted to give back to the people of Guatemala who need the basic necessities of life. "Hearts for Haiti" is our long-running Gift of Live program, providing heart surgery for Haitian children living with a heart defect. This fundraiser combined two separate charities and united two separate demographic social groups into a common night of fun and fundraising.

Shelter Box Club Support Update

As of October 15, there have been 15 District 6630 Rotarians and Rotary Clubs who have supported Shelter Box efforts during the recent serious disasters in the world. To date a total of \$ 24,158 has been sent to Shelter Box USA. Those clubs and individuals who have provided help to our efforts include the Rotary Clubs of Burton/Middlefield, Chesterland, Westlake Bay Village, Bedford, Kent, Berea, Chardon, North Royalton, Aurora, Strongsville, Solon, North Ridgeville, Nardon Hills, Chagrin, Shaker

Heights and Rotarian Dave Diffendal. If anyone has sent in money directly to Shelter Box, please let me know so that I can update our records. Thank you for your continued efforts for supporting Shelter Box, especially during this difficult times. For more information, please feel free to contact me.

Jack A. Young, PDG 2005-06
Shelter Box USA
Board of Directors 2007-14
Board of Director Emeritus 2015-17

****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

SMFHS Interact Walks for Alzheimer's

Stow Munroe Falls High School Interact Club members participated in the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on Sunday, October 1, at The University of Akron Stile Athletics Field House. Volunteering from left to right front row:

Michaela Brugmann, Maria Petrecca, Tina Ly (holding the poster), Emily Clark, and Angela Sparrow. Left to right second row: Audrey Carroll, Justin Moeller, Becca Terrill, Olivia Rainey, Samuel Zito, and Joshua Boehm.



10 Tips to Attract and Retain Quality Members
Are you looking for tips to attract and engage members? [Read the 10 strategies](#) that helped one Rotary club in Minnesota, USA, bring in 31 new members in nine months. What is your club doing to reinvent itself? Tell us your story at club.innovations@rotary.org.

Community Forum to Address Protecting Kids From Human Trafficking

(STRONGSVILLE, Ohio - October 9, 2017) A simple ride home from a boy she liked resulted in two years of sex slavery for Theresa Flores, a 15-year-old girl with a normal family, living in an affluent suburb near Detroit.

Flores, now an advocate for victims of sex slavery and other forms of human trafficking, will be the featured speaker at Protect Your Kids: A free community forum about human trafficking, to be held on Tuesday, November 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the Strongsville Middle School auditorium, in Strongsville. The event is being organized by the Rotary Club of Strongsville in partnership with the Collaborative to End Human Trafficking, of Cleveland.

Victims of sex slavery and other forms of human trafficking are often hidden in plain sight, being sold on the Internet, or forced to work in hotels or in private residences, coerced by violence, emotional control or the promise of drugs, sometimes while living an otherwise normal life.

"It's important that the public know the red flags of trafficking so that suspected cases of trafficking are recognized and reported, and victims have access to needed services," said Karen Walsh, president and CEO of the Collaborative. "Many people believe that human trafficking takes place only in far-away places. The reality, however, is that it's taking place right here in Greater Cleveland."

The Collaborative developed the public awareness campaign, Human Trafficking Happens Here Too, along with the Ohio Attorney General's Office and Greater Cleveland's Coordinated Response to Human Trafficking, to raise the public's awareness that the crime is occurring across northeast Ohio and right here in our own neighborhoods.

During the first half of 2017, the National Human Trafficking Hotline recorded 191 known cases of human trafficking in Ohio alone, 82 percent of which involved sex trafficking and 28 percent of which involved minors. Over the past 10 years, the Cleveland area ranked 13th in the nation

for the number of calls per capital made to the National Human Trafficking Hotline. Columbus ranked ninth.

Around the world, the Rotary Action Group Against Slavery and other advocacy groups estimate, more than 4.6 million people live in slavery.

Since escaping from sex trafficking, Flores has become an author and founder of The SOAP (Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution) Project. She was appointed to the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Commission in 2009 and has testified before the Ohio House and Senate in support of Human Trafficking Legislation. Additionally, the "Theresa Flores Law," which eliminates the statute of limitations for children who have been trafficked, was recently passed in Michigan

Other speakers at the forum will include Detective John Morgan, of the Cuyahoga County Sheriff's Department and a member of the Ohio Attorney General - Cuyahoga County Regional Human Trafficking Task Force. A representative from the Cleveland Rape Crisis Center also will speak.

The forum resulted from a series of meetings between the Strongsville Rotary and the Collaborative, along with top administrators of the Strongsville City School District, the Strongsville Police Department, the Strongsville Fire Department, the Ohio Highway Patrol, a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner from a local hospital and a Strongsville High School student ambassador appointed to the Ohio Attorney General's Task Force on Human Trafficking.

The free forum is open to all. Registration is not required, but is appreciated. Attendees can register by emailing ken@thewriteco.com and providing the number of people expected to attend.

Strongsville Middle School is located at 13200 Pearl Road, Strongsville, Ohio 44136.

Akron Rotary Camp Regatta Funds Dining Hall Kitchen Upgrades at Akron Rotary Camp

On Saturday, September 23, nearly 500 guests attended the Akron Rotary Camp Regatta on the shores of Rex Lake. It was the perfect fall evening as guests were greeted with signature Champagne cocktails; sampled the delicacies provided by Beau's Grille, enjoyed boat rides, s'mores around the camp fire, and had a chance to explore the camp and all it has to offer. The evening was capped off with a spectacular fireworks display over the Portage Lakes.



Thank you to our co-chairs, Bill and Suzanne Manby and Joe and Nicolle Swiatkowski for all their hard work and dedication to make this event a phenomenal success, as we raised over \$704,000! Proceeds of the event will be used towards the expansion and renovation of the new "Judy and Roger Read Lodge." Upgrades will be made to the kitchen, dining hall and exterior of the Lodge. The renovations will provide necessary dining space for our campers with sensory sensitivities, bring our kitchen up to current health department regulations, provide additional storage for tables and chairs, and make our bathrooms ADA accessible.

We are extremely grateful for the generous support of our Akron Rotary Club, Akron Rotary Foundation, and many other donors, volunteers, and supporters throughout our community. TOGETHER we will continue to create a world where there are only abilities!

Akron Rotary Camp, a project of the Rotary Club of Akron

4-Way Test Speech Contest 2018

We are pleased to announce that the 2018 Rotary District 6630 - 4 Way Test Speech Contest will be held on Sat, April 7, 2018 at Aurora High School from 8:30 am to 2:30 pm.

Sponsorship Fee stays the same as last year at \$100/- per student (includes lunch and refreshments for 1 student, 2 parents and 1 Rotarian). All others can attend at \$15/- per person and \$10/- per child (under 12 years). Clubs can sponsor 1 student per school to the District level contest.

Clubs are encouraged to display the attached POSTER at High Schools and on Community Bulletin boards to reach a wider audience and gain some positive exposure for the Speech Contest and Rotary. Community Bulletin boards can be found at Public Libraries, Churches, Local Panera Stores, Starbucks, Giant Eagle, Heinen's etc...

Your Rotary Legislative Process at Work

By: Julie West

You may not be aware that Rotary International has a legislative process for changing its constitutional documents and addressing other administrative issues, be we do. This is handled through Rotary International's Council on Legislation (COL), which is made up of one representative from every Rotary District. COL Representatives serve for three years. I have the honor of serving our District in this capacity for the three year term beginning July 1, 2017 and concluding June 30, 2020.

All items of legislation are divided into two types: enactments and resolutions. A proposed enactment seeks to amend the RI constitutional documents, which include the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. A proposed resolution is a request to the RI Board or The Rotary Foundation Trustees to take an action that is outside the purview of the constitutional documents. Ideally, a resolution should affect the Rotary world, rather than address local or administrative issues.

Up until this year, both enactments and resolutions were considered every 3 years when the Council representatives met in Chicago. Begin-

ning this year, resolutions are being considered annually and voted on electronically by the Council representatives. Enactments will still be debated and voted on every three years in a face-to-face meeting.

Enactments and resolutions are proposed by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RIBI (Rotary International British Isles). However, an enactment or resolution proposed by a club must be voted on by its members and also be voted on, or endorsed, by the clubs in its district at its district conference, a district legislation meeting, or through a ballot-by-mail, before it can be submitted to Rotary.

The 2017 Council on Resolutions (COR) is underway, with Council representatives voting electronically on resolutions which were submitted by June 30, 2017. Voting began October 15th and will conclude November 15th. Results will be published by November 20th. All Rotarians can view the resolutions and results on the [COR voting site](#). However, only a district's Council representative can vote. The Board or Trustees will consider the adopted resolutions.

Dates for submitting enactments or resolutions for future voting are as follows:

2018 Council on Resolutions deadline: June 30, 2018

2019 Council on Legislation deadline: December 31, 2017

Rotary Club of Mantua Christmas Tour of Homes

Fridays November 3 and 10 from 4:00 to 8:00 P.M.
Saturdays November 4 and 11 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.
Sundays November 5 and 12 from 12:30 to 4:00 P.M.

The tour includes a diverse mixture of four homes decorated for the season. Three are century homes. One is a combination of an original Greek Revival and a log cabin that had been dismantled and moved from two different locations.

Tickets are on sale at the Mantua Station Drug Store on Route 44 for \$15.00 beginning one half hour before the homes open for the tour.

High School Foreign Studies Scholarship Program update: Inbound students have arrived!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE FOR 2018

For the past 12 years, over 35 different Rotary Clubs, over 1100 Rotarians and Friends of Rotary and 3 Ohio Rotary Districts (6600, 6630 and 6650) have supported the Children of the Dump, the House for Unwed Mothers, and the surrounding area of Chinandega, Nicaragua. Your district has been responsible for supplying shoe boxes, school supplies, layette bags for the pregnant mothers, a fire truck, 3 ambulances and fire fighting equipment and supplies to the fire fighters, all types of medical supplies, pacemakers, welding equipment, sewing equipment and supplies to the trade school, as well as basic survival items to thousands of children in and around Nicaragua. One year we were also joined by a Rotary Cubs in Georgia and Nigeria in supplying Christmas Shoe Boxes.

Along with this over 75 different District 6630 Rotarians, friends of Rotary, students from Hiram College and high school students have gone with us to Nicaragua to witness this process and learn just how fortunate we are in this country. Although it is a challenge to encourage the families to send their children to school rather than having them search through the dump to find food and other items, YOU HAVE TRULY MADE A DIFFERENCE in their lives.

Along with this we have shipped in the past 12 years items valued, at a conservative figure, to Nicaragua over \$ 1,075,000. All clubs and districts who have been involved are to be commended for this accomplishment.

From the children living on the dump, we have one young lady who received her masters degree in business, one received her law degree and a blind young lady who received her degree in psychology.

Currently 27 other young people are working towards their bachelor degrees in nursing, engineering, teaching and other majors of study.

In addition, thousands of other young people in Nicaragua have received their certificate from our trade school

or a diploma from high school. As most of you know, the only way these children receive a Christmas Shoe Box is by the criteria established by teachers in Nicaragua and that is they must have GOOD GRADES, GOOD ATTENDANCE AND MUST BE RECOMMENDED BY THEIR TEACHER.

All of this is to move thousands of children from at least the extreme poverty level to the poverty level or higher so that they can become self sufficient in society. Thanks to you—you have made a difference in their lives. I do have to give a special thank you to PDG Larry Wright from Michigan for getting me involved and for Texas Rotarians, Frank Herzo and Jim Kite for leading the team in Nicaragua.

IMPORTANT:

For the past 12 years Marsha Pappalardo and I have coordinated this process in our district and for the past several years we have been trying to obtain the help from District Rotarians and Friends of Rotary to take over this all important coordination of proving service to others. During this time, 3 individuals have expressed an interest in assuming the responsibility for the Children of the Dump and the process.

We have spent time with the individuals to explain what is involved and to go over the time table of involvement. However, for one reason or another, they have decided not to assume this all important role. Please note that I am planning on going back to Nicaragua this December 13th for a week to complete the process for 2017. This would be an excellent time for one or more of you to experience this step of

the process and see just how important these shoe boxes are to these children. For more information,

please feel free to contact Marsha or myself by December 31, 2017 if you would like to learn more about this project. FOR 2018, IT WILL BE THE DECISION OF THOSE COORDINATING THIS INTERNATIONAL PROCESS IF THEY WISH TO GO TO NICARAGUA IN DECEMBER OF

2017 FOR A WEEK TO SEE HOW THE PROCESS OF DISTRIBUTION OF SHOE BOXES AND OTHER ITEMS ARE HANDLED.

THEREFORE, AFTER MUCH CONSIDERATION AND PRAYER WE NEED SOMEONE TO STEP UP BY

December, 2017 IN THIS LEADERSHIP ROLE TO TAKE OVER THIS ALL IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL

PROJECT. Marsha and I will work with you behind the scenes to make it a success, but we need your help to continue this project for 2018. Again thank you for your support these past 12 years. We are proud to have served you and those children who need our help.

If you have any questions or would be willing to meet with Marsha and I, please feel free to contact us So we can go over the entire process and time table with you.

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,

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District 6630 Newsletter Policy

Submit story suggestions to Mike Johns, Jr.

at stonecut@sbcglobal.net.

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

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

A Life Changing Trip to Nicaragua

I hope you will join us for our December, 2017 trip to Nicaragua. We will be leaving from Houston on Wednesday, December 13th on United flight # UA1421, at 4:20 p.m. and arriving in Managua at 7:30 p.m.

We will return from Managua on Wednesday December 20th on United flight # UA1423 leaving Managua at 7:50 a.m. and arriving in Houston at 11:10 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 \$775.00 per person (double occupancy in hotels). Add \$210.00 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:

Hope & Relief International
Foundation, Inc.
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 November 3, 2017 or we will not be able to be sure that we can have hotel reservations for you. We will be staying at the same hotel in Managua that we have stayed at in the past few trips and our cut-off date for reservations is November 3, 2017. This is a

new and very nice hotel. 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 are planning on a large group and we really hope you can go with us. Please let me know and call me if you have questions.

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More from Jack Young:

If you have already contact me and after our discussion are planning on going OR IF you have not contacted me and wish to go, please let me know by November 5. If you have any questions on the trip, please feel free to contact me no later than November 5. Please remember, this trip is open to not only Rotarian, but High School and College Students as well as family and friends of Rotary. This information is needed to make both lodging and ground transportation reservations.

As indicated, we will be joining Rotarian's and others from at least Iowa, Michigan and Texas. For more information and details on this weeks travel to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua, please contact me accordingly. Thank you for your support to this International Project for the children in Nicaragua..

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,
Jack
Jack A. Young, PDG 2005-06

Mayfield Interact

By: Margaret Zimmer

A Big Impact

As the biggest club at the high school, it's no surprise that the Mayfield High School Interact Club has a big impact on the community. With active members in every grade and dedicated advisors, Interact is more than just getting credit for volunteering. It is made up of people who truly care about the community and want to help others. Just a quick glance at the events the club takes part in shows this passion for service.

Our club's first big event is The Fall Leaf Rake. Every year dozens of members wake up early to help rake leaves for elderly people in the surrounding area. Teaming up in groups of eight or ten, each team tackles five houses, with rakes and tarps in hand. Working together the club can get a lot accomplished and before you know it, we have raked at least twenty yards. But it is not all work, students get to spend the morning with their friends and see the grateful faces of the local recipients. This event is definitely a favorite of many members, one student last year even broke his wrist jumping in a leaf pile and he still wanted to keep helping.

Another popular event coming up is our first visit of the year to The Hospice of The Western Reserve. There, volunteers cook a taco dinner for the residents and their families. We, also, always make sure to bring a piano player along to provide beautiful music during the dinner. The club is doing more than just dinner this year though, members are also collecting gently used stuffed animals to give to the residents. Serving and entertaining the residents, this event is a favorite for a reason, it is very rewarding to see all of the smiles on the resident's faces.

For many, these events mark the kick-off of the new year of service opportunities. On a Friday and a Saturday, together, these events make up a wonderful weekend full of helping the community. But this is just the beginning, the Mayfield Interact has many events all throughout the year. We have fun activities at various assisted living facilities and participate in movie nights at the Metzenbaum Center. To end the year strong, we donate and read books to students at Jamison Elementary. With all this community involvement, Interact is very important to Mayfield High School.

TRC Solon & True Freedom Ministries

By: Chris Janson

A challenge in feeding the homeless opens the door to a new partnership.

In February, a food poisoning incident at a Cleveland homeless shelter prompted a new policy for food preparation. Moving forward, the shelter would only accept food donations prepared in health department certified kitchens. This posed a challenge for Cleveland-based True Freedom Ministries, a group that has faithfully fed the homeless for 23 years. Despite the fact that the food poisoning incident was not related to food TF volunteers had prepared or distributed, but came from an entirely different source, the ministry would need to find an approved kitchen for future food preparation. The Rotary Club of Solon heard of their dilemma, from a connection between their Director of Development, David Wessel, and President-Elect Chris Janson, and offered to help the Ministries in building a new kitchen.



True Freedom Ministries is a faith-based organization providing crucial services to those in need: feeding the homeless; preparing current and recently-released prisoners to re-enter society; and supporting individuals facing life-threatening addictions. Founded in 2012, True Freedom Ministries is dedicated to helping those in need find a new direction for their lives, and touched the lives of over 43,000 prison inmates, homeless, and recovering addicts in one year alone.

The Ministries had been operating from a facility on the East side of

Cleveland and from local homeless shelters, and earlier this year, had been donated a former church building in Brooklyn, OH. It is in this building the True Freedom Ministries built their new certified kitchen, in part with a donation towards new kitchen appliances from the Rotary Club of Solon.

David Wessel estimated that the Ministries would need \$15,000 in funding for the kitchen, and reached out to his network for donations. The Rotary Club of Solon saw this as a tremendous opportunity to give back to our community, and to support a group devoting their lives to saving others. A \$2,000 donation from the club was used to purchase kitchen appliances. The kitchen was completed last month, and will start operations shortly. Our Rotary Club will be touring the facility and serving food prepared by the Ministries in their new kitchen.

David Wessel shared that True Freedom is “so grateful for the generosity of the Solon Rotary Club. We anticipate the opportunity to love many broken, needy souls through the improvements made to our West-Side building.”

Our next project with True Freedom Ministries involves outfitting three rooms in their building with Audio-Visual equipment that they will use in additional addiction recovery services, vocational training, and other education opportunities. Watch for an update in next month’s newsletter.

We are proud of the contributions we are able to make to this worthy organization, and look forward to many years of partnership. For more information on True Freedom Ministries, please visit their website: www.truefreedomministries.com.

TRC Hudson Announces November Arts and Culture Speakers

The Rotary Club of Hudson, which holds breakfast meetings every Wednesday from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. at Laurel Lake Retirement Community, offers weekly programs tied to topical monthly themes. Reviews of past speakers’ comments can be found at www.hudsonrotary.org.

November programs will highlight three of northeast Ohio’s leading arts and culture organizations:

November 1---The Hudson Players, presenting a scene from their forthcoming drama about the U.S. Marine Corps, “A Few Good Men”.

November 8---Art Falco, President and CEO of Cleveland’s Playhouse Square, addressing the rigors of presenting entertainment 365 days a year. Playhouse Square is the nation’s largest entertainment complex west of New York City.

November 15---Stephen Harrison, Curator of Decorative Arts and Design at the Cleveland Museum of Art, discussing his new blockbuster exhibition, “The Jazz Age: American Style in the 1920’s.”

In addition, on November 29, Rotarian Donna Kastner, founder of Retirepreneur, will present her new program on “Reinventing Retirement”.

Anyone interested in learning more about Rotary is welcome to attend a free Wednesday breakfast by contacting Rich Warfield at rwarfield@warfieldandcompany.com or Evan McCauley at mccauleyevan@gmail.com.

News From TRC Berea

Linda G. Kramer
Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Berea

Berea Rotary at Harvest Fest



Members of Baldwin Wallace University Rotaract staff the Berea Rotary candy table at Berea's annual Harvest Festival & Trick or Treat on Saturday, Oct. 14. Helping are Joe Mandato, Rotaract president, and Daniel Treichel, vice president. Judy Stull and Bob Huges, in the background, set everything up and provided candy.

Dictionaries for third-graders



Berea Rotarians and spouses put Rotary labels on 500 dictionaries, which will be distributed to third-graders in public and parochial schools in Berea and Olmsted Falls.



Marc West, Ann Socha & Gino Tosi insert letters to parents into bags donated by BW.

Rotarians enjoy Annual Clambake



More than 35 Rotarians and guests enjoyed the annual clambake at Bob Huges & Judy Stull's home in Columbia Station, including Hilary Wilson and Ed White.



DGE Bev Skrzyński & Jim Walters



PDG Dave Skrzyński & Bob Hammer



PDGs Jack Young and Jim McKee



Patty and Joe Lupica of Heartland TV & Appliance talked to Berea Rotary about vintage radios and TVs.

Vintage Radios are 'in' Again

Joe Lupica began taking apart radios at age 6. By 7, he had built his first radio. It only had one tube but it worked.

"I wasn't allowed to use the soldering gun, so I had to twist all the wires together," he said. His love of anything with tubes led him eventually to refurbish older radios and TVs. He and his wife, Patty, own Heartland TV & Appliance in Willoughby but on the side, he loves to rehab old radios.

Last year, one customer brought in an old radio on which he had listened to the 1948 Indians play in the World Series. "He wanted to listen to them on that radio again in 2016," Lupica said.

Frankly, Lupica said, it's easier to get parts for the older radios and TVs than it is for newer models. Good quality tubes are made in Russia. There is a good stock of tubes in the U.S. but they are more expensive, he said.

TVs that are 70-80 years old can be repaired, Lupica said. The newer ones cannot be. "People throw them out and buy new ones," he said.

Antennas also are making a comeback. The Lupicas installed an antenna on their home and can pick up 32 channels. "We're putting up as many now as we did in the 1980s," Lupica said.

"I've never been afraid to try things," Lupica said. "I had a knowledge of basic electronics and found I could take that wherever I wanted to go."

Heartland TV & Appliance is at 34570 Stevens Blvd., Willoughby 44095. Call (440) 946-3757. Lupica will make house calls under certain circumstances.

TRC Solon Hosts Roundtable wi Congressman Joyce

By: Chris Janson & Jim Hyde

The Rotary Club of Solon participated in a roundtable with Congressman David Joyce and a number of Solon Seniors to discuss topical issues facing seniors in our community. The event, held on October 16th at the Solon Community Center, covered issues which fall under the "The Older Americans Act," ranging from senior safety, in-home services, and nutrition programs.



A key topic for the roundtable centered around seniors at risk of hunger, right in the Solon community. Across the country, one in six seniors are at hunger risk, while in Solon, one in ten seniors qualify for food assistance based on federal poverty

guidelines. This risk is so great that these seniors in need often must make a choice between critical medicines and food.

The seniors in attendance each wrote personalized pleas for help with fighting hunger, as shown on the plates in the accompanying photo. Congressman Joyce was happy to meet with so many people in one place.

For our part, the Rotary Club of Solon contributes to the fight against hunger with our three food assistance programs: Solon Mobile Food Pantry, Sacks for Seniors, and a Produce distribution. Each month, the Mobile Food pantry distributes food in cooperation with the Greater Cleveland Food Bank to families in need, both in Solon and the surrounding cities. During its five years in existence, our Mobile Food Pantry has served over 11,000 families, providing over 250,000 pounds of food.

The Sacks for Seniors program extends the Mobile Food Pantry further into the community by delivering food to those seniors in need but who cannot travel to the food pantry. From its

inception last year, we are now delivering to 14 Solon households each month. Our latest program will provide fresh fruits and vegetables to seniors in need, fulfilling a key component of their daily nutritional requirements.

We would like to extend our warmest appreciation to Jill Frankel, Director of the City of Solon Dept. of Senior Services, and Yvette Hasan, Senior Center Social worker, for hosting this roundtable and for their valuable contributions to making our Mobile Food Pantry a success since 2012.

News From TRC Chesterland

Chesterland Rotary has been very busy since Peter Tuttle was installed as our President. We always are and Peter is continuing to push forward. Again winning a trophy for the 4th of July parade with our "famous" briefcase brigade. This year we also showed off our recent purchase of a book mobile. Not very pretty at this point, but plans are on the drawing board. The community has been very generous donating books, local vendor has promised a computer, an awning, trailer hitch, skin are next.



Book mobile-2526

Our very active Interact club has collected money for Shelter boxes and along with our clubs donations we have purchased 4 and working on a fifth.

Our calendar is filling up fast, dictionaries for third graders, with Larry Corbus distributing them in October. Thanksgiving baskets for Geauga residents, with Ed and Amber Slane are collecting and putting together the baskets as well as delivering them.

Plans are moving along for new displays for Chesterland Park for Winterfest, November 25, 5:30. Bonfire, hot cider, and of course Santa (Keith Werbach) will make a surprise visit. Thanks to the Chester Trustees many new displays were purchased, large tree donated by Bob and Amy Rogish Farms. Our club has decorated the tree for 20+ years and 5 years doing the park.



Picking the tree Larry Pitorak and Bob Rogish

Breakfast with Santa is December 2, 8:30-1. All you can eat pancakes and real maple syrup. Derek Taylor is the organizer of this event, including face painters, decorations, pictures and gifts.

February 17 is our Shining Star dinner dance, open bar, live band and drawing. Everyone knows Fred Nevar knows how to throw a party. More information on these and other event is on our website.



Interaction 2017

“Together We Can”

Saturday, November 4th

New Time: 10:00am – 2:30 pm

2300 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

(Follow signs for parking on Stow Street)

Schedule of Events

9:30 – 10:00am – Registration and pick up your t-shirt. Please bring non-perishable foods for our food drive.

10:00 – 10:30 – Ice breaker. Get to know each other

10:30 – 10:45 - Interact club introductions

10:45 – 11:00 – Cameron Gable – Short term exchange student talks about his time in Germany.

11:00 – 11:30 Scott Snyder – Talks about making homemade rocking horses for children of fallen heroes. Military, police and Fire.

11:30 – 12:15 – Lunch and get to know each other

12:15 – 12:40 – Long term Youth Exchange Students Casie Ackerman and Clara Watkins talk about their adventures in Brazil and Taiwan.

12:45 – 1:15Pm – Annal Vyas – “How do I know if I make a difference”

1:15 – 1:30 – Jenna Kull & Jasleen Gill – Their RYLA experience and how it helped her grow as a person.

1:30 – 2:00 – Discussion to choose our annual District Service Project

2:00 – 2:30 Vote on service project, take group pictures, clean-up, say goodbyes

Doughnuts, Pizza, chips and water will be provided. We ask that each participant bring non-perishable food to donate to our local food bank. T-shirts designed by CFHS Interact will be given out to those who sign up by Friday, October 20th. This should be our biggest event this year; please sign up as many as you can from your club.