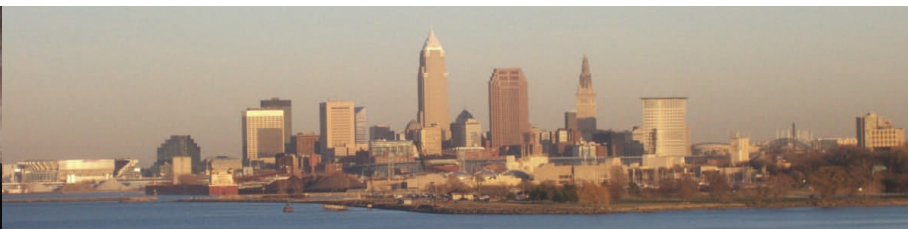




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Governor's Letter

February is Hunger and Water Month for Rotary International. Our District has been active in worldwide water and hunger projects for many years. Our grants committee, chaired for the last 3 years by Rick Pollak of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, has helped clubs identify worthwhile projects. Once a project is identified the grants committee helps the club apply for and receive grant money from The Rotary Foundation to fund the project.

Water and Hunger projects are usually carried out in third world countries like Nigeria, India and Central America. However many clubs choose to work with local food banks and charities to help improve living conditions right here at home.

Sometimes it is very difficult for District 6630 Rotarians to see the tremendous need our fellow human beings have for the basic necessities of life such as food and water. We take so much for granted in our daily lives. We turn on the tap and pure clean drinking

water is at our finger tips. Food is available in our homes, stores and restaurants. In fact for some of us there is too much food or at least we eat more than we need to survive.

In November 2008 I was blessed with the opportunity to travel to Nigeria with 14 other Rotarians from America. We saw abject poverty, starvation, lack of water and sanitation. Until one sees these conditions firsthand it is almost impossible to comprehend the misery being suffered by those so much less fortunate than us. I truly wish that each Rotarian in District 6630 could travel to another country to experience first hand the suffering endured by so many.

Many of our Rotarians are involved with their churches and other organizations in helping others. Dan Reljin president of the Rotary Club of Northampton just returned from Haiti. Dan saw first hand the effects of hunger and thirst only to have it worsened by the earth quake.

Katie Spatz Water for Life Program

There are several members of TRC Chagrin Valley who would gladly attend other club's meetings and present the "Katie Water for Life Row" story. I presented her story recently at a Ketchum-Sun Valley ID Rotary meeting and received a very enthusiastic response. Once Katie has returned home and be-

comes acclimated to "land life" again, we expect to have an April Welcome Home event similar to our November Water for Life Holiday Celebration sendoff. I've also agreed with Jack Young that we will encourage Katie to join us in a brief presentation at the late April District Conference in San-

Our District is helping by providing Shelter Boxes and money to Haiti and other parts of the world. Carol Crimi of the Rotary Club of Kent and Bob Johnson of the Rotary Club of Burton-Middlefield, have been working with Clubs to present grant requests to the committee for water and hunger projects. Please contact them for any help your club may need.

The Rotary Club of Chagrin Valley along with other clubs has been supporting Katie Spatz in her quest to raise awareness and funds for water. Katie is currently rowing a small boat from Africa to South America. She should be an inspiration to all of us. She has partnered with Blue Planet Run Foundation in making sure that the funds raised go directly to needed water projects. I have invited her to attend our upcoming District Conference at the Kalahari Resort April 23-25th. This would be a great time for you and your family to meet her and learn more about what one dedicated person can do to help change the world. SERVICE ABOVE SELF.

dusky. The boat she is rowing across the ocean was a highlight of the fall event which we hope to have available again.

Roger Kallock, President
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TRC Westlake Sponsors Gloves and Cocoa

The Lakewood / Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club worked with Sr. Loretta Spotila, Director of the Interfaith Wellness Ministry in Irvine, Kentucky, to provide dictionaries for 96 students.

This January 21, 2010, the Interfaith Wellness Ministry in Irvine, Kentucky, provided a "Gloves and Cocoa" event for school age children. This annual event gets the students back to school with not only a warm cup of cocoa, but also a new pair of gloves, a hat, scarf and grab bag of school supplies. This year, they also received a brand new dictionary from the Lakewood / Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club. Sr. Loretta (Director) and Jim Rowe (Sunrise Rotary) worked together at St Vincent Charity Hospital before Sr. Loretta was assigned to her mission in Appalachia. This initial provision of dictionaries may open the door for other opportunities for the Sunrise Club to help those who may be struggling to have the necessary supplies for school or other needs. Anyone wishing to provide a financial contribution should send them to the attention of Sr. Loretta Spotila, Interfaith Wellness Ministry P.O. Box 582 Irvine, Kentucky 40336. Here is a letter of thanks we received:

Hello Jim!

On Thursday last week, we had our "Gloves and Cocoa" program for the children and distributed the dictionaries with their school supplies! The children were so pleased to receive their own book. Since these children are from very needy families, and school budgets are so limited here, it is rare for the children to have their own books for any purpose! To have their own dictionary is a real thrill for them.

We started the program on Thursday by having the children open their dictionaries and putting their name on the labels you provided. Then we spent time talking about the uses of a dictionary and then I pointed out all the other interesting things in it - about States, Countries, Weights and Measures, and they LOVED the last page which was the "longest word" in English - they were fascinated the word covered the whole page! they wanted to know what the word meant - fortunately it was an

enzyme so I was able to explain it!

The children then put their dictionaries away and enjoyed their hot cocoa - with marshmallows. Then as they were leaving, they stopped at the side tables and selected a set of gloves/hat/scarf to wear this winter. Tomorrow we are expecting a snow storm - amount of snow depends on how far down the cold front comes from Canada.

So, thanks to you and the others in the Rotary Club, the children will enjoy having their own dictionary; we distributed 48 of the dictionaries and have the others on reserve;

I have enclosed several photos taken during our Gloves and Cocoa program for your viewing pleasure. We thought you'd prefer them by email so you have access to them for any purposes. By the way, we presented our program to the families at the "Mountain Crest" site of the "Housing Authority of Irvine."

Please extend our thanks to all who made this project possible! And also, will you send me a mailing address for the Rotary Club of Westlake - I'm sure the Housing Director wants to send a letter to you.

thanks, again Jim - I really appreciate your help! I hope you and your family are well!

Sr. Loretta Spotila

Photos



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North Ridgeville Spring Fling

By Brian Ramser

The North Ridgeville Rotary Club is now selling tickets for its annual Spring Fling / Reverse Raffle. This event is put on in conjunction with the Avon - Avon Lake Rotary club.

While we do many smaller fund raisers throughout the year, the Spring Fling is our big annual fund raiser. Without a successful event on Saturday March 20th (6 pm till midnight - Tom's Country Place), some of the activities that our club supports may be in danger of going away. I want to see our club continue to put on events like the Easter Egg Hunt, the Fishing Derby, the School Dictionary Project, and the Four Way Speech Contest, in addition to

everything else we do.

Find us on our website: www.northridgevillerotary.org or on Facebook.

This is a fun relaxed evening with some good friends for a great cause. We also offer the largest Reverse Raffle grand prize in the area, \$3,500! There will also be a silent auction (donations are welcome).

The North Ridgeville Rotary Club meets on Fridays at the North Ridgeville Senior Center from noon till 1p m. If you are interested in joining the club, purchasing tickets to our Spring Fling, sponsoring our Spring Fling, or making a donation to our auction, please contact me at bramser@oh.rr.com or 440-309-4602.

TRC Strongsville Sponsors Chili Open

Each year, the Strongsville Rotary Club conducts its winter outdoor golfing event at the Berea Fair Grounds. This event is known as the Chili Open, sponsored by B'laster. This year, the outing will be held on February 27, 2010, and the golf courses will open at 9:00 a.m. For the past 18 years, we have conducted a fun filled and exciting event which allows golfers to get an early start on their golf game and to play 9 or more holes of golf on one of our custom made golf courses at the Berea Fair Grounds. During that time, we have donated over \$1 Million to local and regional charities.

In addition to early season golfing, we provide great food and beverages, an exciting auction with fabulous prizes that will appeal all to golfers, and an overall fun and enjoyable day. Each year we host approximately 750 golfers and recruit numerous local and well known celebrities to serve as Celebrity

Auctioneers. This year, we anticipate having Larry Nance present who will be signing several NBA basketballs which will be auctioned off and are fairly confident that Josh Cribbs will also be present. Each will be separately available to sign autographs.

I am enclosing the registration for your foursome and an overview of the event. The fee for the golfer registration is \$35 per person if paid by February 20, 2010, and \$40 per person at the door. If your foursome registers by February 20, 2010, the registration fee is only \$120.00.

Please accept our invitation for you to participate in this event and to enjoy a truly unique experience by participating in the Strongsville Rotary Club's 2010 Chili Open Golf Outing. For further information, please refer to our website at: <http://www.chiliopen.org/registration.htm> for registration or other information.



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West Geauga Interact Reacts to Haiti Crisis

Photo

By Jack Young

When the West Geauga High School Interact Club (Chesterland, Geauga County) heard about the crisis in Haiti, they knew exactly what to do. The club is sponsored by the Chesterland Rotary Club. Karen Kruzer, the current president of the Interact Club explains: "Our school was devastated after learning about the earthquake in Haiti. As a Club we discussed possible ways we could aid the people of Haiti. After discussion we voted on donating \$1,000 to ShelterBox. Our club expanded this idea by sharing the idea with additional clubs at our school. The National Honor Society, Key Club, and Student Council will now also be participating and donating to ShelterBox USA." As of last week, funds have been raised for at least five Shelter Boxes.

ShelterBox is a global grassroots Rotary Club project, first conceived and developed in the UK in 2000. The Lakewood Ranch Rotary Club in Florida is in charge of administrating the US affiliate - ShelterBox USA. They promote a planned response to natural and man made disasters all over the world. A ShelterBox provides critical shelter and warmth for up to 10 people. It consists of a large plastic tote containing a tent for ten people, sleeping mats, nets, pots and pans, water

purification tablets, medicine, a stove and much more. An entire family is protected and can survive the elements until they can get back on their feet. The tote is often recycled for storing food. More information can be found at: www.shelterboxusa.org.

Two local newspapers got wind of the story and wrote articles about the Interact Club's work.

In addition, a local television station in Cleveland, W E W S N e w s - N e t 5, ran a story at the 6:00

pm news hour on Friday January 15. As it happened, Jack Young had just come home from work and turned on the TV in time to see the story. Jack, who is currently on the Advisory Council for Past Governors and on the Rotary Youth Exchange Committee, is well aware of the West Geauga Interact Club. When he was District Governor in 2005, he installed the club. Jack is also on the Board of ShelterBox, so the story had a double meaning. He had to meet the Interact Club in person to thank them for their work.

On Wednesday, January 27, Jack traveled from Brunswick to meet the Interact Club in rural Geauga County. Jack met President Karen Kruzer and the rest of the Interact Board. Also present were Dave Toth, principal at West Geauga HS, Jason Winterite, Interact advisor, Jim Bohinc, who was instrumental in forming the club and has continued being active with the club, and Jim Zeitz, President of

Chesterland Rotary. Jack gave the Interact Club a certificate from ShelterBox thanking them for

their efforts. Since Jack is on the Board of ShelterBox, he assured the club that he can expedite the shipment of the emergency supplies to Haiti and promised to keep the Interact Club informed about their shipment. Each sponsor of a ShelterBox is informed of the Box's ID number and is then able to track the Box's delivery status via the internet website.

The West Geauga Interact has been very active since being formed in 2005. It is the largest club at West Geauga High School, with 140 members. Their activities involve volun-

teering and fund raising. This year, the club was in charge of the school's food drive and collected food donations for nine food banks in Geauga County. For fund raising, they have hosted fashion shows the last three years. They involve the entire community and use students and teachers for models. Money that was earned has been donated to the Geauga County Women's shelter, MS and Relay for Life. They have also raised money for PolioPlus. Karen Kruzer speaks about her Interact Club: "We focus on serving both at the local and international levels. Our Interact Club enjoys working together and strives to follow the Rotary motto of "Service above Self".

The Interact Club also participated in a Rotary Club of Geauga County project to help deliver over 1,000 wheel chairs to Ghana and Brazil. In addition, in the 5 years of their existence, they have helped raise over \$ 10,000 for the Salvation Army and were part of a group project to donate over \$ 10,000 for a Teen Room at the new Green House, a woman's safe shelter in Geauga County. They also have participated in many environmental canoe clean up trips to help clean the Cuyahoga River..

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Blue Planet Run and Haiti [Blue Planet Website](http://www.BluePlanetWebsite.com)

By John Bosco & Bob Johnson

Based on the scope and extent of devastation in Haiti, many in District 6630 have asked if there isn't something additional we as Rotarians could do there. Something that would have a greater impact than a few small cash donations from individual clubs. In addition to the Donor Advised Fund through RI mentioned in the January newsletter, District 6630 is also involved in a program to generate donations. These donations will be combined with pledged funds already in place for a freshwater supply project of the Blue Planet

Run Foundation to provide immediate fresh water supplies for the devastated parts of Haiti.

If your club has already given a donation, that is wonderful! But our district plan aims at a longer range project that will ultimately serve many more people in a lasting way. Please consider making this your club's International Service for the year or even a small fund raiser to generate as many funds as possible.

All club presidents and AG's have been supplied contact information and mailing information for this District 6630 project. Please have

all of your club members go on line to the Blue Planet Run Foundation website. There they can see how Katie Spatz, a young lady from Mentor, who is presently rowing solo across the Atlantic Ocean, is spearheading this fresh water fund raising project with her efforts. The Rotary Club of Chagrin Valley is the lead club in our district with their fund raising project. Hopefully the rest of the clubs combined can match their total of \$21,000! This would go a long way in putting Katie and her sponsors over the top.

The Nature Center at Shaker Lakes and The Rotary Club of Shaker Heights proudly presents:

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Children (6-10 yrs)	\$5.00
Children (5 & under)	Free
Pre-registration encouraged Call 216-321-5935	

Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Club of Shaker Heights Community Service Trust, the Shaker Heights Library and the Nature Center

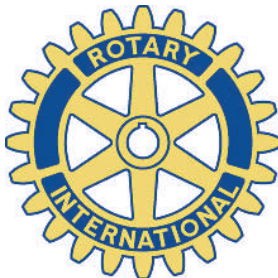
Shelter Box Support

We have had great support of the Shelter Box process from the Rotary Clubs in our district and other organizations IN THE response to the disaster in Haiti. The following is the information I am aware regarding club activity.

Those clubs giving at least \$1,000 to sponsor a Shelter Box include the RC of Ashtabula, Berea, Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise and Westlake/Bay Village. In addition, the Interact Club of West Geauga High School has raised at least \$ 1,000 to sponsor a Shelter Box. Other clubs who are working with Rotarians, Schools and the community to raise money for Shelter Box USA include the Rotary Clubs of Brunswick and Cleveland East. The Rotary Club of Akron displayed the tent and shelter box at their recent Chili Open. They are also going to display shelter box at a local church. I have also been contacted by a Boy Scout Troop and Church in north east sector of our district who are also raising money to support Shelter Box.

If there are other clubs who are supporting Shelter Box, or would like more information please contact me and let me know how I can support your efforts. Jack A. Young, 6630 PDG and Board Member of Shelter Box USA. (Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000)

Video Link



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 stonecut@sbcglobal.net

Prepare for Literacy Month

As March approaches think about things your club can do to promote literacy. Keep in mind items for the Literacy Award are easy to do. Some ideas are: Invite an educational speaker for club meetings (Superintendent, Principal, Vocational teacher, Adult education teacher etc); Honor teachers with lunch; Ask a librarian to discuss trends or share new exciting books; Collect recent magazines and give to hospitals/nursing homes; Do a literacy project from the list provided at the beginning of this Rotary year; Read to a classroom; Read to people in nursing homes or hospitals or write letters for them; Offer to tutor. These are a few ways we can help promote literacy in our communities. Hopefully your club has completed the dictionary project as we attempt to make this a District Project. If you need any suggestions or help for the month of March or throughout the Rotary year, please contact Beth Shriver, Literacy Coordinator bethee10@roadrunner.com

More Ways to Contribute

The "shock factor" of the tragedy in Haiti is losing its luster for the big news agencies, but the pain and suffering of the people continues and will for quite a long time. Rotary has a golden opportunity to make a big impact on helping the people of Haiti to begin a return to a level of normalcy in their lives. With the enthusiastic support of DG John Bosco, the World Community Service committee has begun a district-wide fund raising effort to support a fresh drinking water effort in the devastated parts of the country. We have decided, for the sake of expediency, that we will join with a project already underway and already partially funded by the Rotary Club of Chagrin Valley. They are supporting a young lady named Katie Spatz in her quest to row solo across the Atlantic Ocean. Through sponsorships and the generous support of the Chagrin Valley Club she has raised over \$50,000. to date. She has chosen to support the Blue Planet Run Foundation in their efforts to drill fresh water wells in Haiti.

We are asking that each club in district 6630 dig as deep as they can and contribute to this collaborative effort with a cash donation. Even if your club has already made a donation of some kind to Haiti, we ask that you send something to the district-wide cam-

paign. All AG's will be asked to follow up with club presidents to complete this drive by 4/1/2010 so that the funds can be given to Ms. Spatz or a representative at the district conference in April. Contributions can be made out to "District 6630" and marked "Haiti Relief" and sent to: Lynda Rossiter Treasurer District 6630, 5605 Trask Rd. Madison, OH 44057 *You can follow the progress of Katie in her efforts to row the Atlantic solo as well as the efforts of the Blue Planet Foundation by logging on to their web site.

More Kudos to West G Interact

During a recent visit to the West Geauga High School Interact Club by PDG Jack A. Young presented a special certificate from Shelter Box USA for their support for Shelter Boxes. Jack was extremely pleased to hear just how supportive they are to SERVICE. The club was chartered during the year in which he was Governor (2005-06) and since then, they have been focused on serving both at the local and international levels, just like Rotary Clubs.

According to the current Interact President, Karen Kruzer, they have over 140 members and have participated in working with Big Brothers Big Sisters, working with elementary schools in the area to help with their family fun nights and work on the school's food drive. They have also had fun fundraisers with money donated to the Geauga County Women's Shelter, Ringing bells for the Salvation Army, MS, and Relay for Life. Another global effort this year was to donate to Polio Plus and Shelter Box USA for Haiti. They have expanded their efforts in sharing resources with the National Honor Society, Key Club and Student Council to help raise money. Just think, if these young people were in your Rotary Club, what an impact they would have in our "Service Above Self" efforts. Congratulations to the Interact Club of West Geauga High School.

The Interact Club also participated in a Rotary Club of Geauga County project to help deliver over 1,000 wheel chairs to Ghana and Brazil. In addition, in the 5 years of their existence, they have helped to raise over \$ 10,000 for the Salvation Army and were part of a group project to donate over \$ 10,000 for a Teen Room at the new Green House, a woman's safe shelter in Geauga County. They also have participated in many environmental canoe clean up trips to help clean the Cuyahoga River.

The Benefits of Failure

By Roger Cram

There are many Rotarians who shy away from taking on major projects in their district and internationally. The reason for their apprehension is not the commitment or time involved in such an undertaking, but often the fear of failure. They do not want to be unsuccessful, to disappoint their fellow Rotarians, to let down the impoverished who were counting on their project's success. This is understandable.

I think one of the problems associated with one's hesitancy to take on major projects is our term "failure." That's word has awful connotations associated with it most of which are not true. Most failures are not failures at all, but instead successfully completed stepping stones toward a goal.

A Rotarian tried to cross a river six times. The seventh time the Rotarian was successful, but the Rotarian was only successful on the seventh try because of what she learned on her first six attempts. The depth of the river, the speed of the water, the temperature, the soundness of the river bottom (any quicksand?), the availability of trees for building a bridge and other factors were learned from experimenting. Finally, with all the data gathered from her first six attempts, the Rotarian successfully crossed the river by throwing in hundreds of stones and eventually walked across the resulting dam. Remember, we learn and grow from our failures, not our successes.

One of my favorite stories involves Thomas Edison who, in his attempt to invent the electric light bulb, experimented with 1,384 different filaments. During this process he became the laughing stock of the scientific community, after all, an electric light source – how ridiculous! Edison continued experimenting despite the criticism and ridicule from his colleagues. The 1,385 filament worked, and the electric light became a reality. During a banquet celebrating Thomas Edison's success, a cub reporter asked him how it felt to have failed 1,384 times? Edison immediately replied, "I never failed once; inventing the light bulb was a 1,385 step process."

The Wright brothers built 700 airplane wings before one flew. They did not fail 699 times. Inventing the airplane wing was

simply a 700-step process. Upon their success, their first flight at Kitty Hawk lasted 12 seconds and flew a distance of 120 feet. This is the distance from the nose of a Boeing 747 to the end of the first class section.

Rotary International and the members of your local Club and District are filled with talented and willing people. All you need to be successful in any major project is patience, perseverance, and faith in yourself and your fellow Rotarians.

I suggest that you never ask yourself if you are able to accomplish a goal. Most great leaders doubted their ability, even after being successful several times. Instead accept the challenge and relentlessly pursue your vision – one step at a time – with pas-

many times more than they will succeed. You learn from your failures. You grow from your mistakes. You become enriched with wisdom and experience from your efforts that do not succeed.

You have chosen to be a Rotarian. That is a wonderful choice. In many countries of the world Rotarians are held in the highest esteem because they have chosen to take on the task of caring for the dying and rescuing the impoverished. Such people are not afraid of failure, for they know that without attempting and perusing difficult humanitarian tasks, nothing would ever be accomplished.

I suggest that you attend the District 6630 Conference at the Kalahari resort in Sandusky this year. I have a special reason for suggesting this. As you enter the opening conference presentation you will find yourself in a room filled with hundreds of Rotarians. That room will have more potential to rescue the world's impoverished than there has ever been at any political peace summit. They are all Rotary volunteers devoted to rescuing, feeding, and educating the poor. They all have doubts. They all have fears. The potential for good in that room is beyond anyone's comprehension. Please, understand, you are in that room as well!

In summary, Rotarians see obstacles (failures, hardships, setbacks) as opportunities for growth, not as impediments to their goals. Being human, they feel obligated to help those less fortunate, something only humans can do. They never quit perusing their goals. They respect and honor fear, for they know that experiencing fear is the only opportunity they will ever have to show courage. They always maintain the dignity of their adversaries as they seek out the differences in others and utilize this great diversity for enrichment of themselves and others.

Being a Rotarian, with the incredible capabilities the organization empowers you with, and not participating in a major humanitarian project because of the fear of failure, is like being at a natural disaster and possessing a fully equipped ambulance staffed with paramedics, but not wanting to learn how to drive. Remember, Rotary International and its Foundation provides the infrastructure for the common individual to accomplish incredible things.



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January 18, 2010,

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Dear Sirs,

Thank you for your letter expressing sympathy and concern for the people of Haiti caused by the devastating earthquake which occurred on Tuesday January 12, 2010.

Our District is doing the extra ordinary, as was done in 2008 when four hurricanes destroyed Haiti in August of that year. Rotarian Dr. Claude Simons, our District Chair in Haiti, DGN Dr. Guy Theodores, and the Haiti Task Force Team of Rotarians on the ground, are working feverishly in providing outstanding Service Above Self under very trying circumstances.

FDG Richard "Dick" McCumbe Haiti Liaison Chair, and PRFD Barry Rousin, have been superb liaisons for action in coordinating with First Responder Agencies in providing relief. Rotarians throughout our District are mobilized and working, as are Rotarians in the Caribbean Partnership in Zones 13 and 14. Our neighboring Districts 7000 and 7010 are fully supportive.

The challenges remain, the port is closed, the airport in Port au Prince is over taxed and on occasion have to turn flights away, and the communication systems are restrictive. We are working around these, there are plans to ship by sea to neighboring Dominican Republic and transship over land to Haiti. We are using Satellite Phones to communicate, this device investment has been a life saver.

Although disaster in cash and kind have been coming in from Rotarians, I would like to ask for your assistance in personally getting the word out to all the Rotary world, to enter through donations to the DAF at TRF or to our District Disaster Account, (our website at district7020.org for information), which can accept money Contributions as well as US\$.

It is too early to identify Projects, but at the right time we will do so with the Rotary Community via the RI website, the Haiti Community Service Programme Coordinator, and the RI Project Database project/LINK.

It is heartening to have the support of such a wonderful organization, Rotary.

One Love,

Errol C. Alberga

sion, commitment, and persistence. As you arrive at unforeseen obstacles, learn how to overcome them by experimentation, seeking advice, and persistence. You will cross the river. There is nothing you cannot accomplish regardless of how complex or grandiose. Just keep your vision, and go after it.

Do you think Paul Harris knew, in 1905, as he gathered a few business associates at weekly meetings, that his fledgling organization would end up with 1.2 million members occupying most of the world? Of course he had doubts, but he did not doubt his passion, his commitment, his persistence, or his vision, or the help he could receive from others.

All great leaders knew that they are going to fail. In fact, they knew they would fail

Project YESS Youth Empowered to Succeed through Sailing

"Aboard a sail training vessel, as in life, our small piece is a critical part of the whole. The quality of work, and the spirit in which we do it, has a profound effect on the well being of everyone else aboard. Leadership, paradoxically, is arrived at by learning to take direction. Becoming a team player. Pulling your share of the load. Being absolutely responsible. Dependable. And, learning to depend on the responsibility of others. . . . Member vessels foster opportunities for intensive personal development - intensive life experience in order to advance leadership development, an utter reverence for nature, a sense of time and place, and appreciation for history, and teamwork ability. Sail training really teaches the qualities of

stewardship, resourcefulness, pride, humility, bravery, strength and grace. And we learn to sail, too." *

*From ASTA website, www.sailtraining.org

For those of us who have been fortunate enough to spend time on the water, these words conjure memories of unforgettable trips - night skies filled with sparkling constellations - departure for unknown adventures at sunrise - the astonishing sunset after an unexpected afternoon storm - and the wonder you feel when you're out in the middle of the water with no land in sight - a strange mix of power, responsibility, wonder and insignificance. It's like nothing else. So, how do we provide at-risk/underserved youth - many of whom live within minutes of the lake, but have never even been in the water - with the opportunity to experience that same sense of wonder and accomplishment when time, funding, and access to a tall ship is limited?

The curriculum development committee of the Rotary Club of Cleveland was formed to create such an by preparing at-risk students on land for an extraordinary onboard experience on tall ships traveling from all over the world for our 2010 Tall Ships Festival this summer.

Project YESS (Youth Empowered to Succeed through Sailing) applicants are considered "at-risk, or educationally disadvantaged, if they have been exposed to inadequate or inappropriate experiences in the family, the school, or the community." This definition allows students from various socio-economic backgrounds to come together and build on their unique life experiences.

Realizing that high-school students are less engaged by a traditional classroom experience than by diverse, team-driven activities

held at unique venues, and with no ship in our port, we've created an educational adventure. Our participants will need to demonstrate the ability to commit to a team, so a multi-week format has been adopted:

Leadership Boot Camp

Sunday, May 23, 2010 9 am to 4 pm

Safety Week

Wednesday, May 26 6 pm to 9 pm

Environmental Experience

Wednesday, June 2 6 pm to 9 pm

Seamanship & Navigation

Wednesday, June 9 6 pm to 9 pm

Relevance

Wednesday, June 16 6 pm to 9 pm

Graduation Exercises

Wednesday, July 7 Evening Event, to be announced

3 day Onboard Sail Scheduled during the months of June through December, 2010

We are reaching out not only area high schools to get their students enthused about applying to Project YESS, but also to faith-based organizations who serve at-risk student populations. We have applied for a number of grants and are actively seeking support from individuals, corporations, foundations, private high schools and churches, and our fellow District 6630 Rotary Clubs to help us fund program costs estimated at \$111,145.

Project YESS will enable high school youth, ages 14 to 17, to work together to develop character, leadership, and relevant life skills that can be transitioned to careers within and outside of the maritime industry. Graduates of Project YESS will continue to support our region's growth and development as they gain future employment in area companies. *Project YESS will reinforce the qualities of stewardship, resourcefulness, pride, humility, bravery, strength and grace. And, our participants will learn to sail, too."*

Respectfully submitted,

Eileen R. Smotzer

Chairman, Project YESS Youth Curriculum Development Committee Cleveland Tall Ships Festival 2010, Sponsored by The Rotary Club of Cleveland

March Means Pancakes

If you are looking for pancakes, you have found the right place. During the month of March, Burton-Middlefield Rotary means, "ALL YOU CAN EAT" pancake breakfasts, served every Sunday in March at the Berkshire High School, 14510 N. Cheshire St., Burton, OH. Breakfast is served from 8 AM until 1:30 PM. **Please Note: There will be no reservations available this year.** The Pancake Breakfast includes: delicious "ALL YOU CAN EAT" pancakes, real Maple Syrup, sausage patties, orange juice, coffee or tea and milk. Omelets can be added to the pancake breakfast as well. Breakfast Pricing: Children 3 and under ~ FREE CHILD's pancake ONLY breakfast, Children 4 - 10 years ~ CHILD'S pancakes ONLY breakfast ~ \$4.00, Adult Pancakes ~ \$7.00, Omelet with pancakes ~ \$10.00. Information (877) 283-3496 Fax (440) 708-2828 P.O. Box 516, Burton, OH 44021



ROTARY CLUB OF TWINSBURG

Reverse Raffle • Dinner/Dance • Fundraiser GRAND PRIZE-\$2500.00

Super Grand Prize
Buffet Dinner
Beer & Wine Included (all night long)
\$2/\$3/\$5 side boards
Live Band - "The Extremes" www.theextremes.net



WHEN: Friday evening April 30, 2010
6:00-11:30 P.M.

WHERE: Gambitta's Party Center
160 E. Aurora Rd., Northfield, Ohio
(On Route 82 - west of Route 8)

COST: Only \$90.00 PER COUPLE

WHY: To continue serving others
in our community & worldwide

WHY NOT....A fun-filled evening in a festive atmosphere for a very reasonable price and a chance to win \$2500.00!

Ticket Information - Contact:

Guy Gentile: (330) 425-1750 • Cindy Leonard: (216) 401-8470

The ODDS just got better! Only 175 tickets will be sold!

Lunar New Year Celebration

March 6, 2010 from 6:00 to 8:30 PM at the Hong Kong Buffet, 1975 Snow Road, Giant Eagle Shopping Plaza sponsored by the North Royalton Broadview Heights Rotary Club. Guests will enjoy a buffet dinner including non-alcoholic beverages, an authentic Lion Dance, and silent auction. Adult tickets are \$30.00 and children tickets are \$12.00. Proceeds will help our Rotary Club fund our local charitable projects. For more information and tickets call (440) 526-7315.

All Ohio PETS

By Stew Buchanan

Do you know of a multi-national, multi-cultural, international organization operating in over 160 countries that fires its president/CEO and all of its 33,000 branch managers every year?

Well, there is one. It is Rotary!

Rotary also hires a new International President and 33,000 branch managers (club presidents) every year. It also hires new International Directors every other year and changes its Regional vice presidents (District Governors) every year also.

In doing so, a tremendous amount of training is required; in fact is mandatory! District Governors-Elect spend a week in San Diego in January each year with 529 other District Governors-Elect from around the world to learn about the latest policies, programs, projects, and other organizational undertakings. A District Governor-Elect may not assume office if he/she does not attend this conclave, known as the International Assembly, and the prior year's Governor must continue on another year. Popular lore has it that the current Governor makes sure the incoming Governor gets on the plane to San Diego!

PRE-PETS

There is training for the branch managers, oops I mean Presidents-Elect, that is required or he/she may not assume office. First, there is PETS ONE [sometimes called PRE_PETS] where the PEs get their first taste of what is to come. District 6630's PETS ONE was held on Saturday, January 30, 2010 at The Beachwood Hilton Hotel, Ohio. PETS ONE exposes the PE to other PEs in the district and provides a forum for sharing of information and techniques. The President's Notebook and associated materials are also distributed. Oh, by the way, PETS stands for PresidentsElect Training Seminar.

ALL-OHIO PETS

Three weeks later, the All-Ohio PETS is held at the Renaissance Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. The five Rotary Districts in Ohio join forces to present a first-class training program whereby over 280 Ro-

tary Presidents-Elect and their spouse/partners are presented with a smorgasbord of ideas and stimulation.

This year's All-Ohio PETS will be held the weekend of March 12-14, 2010 beginning with a dinner program on Friday night. To start the program, Dr. Gordon Gee, President of The Ohio State University will address the assembly before dinner. Dr. Gee is known for his leadership abilities and will focus his remarks on the role of the PE as a change agent.

The after dinner speaker will be Joe Dittmar who survived the Twin Tower attack on September 11, 2001 in New York City. Joe tells how he escaped the inferno while being on one of the upper most floors in the tower. He will have you in tears, will find humor in some of the actions of those around him, and relate how these experiences required leadership, informed action, a certain amount of heroism.

Saturday morning will start with a bang! Henry (Hank) Shea, a former United States Attorney, will speak about ethics, especially as ethics training relates to young people. He uses some statistics that make one's skin crawl. Over 50 percent of high school and college age students admit to cheating. Even, as he points out, attorneys-in-training admit to high degree of cheating along their way. Shea is a real advocate of Interact, Rotaract, STRIVE, Four-Way Test Speech contests, etc. He really makes a point of how important it is to influence young people to do the right things since he has prosecuted those who end up on the wrong side of the law because of ethical lapses.

Our luncheon speaker on Saturday will be former Ambassadorial Scholar Jean Irwin form Reno, Nevada. Jean not only talks about her experiences as an Ambassadorial Scholar in a most humorous way, but she also relates what it has meant to her in her professional life as a teacher of the deaf. She is funny and knowledgeable, and has an excellent message.

We are really privileged to have Rotary International President-Elect Ray Klinginsmith as our Saturday Banquet speaker. Ray has a long history of Rotary service. Klinginsmith earned degrees in business and law at the University of Missouri and

completed graduate studies at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, as a Rotary Foundation Ambassadorial Scholar. He has held virtually every Rotary office there is to hold.

DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Finally, District 6630 sponsors the District Assembly on March 27, 2010 at Kent State University in Kent, Ohio. The Assembly is designed to provide a variety of training subjects for club leadership and members. The President-Elect, committee chairpersons, and interested Rotarians will be provided information on subjects such as membership, the Rotary Foundation, MESA, public relations, fund raising, and other pertinent subjects.

A final word on All-Ohio PETS: as mentioned previously, PEs are required to attend a PETS session. It is possible that someone may have a conflict with the March 12-14, 2010 date. There are other PETS programs in surrounding states that may be accessed. DGE Stew Buchanan has a listing of these places and dates. He will be glad to work out details with the other sponsoring PETS so that all of our District 6630 PEs may have the opportunity to achieve the required training.

Yes, we turn over our leadership every year. We like to think, however, that the incoming presidents will be better prepared and ready to take the reins of leadership in order to make a difference in their clubs, their communities, and around the world.

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 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
3030 Vine Street
Eastlake, Ohio 44095

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