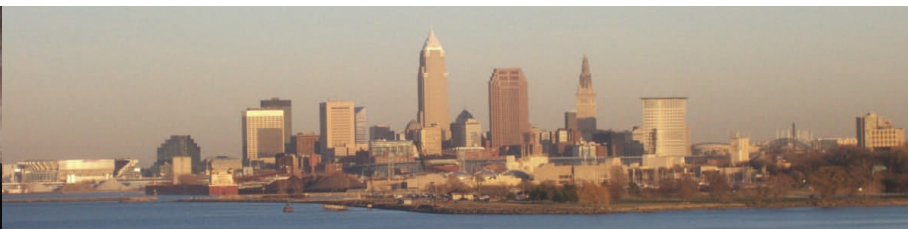




John Bosco
District Governor



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- Softball Tournament July 25th
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Governor's Letter

April is Rotarian Magazine Month. The first issue of the Rotarian Magazine was published in January 1911. The name of that first edition was The National Rotarian and contained an essay from Paul Harris along with Club news and advertisements. The name was changed to The Rotarian in 1912. The magazine is now published monthly and is mailed to almost every Rotarian.

Each member of District 6630 is mailed a copy. If you are not getting your copy please tell your club secretary.

Take a look at the front cover of your Rotarian Magazine. The mailing label contains your membership number. It is a 6 digit number preceded by two zeros. This number is needed when you contact Rotary International in Evanston, Illinois for any official Rotary business.

Reading the Rotarian is a good habit to form because you never know what you will find. For example in the March 2010 edition on the inside front cover, is a photo of Atmaram "Ram" Gawande, the current District Governor of District 6690 which includes Columbus and Southeastern Ohio. Ram is my "classmate" and had the honor of meeting with Bill Gates Jr. during our training session in San Diego January 18, 2009. That was the day Mr. Gates announced that he was giving Rotary 200 Million Dollars to help eradicate polio.

Did you see our own PDG Jack Harig and Vivian honored as new members of the Arch C. Klumph Society? If you look on page 58 you will learn that the Harigs gave at least \$250,000.00 to the Rotary Foundation. We as fellow Rotarians should be very proud of the fact that Jack

and Vivian made such a generous and meaningful gift. On October 29, 2009 Jack and Vivian were inducted, and their portrait will hang in the Arch C. Klumph Gallery at RI World Headquarters. Please take the time to visit Rotary International Headquarters the next time you travel to the Chicago area.

No matter what your interests are, you are sure to find something interesting in the Rotarian. I like the crossword puzzle even though I usually have to "cheat" and look at the answers.

This is the last newsletter before the District Conference. It is not too late to register. Please consider joining us at the Kalahari April 23-25th. I promise you will have a great family, fun weekend and learn more about Rotary.

GSE Teams Prepare to Depart

By Dave Harper

It is GSE time in the Rotary World. This is one of the many great programs sponsored by your Rotary Foundation. This year our District 6630 and District 3490 (Northern Taiwan - Taipei) are exchanging GSE teams. This program involves teams (4 - 6 members) traveling between two mutually agreed upon districts.

It is pretty amazing when you think about it. There are approximately 535 districts in the rotary world. Each District either send-

ing or receiving or both sending and receiving a GSE Team. The teams will travel to the other District and stay with different Rotary families for their 30 day stay. While they are there they will tour various vocational businesses including some that are directly related to their own profession. In addition to the vocational tours the GSE Teams will attend and see some cultural events and places of the host District. This is your foundation helping to promote peace and cultural understanding around

the world one person at a time. When you see the team members from District 3490 (Taipei, Taiwan) please, extend a warm hand and welcome them and help make their visit to our District a memorable experience for both them and you

We also want to wish our GSE Team the very best in their travels to Taipei, Taiwan. They will be available as speakers about their experiences when they return home. Both teams will be traveling from April 10th to May 9th.

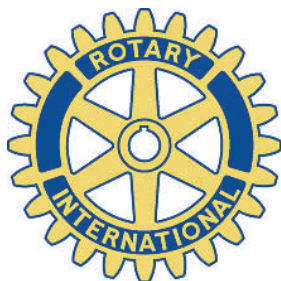


Hudson Auction Celebrates 25 Years

By Liz Murphy

The Rotary Club of Hudson is making plans to celebrate in style the Silver Anniversary of their annual Auction & Reverse Raffle. The black-tie-optional event will be held on Friday, May 14, 2010 at the Twinsburg Hilton Garden Inn. Tickets, which include dinner and an open bar, are \$75, and available from any Rotarian or at The Learned Owl Book Shop (204 N. Main, Hudson).

Hudson Rotary held its first auction in May 1984, and proceeds over the years have benefited a rainbow of organiza-



tions. The 1995 auction, for example, netted \$15,000 to purchase a minivan for the Hudson Fire Department, while funds for many years have provided college scholarships for local high school students. Other beneficiaries have included Boy Scout Troop 321, Visiting Nurse Services, the Hudson High School Service Learning Class, the Hudson Bandstand Concert Committee and The Gift of Life (helping Third-World children with heart disease).

This year's auction's featured beneficiary, Children of Ubumi, has special ties to Hudson. A Hudson resident, Penelope Frese, founded the non-profit organization, and in April 2009, the City of Hudson officially adopted the Ubumi Transit Home in Kitwe, Zambia. The orphanage is home to

Ubumi children abandoned or orphaned by AIDS.

Individuals and organizations wanting to support the Rotary Club's Silver Anniversary Auction and its beneficiaries can purchase tickets, donate auction items and advertise in the auction program. Visit <http://www.rotaryhudson.org/special-events.php> or call Kathie Franks at 330-319-3193.

A vertical advertisement for Dollar Bank. At the top, it says "Safe, Sound and Independent Since 1855." Below that is the "Dollar Bank" logo with "Since 1855" underneath. The central image is a large, detailed stone lion statue. At the bottom, it says "Corporate and Small Business Lending • Private Banking" and "216-736-8946".

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****ROTARACT EXPANDS AGAIN****

The Rotary Club of Cleveland East is in the process of sponsoring a Rotaract Club at Case-Western Reserve. Hope to have more details in the next newsletter.

By Roger Cram

Over 700 of the most used areas of the RI Web site have been linked in an alphabetical index for your convenience. This listing includes over 60 Rotary PowerPoint presentations, over 50 RI videos, over 60 RI forms used in our Rotary Club applications, and all new RI Facebook, Flickr, YouTube, and LinkedIn links. You should find this site useful for training, Club presentations, new member orientation, answers to questions about grants or the Foundation, and other areas of interest involving Rotary.

By John F. Germ

Let me tell you about an easy, fast and proven way for Rotarians to contribute to The Rotary Foundation. **TRF-DIRECT** is The Rotary Foundation's electronic funds transfer program. TRF-DIRECT supports both PolioPlus and/or the Annual Programs Fund.

Automatic contributions make it easier for your club to meet Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge and Annual Programs Fund goals. Make contributions to The Rotary Foundation on a monthly, quarterly or annual basis. Rotarians participate through a checking or savings account, or a credit card. The average annual individual gift via TRF-DIRECT for Rotary year 2008-09 was US\$482.

This program would simplify the amount of paperwork submitted by club treasurers to The Rotary Foundation. There are no checks to be mailed, multiple donor forms to be completed, or waiting for mem-

New Feature at rotary.org

Please pass this on to members of your Club.

If you are looking for something that is not listed, there is an email link at the bottom to have it added.

You can reach this site by going to the District Website (www.rotarydistrict6630.org) and clicking on Rotary International Index located in the orange column on the left-hand side under District Links.

You may go directly by clicking on www.rfcram.com/rotary_international.htm.

TRF Direct and You

ber's checks before remitting contributions to The Rotary Foundation. Participants receive ONE consolidated tax receipt at the end of the calendar year.

This PowerPoint on TRF-DIRECT can be presented to your club as a five-minute announcement during an upcoming meeting. The presentation is a short outline of the benefits of TRF-DIRECT. Here's a link to the [TRF-DIRECT](#) brochure (998-EN-USA), which allows you to enroll in TRF-DIRECT. TRF-DIRECT brochures are also available through the [Rotary Store](#) and by phone: 1-847-866-4600.

Join TRF-DIRECT today and encourage the members of your club to participate too. Thank you for joining me in supporting our Rotary Foundation.

Sincerely,

John F. Germ, Chair Rotary's US\$200M Challenge Committee

Nominating Committee Makes Selection

By Michael J. Johns

The District Nominating Committee, made up of **Julie West** (Cleveland), **Rick Cooper** (Mentor),

Warren Blakely (North Ridgeville), **Rick Voigt** (Strongsville), **Margie Roop** (Barberton), and chaired by Past Rotary International Director, Mike Johns (Hillcrest)

Has selected Rotarian Jim Lechko, Past President of the Rotary Club of Lakewood - Rocky River, to serve as District Governor of district 6630 for the Rotary Year 2012-2013.

The first step in the process of selecting a District Governor Nominee is for the current Governor to send a notice to all clubs in the district to make suggestions to the Nominating Committee. This year the Committee received no suggestions from any club in the district. The committee then,

at its first meeting identified seven eligible Rotarians thought to be excellent candidates for the position. They were all contacted personally by the Chairman to discuss the qualifications and responsibilities of the Governor and to determine if they were willing and able to serve.

The specific charge to the Nominating Committee found in the R. I. Manual of Procedure is “to seek and to find the most qualified candidate available.” After interviewing all those who were willing and able to serve, the committee unanimously selected Jim Lechko from the Lakewood-Rocky River Club. Jim’s enthusiasm, passion, and leadership skills will serve us well.

****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

Jim joined the Rotary Club of Lakewood-Rocky River in October 2001. After serving regularly as a Greeter, Invocator and as Chair of the Program Committee, he served one year as Treasurer 2004-2005 and then as President in 2006-2007.

At the District level Jim has served on the District Grant Committee since 2007, Secretary of the committee in 2009-

2010 and will Chair the committee in 2010-2011. He also served

as the Treasurer for the Child Mortality Conference held in conjunction with University Hospital. Jim has attended many District Assemblies, Conferences and other events.

Having worked in the financial services industry his entire professional career, Jim is a Certified Financial Planner (CFP®) and works at FFL Investment Services located at First Federal of Lakewood where he is an

Who is Jim Lechko

Assistant Vice President/ Investment Services Manager.

Jim graduated from Cleveland State University with a BBA in Marketing in 1999, obtained



his Executive Certificate in Financial Planning from John Carroll University in 2004 and his CFP® designation in 2005.

In addition to Rotary, Jim is active in his church, St. Joseph's Strongsville as a Lector, a member of the Mission of HOPE team and part of the Eucharistic Adoration group.

Jim and his wife Sue live in Strongsville along with their daughter Angela.

TRC Mentor Checks Progress First Hand

By Lisa Nelson

In March the Mentor Rotary Club visited the Dominican Republic to see the school they had funded during the past year get completed. We traveled several hours south of Cabarete to Esperanza where we met the Rotarians there from Esperanza. Our school was beautiful and will house 40 special needs kids and two teachers. We hope that in the coming year we can add a bathroom to our school as well as a fence and playground. Assistance from other clubs is

welcome. Questions can be directed to me at this email address or by phone at 440-567-6888. Much help is needed in Esperanza and we have made a sound connection to some fellow Rotarians. Any assistance would be appreciated in ongoing efforts. I will send a picture in my next email.

PHOTO

By Daniel Sutherin

April 17th, Bedford Rotary Club member Dan Sutherin will depart for 10 days in Nigeria with 30 other Rotarians from across the country. After meeting in Amsterdam, the group will depart for Abuja, Nigeria and will travel to Kaduna and Kano Nigeria. Preparation has already started with vaccinations for Influenza, Polio booster, Tetanus, Diphtheria, Typhoid, Pertussis, Yellow Fever, and Hep A/B. Malaria and dengue fever meds are packed.

The group has been issued VI-

SAS by the Federal Republic of Nigeria to enter the country for the 10 day operation.

The group is scheduled to be briefed at the US Embassy in Nigeria and will be accompanied by security personnel due to recent violence in the country. Once briefed, the group will split with half departing for Kano and half to Kaduna to review local projects and participate in PolioPlus IPDs (Immunization Plus Days).

Look for an update after the group returns.

ShelterBox Shifts Focus to Haiti

After the earthquake in Chili and redirecting our efforts there, we are now shifting our donations back to Haiti. By the article below, you will see that we are now have over 13,000 shelter boxes and the need still exists. For all of you who have helped in this effort, your assistance is greatly appreciated. We are making a difference in the world. I will be meeting with the board of directors within the next week and will get additional updates. Thank you for everything you have done and are doing for Shelter Box. Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship, Jack A. Young, PDG District 6630 Shelter Box USA Board Member

Three months after devastating earthquake, ShelterBox continues work

LAKEWOOD RANCH, FL, April 9, 2010- Three months on from one of the worst disasters ever witnessed, over **100,000 Haitian earthquake survivors are rebuilding their lives in ShelterBox tents.** The international disaster relief charity has now delivered over 13,000 ShelterBoxes to families who lost everything in the 7.3-magnitude quake. Each box contains a disaster relief tent to house a family of up to 10, water purification, a cook stove, blankets, a tool set among other items. As the world marks the three-month anniversary of the disaster that struck on January 12, ShelterBox is sending another 5,000 boxes of aid this month - enough for an additional 50,000 people - with thousands more ShelterBoxes due to arrive in Haiti's capital, Port-au-Prince, during the coming months. ShelterBox began its response to the Haiti earthquake just 12 minutes after the quake struck on January 12, by mobilizing a ShelterBox Response Team to Port au Prince. The next day, the first ShelterBoxes left the charity's HQ in the UK bound for Haiti. The first boxes arrived five days after the earthquake and were used to set up emergency field hospitals, immediately saving lives by providing vital shelter to patients who had nowhere to go. Hundreds more boxes followed and ShelterBox camps were set up in suburbs of Port au Prince including Delmas, where families with newborn babies and pregnant women were prioritized for emergency shelter. A total of 13,000 ShelterBoxes have now been distributed in Haiti with thousands more to come, making it ShelterBox's largest deployment since the Indian Ocean Tsunami. All aid has been delivered by volunteer ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) members from across the globe who have carried out extensive training with ShelterBox. More than 30 SRT members, including 12 US SRT, have now been deployed in Haiti as well as Santo Domingo and Miami coordinating logistics for Haitian aid. Having just returned from Haiti, Philadel-

phia Businessman and Response Team Member Bill Decker, is proud of the ongoing efforts and successes of ShelterBox to provide shelter for Haiti. "I'm proud of the efforts of all of the dedicated people in Haiti," said Decker, "especially my ShelterBox colleagues who have provided enough shelter and warmth for over 130,000 of those displaced. That's about 13% of the total displaced by the quake." Partnerships forged with organizations on the ground in Haiti such as French aid agency ACTED, the French Red Cross, the IOM, local Rotarians, the Dutch military and the US military allowed SRT members to distribute boxes effectively and securely, ensuring aid has been delivered to people most in need. "While there are still mountains of rubble and ongoing medical crises," said Decker, "we're seeing aggressive efforts by NGOs and the Haitian people to clear away debris and actually begin to rebuild. Our ShelterBox tents will continue to be a key part of that rebuilding effort." Across the globe, people have been supporting ShelterBox on unprecedented levels and volunteers at ShelterBox HQ have been packing more boxes, in the shortest space of time, than they ever have before. The President and Royal Patron of ShelterBox, Her Royal Highness the Duchess of Cornwall Camila, visited the charity's HQ in Cornwall, England last month to thank staff and volunteers for their relief efforts in Haiti. ShelterBox Founder and CEO Tom Henderson said, "With tens of thousands of families still living without adequate shelter in heavy rains and the hurricane season soon approaching, the need for emergency shelter is still great and we won't rest until this need is met."

EDITOR'S NOTE

Please feel free to send stories, articles or photographs to be included in future issues...

This newsletter is intended to be a complement to our District Website...

District Committee Chairs please submit minutes and articles to keep clubs up to date about what is happening in the District

Deadline for publication is the 23rd of the month...

Please submit correspondence to stone-cut@sbcglobal.net

Softball Tournament Info

I would like to invite your club to participate in the **24th Annual Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls Softball Tournament.** As in years past, the proceeds will go to World Community Service.

The tournament will be held on Sunday July 25, 2010, and will be single elimination. The participants must be either Rotarians, AND you may also include up to a maximum of two people who are Exchange Students or members of an Interact Club you sponsor AND you may also add family members to your team. In addition if you are hard pressed to get enough players feel free to contact a neighbor Rotary Club to get enough players. I changed the eligibility requirements last year so we could continue this tradition. The only other requirement I do want to ask for is that at least half the team is Rotarians, so that it's fair to all concerned.

The tournament will be held at Silver Springs Park in Stow, which has four field, swimming and picnic facilities. The cost will be \$150.00 per club, with approximately \$75.00 per club going to World Community service in behalf of the top 4 clubs and the balance to cover expenses. The Strongsville Club is the defending champs. The tournament will be a day long affair so I encourage all members to bring along your family for the fun, fellowship and to cheer you on.

Enclosed is an application for the tournament. I would appreciate your prompt attention if your club has an interest in participating. If so please return the application, along with a check payable to the Rotary Club of Stow- Munroe Falls. If you have any questions please contact me at (330) 849-8988 (W) or (330) 923-5797(H). **Deadline for applications is May 31, 2010.**

Due to last years low participation of only 5 clubs is why I have given more ways to field a team, hopefully we can get to at least 8 clubs participating. Please contact me with any questions. Ted Kozma
2206 19th St.

Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223
Wk-330-849-8988
Hm-330-923-5797
E mail-taaaak330@aol.com or
ted.kozma@firstmerit.com



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Katie Spatz Completes Her Journey

By Roger Kallock

On March 14, 2010, Katie Spatz completed a 70 day solo row across the Atlantic Ocean raising over \$75,000 for worldwide safe drinking water projects. The full story is documented on www.rowforwater.com and www.blueplanetrun.com. These sites contain interviews with Katie by CBS News, CNN, NPR, Public Television, National Geographic, and other national/international media. The pictures on these sites show, Rotarians in three continents came together to support her inspirational efforts.

Katie was calm and passionate about her plans when she spoke to the Chagrin Valley Rotarians in mid 2009. Over many months she had prepared with a support team of ocean rowers, weathermen, sports psychologists and others. She had researched safe drinking water related charitable organizations, purchased a specialized rowboat, studied the charts, scheduled the boat transportation and left no doubt about her commitment to realizing her dream to help others worldwide to improve access to safe drinking water. Katie was going to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean in early 2010! And she did it!

Realizing the scale of the challenge and strong possibilities for unforeseen difficulties, Rotarians responded.

Chagrin Valley Rotarians rapidly organized a Water for Life Holiday Celebration attended by over 200 and raising over \$15,000 to insure Katie met her initial goal before leaving for Africa in December. Katie brought her 19 foot customized rowboat to the event where she shared stories of the importance of preparation with a local Olympic Gold Medal swimmer. Once underway club members have shared weekly "Where's Katie" updates comparable to the weekly progress reports in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

Dakar, Senegal Rotarians who had previously hosted a Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar from Chagrin Falls welcomed Kate and Sam Williams, her rowing coach from the UK over the year end holidays. Their local customs and immigration assistance resulted in the prompt launching

of Katie's boat. On Sunday January 3 they wished her fair well as she rowed out to sea for a 2300 mile crossing destined for Cayenne, French Guiana alone.

Assisted by daily communications with Sam Williams, a successful ocean rower himself, satellite tracking, generally good weather and encouragement from over 2300 individuals following her web site www.rowforwater.com; she made great progress rowing about 40 nautical miles a day for two months. Then a relatively smooth trip turned turbulent. Current along the South American continental shelf and winds made landing without assistance potentially perilous. Even with Cayenne Rotarians and an experienced ocean rower ready to meet her, she decided in favor of 400 more miles, six to eight more days at sea and headed for Georgetown, Guyana.

Georgetown Rotarians responded to the urgency of her unexpected arrival in true Rotary spirit. After being greeted offshore by Guyana Coast Guard and a boat with her father and brother, Katie rowed up to the dock alone, climbed the ladder and set foot on land for first time in 70 days to the enthusiastic welcome of Georgetown Rotarians and many others. Guyana tourism leaders led the reception effort and were also assisted by representatives of the US Embassy, Guyana Coast Guard, shipping agent returning boat to the US and many others. It was an unforgettable greeting for Katie. Pictures confirm that this was a remarkable event and confirmation that together Rotarians can make things happen even on short notice.

Katie has spent much of the last week in New York in media interviews with news personalities like Diane Sawyer, CBS; Anderson Cooper, CNN; and Rosie O'Donnell. Her story continues to be aired through an increasing number of national and international news outlets. Her sincere explanation of her goal to help others through raising money to support safe drinking water is a very inspirational message.

District 6630 Rotarians, families and friends will have an opportunity to hear Katie and Sam on Saturday, April 17 from 1 to 4 at Kenston High School in

Chagrin Falls. Admission is free although donations for safe water projects will be accepted. The following Saturday at the District 6630 Conference Katie will again share her experiences with convention attendees. Katie is an inspirational person who has left a memorable impression on all who have met here. Rotarians in our District will long remember Katie, her mission and accomplishment. Don't miss attending one of these two events.

JOIN FELLOW DISTRICT # 6630 ROTARIANS FOR

CAPTAINS ROTARY NIGHT

AT CLASSIC PARK!

SATURDAY, MAY 22ND @ 6:30 P.M.



1. Pre-Game Parade for all participating Rotarians!
2. Watch District Governor John Bosco throw out a Ceremonial First Pitch!
3. Each ticket purchased entered into a private Rotarian Captains Raffle!
4. Seventh Inning Stretch sung with all Rotarians!
5. Firework Extravaganza after the game!
6. All Rotarians seated together close to the field!
7. Hour-and-a-Half Picnic starts at 5:30 and includes Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Pasta Salad, Potato Salad, Baked Beans, Cookies/Brownies and (Bottled Water/Coke Products)

• **Make Checks payable to the Lake County Captains**
• **Please contact Andrew Grover at (440) 975-8085 ext. 136 to order tickets or for more information!**

Please detach and mail this form to:
District # 6630 Rotary Night c/o
Lake County Captains
35100 Vine Street
Euclid, Ohio 44095

Name _____	Rotary _____
Address _____	
City _____	Phone _____
Method of Payment (Circle One) Check _____	AmEx _____ Disc _____ Visa _____ MC _____
Card Number _____	Exp. _____
Adult Picnic/Ticket Combo: _____	No. of Tickets _____ @ \$22.00 = _____
Child Picnic/Ticket Combo: _____	No. of Tickets _____ @ \$10.00 = _____
Regular Ticket w/o Picnic: _____	No. of Tickets _____ @ \$9.00 = _____
Processing Fee (only one for entire order) _____	\$3.00
Total _____	\$3.00

Pancake Sales to Raise 30k

By Christina Livers

With the weather wonderfully cooperating Burton-Middlefield Rotary Club members and volunteers served almost 6,000 pancake breakfasts during the four Sundays of March. For BMR this month-long event is the Club's biggest fundraiser, earning over \$30,000 last year. All the numbers aren't in yet but it is expected that the Club will do as well this year. For a small Rotary Club like BMR, this is a fundraiser that supports the majority of its donations, both locally and internationally, during the Club year. BMR is grateful to all the other clubs in the District who supported us. We saw Rotarians from the far west, south and north sides of Cleveland and enjoyed their visits with us. Next year plan to come to Burton, Ohio, in the pure maple syrup region of Geauga County, and enjoy an all-you-can-eat pancakes and sausage breakfast with us. Oh, and by the way, we also serve four kinds of omelets.

Some of the Speakers Slated For District Conference

Roger Cram

Roger F. Cram is an adjunct faculty member and the director of special projects and community relations for Hiram College in Hiram, OH. He developed and teaches courses at Hiram College based on his years of research into the problem-solving abilities of world heroes of peace. One of Roger's courses is entitled "Modeling Future Heroes - A Practical Application of Human Values," and it offers the remarkable methodologies for peaceful crisis management and goal reaching under stress. His research has taken him into the townships of South Africa and the rural villages of Nicaragua. He presented some of his findings as the opening speaker for the Rotary World Peace Summit held in Windsor, Ontario in April of 2008 and has presented workshops to the Department of Defense and the United States Air Force. Cram has appeared in "People Magazine," on "abc Good Morning America," "CNN News," and the "Discovery Channel." He is a member of the Rotary Club of Aurora, OH, and is currently District 6630's Rotaract and foundation chair.

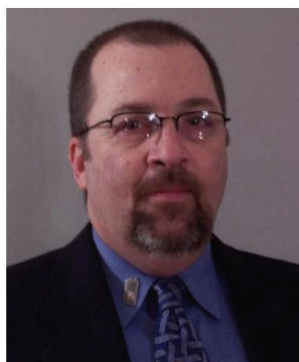


Intro/BIO:

Bill Thomas served as a Communications Officer aboard Air Force One for 12 years. He has flown in a variety of aircraft and has traveled to more than 128 countries in his 20-year active duty career. He served under both the Clinton and Bush administrations and retired from the Air Force One in June 2006. With a Bachelor's degree in Business Management, Bill chose an entrepreneurial career path, serving as the President of Tropical Latitudes Travel and Chief Operations Officer of FSR Ventures, a public relations firm based in Cape Coral. He has been a Rotarian for four years and is President-elect of the Rotary Club of Cape Coral GoldCoast. Bill and his wife Jennifer have two children and a golden retriever; they reside in southwest Florida and are avid boaters and diehard Cubs fans.

Overview:

Since the early 1940's U.S. Presidents have used aircraft for travel on a global scale both in times of peace and war. Designated with the call sign "Air Force One" while carrying the President, these aircraft are manned by US Air Force aircrews that are hand-picked and represent the cream of the crop within their respective crew positions. These men and women are on call 24-hours a day to respond in support of transporting the President, First Family, White House Staff and the Press Corps members to any location in the world. The aircraft serve in the role of "The Flying White House" and feature many of the comforts of a modern day office and home. State of the art electronics, avionics and technology allow the passengers to conduct business as normal anywhere in the world whether airborne or on the ground. These aircraft have faithfully served the office of the President of the United States and serve as symbols of the freedoms and democracy shared by the citizens of the U.S.



Joe Dittmar is Branch Property Manager in Richmond, VA for Colony Insurance Company, part of the Argo Group. He is a 29-year veteran of the business and has held similar senior management positions at Lexington Insurance (AIG), Allianz Global Risks US Insurance, CNA Insurance Company and Wausau/ Liberty Mutual Insurance. A native of Philadelphia, PA, he moved to the Chicago area in 1997 and on to DC in April of 2006. On September 11, 2001, Joe was attending a normal business meeting with representatives of various commercial insurance carriers at the NYC offices of Chicago-based AON Corporation- on the 105th floor of Two World Trade Center. One of only seven survivors of the meeting of 54 insurance executives, Joe's sharing of his experience of that day gives an informational, historical, inspirational and even motivational insight into one of the most incredible events in US and World history. Joe is a Gaithersburg, MD resident, devoted husband and a father of four, grandfather of one and is a founding member of the Naperville 9/11 Memorial Commission and the Willow House 9/11 Survivors' support group.

BIO of Paul Becks:

Paul is a resident of Medina Ohio and has had the pleasure of being a "Host Father" to three wonderful Rotary exchange students; Pawel from Poland, Alejandra from Mexico and currently Pierre from France.

Paul is a Civil Engineering graduate from the University of Cincinnati and is currently working on his MBA at the University of Akron. He is the Executive Vice President and Divisional Manager of National Enclosure Company a national commercial construction firm.

Paul travels extensively for his profession, including international destinations, and finds the cultural awareness gained from the hosting is priceless in developing the adaptation skills needed to function while experiencing other nations.



BIO of Lindsay Becks:

Raised in Washington D.C., Lindsay and her family moved to Ohio 10 years ago. She will graduate this spring from The Honors College at the University of Akron, Summa Cum Laude, with a degree in Business and Organizational Communication. She plans to attend law school next fall.

Lindsay spent a year abroad in 2004 as a Rotary Exchange student in Brussels Belgium. That year was a wonderful experience for Lindsay and opened her eyes to the world around her. She was able to master French, and learned to adapt to many diverse cultural surroundings. She has since traveled back to Europe several times and stays in touch with her host family. Her host sister recently spent the summer in the U.S., touring around with Lindsay and her family.

Since returning from Belgium, Lindsay has also had the opportunity to learn the role of host sister, and her experiences abroad provide much insight. Not to mention her language skills. She's also not bad at "Exchange Student Charades".



BIO of Susan Becks:

Susan was raised in the Cleveland suburbs, and currently resides in Medina. After attending the University of Cincinnati, she has enjoyed living all around the United States, including Los Angeles, San Francisco, Philadelphia, and Washington D.C..

In addition to being a fulltime mother to three children, Paul (25), Lindsay (21) and Lauren (15) and Grandmother to one (Portia), Susan serves as the Activities Director at Medina Community Recreation Center, leading programs for youths and seniors. Additionally Susan is the founder and President of the Buckeye Community Theater, a thriving young performing arts group in Medina.

Susan is a traveler at her core and enjoys being on the move, especially her frequent trips to Europe. This love has allowed her to become a wonderful host mother. She has developed a keen ability to lead the game of "Exchange Student Charades", where in the early days of their visit with us, she attempts to determine what they are trying to communicate, with their limited English.

Susan feels honored to have been a part of their journeys, and enjoys the responsibility of being their mother away from home. She knows that they will be a part of her life forever.



Juan Corveo Nicaragua – Children of the Dump Success Story

Juan lived in the Carlos Fonseca a Subdivision of Chinandega, Nicaragua in a large settlement of homeless families. During his youth he depended on his daily survival by searching through a garbage dump for food.

He will share his story of how Father Maraco Dessy and Rotary supported him and has helped him to achieve what he has accomplished to date. Our district, with 17 Rotary clubs and others last year alone, provided over 600

Christmas Shoe Boxes to the Children in Chinandega. The goal is to encourage the children to obtain an education, maintain good grades and attendance and remain in school. Thus, they are given a Christmas Shoe Box and one hot meal a day.