

Editor

# **DISTRICT 6630 NEWS**

Stew Buchanan District Governor

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#### Points of Interest:

- August is Membership Month
- Polio cases drop from 350,000 in '85 to 342 in 1st half of '10
- TRC Berea awards 3 \$1000 scholarships
- Stow-Munroe Falls honors Jim Banks wi 11 new members
- GSE Team to Travel to Amsterdam
- TRC Parma raised \$1400 for Relay
- Grants Committee seeks projects
- BSA holds 100th Jamboree
- District goal is 250 new members
- Hundreds of membership brochures distributed at Tall Ships Festival
- Burton Middlefield dedicates bldg
- Sakuji Tanaka next RI President

## Governor's Letter

Wow! The old adage, time flies, in District # 6630 were donors days ago.

While I feel I have been working toward this for a long time, it was over a month ago it all officially began. Lots of induction ceremonies, started my club visits and many other meetings. But 30, 2010 for the Foundation: what great fun!

Ray Klingensmith has challenged us to be Bigger, Better, and Bolder. To do that, goals need to be established, defined, explored, and implemented. In the next few months I hope to share some thoughts on the District's goals with all of you. I would like to have you embrace those goals and make them unique to your club.

August is membership month for all of Rotary around the world. Club members are our most important asset. They are the force that allows Rotary to carry out its many humanitarian efforts and achieve its

mission. There is more on membership in an article later in the newsletter.

It is early in the year, but I want to put a lot of emphasis on the Rotary Foundation and Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY). It is important that we all participate, no matter how much we can give. We need to improve our percentage of members in the District who give to the Rotary Foundation. For the last fiscal year, only 22% of the members

could not be truer. Induction to the Rotary Foundation. The was just yesterday, I mean 30 Foundation gives back to so many of the programs that involve the District and the Clubs that it becomes very important that the District supports the Foundation.

> Some updated data through June Zone 29 Totals (19 Districts)... Members 32,953; 2009-10 Annual Fund \$2,350,948; Polio Plus \$1,143,961; Per Capita \$71.39. District 6630... Members 2,308; 2009-10 Annual Fund \$126,545; Polio Plus \$105,414; Per Capita \$54.83

> In addition, Rotarians' End Polio Now campaign has almost accomplished its goal. The incidence of polio cases have dropped from 350,000 infections in 1985 to 342 cases for the first half of 2010. This

> Was accomplished through the financial support of Rotarians, plus their willingness to travel to foreign lands to pour the two drops of vaccine in to the mouths of children during the countries National Immunization Days (NID).

> Christmas in July was great fun at the Tall Ships Festival. There were 250 in attendance at the fund raiser auction for Polio Plus. Pretty warm, but the fresh air off of Lake Erie made it a nice evening. The final numbers are not complete, but we will have that for you by next month. Thanks to all of those individu

als who helped make the event a success. We especially want to thank all of the donors of the great live and silent auction items that made it all happen.

A special thanks to the Rotarians and partners that were there when we needed them: setting up, ticket sales, registration, check out, item pick up, phone calls and especially bailing out the 1100 gallons of water that filled the tent during the morning.

This year, the GSE team will be going to Amsterdam, Netherlands for the month of March, 2011. Selection of the team and the team leader has to be completed by September 25, 2010. If you know any young professionals or business leaders who are currently employed and wish to take advantage of this opportunity to learn about the culture in Amsterdam, have them make application before September

17, 2010. See the District website or call Stan Socha at 330-225-4170.

The club is the backbone and base for Rotary and all that Rotary International does. That is even more

evident as I visit clubs either in the capacity of the official club visit, participating in inductions, or being included in your fund raisers and fun events. I am impressed with what all of you do for your communities. Rotary is living and well in Northeast Ohio.

## News From TRC Berea

# PDG Banks Honored by TRC Stow Munroe Falls

#### By Linda Kramer

The Rotary Club of Berea installed officers for the 2010-2011 year during the annual President's Dinner on June 29. New officers are Kathleen Olmeda, president; Ted Moss, presidentelect; Michael Orr, vice president; Richard E. Hart, secretary; Tom O'Donnell, assistant secretary; Allyn R. Adams, treasurer; Sally King, Berea Rotary Foundation; Richard E. Hart, Rotary International Foundation; and Consolina Templeman, sergeantat-arms. Kathleen Olmeda was named Rotarian of the Year. Michael Orr and Consolina Templeman were named Paul Harris Fellows.

Scholarship recipients: Berea Rotarians awarded three \$1,000 scholarships to area graduating seniors. Megan Killmer of Berea, a graduate of Berea High School and Polaris Career Center, will attend Xavier University where she will study to become a physician's assistant. Cierra Larson of Berea, also Berea High School graduate, will attend Xavier University to study forensic science. Emily Mills of Olmsted Falls, an Olmsted Falls high school graduate, will study arts education at Malone University.

Scholarship winners past and present were honored at a Rotary dinner July 20 at the Strosacker Student Union, Baldwin-Wallace College.

Rotary lights baseball fields: The Rotary Club of Berea and the Berea Rotary Foundation have donated funds to the City of Berea to light the diamonds at Lou Groza Field. The club presented the city a check for \$2,000; the foundation contributed \$3,900. In appreciation, the city has named Field No. 2 as Rotary Club of Berea Field.

**Pink Flamingos:** Rotary also sponsored a girls softball team, the Pink Flamingos, which played their games at Lou Groza Field. The team, made up of girls 7.9, finished the season with a record of 3-7 but Coach Terry Lenaburg said the team finished strong. Casey Arena was the assistant coach with help from Allie and Greta Lenaburg.

Lou Groza Golf Outing: One of the Rotary Club of Berea's biggest fundraisers is the Lou Groza Charity Golf Event set this year for Sept. 9 at Coppertop at Cherokee Hills in Valley City. Golfers can play a round with Cleveland Browns alumni and enjoy on-the-course games and contests. Price includes lunch and dinner and a GPS golf cart. Cost is \$125 per player or \$99 if paid by Aug. 15. All proceeds go toward Rotary Club of Berea projects, such as scholarships for area students, local hunger pantries, a clothing drive, Thanksgiving meal program and Rotaract Club. Go to www.grozacharitygolf.com for more information and registration forms; or contact Jeri@crimcheck.com or call (440) 202-4373.

Helping local food banks: Rotary Club of Berea will team with Max & Erma's restaurant in Middleburg Heights to raise funds for local food pantries. On Aug. 26, the restaurant will donate 20 percent of patrons' lunch, dinner and carryout sales when diners present the special Rotary Club of Berea coupon to their server. Max & Erma's is at 7085 Engle Road. For more information or for coupons, contact Charlotte Feldman at (440) 234-6799.

Tools for Habitat for Humanity: Beginning Aug. 1, Berea Rotary will collect tools for Habitat for Humanity. The tools will be used by volunteers who help build houses and other construction projects. The tools can be new or used. Berea Rotary will have a collection box at each meeting in August. Berea Rotarian Craig Couch of Edward Jones Investments also will place a box in his office. Tools also can be dropped off at the Berea Recreation Center. The tools will be delivered to Habitat for Humanity just prior to Labor Day.



#### By Pat Hill

The Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls celebrated its 30<sup>th</sup> year by honoring its founding "father", Jim Banks, with a membership drive. During the year, new members were inducted into the club as the "JIM BANKS CLASS" Members of the JIM BANKS CLASS are Annie Hanson, Dan Mazzola, Bob Oborn, Jim Labor, Bob Sweitzer, Rich Bedell, John Prusa, Shannon Sinex, Chris Tranbarger, Lisa Dunlap, and Dave Christman.

Jim Banks, affectionately known as "Jimmy", started his Rotary career when he joined the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club in 1967. He became their president in 1972, District Governor in 1977, and District Conference Chairman in 1978. In 1980, Jim organized what was to become the Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls in his living room with interested community leaders. Our club was

## Group Study Exchange

This coming year, 2011, District 6630 will be conducting a Group Study Exchange with D1580 in Amsterdam, Netherlands. The D6630 Team will be departing approximately FEB 26<sup>th</sup> for 30 days to attend the D1580 District Conference on MAR 12<sup>th</sup>. The D1580 Team will be in D6630 starting approximately the middle of APR to attend our District Conference on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

The GSE Committee is looking for applicants for the Team Leader position and Team members. The leader is a Rotarian in good standing with some travel experience and a knowledge of Rotary. Team members are non Rotarians between the ages of 25 and 40 years of age who are currently employed and cannot be a blood relative of a Rotarian. Applications for the leader and/or member can be down loaded by going to the D6630 website and linking to the RI website.

Team leader application deadline is SEP 17<sup>th</sup> with selection process being conducted on SEP 25<sup>th</sup>. Team member application deadline is OCT 8<sup>th</sup> with selection process conducted on OCT 16<sup>th</sup>. If any Rotarians are inserted now is the time to get involved. Likewise if chartered on Friday, August 8, 1980 at the Rusty Nair Restaurant in Kent with 36 members, eight of whom are still active members.

In June 2000 the Rotary Club of Stow Munroe Falls created THE JAMES P. AND JOHANN L. BANKS SCHOLARSHIP to honor Jim and his wife, Johann. The scholarship is awarded each year to a graduating senior from Stow-Munroe Falls High School.

In recognition of his contributions to Rotary and Rotary International, Jim has been the recipient of numerous Rotary awards, including the latest—The Michael J. Johns Lifetime Achievement Award presented at the District Conference in April, 2010.

Although Jimmy's health does not permit him to join us regularly at our meetings these days, he continues to be an inspiration.... And who could ever forget his great "Zips" cheerleading--GO ZIPPIES!

you know of any young business/ professionals that would make good representatives of D630 and RI please encourage them to apply. All completed applications should be forwarded to: Stanley Socha GSE Chair 66 Woodhollow Dr. Brunswick, Oh. 44212 or Sparents@aol.com



## TRC Parma Supports Relay For Life

#### By Tom Mastroianni

The Parma Rotary worked hard for the Relay for Life to benefit the Cancer Society, held at Tri-C on Friday July 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Rotarians

worked a booth selling pizza and water, and raised nearly \$400 at the event before it was cancelled due to thunderstorms, along with raising the \$1000 entrance fee with a wine tasting earlier in the year. Many Parma Rotarians and their families were there to enjoy the evening, along

with working the Rotary booth at relay that night.

Before the opening lap of teams, numerous survivors were introduced in a moving ceremony that definitely touched everybody in the crowd as they took the opening lap to start the relay. After that lap was done by the survivors, than all teams were introduced one by one to take their lap, and the Parma Rotary led the way! It was a very special night for the

> Parma Rotarians, because one of their board members, Anthony Zielinski who is also Parma City Treasurer, was stricken with cancer in early June, so they along with many employees and citizens of Parma joined in to show their support for Anthony. The Rotarians played a part in

helping to raise almost \$2000 for Anthony's Army, and a group picture was taken for him, with over 200 people in the snapshot!

Great job to the Parma Rotary, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!

## First Pitch Raffle Results

#### By James Mayer

Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> was a lucky day for Sheila Hedrick (Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls). She was selected by the winner of the raffle, Bob Heydorn (Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls) to take his place to throw out the first pitch at the Cleveland Indians game. How much fun is that? Will she throw it over the plate? More than 200 Ro-



tarians and guests will be there to watch her. What excitement!! Congratulations to Bob and Sheila. The four box seats were won by Anne Alfano (Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise) and the autographed bat was won by Mr. Lucky himself, Mike Devanzo (Rotary club of Medina, Sunrise).

#### District 6630 Grant Committee has money to give!

It's a new Rotary year and your District Grant Committee is seeking grant requests from clubs for local and international projects. Local projects are eligible for a dollar for dollar match from \$500 - \$2,500. International grants can multiply your cash investment by 350% with a minimum cash investment by your club or multiple clubs of about \$3,500 which equates to a total project of about \$12,250.

Our budget this year is as follows:

District 6630 Grants Committee 2010-2011 Available Funds	Preliminary Budget as of 8/2/10	
	Grant Amount	Balance
Initial DDF Budget		\$85,085.24
Rollover Amount from 2009-2010		\$20,646.46
<b>Total Combined DDF Budget</b>		\$105,731.70
Less Committed PROJECT FUNDING:		
Ambassadorial Scholarship	\$25,000.00	\$80,731.70
District Simplified Grants (2009-2010)	\$17,017.48	\$ 63,714.22
GSE Team	\$ 6,500.00	\$57,214.22
International Projects Budget		
Beginning Balance		\$57,214.22
Current Balance		\$57,214.22
Local Projects DSG		
Beginning Balance		\$17,017.48
Current Balance		\$17,017.48

To initiate a grant request, go to the District website District Grant page where you will find Guidelines for Grant Seekers and a Grant Inquiry form. These documents explain the grant application process.

If you have further questions, you may contact one of the following:

District 6630 Grants Committee Application Co-Coordinators 2010-2011 Jin Eldridge Jeldri1786@aol.com 440/708-2828 (Office) 440-708-2835 (Fax)

Dan Selby dan.selby@gmail.com 330/607-8985 (Office) 330/334-2829 (Fax)

District 6630 Grants Committee Chair 2010-2011: Jim Lechko jlechko@ffl.net 216/ 529-5625 (Office) 216/ 529-2782 (Fax)

## Rotary/Shelter Box/BSA Jamboree

#### By Jack A. Young, PDG

District 6630 PDG Jack A. Young represented Rotary and the Board of Directors of Shelter Box USA at the 100th anniversary of Scouting at the 10 day National Scouting Jamboree in Fort A. P. Hill, Virginia. During the Jamboree there were over 50,000 Boy Scouts and troop leaders attending the 100 year celebration. At the opening session this number combined with the day visitors numbered over 90,000 persons.

Jack indicated it was so refreshing to meet so many young men who really embraced the values of Scouting and Rotary. During the Jamboree Shelter Box displayed their shelter tent and other items that are sent to disaster relief areas of the world to meet the basic needs of shelter.

In Haiti alone there are over 22,000 Shelter Boxes. In addition, over 400 boxes have been delivered to Pakistan flood victims this week. In all, Shelter Box Global has responded to 13 other disasters in the world just this year and has supplied housing to over 1 million people world wide in their 10 year history. District 6630 Rotary clubs and friends of Rotary has been a strong supporter of Shelter Box.

According to Young, who has been on the Shelter Box USA board starting his 4th year, Shelter Box USA is partnering with the Boy Scouts of America which is a natural for the SB Disaster Relief organization. SB, a Global Rotary Project, was founded 10 years ago in England by Rotarian and UK retired Navy Seal, Tom Henderson." According to Young, Shelter Box Global is already using USA disaster volunteers involving scouts in the US as response team members and utilizing scouts in disaster areas to help deliver the much needed shelters..

During the Jamboree, Young and other Shelter Box members met with Bob Mazzuca, Chief Scout Executive for the United States and a Rotarian to share ideas how scouts and Shelter Box USA could formulate a strong partnership. In addition, he met many Rotarians involved in scouting and individuals at all levels of our government including one of the directors of FEMA.

Along with this Young attended a special Ro-

tary meeting at the Jamboree which was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rappahannock in Fredricksburg, Virginia in which Bob Mazzuci was the featured speaker. The event was coordinated by the Scouting Rotarians in which Jack is a member.

One of the key note speakers at the Jamboree was the Secretary of Defense, Robert M. Gates. In addition Mr. Clarence Hill, National Commander of the American Legion and Brigadier Genera Peter Deluca, the Commanding General of the North Atlantic Division of U. S Army Corps of Engineers was in attendance.

During the Jamboree, the new Jamboree site was announced. The Summit: Bechtel Family National Scout Reserve in West Virginia. The Summit is a 10,600 acre site in the New River Gorge Region of West Virginia. The development of the site was made possible by a 50 million dollar gift from the S.D. Bechtel Jr. Foundation, a program that supports elect non-profit organizations.

According to PDG Young, "The entire experience was extremely rewarding and he was impressed by the cooperation of scouts, scouting volunteers, the community and the military during the 100 year celebration."

For more information on the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians and or Shelter Box, please contact PDG Jack 440-759-4000 or email him at Jack1Villa@aol.com.

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Donna Kovolyan from Huntington National Bank was named TRC Ravenna's Rotarian of the Year. Donna has been a Rotarian for over 25 yrs serving as their club secretary for about 8 years. She is everything Rotary stands for especially SERVICE above Self. She's always there whenever wherever doing what needs to be done to keep the club running smoothly. Congratulations Donna!!

## Membership Challenge

By Jack Miakowski

We hope your summer is going well and are looking at ways to increase the membership of your Clubs. As you already know AUGUST is Membership Month. Our District Governor, Stew Buchanan has given me **the Target Number of 250 new members** for the year 2010 to 2011. With 57 Clubs in our District that Goal seems very reachable. It will not be easy due to the current economic situation. As we all know many companies are not subsidizing dues for employees so we need to be a little selective in choosing new members who can support their own effort!

There is a new member video that is available that stresses what many people are looking for out of their current life situation. They want more then job satisfaction. They want to give back to the community they live and work in. We have copies available for showing at your meeting. Do yourself and your Club a favor by scheduling this video as part of your regular meeting. It runs about 15 minutes and I believe you will all take something away from the video. I will be happy to attend your Meeting and help with this important part of growing Rotary to be bigger and better.

Earlier, I stated the GOAL of 250 new members, if you do the Math of 57 Clubs in the District that means an average of around 4.5 members per Club to reach our GOAL. For some Clubs that is a big number and for others it is not so big. So I am asking you to pick your NEW MEMBER NUMBER and work that number every week at your Meeting! Post it on the wall, put it in your newsletter, talk about it and work towards it and it will happen. No one is saying it will be easy, these are difficult times for all of the Clubs so it will take hard work. I 'd like to remind all of you Club Presidents that you have an OBLIGATION to talk about membership each and every time at your meetings. You have the Push Power needed to add new members and stir up the current members. It is every member's job to PROMOTE their Club and look for New Members.

Stew Buchanan, our Governor, has given me permission to Reward the Club that has the LARGEST PERCENTAGE INCREASE IN MEMBERSHIP for the combined months of August, September, and October. The prize is a Dinner for Two at a Downtown Restaurant. District 6630 and Rotary International needs your help to reach our GOAL OF 250 NEW MEMBERS, we need your support to allow us to continue helping people around the World.

I know we can reach that Goal, the Challenge is now in your hands!

## Thanks to Volunteers

By Julie West and Rick Pollak

While the number was a moving target, we knew from the beginning that we would need hundreds of volunteers to make the Tall Ships Festival a success. We also knew that this event was a great opportunity to spread the word about Rotary and that it would benefit Rotary clubs in our District and beyond. So we asked you for your support and you came through.

A number of you volunteered and whether your assignment was to handle will call, take tickets, greet guests and distribute programs, manage the lines of people waiting to tour the ships and boarding for sail-aways, help with hospitality for private events, direct parking of volunteer cars, assist with administration in the volunteer tent, provide transportation for crew members, serve as ship docents and liaisons, deliver water to thirsty volunteers or help in the Rotary Village your efforts are greatly appreciated. Others of you helped us spread the word and/or recruited volunteers, equally important to our effort. However you helped, we are deeply grateful for your support and assistance. We could not have done it without you.



At the Rotary Village alone, we had hundreds of visitors to the village who now have a better understanding of what Rotary is and what Rotary does locally and around the world. In addition, many of our members learned a great deal about our own projects from Shelter Box and PolioPlus to Ambassadorial Scholarships/ World Peace Fellowships, and finally to projects underway at Burton-Middlefield, Akron, and Chesterland. We passed out hundreds of membership brochures (and had a number of them turned in for consideration). These will undoubtedly lead to new members around the district. And, we told the Polio and PolioPlus stories while collecting \$300 toward the cause. (Added to the Bill Gates match, we actually raised \$600.00)

To whet your appetite for a more comprehensive article to follow in the September newsletter, we've included a few photos of the event. (Note the many red shirts, most of which are worn by volunteers).

## News From Burton Middlefield Clubs Announce Charter Nights

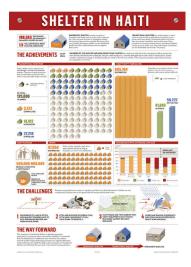
#### By Robert Johnson

At the regularly scheduled Wednesday evening meeting on 8/4/2010, the Rotary Club of Burton-Middlefield held a dedication ceremony for their recently completed club storage building located at the Geauga County Fairgrounds in Burton, OH. A delicious steak dinner was put on by club members Howard Bates and Marc Burr Jr. for Rotarians, the Fair Board and invited county administrators, including Commissioner Tracy Jemison and Sheriff Dan McClelland, both Rotary Club members, and county engineer Bob Phillips. A ceremonial "hanging of the Rotary sign" took place by project leader David Brigham and a transfer of the building keys from past president Dave Zmek to current president Dan McClelland. The 30ft. X 100ft. pole building has been in the works for the past 12 months and was built completely with volunteer help from club members and a few "construction specialists" from the local community. The building is split in half (2) 30ft. X 50ft. Rooms, with half used by the Geauga County Fair Board for equipment storage and the other half used by the Rotary club for their many supplies. How often have countless Rotary Club members everywhere looked for something they know their club possesses, but no one can recall who last had it or where it is. We in Burton-Middlefield have been no exception to this dilemma and hopefully now, we can have all club possessions in one place and easy to find (at least that's the theory). The next several months will be spent collecting and shelving all of our club "stuff" in our new building.

The structure was built as a cooperative effort between the Rotary Club and the Fair Board, with the Fair Board purchasing the building materials and the Rotary Club supplying the man power for the construction. Club members David Brigham and Jim Croup led the willing but not too experienced members in the construction with their knowledge and expertise. We have the added bonus of a taxfree building as the Fair Board actually owns it, and a 65 year lease on our side. It was truly a win-win for both groups. Also, during construction, the heating infrastructure was installed which will be hooked up when a gas well on the fairgrounds comes on line.

The Rotary Club of Burton-Middlefield best known for "pancakes in March" and numerous bridge and construction projects throughout the Geauga County community, is especially proud of the new building and will hopefully put it to good use for many years to come. The Rotary Club of Solon is having its Charter Night on Saturday August 28<sup>th</sup> at Signature of Solon. The Rotary Club of Hillcrest-Sunrise will be having its Charter Night on Friday September 17th at Mayfield Country Club. The invitations to all Clubs and officers should go out in a couple of weeks.

Please mark the dates and remember all clubs are encouraged to send a representative to attend and give an appropriate gift to the new Clubs. Please contact Rob Previte, president of Solon at robinsurance@hotmail.com and Mike Johns, Jr president of Hillcrest-Sunrise at stonecut@sbcglobal.net for gift ideas and more information.



## Next RI President Nominated

### By Ed Futa

The 2010-11 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2012-13, having functioned in accordance with the bylaws of Rotary International, has indicated that it unanimously nominated:

SAKUJI TANAKA

of the

Rotary Club of

Yashio, Saitama, Japan

for the office of President of Rotary International for the year 2012-13.

Biographical information for Rotarian Tanaka is available on the RI Web site and in the next issue of the *Rotary Leader*.