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Governor's Letter

Greetings to the best Best District in Zone 29

During the month of August, the clubs of our Great District 6630 continued to do good in our communities and in our world. Our youth exchange students have arrived from the far corners of our world and we have sent a number of students to a life changing experience in foreign countries. Many thanks to our outstanding Youth Exchange Committee for all its work and diligence. Soon the VTT which our immediate past DG Bob Johnson started will be arriving in Akron to begin the task of learning from our experts at the Akron Children's Hospital. Thank you Bob for your leadership and guidance in bringing the VTT to Akron.

Our clubs continue to induct new members. Each month, I will list the new members who have been inducted into The Family, Our Family of Rotary. Speaking of membership, Tony Corrao has rescheduled the two membership seminars for September. The feedback from those who attended the one in Strongsville in August was extremely positive. Please feel free to contact Tony and any member of the membership team to visit your club and make a presentation.

As a reminder, the Foundation event will be November 9, 2014 at Weymouth Country Club in Medina. It will be a time to celebrate our Foundation and for IPDG Bob Johnson to honor

and recognize clubs from his year for outstanding contributions to our Foundation.

In relation to the foundation, I would like to invite you to the Foundation Seminars that our DGN, Dick Farkas, will be conducting in October. He is working on an excellent program and from what I have seen, it will be a very meaningful and touching presentation - one you will not want to miss. As you have heard, it is the goal of our district that each Rotarian contribute something to the foundation this year. This is our foundation, it is a way that connects each one of us to the internationality of Rotary. By contributing to our Foundation, you are part of eradicating Polio, and part of every project in our world. Please be generous, but please give some contribution to our annual fund this year. Help us reach a goal, a goal of doing good in the world, a goal of helping our fellow brothers and sisters, and a goal of being a true Rotarian. I thank you in advance for your contribution to our Foundation.

What Our District Does

I would like to share with you a little information about what District 6630 offers the Rotarians in the district.

Communication and Support

The district maintains a website where important information is listed and where our clubs can post events. It also has links to important RI sites and to im-

portant district information. This is the place, also, where our Rotarians register for all our programs. Besides the website, we have a very informative newsletter. This newsletter has a superb editor in Mike Johns, Jr. and is the place to read about what our clubs are doing and all the important, interesting, and fun activities in the district.

The district also keeps a calendar of everything that is happening and all important meetings. There is also a place there to find speakers and to publish outstanding speakers that your club has had and you believe would be a great program for our fellow Rotarians.

Grants from the Rotary Foundation

Through the foundation, the district has a grants committee. This committee is charged with helping clubs write successful grants both at the local level and at the global level. RI does have some rules about grants, and this committee is here to help the clubs work through those.

Links to RI

The district supports the use of the various tools that RI offers to clubs. Through the website, Rotarians have access to RI publications, electronic newsletters of various topics, a link to the fellowship clubs, and webinars. There is also help to use any of these sources.

Scholars from the Rotary Foundation

Through the foundation, our district can sponsor a peace scholar. In addition we are

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asked at times to interview candidates where there are no clubs to accept them. This is such a wonderful way to visit with a person in a faraway land (via skype) and find out some really great work and activities in the field of peace. We are fortunate to have a very knowledgeable Rotarian, Rick Pollak, lead this committee and set up and work with the clubs in this process.

In addition to a peace scholar, our district can also choose a global scholar. Again, Rick is the chair of this program and does a great job with all the details and with the interview and helping with it.

Seminars/Training Opportunities

One of the major tasks of the district is to offer education and leadership training. We have a great committee headed by Steve Zabor who leads and coordinates the programs. Here is just a sample of what the district offers: District Conference – fellowship, fun, celebration, and learning, District Training Assembly – training for the board and Rotarians; Foundation Seminars – how to increase foundation giving – why is it important – help with talking about the foundation; Membership Seminars – how to attract and keep members; President Elect training (PETS and All OHIO); and RLI (Rotary Leadership Institute), chaired by Julie West.

We also have a fine group of Assistant District Governors. These dedicated Rotarians help the district governor and represent him/her during the year. In addition, the AGs have cluster meetings where small groups of clubs come together to share ideas and to plan activities. They are also there to help the clubs.

We also have a district historian, Ed Thomas, who is working to put together a history of our district. Being one who appreciates the value of our past, I am

excited to see the finished product that will tell our story for years to come.

Social Activities

The district also puts on social activities. This year we had the Indians Game, the Foundation Event, activities at the conference, and the Awards Picnics.

Youth Programs

This is the Fifth Avenue of Service. The district offers students a number of activities. One is the 4 Way Speech Contest chaired by Scott Pease. Scott does an outstanding job and he is looking to expand his committee. If you have any desire to work on this very important committee, please contact Scott or me.

Another program is RYLA. This is chaired by Marc West and is also an outstanding program. Marc will have information about that and the camp is held in June. Again, if you have any thoughts of helping with this committee please contact Marc or me.

Arne van der Hyde and Bob Oborn are working together this year with our Interact and Rotaract clubs. These are very important programs. They represent the future of Rotary. They are so willing to help clubs with their program and to help clubs establish new programs. Please do not hesitate to contact these fine Rotarians.

Our other program is the youth exchange. We have both short and long term. Our short term program is headed by Bob Huge and Judy Stull. The dedicated Rotarians have a wealth of knowledge and experience. Please contact them about this program for this coming summer.

Our long term exchange is headed by Tim Snell with Patrick Kelly chairing the outbound students and Bob Heydorn chairing the inbound students. Please consult an article in this

newsletter about our students this year. I have heard so many exchange students sing the praises of this program and how it was a life changing experience for them. The same holds true for those families that acted as host parents.

New Generations is a relatively new program. This is for young adults who want to experience an internship in a foreign country. They can travel here and stay with a family for a few weeks and learn at an American company. It will also send our young adults to a foreign country where they can learn how that country conducts business in a special area. We are fortunate to have Doug Hausgeknecht as the chair of this program. Tim Snell is the overall chair of the youth services committee.

As you can see, our district has much to offer. There is more, but I will get to those programs and activities at a later date.

New Members:

Please join me in welcoming to The Family, Our Family of Rotary, the following new members:

Brunswick

Michael Beard

Garrettsville-Hiram

Christopher Cavalier

Strongsville

Tim Cebula

Paul Lieber

Vincent Simokovich

Stow-Munroe Falls

Robert DiVincenzo

West Shore

Amy Hendricks



Leadership Training for Rotarians

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

The first RLI session will be held on Saturday, October 4th, from 8am-4pm at the Doubletree Hilton in Independence. Topics include Insights into Leadership, My Rotary World, Engaging Members, Our Foundation, Ethics

– Vocational Service, and Service Projects. The cost of this session, which includes Continental breakfast and lunch, is \$75 and may be covered by your Club. Registration will be available soon.

RLI is an international organization founded and run by Rotarians. Our District has partnered with two other Ohio Districts to form the RLI North Coast Division to offer Rotary Leadership Institute courses in Northern Ohio.

If you have questions or want additional information, please contact PDG Julie West, jwest@ameritech.net or 216-392-6771.

Rotary Club Invoice/SAR

CLUB INVOICE

Rotary members have been asking for a simpler dues process that will eliminate uncertainty about reporting and outstanding balances. We've heard you and are rolling out improvements in 2015.

To pay your current dues or update your membership information, go to the Club Administration page, sign-in, and scroll down the page to the Semiannual Dues (SAR) section.

NEW PROCESS EASIER FOR CLUBS

Beginning 1 January 2015, clubs will receive a one-page invoice that clearly states the amount owed for subscriptions, membership dues, and outstanding balances. Club officers will no longer need to recalculate bills, make adjustments, or fill out the eight-part semiannual report (SAR).

BETTER NEW MEMBER EXPERIENCE

To improve the new member experience, club secretaries are asked to register new and terminated members within 30 days, and to report incoming club officers by 1 February of each year. With more accurate membership records, Rotary can provide better service to clubs. For example, the sooner

a club secretary reports a new member, the sooner this member will receive a welcome kit from Rotary and be eligible for all privileges of membership.

GETTING STARTED

To begin planning for these improvements, Rotary is asking club and district officers to share the new invoicing and reporting policies with club members, and to prepare their clubs for monthly reporting. Also, encourage your club members to immediately report changes to their membership status to club officers, so this information can be updated in your club's membership records.

The existing SAR process will remain in place until 1 January 2015, and all the related materials will continue to be available through the website.

QUESTIONS

Wondering how the new process will affect you and your club, or want more information?

[Click here for FAQ's](#)



Come Join Us At...
"A TASTE OF HILLCREST"

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hillcrest - Sunrise
at:

Executive Caterers at Landerhaven
Thursday, October 2nd, 2014 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Enjoy fine cuisine from 20+ restaurants, live entertainment, 50/50 raffle and more.
Tickets are \$35.00 each and include food, soft drinks and entertainment. Cash bar available. Groups of 10 or more tickets can be purchased in advance for \$30.00 each.
Limited number of tickets available at the door. (\$20.00/ticket tax deductible contribution).

Hope to see you there!!

For more information and tickets, please call 440-605-7144

Literacy News

One of the projects that can be completed toward the Literacy Award is placing books in the hands of children. Below are listed some suggestions. It could be the Dictionary Project that Rotary has supported for a long time or placing books in local library, doctors' and dentists' waiting rooms, giving new mothers book kits for their newborns, or giving a book to a teacher for her class. The possibilities are endless.

Dictionaries can be found at the Dictionary Project (www.dictionaryproject.org). They have a variety of dictionaries and other resource materials. These are usually given to third graders so each child has his/her own. Many clubs do this project annually and teachers have built lessons into their curriculum for the use of the dictionary. The prices vary on how many are purchased and which dictionary is selected. Check the website for more information.

There are several Rotary-themed books available to share. One is Andy & Elmer and the Apple Dumpling Adventure by Andrew Shoop. It can be found at www.andyandelmer.com. Books come in hardcover and paperback. A coloring book is

also available. The story is based on the 4-Way Rotary test and is a cute story about working together. In it Andy learns the value of truthfulness, fairness, goodwill and partnerships. It measures 11"x9", is very colorful and perfect for grades 1-4.

Wilbooks has two paperback books related to Rotary. They are Rotary Clubs Help People and Carol is a Rotarian both written by Bruce Larkin. The cost of each book is \$2.50. Perhaps cheaper in bulk. They measure 10"X 5" and are in color. Good for grades 1-4. The titles are explanatory of the contents. The website for these is www.wilbooks.com

There are many children in our area that do not own a single book. Providing children with their OWN books is a project a club could undertake. Collect gentle used books and distribute them through an organization such as Boys Clubs or Girls Clubs. Donating books to battered woman's shelters is another option. Put a book in Easter or Christmas food baskets is a possibility. Scholastic Book warehouses have huge sales several times a year. If you have an educator in your club they can go there to purchase books reasonably. These are recently published books at various grade levels.

Hopefully this article will get the brain juices flowing and lead to a literacy project for your club.

Newsletter Editor Stands Corrected

...Thank you for publishing the press release for the Rotary Club of Fairlawn, celebrating our 50th anniversary. The article looked great. However, the headline read "Rotary Club of Akron" instead of "Rotary Club of Fairlawn."

A Message From the District Nominating Committee Chair

Each year the Rotary model is to change many of its officers including Club Presidents and District Governor's. The main purpose of this is to continue to bring fresh ideas and leadership styles into our organization. It is cumbersome at times, but has served Rotary remarkably well for almost 110 years. As your Immediate Past District Governor (IPDG) it is my responsibility to conduct a selection process through the Nominating Committee, to select the person who will serve as District Governor (DG) for the 2017/2018 Rotary year. As you know, Mike Davanzo (Medina-sunrise) is serving as DG this year (2014/2015; Cheryl Warren (Akron) will follow Mike (2015/2016 and Richard (Dick) Farkas (Akron) will follow Cheryl (2016/2017. This is a critical position in Rotary with the DG serving as the Rotary International President's representative for our District. As a PDG, I can tell you that there are many responsibilities that go with this position but it also gives an opportunity to work with some very dedicated and hard working Rotarians in overseeing all district operations for your year, and to serve Rotary in general along with only 536 others in the world during your year.

I am asking all of you to give careful consideration to any Rotarian in your club or the district that you feel has the ability to serve in this position. Obvious criteria are; leadership skills, ability to plan and delegate, organizational skills, good health, ability to travel and as I mentioned above, the ability to work with

others. I have enclosed a general form for you to use in this process that should be filled out and returned to me. The tentative deadline for submissions is Nov. 14th. The Nominating Committee will then review these applications and announce an interview date for the candidates selected. We hope to announce the successful candidate by Dec. 15th. 2014.

Please don't set this aside and forget about it. This is an important decision for District 6630. If you want to send it in today, that is fine, although you obviously need to discuss it with your candidate and your club. During my year as DG I met a multitude of Rotarians that I felt could fill this position. I am relying on you to identify them. I thank you in advance for your efforts in this process.

Below is a list of 6 forms you will need in the nomination and application procedure. By clicking on any one of them you can view and print the form. All forms should be mailed to:

Robert Johnson
Chair-Dist. 6630 Nominating Committee
14372 Broadwood Dr.
Burton, OH 44021

1. 2014/2015 DGN Candidate info.
2. DG Candidate Nomination Form for 2017/2018 DG position.
3. District Governor Responsibilities.
4. Governor Nominee Form.
5. Request for Candidate - Description of selection process.
6. Member Acceptance Form.

TRC Medina Parade of Flags

The Medina Rotary Club is starting a Parade of Flags program. While other Rotary Clubs across the country have been providing this patriotic fundraiser for over ten years, the timing has to be perfect. The idea was first broached at the Medina club in 2009 with then-President Kelly Low. With declining interest at their two long-term (read→ 30+ years!) fundraisers, current President Fran Hober finally said "Let's Do It!" with full support from the board and club members.

While there is a tried and true process for clubs doing this program, one issue for Medina was putting spray paint on the sidewalk / roadways to mark flags. The Medina Rotary Club will instead be using modern, Free GPS technology. The free app on any smart phone allows us to get the exact coordinates for a flag pole base (in the ground), save the location with a specific name label (John Smith's House, 345 Main Street) and then export the information to an excel spreadsheet. Did we mention it is all free?! Another unique aspect that The Medina Rotary Club has added is that for an extra \$ 5 with flag subscription, the flag can have a marker towards the bottom of the pole which will state "This Flag is in Honor of Veteran (insert name of Veteran you want to honor)."

The Rotarians gathered recently to begin 'production' of the flags and bases. 90 flags were made within 2 hours on our first night. Mr. Ed Jakubick of the Cortland, Ohio, Rotary Club (and father to Medina Rotarian Danica Zeise) came to guide us in our first production night. Cortland has done the program for several years now.

The Parade of Flags program was launched at the 31st Annual Wine and Cheese Party in Medina. The same day, the flyer was posted on our Facebook page. Within ten days we had over 850 'views'. Subscriptions are already coming in for 2015 because for \$ 35 we are offering residents this year's Veteran's Day free. The price will increase to \$ 40 next February.

While you may not live in Medina, if you would like to contribute or subscribe to a flag - to be placed in a park, or other public roadway where we are able, please feel free to visit our website at medinarotary.org.

Thanks,
Kelly Low
Secretary and Parade of Flags Manager, The Medina Rotary Club
cell: 330.607.8670



St. Damien's Children's Hospital - Port au Prince Haiti

VOCATIONAL TRAINING TEAM FAREWELL DINNER

Sunday, October 26, 2014 | 4:00pm
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The Medina Rotary Club's Parade of Flags Application

Lease a US Flag for \$ 35 per year for 6 Holidays and give back to the community!

Help create a community of Red, White and Blue by showing your patriotic pride and join others on your street to honor America with a Parade of Flags on six special holidays throughout the year. Lease a flag-or several! They make a great gift.

Memorial Day (May)- Flag Day (June)-Independence Day (July)- Labor Day (September)- Patriot's Day (September)- Veteran's Day (November)

A 3x5 foot flag on a 10 foot pole will be placed in your lawn before the holiday weekend and retrieved after the holiday. Rotarians install a short PVC pipe buried in your lawn for easy placement of the flag staff and cap the pipe when not in use. You can have several flags in your yard! American flag and staff remain the property of The Medina Rotary Club. If your flag has not been installed one day before the holiday, please call 330-607-8670. Retain the above information for your records. All proceeds will support Medina Rotary Club's projects, such as:

- Medina County Veteran's Memorial Hall renovation
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- Sponsoring a youth exchange student
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The Medina Rotary Club's Parade of Flags Application

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Home Phone: 330- _____ Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Cross Streets: _____

Are you a veteran? Yes No ** Are you interested in becoming a Rotarian? Yes No
Are you interested in helping with the Parade of Flags? Yes No

Send a \$ 35 check and application to: **The Medina Rotary Club, Po Box 381, Medina OH 44258**

We save \$ 3 per year if you give us your email for annual invoicing, usually in March. No Spam! Save us costs by signing up online at www.medinarotary.org. If you would like to receive our newsletter, check here: _____ (I accept receiving The Medina Rotary Club newsletter by email.)

Questions? Call Kelly Low 330-607-8670. Thank you for your support and patriotism!

Hudson Recognizes Women in Rotary

At the July 23 meeting, the Hudson Club learned more about Women's Rights and their involvement in Rotary. Club Historian Duncan Tanner, Jr. presented a brief historical review of the challenges women faced in their struggle for equality – among them the right to vote and equal pay – and shared the story of their eventual induction in Rotary.

From the club in India that boldly recommended the word “male” be dropped from the Standard Rotary Club Constitution at the 1950 International Convention (the resolution was unanimously defeated) to a California club that admitted women in 1977 (and had their charter revoked as a result), bringing women into Rotary was no easy feat. In 1988, under the leadership of president Clarence Burkholder, the Hudson Club proposed four women for membership - one had picketed the Club's meeting place for weeks prior! A year later, the Rotary International Council on Legislation voted to admit women worldwide.

The Hudson Club elected its first female president, Debra Wise, in 1992. Gail Royster followed in 2011-2012, and last month Alison Pfeister became the third woman to hold the gavel.

After the meeting, one and all agreed that Rotary clubs locally, nationally and around the world are much better off with female members, and that their expertise, energy and commitment truly embody “Service Above Self!”

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One Rotary Center

1200 Sherman Avenue

Evanston, IL 60201-2698

Phone: 847-866-3352 Fax: 847-866-3350 Email: info@rotary.org

Partnerships and Teamwork Build Capacity in Haiti Children's Hospital

A team of seven health care professionals from St. Damien's Children's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, along with their Port au Prince Rotarian team leader arrive mid-September for 6-weeks of intensive training at Akron Children's Hospital (ACH), where they will also witness two cardiac surgeries on children brought from Haiti. The trainings are part of a collaborate Vocational Training Team (VTT) project made possible by both hospitals, 14 local Rotary groups, Gift of Life Northeast Ohio, and several additional organizational partners who teamed up for a big impact project that will have lasting results.

It is estimated that upwards of 5,000 Haitian children currently suffer from congenital heart defects. Doctors often watch helplessly as children, who would have had fairly routine heart surgeries in the United States, die needlessly due to a lack of resources in their own country. At this time, it is very high risk for visiting teams to conduct pediatric cardiac surgeries in Haiti.



In an effort to build capacity and strengthen services to the children in Haiti, the goal of this Rotary VTT is to equip the hospital personnel involved in different areas of pediatric cardiac critical care with the skills and tools needed to save their own children. The long term goal is that this training will serve as a key step towards St. Damien's Hospital becoming one of three sites for children's cardiac surgery and care in Haiti.

Leading the VTT from Haiti is Port au Prince Rotarian and Ophthalmologist Bridgette Hudicourt. Though her work is not in the cardiac field, her role as a Rotarian, leading the team and Bridgette's long term volunteerism with St. Damien's has been instrumental in medical teams coming into Haiti for many years.

After the 6-week training program, all are

invited to attend the VTT Farwell Dinner and fundraiser, Sunday, October 26, 2014 at 4:00pm in the St. Nicholas Banquet Center, Mogadore, OH.

Featured speakers from St. Damien's Chil-



dren's Hospital and Akron Children's Hospital will tell about their experiences at ACH and the impact the project and trainings have and will have on the team, on St. Damien's, and on the future children of Haiti facing congenital heart defects. Hear also from the outbound ACH team and learn of their anticipation of next spring's visit to St. Damien's, where they and partnering medical teams will complete 14 pediatric heart surgeries in just seven days in Haiti. Tickets are \$75 and available online at www.ach.kintera.org/haiti.



Thank you for making the Haiti Pediatric Heart & Critical Care Unit Training VTT possible this year: District 6630, Chagrin Valley (Chagrin Falls), Burton-Middlefield, Akron, Barberton, Solon, Conneaut, Hillcrest Sunrise (Cleveland), Port-au-Prince, Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise, Northampton Township, Willoughby, Stow-Munroe Falls, Cuyahoga Falls, District 7255, and the Rotary Foundation.



· Protecting west Africa: Even as polio programme staff across west Africa support efforts to control the Ebola outbreak affecting the region, preparations are going ahead for large scale multi-country vaccination campaigns in those countries not affected by Ebola, in mid-September.

· In Nigeria, inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) has been used in early August during supplementary immunization activities in Borno and Yobe, reaching 0.6 million children. Further campaigns will integrate IPV, aiming to reach more than a million children by April 2015.

· Polio vaccination activities have resumed in parts of Helmand Province in the Southern Region of Afghanistan for the first time in five months. Upcoming immunization campaigns in September will cover the entire province.

Afghanistan

No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The total number of WPV1 cases in 2014 remains eight. The most recent WPV1 case had onset of paralysis on 17 June, from Khost province (linked to virus circulating in adjacent North Waziristan, Pakistan).

Polio vaccination activities have resumed in parts of Helmand Province in the Southern Region of Afghanistan for the first time in five months. The 21-23 September activity will cover the entire province using bivalent OPV.

Nigeria

No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) were reported in the past week. Nigeria's total case count for 2014 is now six.

The most recent case, which had onset of paralysis in Sumaila Local Government Area (LGA), southern Kano, on 24 July, was the second to be reported in the LGA this year. Kano is the only state with cases of WPV since April.

No new cases of type 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) were reported in the past week. The total number of cVDPV2 cases for 2014 is 19. The most recent cVDPV2 case had onset of paralysis on 22 June, also in Kano.

The next subnational immunization days are planned for 20-23 September using bivalent OPV.

Pakistan

No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. The most recent case, which had onset of paralysis in Khyber Agency in the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) on 30 July, was the 117th to be reported this year.

Two new circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) cases were reported in the past week. One was in the Lakki Marwat district with onset of paralysis on 8 May and the other in Bannu district, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on 3 May. The country has reported 18 cases of cVDPV2 in 2014 and the most recent case had onset of paralysis on 27 May in FR Bannu, FATA.

Immunization activities are continuing with particular focus on known high-risk areas.

Central Africa

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

The outbreak in Cameroon has been ongoing since at least October 2013, with international spread to Equatorial Guinea in 2014. In March 2014, WHO elevated the risk assessment of international spread of polio from Cameroon to very high, due to expanding circulation and influx of vulnerable refugee populations from Central African Republic (CAR).

Vaccination activities are planned in high-risk areas of Cameroon on 4-7 September, in Equatorial Guinea on 4-7 September and in CAR on 12-14 September, all using bivalent OPV.

Between 18-23 September, campaigns will be held across Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Congo, Gabon, Chad, the Central African Republic and Equatorial Guinea and in Angola on 22 September - 5 October.

Horn of Africa

No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. Five cases have been reported in the Horn of Africa to date in 2014: one WPV1 in Ethiopia (date of onset of paralysis on 14 January) and four WPV1s in Somalia (the most recent date of onset of paralysis on 3 June in Mudug, Puntland).

The Polio Technical Advisory Group (TAG) for the Horn of Africa has warned that the outbreak is likely to continue in Somalia and possibly the Somali region of Ethiopia unless urgent improvements are

made in SIA operations and surveillance, and improved vaccination outreach is focused on pastoral communities.

Immunization campaigns are planned for September in Yemen using trivalent OPV and in Ethiopia and Somalia using bivalent.

Israel and West Bank and Gaza

Wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) is not being detected in environmental samples in Israel, 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.

Middle East

No new cases of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) 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.

Immunization campaigns are planned for 14-18 September in Iraq using bivalent OPV; Turkey, Syria, Jordan, Iraq, Egypt, Lebanon and the West Bank and Gaza are planning activities for October.

On 6-7 September, WHO and UNICEF will review Phase II of the outbreak response in the Middle East and make the necessary tactical adjustments.

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. In addition, a single case of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) was reported in Niger on 11 July 2013.

Even as polio programme staff across West Africa support efforts to control the Ebola outbreak affecting the region, preparations are going ahead for large scale multi-country vaccination campaigns in those countries not affected by Ebola, in mid-September.

A trivalent OPV campaign is planned for the entire region, in Mali on 19-22 September and in Benin, Burkina Faso, Cote d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Mauritania, Niger, Senegal and Togo on 20-23 September.

TRC Hudson Names Grant Recipients

Craig Tallman, Hudson Rotary Club Foundation, Inc. president, recently announced that 2013-2014 Foundation grants totaled \$23,000 and were directed to the following area organizations and programs:

The Dictionary Project (targets Hudson Public Schools 3rd Graders)
True North Ministries
Hudson Players
Hudson Cable Television
Hudson Fire Dept (Graber Family) by AEF
Hudson Community Service
Habitat for Humanity
Hudson Bandstand
Music From The Western Reserve
Bob's Bikes
Hudson High School Extracurricular Clubs
Hudson High School Archery Program
Auction Feature Grants:
EMS Outreach
Gift of Life NEO
Safety Town
Tallman added that the Foundation also provided \$12,500 in college scholarships to deserving Hudson High School students.

Club President Alison Pfeister underscored the importance of the Rotary Club of Hudson's community support: "We are proud of a long history of donations of time and talent as well as treasure. The Gala (auction), Fall Fundraiser (roses and popcorn sales), and our involvement in a variety of other events and gatherings generates the funds directed to worthy organizations. Club members see these endeavors as embodying Service Above Self."



Reverse Raffle Dinner

Saturday, November 8, 2014

5:30 to 11:00 pm

The West Side Irish American Club
8859 Jennings Rd., Cattedra Township, Ohio 44138 Ph. 440-235-8868
(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 5 Entrees with Salad, Potatoes & Vegetable
9:00 Raffle Begins with every 20th Ticket a Winner
\$3,000 Last Number Top Prize

Questions? Contact Committee Chairs:
Bryan Molohan 440-336-0497
bromoloh@westshoreclub.com
Alison Turtlet 716-445-7805
almo@westshoreclub.com

Choices: _____ \$100 Individual Dinner & 1 Main Board Ticket
_____ \$150 per Couple 2 Dinners & 1 Main Board Ticket
_____ \$200 per Couple 2 Dinners & 2 Main Board Tickets
Name(s) _____
Phone# _____ Email _____

Complete the information above and send in your check made payable to:

West Shore Rotary Raffle c/o George Newman
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Online ordering at: www.westshoreclub.com



Important Reminders For Club Presidents

I know you have been busy with your clubs and all the activities associated with being a Rotary Club President. I do thank you for that. I would like to share some important items with you.

Posting Goals

We have been asked by RI that each club records/enters its goals for Foundation giving to the annual fund and to Polio at Club Central in My Rotary. Each club also needs to record its membership goals. As a district we need to do this by the end of September. I ask you to check with your club and to set some realistic and yet challenging goals for these areas. It is a goal of the District that each Rotarian gives to the Foundation this year. Please note, the district is not suggesting an amount, only that each Rotarian reflect on the organization and give accordingly. Therefore there should be no club in our district with "0" for a goal for contributions to our Foundation.

If you have your goals but would rather that I enter them in the computer, please send them to me and I will be more than happy to enter them for you.

If you have your Foundation Goals entered before September 15, DGN Dick will use that information in putting together his program.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Club Elections

RI suggests strongly that each club has elections in December for next year.

Elections should happen as early as possible so at the Annual Meeting officers are officially voted into office for the coming year.

All officers are supposed to be updated in the Rotary District website and in Rotary Club Central no later than Jan 1, 2015 for the RI annual directory and the District directory.

One reason for this is that the new club

administration team can begin working with the current team to make plans for next year and have a smooth transition.

Annual Meeting

The annual meeting for each Club should occur by December 31, 2014

Upcoming Foundation Training

DGN Dick Farkas has scheduled a number of Foundation seminars and has sent that information to you. It is also posted on the website. Please encourage your foundation chair to attend. If you are able, please attend also. In addition, it is a great and worthwhile seminar for any interested Rotarian.

Also, if your goals are entered by Sept 15, he will use the goals in shaping the training to assist the Foundation chairs at our October Foundation seminars.

Dates for the Foundation Seminars are: October 2, October 9, October 16, and October 18. Information about registering for these seminars is on the district website.

Upcoming PE Training

DGE Cheryl Warren has been communicating with her presidents-elect about their training this year.

There will be a Saturday training session for the PEs on November 15. Please send your PE to this session. She has been working with the education committee to plan a valuable training experience for the PEs and one that will help them prepare for and lead in their year.

I would just like to remind you and encourage you to have your PE attend the PETS ONE and ALL OHIO PETS in Columbus on March 13 and 14.

I thank you for reading this and for your cooperation. Please enter or send me your goals.

Let's Light Up Rotary Together!

Mike Davanzo

District Secretary 2015-2016 Announced

I am pleased to announce that Bonnie Housley will be serving as District Secretary for my year as District Governor. I am very excited and look forward to working with her!

Cheryl Warren DGE

Rotary Leadership Institute Comes to 6630

A new training opportunity for current and future Club and District leaders is now available through our District's membership in the North Coast Division of the Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI). I hope that your Club will send one or more of your members to our first training session on Saturday, October 4th. Please read on to learn more about this training and then share this information with those in your Club who might be interested.

RLI offers a series of three sessions, each focusing on different leadership skills and Rotary programs. The curriculum was developed by Rotarians and is frequently updated. The sessions are led by Rotarians trained in participatory learning techniques. The leadership skills will be beneficial to participants in their professions as well as in Rotary. Each session stands on its own, but if more than one session is attended, they must be attended in order.

The second session is scheduled for March 28, 2015.

In our first session, which will be held on Saturday, October 4th, 7:30am-4pm, at the Doubletree Hilton in Independence, topics include Insights into Leadership, My Rotary World, Engaging Members, Our Foundation, Ethics - Vocational Service, and Service Projects. The cost of this session, which includes Continental breakfast and lunch, is \$75. The District will cover \$25 of the cost. I hope that your Club will send at least one member to this session and cover the remaining \$50 for them.

I would be glad to answer any questions that you or potential participants might have via email jwest@ameritech.net or 216-392-6771. I would like the name and contact information for those who are planning to attend so I can notify them when on-line registration is available.

News From TRC Mantua

Mantua Rotary Club sponsored a Celebrity Pie Auction at the weekend Mantua Potato Festival. It was a community-involved event, recognizing community leaders and showcasing Rotary leadership. It was very profitable for the club as well-providing over \$3000 to support RYLA students-and more. The club also sponsored its traditional pieroghi booth at the festival. It was a very successful weekend.



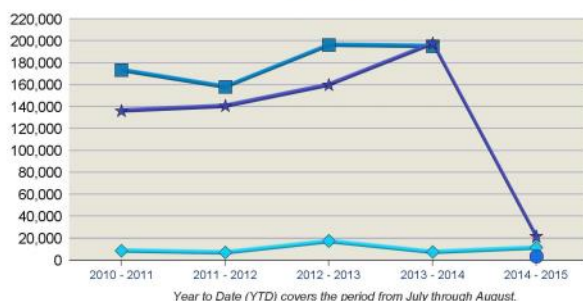
DISTRICT 6630 FUNDRAISING PROFILE

For July through August (2014 - 2015)

	Number of Members	Annual Fund					PolioPlus Fund					Endowment Fund	
		Goal	% Goals Received	Total	Per Capita	Goal Achieved	Goal	% Goals Received	Total	Goal Achieved	Non-Giving Clubs	Total	Total Giving**
2014-15	0	\$21,775	11.1%	\$11,635	\$0.00	53.4%	\$600	5.6%	\$3,082	513.7%	40	\$0	\$33,667
2013-14	2,117	\$197,900	100.0%	\$195,239	\$92.22	98.7%	\$26,600	100.0%	\$133,105	500.4%	15	\$1,500	\$342,451
2012-13	2,184	\$160,065	98.1%	\$196,453	\$89.95	122.7%	\$30,000	59.3%	\$82,393	274.6%	25	\$505	\$340,757
2011-12	2,228	\$140,610	98.1%	\$157,961	\$70.90	112.3%	\$47,580	59.3%	\$73,432	154.3%	29	\$550	\$246,091
2010-11	2,255	\$136,370	96.4%	\$173,365	\$76.88	127.1%	\$35,200	62.5%	\$80,092	227.5%	31	\$4,000	\$278,891

**Total Giving includes term gifts and funds for approved grants.

Annual Fund Measures



Recognition and Endowment Measures

	PHF	Bene-factor	Bequest Society*	Major Donor*	Major Gifts	EREY Eligible	Sustaining Member	PHS Eligible
All-time	3,248	144	30	30	--	--	--	--
2014-15	18	1	1	0	0	123	45	1
2013-14	189	3	3	5	2	1,188	694	42
2012-13	180	0	0	2	5	1,051	660	41
2011-12	228	1	1	0	1	828	577	28
2010-11	214	0	0	5	2	779	505	29
Paul Harris Society Members: 21								
Rotary Direct Participants: 81								
Total Endowed Funds:	2							
Market Value:	\$424,518							
Market Value Date:	31-Jul-2014							

* Joint Major Donor/Bequest Society counts as one.
EREY, Sustaining Member and PHS Eligible includes all individuals, not just active club members.

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District Governor-elect (DGE)		Cheryl Warren	(330)495-9814	cawarren@neo.rr.com
District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC)		James Lechko	(440)238-0037	jlechko@rl.net
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Rotary Coordinator		Dr. Mary B. Berge	(814)535-8586	drberge@hotmail.com
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Rotary Public Image Coordinator		Ms. Georgene L. Hildebrand	(989)657-2428	Georgene.rotary@gmail.com
Recognition/Reports:		Rotary Support Center	(866) 9-ROTARY or (866) 976-8279	contact.center@rotary.org

Reaching Out to Touch Someone

A man named Joe attended the September 3rd North Royalton Broadview Heights Rotary breakfast. Joe wasn't all that unusual, except for one small detail: his name tag. His blue tag was so big it was hard not to notice it. And when we did, we instantly understood that Joe was not just a regular guy, he was a walking, talking billboard for another service club in town--the Kiwanis.

On that particular morning the North Royalton Schools' Superintendent and the Director of the Curriculum were speaking. Rotarian Bob Stefancin, who also doubles as the North Royalton Mayor, explained why Joe was sitting in on the 7:15 a.m. meeting. Bob shared that he had seen Joe the previous night--at another service meeting--when Joe said he would see the Mayor tomorrow morning, adding for emphasis, "At the Rotary." Apparently Joe went on to say that The Rotary had invited him to attend their Wednesday breakfast to listen to the speakers.

The North Royalton Broadview Heights Rotary is busy applying the 4-way test, to the things we think, say and do. When we contacted the City of North Royalton, sent out a notice to the North Royalton Recorder, and invited the North Royalton service clubs to attend the breakfast, we were doing so to build goodwill and friendships with likeminded people, folks active in their communities. Joe thanked us for the invitation, and stood for Rotary's 4-way test. He was glad he had attended, and so were we--in fact, it was beneficial to all concerned. Serendipity had nothing to do with Joe's presence at the Rotary. It was all preparation and luck. A renowned scientist had once remarked, "Luck favors the prepared mind." It also favors a prepared club.

First Annual Portage Rotary Service Week

Portage County, OH (September 8, 2014) – Staying true to the Rotary International motto of "Service Above Self," Rotary Clubs from Aurora, Garrettsville/Hiram, Kent, Mantua and Ravenna came together to establish the first Portage Rotary Service week during the week of August 25, 2014 at Habitat for Humanity's ReStore.



The Presidents of each club, along with Rotary District #6630 officials, met throughout the summer to explore options for the event and to choose this year's project. The group chose Habitat for Humanity's ReStore. Rotarians from Aurora, Kent, Mantua and Ravenna volunteered at the ReStore facility in Kent. Members assisted KSU students in completing delivery forms, stocked sale shelves and assisted with incoming donations. The Garrettsville/Hiram club will sponsor a one day item collection drive for ReStore in northern Portage County.



Committee members are: Rotary presidents Dave Becker (Mantua), Carol Crimi (Kent), Pam Fife (Ravenna), Delores McCumbers (Garrettsville/Hiram), Dick Rowley (Aurora); District #6630 Asst. Governor George Schumacher (Aurora), 2011-2012 District #6630 Governor Stephen Zabor (Mantua), District

#6630 Extension Chair Al Connors, Habitat for Humanity Executive Director Rachel Kerns and Habitat ReStore Manager Jan Bennett.



Since 1905, Rotarians have created positive, lasting change in their communities and around the world. There are currently 1.2 million members throughout the world. For more information visit Rotary District #6630 online.



The ReStore is part of Habitat for Humanity of Portage County. The ReStore accepts donations of new and nearly new building supplies, furniture and appliances and sells these at huge discount prices. Habitat uses the profits to build and rehab houses in Portage County for those in need of decent and affordable housing.

Submitted by Pamela Fife



Inbound Youth Exchange

The Akron Rotary Camp was the perfect location for the District's Inbound Youth Exchange students August 23 and 24. The chair of Ohio-Erie Rotary Inbound students, Bob Heydorn (Cuyahoga Falls Rotary) organized the two-day event with the help of Tim Snell (Lodi Rotary), chair of the Ohio-Erie Youth Exchange Program, and Patrick Kelley (Hudson-Clocktower Rotary) chair of the Outbound Youth Exchange Program. The orientation focused on informational sessions for each of the following groups: the Youth Exchange Officers (YEOs), the counselors for each of the students, and the host parents and families. Inbounders and Outbounders also learned more about cultural awareness with Susan Colville-Hall (Akron Rotary). In addition, there was ample opportunity for these young people to get to know each other

thanks to J.D. (camp coordinator) and Brian Chima. Following the orientation, the teenagers talked, went kayaking and swimming, engaged in activities, had a typical American cookout and sat around the campfire.

The district welcomed the following students: Matheus Vigilato from Brazil, to Lakewood-Rocky River; Carol Iorio from Brazil to the Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise Club; Quintin Darras from France, to the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club; Snip Ming from Thailand to Medina Rotary Club; Oscar Esa-Matti Lehto from Finland to Lakewood Rotary Club; Vendula Jancalkova from The Czech Republic to the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club; and Lenart Zsady to the Garrettsville Rotary Club.

TRC Chagrin Valley Welcomes Film Makers

Chagrin Valley Rotary Club invites Rotarians and Chagrin Documentary Film Fest fans to join us to celebrate the filmmakers whose films are nominated for this year's "Service Above Self" Award at a cocktail party on Saturday, October 11 from

5:30 - 7:30 p.m. at the Medical Mutual Welcome Center, 38 River Street, Chagrin Falls.

For the second year, Chagrin Valley Rotary Club will present its "Service Above Self" film award to the film that best represents Rotary's commitment to serving others, at home and around the world. Documentary filmmakers tell the stories of people who meet humanitarian challenges in ways that inspire and elevate us all. The Chagrin Documentary Film Fest provides a showcase for this crucial work. That's why Chagrin Valley Rotary Club is proud to support the film fest and why we created the "Service Above Self" film award.

This year's "Service Above Self" award nominated films are:

- ◆ Perfect Strangers, directed by Jan Krawitz
 - ◆ Return to Homs, directed by Talal Derki
 - ◆ Slingshot, directed by Paul Lazarus
- Tickets for the cocktail party are \$15.00 per person, and include one drink ticket plus hors d'oeuvres. Tickets for the cock-

tail party are available at the door. The directors of the "Service Above Self" nominated films, some of whom will travel to the film fest, have been invited to join us to share the inspiration for their films. Attendees of the cocktail party are also invited to attend the Chagrin Documentary Film Fest Awards Ceremony to find out who wins the "Service Above Self" award, and winners in all other categories, immediately following the cocktail party. The Awards Ceremony will be held at the Chagrin Valley Little Theatre, 40 River Street at 7:30 p.m. on Saturday, October 11, and is open to all at no charge.

The Fifth Annual Chagrin Documentary Film Fest will run from Wednesday, October 8 - Sunday, October 12 with films showing throughout the Village of Chagrin Falls. For a full schedule of films and events, including dates and times for showings of the "Service Above Self" nominated films, please visit Chagrin-FilmFest.org.

The Chagrin Valley Rotary Club makes a difference, in our own backyard and around the world. Join us each Tuesday morning, from 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. in the Betty Patton Room at Kenston Middle School. For more information, please visit ChagrinValleyRotary.com.

Gearing Up For 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.

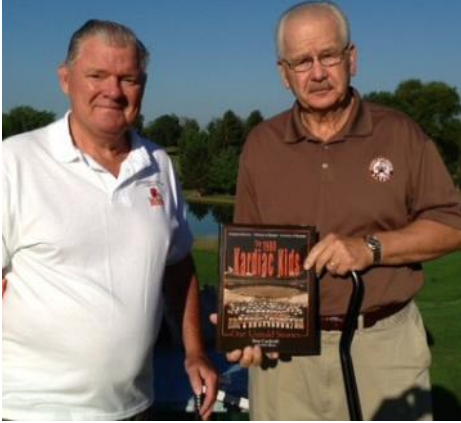
My first suggestion is to schedule a sit down meeting at the School with their Faculty Advisor. This is important because the students will need guidance as to how to prepare for their speeches. Additional information and a basic explanation and history of the 4 Way Test can be found by going online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

News From TRC Berea

RC Berea's Lou Groza Golf Outing draws 120 golfers



The 10th annual Lou Groza Charity Golf Event on Sept. 4 at Coppertop at Cherokee Hills in Valley City drew 120 golfers, including Cleveland Browns alumni, supporting the Rotary Club of Berea's many programs.

Lou Groza, the Cleveland Browns Hall of Famer, was a very active member of Berea Rotary, and this event is supported by the Cleveland Browns. Browns alumni golfing with Rotary foursomes included Jamie Caleb, Ben Davis, Jim Kanicki, Ernie Kellerman, Kevin Mack, Greg Pruitt, Frank Stams, John Thierry and Steve Zahursky. Also golfing were Rod Morris of the San Francisco 49ers, Vince Colbert of the Cleveland Indians and former Browns broadcaster Jim Mueller. Placekicker Don Cockroft donated copies of his book, "The Kardiak Kids," to winners of the putting contest. Don also introduced the players during the banquet and offered the opening prayer. Rod Morris won the 50/50 raffle but donated the money back to Berea Rotary.

Ernie Kellerman is a member of the Rotary Club of Chagrin Highlands and has agreed to be a speaker at a future Berea Rotary meeting.

Winner of the ball drop contest was Dave Skrzynski, past district governor and district international service chair.

Proceeds benefit Berea Rotary projects, such as scholarships, the Interact Club at Berea-Midpark High School, Rotaract Club at Baldwin Wallace University, community youth sports and local food pantries.

Rotarians make helping business their business



The father-son team of Don and Rick Voigt has turned a bad business break into a very good outcome. Both were top salesmen in a company that had come on hard times. The solution: Start their own business. That's what they did in 1984 by founding Today's Business Products, which has outgrown two locations and is now at 12985 Snow Road just over the Brook Park border in Cleveland.

The Voigts hosted the Rotary Club of Berea on Tuesday, July 29 with a tour of the 40,000-square-foot facility and a dinner catered by Antonio's. Don Voigt is a member of the Rotary Club of Berea while son Rick is with the Strongsville Rotary Club where he chairs the Chili Open Committee.

Rick said that 16 percent of their sales are in cleaning and break room supplies, one of the newer branches of the company. They also sell office supplies and furniture. In fact, they have decorated the corporate offices of the Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Browns. Kevin Costner's office furniture in "Draft Day" was rented from Today's Business Products.

The company keeps only 2,000 items in stock - from paper towels and staplers to desks and lamps, but orders can be filled within a day because of overnight shipping from suppliers. Rick said Today's Business Products has a 98 percent fill rate.

More than 80 percent of the customers are women. Rick and Don learned that trying to sell furniture to male managers was hit or miss but female managers and secretaries and /or administrative assistants often made the buying decisions. The company began to offer more prod-

ucts that appeal to women and sales took off.

Recycling is a high priority for the Voigts. "We recycle everything that we can," Rick said. That includes cardboard, plastics and even Styrofoam. "Styrofoam is hard to recycle," Rick said, "because many companies won't take it." The Voigts found one that will.

With 53 employees and a growing client base, Today's Business Products has won countless awards, including Crain's Cleveland Business' "Leading Edge" award presented to elite companies in Ohio. They also have been recognized by "Inc." as one of the 5,000 fastest growing companies in America for 2012 and 2013.

Our many thanks to Don and Rick Voigt for hosting the Rotary Club of Berea and giving us a behind-the-scenes tour of their business.

Welcome to new member, Jamie White



District Governor Mike Davanzo inducted Berea Rotary's newest member, Jamie White, on Tuesday, Aug. 5. Jamie is admissions director of Aristocrat Berea, which is sponsoring the Jam the Gym project for the Berea Schools. Jamie is chair of Jam the Gym, which aims to collect school supplies for students who may not be able to afford them.

2016 Council on Legislation

The Council on Legislation (COL) is the legislative body of Rotary International and meets every three years in Chicago, IL. The next meeting will be held April 11-15, 2016 where a Past District Governor (PDG) of each of Rotary's 530 Districts will debate and vote upon legislation submitted by clubs, districts and the RI Board.

District 6630's representative to the Council is PDG John Bosco of the Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise who was selected at this year's District Conference. PDG Stew Buchanan of the Rotary Club of Akron was selected as the alternate delegate.

The Council has the authority to amend RI's constitutional documents, as well as adopt resolutions. You are encouraged to share this email with all of your members. This is your opportunity to propose changes to Rotary's policies, rules, or procedures. If your club has a suggestion that would improve the way Rotary conducts its business, improves efficiency, reduces operating costs, facilitates membership growth, or better meets the needs/expectations of individual Rotarians; now is the time to submit those ideas.

Although proposed enactments and resolutions may be submitted by clubs and districts, those submitted by clubs must be endorsed by the district. Should members

of your club want to propose enactments and/or resolutions there is a timeline for submission that **MUST BE MET** :

November 1, 2014 proposed enactments and resolutions submitted to District Governor Mike Davanzo;

December , 2014 district resolutions meeting;

December 31, 2014 deadline to submit legislation to RI;

September 30, 2015 proposed legislation published;

April 11-15, 2016 council on legislation meets.

PDG John Bosco can be contacted by email at jwblaw1@roadrunner.com

2016 Council on Legislation ~ How to Propose Legislation

Every three years Rotary International's Council on Legislation meets to debate and vote on legislation submitted by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RIBI. The Council has the authority to amend RI's constitutional documents, as well as adopt resolutions. Every district sends one representative to the Council, and every club and district may propose legislation. If your club or district is considering proposing legislation for the Council, please follow the guidelines below.

What's New for the 2016 Council?

All proposed legislation should be submitted through the 2016 Council Legislation online form found here. As part of the form, a Word version of the constitutional document with the proposed changes will need to be uploaded. The Word documents can be found on the governance documents page of the Rotary website.

Who May Propose Legislation?

Clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RIBI may propose legislation. However, legislation proposed by a club must first be endorsed by the clubs of the district in order to be presented to the Council.

When is the Deadline?

Legislation from clubs and districts for

the 2016 Council must be received by Rotary International on or before 31 December 2014. There are no exceptions to this deadline. Legislation received after the deadline will not be considered.

The submission must include the following items to be complete:

- 1) Name of the proposer
- 2) Confirmation from the district governor that legislation was proposed or endorsed by the district
- 3) The proposer's statement of purpose and effect
- 4) Word document with the proposed changes

In addition, submit all legislation endorsed at a district conference or district resolutions meeting through the online form within 45 days of the conclusion of the conference or meeting, or of the date fixed by the governor for receipt of the ballots for a ballot-by-mail.

How Does My Club Submit Legislation?

For a club to propose legislation:

1. The club's board of directors must first submit proposed legislation to the club members for adoption at a regular club meeting.

2. If adopted, the proposal must then be forwarded to the district with a letter signed by the club president and secretary certifying that it has been adopted by the club.

3. The proposal must be endorsed by the club's district at a district conference, at a district resolutions meeting, or through a ballot-by-mail; otherwise it will not be considered by the Council.

4. Once endorsed, submit the proposal to Rotary through the online form and have the district governor confirm the district's endorsement by 31 December 2014.

How Does My District Submit Legislation?

A district conference (district council in RIBI) may also propose legislation. When this occurs, the governor should submit the proposal, confirmation that the conference proposed it and the proposer's statement of purpose and effect, through the 2016 Council Legislation online form in time to meet the 31 December 2014 deadline.

Can the District Conduct a Ballot-by-Mail?

If there is not enough time for a district conference to vote on whether or not to propose or endorse legislation, or for a district resolutions meeting to endorse legislation, the governor may conduct a ballot-by-mail. Such ballot should follow

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as closely as possible the balloting procedures set forth in RI Bylaw section 13.040. (electing a governor-nominee through ballot-by-mail).

How does the district governor confirm district endorsement of legislation?

The governor can confirm endorsement one of two ways:

1. Submit the legislation themselves and confirm the district's endorsement in the online legislation form
2. If the legislation is submitted by someone other than the governor, the governor will receive an email letting them know that legislation has been submitted. They should forward this email to Council Services at council_services@rotary.org, along with their confirmation that the information submitted is correct and that the district has endorsed the legislation.

Is There a Limit on the Amount of Legislation that May Be Submitted?

The RI Bylaws encourage districts to submit no more than five items of proposed legislation. Districts should submit a separate 2016 Council on Legislation online form for each.

Do I Have to Submit a Proposer's Purpose and Effect Statement?

Yes. When submitting legislation to RI, the proposer must provide a statement of purpose and effect, 300 words or less, in order for the proposal to be considered duly proposed. If a statement is not provided, it will not be considered duly proposed and will not be transmitted to the Council for consideration. This statement should identify the issue or problem that the proposed legislation seeks to address and explain how the proposal addresses or resolves the problem or issue.

What Are the Types of Legislation?

There are two types of legislation: proposed enactments and proposed resolutions. Proposed enactments seek to change RI's constitutional documents (the RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution),

while proposed resolutions seek actions by the Council that do not amend the constitutional documents. For examples of enactments and resolutions, see the 2013 Council on Legislation Report of Action.

What Is a Petition to the Board?

Instead of proposing a resolution to the Council, a club may wish to consider submitting a petition to the RI Board (RCP 28.005.), which is a request for action on a specific matter.

The process allows clubs to bring issues of concern to the Board for consideration and possible action at its regular meeting. The RI Board hears petitions at every meeting, and you may receive a more rapid response through this action than by submitting a resolution to the Council, which only meets once every three years.

Petitions to the Board may be submitted by clubs or may result from a district conference. The intent of the petition should be clearly explained in a letter either to the RI president, Board of Directors, or the general secretary. The petition, written on the club's or club president's official letterhead, can be formatted as a proposed resolution or simply as a letter. It must be signed by the club president.

In many cases where amending the constitutional documents is not necessary, the proposer's purpose can be more efficiently and quickly accomplished by a petition. Petitions are often formatted like resolutions.

What Happens to Legislation Once It Is Received by Rotary International?

The general secretary reviews the legislation to ensure that it has been endorsed by the district, certified by the governor, contains a purpose and effect statement, and has arrived by the 31 December 2014 deadline. Legislation that arrives after the deadline will not be considered.

The general secretary then prepares legislation for review by the Constitution & Bylaws Committee. The Committee reviews each item of legislation to determine whether it is correctly drafted or

whether it is defective. The Committee, working with the general secretary, also develops a Financial Impact Statement for each item.

Where proposals are similar, the Committee often recommends a compromise proposal to proposers. The work of the Council is greatly facilitated when proposers agree to compromise proposals, as it allows the Council to examine a single proposal in depth, as opposed to rapidly moving through multiple proposals on the same topic.

What Is Defective Legislation?

Proposed legislation will be deemed defective if:

1. it is subject to two or more inconsistent meanings;
2. it fails to amend all affected parts of the constitutional documents;
3. its adoption would violate governing law;
4. it is in the form of a resolution but would require an action, or express an opinion that is in conflict with the letter or spirit of the constitutional documents;
5. it would amend the Standard Rotary Club Constitution in a way that would conflict with the RI Bylaws or the RI Constitution or it would amend the RI Bylaws in a way that would conflict with the RI Constitution; or
6. it would be impossible to administer or enforce.

If legislation is deemed defective, it is the proposer's or the Council representative's responsibility to submit amended legislation before the amendment deadline.

Additional Information

If you have questions about RI's legislative process, please email Council Services at council_services@rotary.org. Additional information can also be found in the following resources:

- Article 10 of the RI Constitution
- Articles 7 and 8 of the RI Bylaws
- Article 59 of the RI Code of Policies
- Chapter 17 of the 2013 Manual of Procedure

Arrival of VTT Team From Haiti

The Vocational Training Team from Haiti will arrive on Monday to begin their intense five week training session at Akron Children's Hospital. The team of hospital personnel from St. Damien's Hospital in Port-au-Prince Haiti, will be staying with hospital staff from ACH while they train daily in various areas of hospital and surgery operations. The end result of this and other training sessions that are planned down the road, is to be able to establish a children's pediatric surgery unit at one or more hospitals in Haiti. Currently there are none of these facilities available in that very poor country and only through the generous and dedicated efforts of the Gift of Life organization, headed in northeast Ohio by Chagrin Valley Rotarian Ken Fogle, have weak and terminal Haitian children with heart defects been brought to ACH for life saving procedures. Rotary is honored to be partnering with G of L and ACH to make

this dramatic effort a reality. Many clubs including Akron, Burton-Middlefield, Conneaut, Cuyahoga Falls, Hillcrest, Hudson-Clocktower, Lakewood/Rocky River-SR, Northampton, Shaker Hts., Solon, Stow-Munroe Falls, Chagrin Valley, and Barberton have all contributed close to \$20,000. of their club funds to bring this \$67,000. matching grant project to fruition. Rotarian Larry Lallo was the dedicated person who wrote the grant, one of the first VTTs in district 6630.

One of the aspects of the VTT process is to have a cultural component as one of its parts. This part is similar to the old GSE program from which many teams from district 6630 and incoming teams from all over the world exchanged visits and culture in the past. To date 3 clubs have stepped up and offered to provide a Saturday activity for the 7 member team. They will be hosted by the RCs of Chagrin Val-

ley, Kent and Akron for three of their five Saturdays. If your club would like to step up and experience a great cultural experience please contact PDG Bob Johnson with your plan. Saturday Sept. 27th. is open and also October 25th. The day should involve transportation from and to ACH for the 7 team members and whatever meals are involved plus the cost of the activity. Even a trip to one of our shopping malls would probably be exciting for them. Let's let Rotary shine on these people who live so close to our great land but have so little.

There will be a reception for the team on Sunday, Oct. 26th. before they get ready to depart for home. Further information about this will be sent soon.

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Children's Shoe Boxes begin Their 3 Month Journey From Ohio to Nicaragua

For the seventh consecutive year Ohio Rotary District 6630 combined its efforts with Rotary Districts in Michigan, Iowa and Texas to send shoe boxes to the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. Approximately 2500 boxes were sent this year to encourage children of the poorest of the poor to go to school, have good attendance and receive good grades.

The Shoe Boxes left Brunswick, Ohio last Saturday and were taken to Taylor Michigan, where they were combined with items from the Michigan Rotary District 6400 and loaded on a Walmart truck. From there, they travel to Waterloo, Iowa and are combined with more shoe boxes from Rotary District in Iowa.

At that point, the Shoe Boxes and other supplies for the children and teachers are then combined with the Shoes Boxes collected by Rotary Districts in Texas, loaded on a Freightliner under the direction of a Texas Rotarian and continue their journey to the Port of Honduras.

The shoe boxes filled with a dress for the girls and pants and shirt for the boys, along with school supplies, tooth paste and tooth brush, shampoo, soap, combs, a toy and other miscellaneous school items are given out to the children during the first week of December each year. Again the children must earn this one gift by going to school, have good attendance and maintain good grades.

Rotarians and friends of the Rotarians from the participating districts go to Chinandega the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving to hand out this precious gift. For many children, it is the only Christmas gift they will receive. It should be noted that in addition to the Shoe Boxes, the Rotary Club of Hillcrest sends over 360 paperback Dictionaries translated from English to Spanish and Spanish to English. This helps the children to become more familiar with English.

North East Ohio Rotary District 6630 became involved in December 2006, when Past District Governor of North East Ohio, Jack A. Young, was asked by Past District Governor Larry Wright, of Michigan District 6400 to join him on a Rotary Mission trip to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua. According to PDG Young, seeing children living and eating from a garbage dump changed his whole perspective of helping the poorest of the poor who don't even have clean drinking water.

Marsha Pappalardo, a Past President of the Rotary Club of Brunswick, Ohio; and partner of PDG Young has also traveled to Nicaragua and states "no one and especially a child should have to live in these conditions.

For the past 7 years Marsha has coordinated the process of securing items and receiving Shoe Boxes on behalf of Rotary Clubs in the

District of 6630. The logistical process from point A to point B, takes time and patience.

North East Ohio Rotary District Rotary Clubs who participated this year include: Rotary Clubs of Ashtabula, Aurora, Brunswick, Conneaut, Hillcrest Sunrise, Kent, Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise, Medina Evening North Royalton, North Ridgeville and Wadsworth.

There is more to the process and how this has affected those involved. More information will follow. For anyone who wishes to spend time participating in this International project and traveling to Nicaragua please feel free to contact PDG Jack A. Young, 440-759-4000 or at Jack1villa@aol.com or Marsha Pappalardo, 216-410-4844 or Cmpappa@aol.com. Those volunteering leave Ohio the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving and return one week later.

Brunswick Rotarians and friends of Rotary along with PDG Young from the Rotary Club of Conneaut, Ohio who transported the Shoe Boxes to Michigan were Tiffany Safran, Bob Safran, children Carsten and Elizabeth Safran, Stan Socha, Marsha Pappalardo, James Horn.

Special thanks go out to Rotarian John Kaneiski from the Rotary Club of Medina Evening for storing the 350 Shoe Boxes and supplies as they were filled and returned to his warehouse at Aztec Important until they were transported to Michigan.