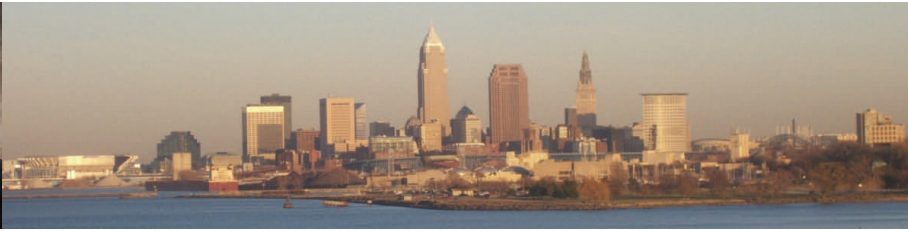




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- 40+ Clubs provided dictionaries
- Akron Camp serves nearly 1000 kids
- Freshwater for Haiti to wrap soon
- DisCon Looks for sponsors
- March means pancakes in Burton
- Cuyahoga Falls reverse raffle Mar 20th
- Parma reverse raffle Mar 27th
- Jefferson Gravity Grand Prix Apr 10th
- Mantua variety show Apr 10th
- Literacy deadline Apr 15th
- Twinsburg reverse raffle Apr 30th
- DisCon needs sergeants

Governor's Letter

March is Literacy Month on the Rotary calendar. When I became District Governor I told the Clubs that I would emphasize literacy and especially the Dictionary Project. I believe I have fulfilled that promise.

Almost every Club in District 6630 has participated in at least one literacy project this Rotary year. More than 40 Clubs have handed out dictionaries to third grade students. I cannot think of any other Rotary project that so positively affects the local community. The handing of a dictionary to a third grader is so immediately gratifying to not only the child but to the Rotarian. To see the child's smile and to witness the enthusiasm coming from everyone present including teachers and school officials is priceless. Talk about promoting Rotary in the community nothing does it better than giving a child something that will help them to succeed in life.

For years I had heard about the dictionary project from other clubs and at Rotary events. However my club did not want to get involved because we were told that the children did not need dictionaries due to having com-

puters at school and at home. They basically said that if Rotary had money to spend, that it could be put to better use. I asked educators in other school districts and I learned that the giving of a dictionary to a child was indeed worthwhile. So this year my Club got involved. We gave out over 600 dictionaries at 10 schools. The children loved them and so did the teachers. The cost was \$1.70 each plus a few man- hours needed to place a label in the book and to distribute them at the schools. Each Rotarian who participated was rewarded with that special feeling that comes from doing something good for someone else. We asked the teachers to encourage the children to write thank you notes. I have received over 400 letters from the students and another 25 from very happy parents. Yes my club will continue to participate in the Dictionary Project.

I want to thank Beth Shriver of the Rotary Club of Twinsburg for all her hard work and dedication as this years Literacy Committee chair person. Beth is an educator and knows firsthand the importance of helping to eradicate illiteracy. Many Rotari-

ans want to concentrate their humanitarian efforts in the local community rather than overseas. There is no better way to do that than to get involved in a literacy project. Whether it is handing out dictionaries or volunteering your time at a reading program at the library or helping adults learn to read and write. If your club is involved in a literacy project please continue. And if not, there is still time to start a project this Rotary year.

Don't forget to register this week for the District conference to be held at the Kalahari Resort on April 23, 24 and 25. The discounted registration ends March 14th. All information is on the website www.rotary6630.com

I hope to see all the Presidents elect at All Ohio Pets in Columbus March 12-13 and many of you at the District Assembly at Kent State University on Saturday March 27th. District Governor-Elect Stew Buchanan has done a fantastic job in getting prepared to lead our District in the next Rotary year. He needs your help so please take advantage of the training and education being offered at these events.

TRC Twinsburg Distributes Dictionaries

By Laura Leonard

On Wednesday, January 20, Rotarians Tim Edgington, Dave Harper, Laura Leonard, Tom Pervanje, Cindy Leonard, Andy Richner and Claudine Steinfurth prepared and delivered dictionaries to the entire third grade at

Bissell Elementary in Twinsburg. Each year third grade students receive their own dictionary as part of the Rotary Club of Twinsburg's participation in "The Dictionary Project" a national non-profit whose goal is to get dictionaries in the hands of every third grader in the country. Each dictionary is

labeled with the student's name and the Rotary International seal. This year Ms. Watson's class received their dictionary while with Mr. Labus for their math class. The project is just one of the many ways the Twinsburg Rotary serves at the local level.



Akron Rotary Camp in 87th Season

By Dan Reynolds

This June the Akron Rotary Camp will host its 87th summer of camping programs for children and adults with disabilities. Each summer nearly 1000 campers from all over Ohio enjoy traditional camping activities through the camp's day and overnight camping programs. While at camp the kids enjoy a variety of crafts, games, swimming, canoeing, campfires, nature, cooking activities, and much, much more!

Rotary Camp is more than the fun and activities. Through these recreational experiences campers gain independence, develop social skills, physical skills, and gain an appreciation for the environment. In addition to these skills, the Akron Rotary Camp provides a respite to parents and caregivers allowing them to spend time with siblings, spouses, or even just a good night's sleep.



The camp's primary campus is located just south of Akron on the beautiful Portage Lakes. In 2007 the camp added a day camp location at Hale Farm and Village in Bath, OH. This year, Rotary Camp plans to operate sites at four different locations including those above and in Medina and Portage counties, further meeting the needs of the Northeast Ohio communities.

The Akron Rotary Camp is partially funded by proceeds from the Rotary Club of Akron's Chili Open Golf Outing. This annual event raises over \$100,000 to support programs and services. Additional funding is provided by the generosity of local foundations, individual contributions, and program fees. Furthermore the Akron Rotary Camp is com-

mitted to ensure that no one is turned away due to an inability to pay. Last year camp gave out nearly \$90,000 in financial assistance to qualifying families and campers.

For more information about registrations, seasonal volunteer and employment opportunities, or giving opportunities, please feel free to contact Dan Reynolds, Director of Endless Possibilities, at 330.644.4512 or visit our website at www.gotcamp.org/rotary. The camp staff would also be happy to visit any Rotary Club to provide an interactive presentation on the impact Rotary Camp has in your community.

****CLUB CHANGES VENUE****

The Rotary Club of Garrettsville-Hiram is now meeting on Wednesday evening at 5:45 PM at the Main Street Grill and Brewery (formerly known as "The Mill") in Garrettsville, Ohio.

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****WEBSITE LINKS CLUBS****

Here's a website that provides a great deal of information about times, locations and other data for Rotary Clubs around the world.

www.rotaryclubmembers.com/

Message From World Community Service

By Bob Johnson

Please keep in mind the District Freshwater for Haiti fundraising effort. To date this project has been very successful. Everyone involved would like to thank any club or individual that has contributed up to this point. Several have been extremely generous! We would like to have some level of giving from each club, so if you have not decided on an amount, please do so as soon as possible. We would like to wrap up this effort by the first week of April and have a single, large donation ready to present at the district conference. Information on getting donations to district treasurer Lynda Rossiter and a stamped, self-addressed envelope were provided to every club president. Don't forget that this is a great way for a club to meet it's yearly international service

commitment if they have not already done so. The fact that this project is a collaborative effort between Rotary, Ms. Katie Spotz (www.rowforwater.com), the solo rower who is close to wrapping up her incredible journey across the Atlantic Ocean, and the Blue Planet Foundation that will begin the drilling and well development in Haiti in the next few months allows all Rotarians in district 6630 to be part of something that will have a major positive impact on the lives of many Haitians for years to come. Please give generously! Stop and see the display at the Burton-Middlefield Rotary pancake breakfasts any Sunday in March at Berkshire High School in Burton, OH and also enjoy the best pancakes in Ohio!

District Conference Sponsorships Available

By Jim Lechko

Rotary District 6630 is delighted to announce the Annual District Conference will be held at the Kalahari Resort in Sandusky the weekend of April 23-25, 2010 and ***we have an opportunity for you!***

As in the past, the conference offers local establishments the chance to promote their business by taking advantage of various sponsorships.

The District Conference will have several hundred Rotarians and their family members of all ages, attending from all over the district encompassing Ashtabula, Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga, Medina, Summit and Portage counties. We hope you will recognize this incredible opportunity for your business to be involved in an event such as this by supporting at some level. Attendees are among some of the community's finest; Rotary club members

represent a cross-section of business and professional leading men and women who have dedicated themselves to ***"Service Above Self"***.

Your participation will be a tremendous public relations/marketing opportunity for your firm all while supporting your local Rotary and ultimately the communities in which we live and work. Support will be acknowledged in a myriad of ways including exposure at the conference throughout the weekend. Sponsorship levels range from \$250 to \$5000, something to fit everyone's budget. Enclosed is a sponsorship form outlining the opportunities available and benefits you'll receive through your donation.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact Jim Lechko at 216.529.5625.

[Sponsorship Form](#)

FiltaStraws Gains Momentum

By Carol Lewis

In early 2007 a local teacher was struck by an article in the Akron Beacon Journal. She and her elementary school students began to discuss the thousands of children that die each year from contaminated drinking water. The more they researched, the more they realized that we take for granted our wealth of clean drinking water.

Researching solutions brought them to a product called FiltaStraws. These 10" long drinking straws are on a lanyard so that they can be worn around the neck. When used, the water that is sucked through them is filtered through a 3-stage particle filtration system. It can filter 700 liters of water, which is enough to provide one year's water requirement for a person. All large particles are filtered out, and the iodine contained in the FiltaStraw will kill bacteria, viruses and parasites. It also contains activated carbon granules to aid in taking away parasites and foul odors.

This inexpensive tool could save countless lives. But it is not for sale in the United States. So the teacher began looking for a way to send FiltaStraws to third world children. A bit more research showed her that Rotary International is very involved in water projects. She contacted the Nordonias chapter of Rotary, and began a partnership that grows stronger each year. Past President Ronald Haines took up the cause, and the club began to work out the details.

The students began holding fundraisers. Nordonias Hills Rotary contributed to their cause. An area high school joined the effort. By the end of the first year, they had \$1000 to buy FiltaStraws. At about \$3.00 per straw, they would be able to equip over 300 children with a safe means of drinking.

Ronald Haines was originally from Wales, so he contacted a member of a club in Wales. The

Rotarian in Wales agreed to have his Rotary club act as the purchaser of the FiltaStraws. They also paid the shipping charges and the first batch was sent to a Rotary club in Africa, to be forwarded to small villages.

With a little publicity, the project grew in size. In 2008 more FiltaStraws were sent through the established contacts. This led to a nurse in Nigeria contacting the

teacher. The nurse had been trying to raise funds to dig a solar-powered well. She was hoping to involve Rotary in funding her project.

The Nordonias Hills Rotary had some contacts in Nigeria, and now the clubs are joining forces to try to get funding and Nigerian consent to create this life changing water supply. In the meantime, the Rotarian in Wales was contacted by a Rotary club in Atlanta, Georgia. They had raised over \$10,000 for FiltaStraws.

The 3000 FiltaStraws that were purchased with this money are now on their way to the nurse in Nigeria. This will ensure that many villagers will be equipped with the life saving straws, and countless people will benefit from something that we all take for granted each time we approach a faucet or a drinking fountain.

Isn't the miracle of Rotary truly amazing? Within the network of Rotary we have overcome the restrictions and the roadblocks that might have stopped this project. With the involvement of elementary and high school students, caring teachers, the Nigerian nurse, and Rotary clubs around the globe, a remarkable goal has been reached.

Medina Sunrise Raises Over 20k

By Michael Davanzo

On Saturday, February 13, the Medina Sunrise Rotary Club sponsored its Annual Wine and Roses Benefit Dinner at Weymouth. Close to 300 people enjoyed the evening as they bid on numerous auction items, feasted on a three course dinner consisting of a mixed green salad with cranberry stilton, roasted tilapia

with a M a - deira, shallot & sundried tomato cream sauce and a

grilled long bone pork chop with apple cider demi-glace accompanied by whipped caramelized onion potatoes, Brussels sprouts and carrots. After the main courses, there was a desert buffet of pies. To accompany the dinner were three appropriate wines. Everyone danced throughout the night to music provided by Midnight Blue.

The purpose of the evening was to raise funds for Sunrise Rotary's many projects. The main beneficiary of the event was the Children's Center in Medina. In addition to receiv-

ing financial support, the Center was directly helped through the live auction. Very generous attendees bid on a specific item for the Center, such as painting, window treatments, or furniture.

The Sunrise Rotary Club would like to thank its sponsors for the event, Bakers Union Local 19 Cleveland, Carlson Funeral Homes, Champaign bank, Chippewa's Partners, Dyer, Hughes, Roche & Wilson, Inc., Fifth Third Bank, Jim & Adrienne Gerspacher, Lance & Company, Lyle's Jewelry & Coin, Medina Auto Parts, Car Quest, Medina Hospital, Merlin Manufacturing, Minuteman Press, Owens Corning, Pepsi Americas, Phil Helon Law, Plum Creek Assisted Living, Pride One, REA & Associates, Redwood Management, Stinnett, Padrutt & Aranyosi, CPAs, Stop "N Go, The Hoffman Group, Tire Source, Trails of Montville, Vision Source, Wal-Mart, and the Westfield Bank.

Over \$20,000 was raised at this event. Besides benefiting the Children's Center, proceeds will also help with the annual scholarship, Buckeye Boys and Girls State, Christmas shopping for needy families, back to school shopping, and other programs

Cuyahoga Falls Reverse Raffle

By Shelia Hedrick

This year the event is Saturday, March 20 at Todaro's, 1820 Akron Peninsula Road.

Doors open at 6:00 pm Dinner is at 7:00 and the drawing starts at 8:00. We run a silent auction at the same time. Tickets are \$135 for two great dinners, libations, and one chance at the \$2500 grand prize.

Only 100 tickets are being sold, so act quickly to join the fun. We have a lot of great items at the silent auction, come prepared to do your gift shopping the coming year.

For information and tickets contact Steve Fuller 330-688-5561, email : fullerste-ven@sbcglobal.net.

Twinsburg Reverse Raffle

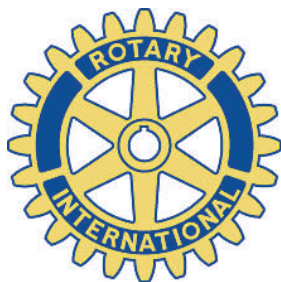
By Laura Leonard

The Rotary Club of Twinsburg will be hosting a Reverse Raffle Fundraise in order to help them to continue serving their local projects and the worldwide community. Local projects include the Dictionary Project and a scholarship fund for Twinsburg High School seniors.

Internationally, the club contributes to the Rotary Foundation, and is partners in a Thailand Water Project. The evening will include: music by the very popular "The Extremes," www.theextremes.net a buffet dinner with beer and wine and a \$2500 prize with sideboards of \$2/\$3/\$5 available.

The dinner will take place, Friday, April 30 from 6-11:30 pm at Gambitta's Party Center in Northfield at 160 E. Aurora Road. The cost is \$90 per couple, or \$65 for and individual.

Only 175 tickets will be sold! Contact your Favorite Twinsburg Rotarian for tickets, or call Cindy at 216-401-8470.



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

Help Wanted

The District Conference Committee is looking for motivated, personable and enthusiastic individuals to assist with Sgt.-at-Arms duties at the Kalahari Apr. 23-25. Duties include "Leading the Way", "Lending a Hand", "Creating Awareness and Taking Action", "Taking Time to Serve" and "Being a Friend". Benefits include "Helping Shape the Future", "Building Bridges of Friendship", "Kindling the Spark Within" and "Discovering a New World of Service". For more information contact Mike Johns, Jr at stonecut@sbcglobal.net for more information.

Mantua Sponsors Variety Show

By Susie Heintzleman

Mark your calendars for April 10th when the Mantua Rotary Club will raise the curtain for their annual Variety Show at the Hayden Auditorium located on the campus of Hiram College. The proceeds from this year's show will benefit Haitian Relief and the Crestwood High School Band. The Crestwood Band has been honored with an invitation to perform at the John F. Kennedy Center in Washington, DC this April.

Helen Hazlett, who chairs this event for the Mantua Club, has assembled an impressive line-up of singers, dancers and comedians for the evening. "Fans can be assured that some of the most popular acts from past years will return again, but we have several new acts that we are very excited about this year", says Helen. "We are so grateful that these wonderful artists donate their talents and time to help our fundraising efforts for Haitian Relief and the Crestwood Band."

Tickets for the 7:30 pm show can be purchased in advance or at the door for \$10.00 for adults and \$5.00 for students. Hayden Auditorium is located at 11715 Garfield Road, Hiram, OH 44234. Contact Helen Hazlett at (330) 274-2231 or Susie Heintzleman at (330) 760-0835 or suzhtz@yahoo.com to reserve tickets or for more information.

Mantua Provides Fellowship

By Steve Zabor

Tuesday, March 9th, the Rotary Club of Mantua hosted the Rotary Clubs of Garrettsville/Hiram and Aurora for an evening of fellowship and dinner. The evening began with Mantua President Dean Olson explaining that he is proud to be a Rotarian because of the organization's true commitment to peace through its many international programs including the Peace Scholar program. As Steve Zabor, DG 2011/2012, collected the happy dollars that will provide support to the RI Foundation he noted that each club had a PDG present. Al Conners from Aurora, Bob Jackson from Hiram/Garrettsville and Jim Frame from Mantua were all present and were joined by current DG John Bosco and next year's DG Stew Buchanan. The clubs heard about the Tall Ships Program from two members of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and were entertained by Charles English who told about more than 30 years of work protecting valuable ecosystems in the Mantua area and along the upper Cuyahoga River. Charles' leadership has been critical to efforts to preserve our natural environment for future generations and has provided excellent hiking, biking and canoeing opportunities for everyone. However the highlight of the evening might have been the presentations done by DG John Bosco. Jim Irwin, Garrettsville/Hiram, Dean Olson, Mantua, and Joe Lykins, Aurora, accepted banners recognizing that they were the top three per capita contributors to the Rotary Foundation in 2008/2009. Aurora was the highest (\$182/member), Garrettsville/Hiram second (\$179/member) and Mantua third (\$163/member). In addition, the Rotary Club of Mantua was recognized for being one of three Every Rotarian Every Year Clubs in District 6630. That means that they averaged more than \$100 per member and that every member in the club provided financial support to the Foundation.

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Ambassadorial Scholarships

By Deb Boerger

It is time for us to begin the process of finding our 2011-2012 Ambassadorial Scholar. I have already fielded a number of inquiries, and I now ask all of you to look for qualified candidates.

The time line is as follows:

Club level: Each club sets its own deadline for receiving the applications. I suggest at least two weeks before the district deadline. This will give you sufficient time to interview the applicant and decided whether or not your club would like to sponsor him/her.

District level: The completed applications (including transcripts, letters of reference, and essays) need to be in my hands by July 28th.

Final interviews: Selected candidates will be invited to participate in the district interview process. This will be held on August 14th.

Our district has at least one Ambassadorial Scholarship to award for the 2011-2012 year. It is a \$26,000 scholarship to study abroad for one academic year. I should know by the end of April if we will also have a second one to grant through the Leland Keller Scholarship Fund.

There is a wealth of information on the Rotary International website, including the application, a descriptive leaflet, and a Program Guide for Rotarians. Just go to www.rotary.org. Click on the "Student and Youth" tab at the top of the page. Then, go to "Education Programs" (middle of page). From there, you should be able to find anything you need to know about the program.

On a different note, our current outbound scholar is Karen Varga. Karen is going to school in Caracas, Venezuela and has a blog that I would encourage all of you to visit. It is: <http://karenvarga.blogspot.com>

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you may have or if you are interested in becoming a member of the district committee.

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Ambassadorial Scholar Info



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Be sure to register at www.rotarydistrict6630.org

THE FUTURE OF ROTARY IS IN YOUR HANDS

Gravity Grand Prix

By Jon Stevenson

TRC Jefferson will host its 2d annual pine-wood derby style race at the Jefferson Community Center, 11 East Jefferson St. on April 10th. The doors open at 6 p.m. for registration with racing starting at 7 p.m.. Last registration at 6:45. Entrance fee \$15 for the first car and \$10 for each additional car. Non competitor adult entrance \$8.00. Non competitor children 12 and under free. Refreshments provided. Prizes awarded for 1st, 2d, & 3d place plus Best of Show. Regulations for cars are more open than BSA standards. Proceeds benefit Rotary scholarship fund. Join us for a night of fun. For questions or entrance form and regulations contact a Jefferson Rotary member or email jstevenson121@yahoo.com.



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Final payment due by June 19, 2010

You can make monthly payments in any amount you choose as long as the final is paid by June 19, 2010. A portion (\$100.00) of the initial deposit is non-refundable if reservation is cancelled for any reason. The balance of any deposit or payments is refunded (minus the \$100 penalty fee) upon written request on or before June 18, 2010. Cancellations after June 18th are subject to additional penalties imposed by Carnival Cruise Lines.

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President-Elect - Tonya Stoudemire - 216-991-8100

TRC Euclid Gives Shelter Box

By Chris Frey

Euclid Rotary Club members and family donated to the Shelter Box program supporting relief efforts in Haiti. We announced our drive to fund the \$1000 cost at our Club Assembly in February and made the drive a part of each of our weekly meetings through the end of February. Last week, we announced that our goal had been met and the contribution was made on behalf of the Club by Vice President Fred Siegel.

The Shelter Box appeal was a very tangible way for our Club to be involved in the overall relief efforts. I know other Clubs have contributed in their own way. We are proud to stand with our fellow members. After all, this is why we are Rotary!

****MARK YOUR CALENDAR****

District Assembly at Kent State University Student Center, March 27, 2010 - 8:00 A.M. to 1:30 P.M. Come and learn the details of how to make your next year a great year. Register on line, fax or mail. Registration form is available on-line or from your incoming president

Literacy Award Deadline Nears

By Beth Shriver

April 15, 2010, is the deadline to apply for the District and/or Zone Literacy Award for this Rotary year. The District Award asks clubs to complete 5 activities. One must be a dictionary or other literacy materials distribution. The second must be an activity for Literacy Month (March) or for September 8. This can be a speaker, recognition of an educational person, or many other items. The Zone Literacy Award requires 10 activities. The following ideas all count toward an award: students attending a Rotary club meeting, giving scholarships, sponsoring a Four-Way Speech contest, mentoring, reading to children in a classroom or to a senior citizen, etc. The form for the Literacy Award was sent to all incoming presidents last August. If you cannot find it, there is a copy on www.Rotary.org. Please send the completed form to Beth Shriver, 2597 Columbia Rd, Brecksville, OH 44141. If you have questions please call 330-659-4341.

Pancakes in Burton

By Bob Johnson

Every March brings the yearly tradition of "Pancakes in Burton" This year marks the 58th. year for the Rotary Club of Burton-Middlefield to serve our mouth watering pancakes sausage and omelets at the Berkshire High School in downtown Burton, Oh. We will be there every Sunday in March, as usual, from 8:00AM to 1:30PM. This is a win-win situation for both of us. Money for us and a great family outing and good food for you. If you're really bored or have an extreme case of cabin fever, feel free to come and give us a hand for a few hours. The pay is great (one free breakfast if you work all day) and the rewards of serving for Rotary (literally). Come see our extensive club project board and our individual donation station for the Katie Spatz "rowforwater" district fundraiser challenge. Also, see our pancake web-site at burtonmiddlefieldrotary.org for all the info on pancakes and visit our "Country Store" in the high school lobby for some take home real maple syrup! Other events include a flea market in the high school gym and a book sale in the high school library, not to mention all of the spring-time activity in Burton like sap boiling in the log cabin on the square and activities at the county historical village just off the square.

PANCAKE INFO

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Annual Reverse Raffle



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Akron Youth Travels to Vietnam

By Cheryl Warren

Abby Zalenski will travel to Vietnam for the dedication of an elementary school on March 20, 2010 that she and other students in the region are helping to build through their efforts to raise \$25,000. Abby attended a special event hosted by The Rotary Club of Akron, on Feb. 17, 2010. The Club donated funds to Abby and Kids Building Hope toward the completion of the project – and for school supplies for the 500 children who will attend the school.

Kids Building Hope is an organization whose members themselves are children, here in Ohio, and they are dedicated to helping children elsewhere around the world through education.

Actually, Abby, a 14-year-old freshman at Jackson High School, is following in the footsteps of her sister Carly, who is 16 and now a junior at the school. Carly and Kids Building Hope were involved two years ago in another project to build a school in Vietnam.

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TRC Mentor Builds School

By Lisa Nelson

The Rotary Club of Mentor is building a school in Esperanza, Dominican Republic. The construction has just started. The school will have two classes each day and become a utility building for moms that have nowhere to go at night. Myself and another member are going there in a week or so to see it and the progress that is being made and will have more pictures to share. This is what we have so far.

Also note that it will be a special needs school and at this time we are working to establish a relationship with the Dominican school and another here in Mentor to become sister schools. We are very excited about this project and the opportunity to fulfill out clubs international responsibilities. We are happy to share our ideas and experiences as they develop.

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More about DisCon

By Joy Black

Vocational/House of Friendship Forms

Attention 6630 clubs. Don't forget to show off your accomplishments and fun times at the district conference April 23rd. Please send information to Joy Black 11449 Chardon Road, Chardon, Ohio 44024 or email joyce-ab4@aol.com Table for vocational interests are also available at \$100.00 for two days of exposure to 3 conferences and the large visiting population of Kalahari.

Looking for Past District Governors to put together a display table of Rotary leadership. Rotary should be proud of being an organization that changes its leadership yearly and doesn't miss a beat in function. Please send pictures to Joy Black 22449 Chardon Rd, Chardon, Ohio 44024 or email with questions. joyceab4@aol.com

Cuyahoga NW Cluster Project

By Christopher Arnold

It's an exciting cooperative project for our district cluster of clubs: Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise, North Ridgeville, Westlake-Bay, and West Shore.

Kanchan Adhikary, International Committee Chair, has a personal connection to this project. His college classmate, Pawan Tuladhar, a member of the Kantipur Rotary Club, District 3290 in Nepal, is leading this local project in a remote village about one and a half hours from Kantipur on the Katmandu Highway. An elementary school in this village where about 60 children receive a free education was built with the help of the Kantipur Rotary Club.

To provide needed supplies and equipment to the school a total of \$12,211 has been contributed by our district of which \$3,574.50 was contributed by our cluster of five Rotary Clubs. The money will be used to purchase 40 desks and benches, two tables and 10 chairs, a water filter, book racks, stationery and teaching materials, sporting goods, first aid supplies, ceiling fans, TV/VCR and rack for educational purposes, three computer sets and tables, printer, uninterrupted power supply, and UV water treatment equipment.

Our club's International Committee is indebted to Jim Lechko, Assistant District Governor, who is serving as the Secretary of the Grants Committee for District 6630, for his help in guiding this project through the committee, and securing the authorization to commit the funds immediately from District Governor John Bosco. In addition, the International Committee would like to acknowledge the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Club's board members and our President Chris Arnold for quick approval of our contribution to the project.