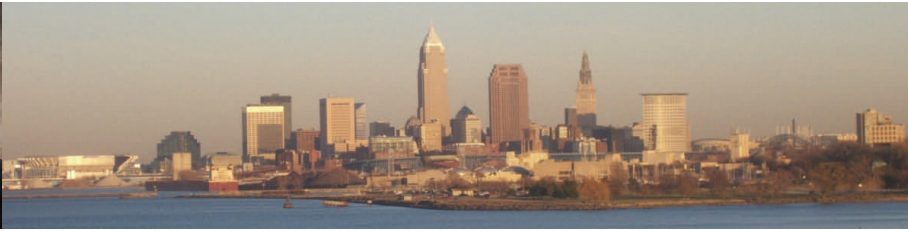




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DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

May 2010

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Governor's Letter

May is Paul Harris Fellow Month. Now is a good time to make a contribution to The Rotary Foundation.

Each Rotary Club has a Foundation Liaison. Do you know who that person is for your Club? If not, please find out and thank him or her for the hard work and dedication they have shown this year in helping the Rotarians of District 6630 become more aware of the many benefits we receive from The Foundation. That person can also help facilitate and assist you with your contribution. Do you know that once you give \$1,000.00 to the Foundation you become a Paul Harris Fellow? You can continue to give thereby reaching multiple levels, and once you attain the \$10,000.00 level you become a Major Donor.

This year, at the District Conference, we honored those who have given to the Foundation including Paul Harris Fellows, Major Donors, Bequest Society Members, and Members of the Arch Klumph Society. Please join me in acknowledging the extreme generosity of Jack and Vivian Harig who became members of the Arch Klumph Society (\$250,000.00).

The District Foundation Chair is Roger Cram of the Rotary Club of Aurora. Roger has worked very hard this year inspiring Rotarians to give to the Foundation even if it is only \$8.33 a month. (\$100.00 per year to become a sustaining member) Please get in the habit of giving something

each year to The Rotary Foundation.

The 2010 District Conference is now history, and if you were not there you missed a lot of fun and fellowship. You also missed hearing many fabulous speakers including John T. Capps III, Joe Dittmar, Katie Spatz, Juan Quevedo, Bill Thomas, Molly Mc Kenney, Dr. Andres Bello, the Becks family, Roger Cram, the Group Study Exchange team from Taiwan and Alan Hurst (The Rotary International Representative).

The Kalahari Resort was a wonderful venue for the Conference. The committee led by Marsha Pappalardo and Chris Adams did a fantastic job. The many and varied Club displays were well received by not only our Rotarians but by the other guests of the Kalahari. Our Rotary District had a positive public image and our corporate sponsors were well received.

Rotarian Rob Previte of the Rotary Club of Hillcrest and a Charter Member of the soon to be Solon Sunrise Club, was instrumental in securing The Allstate Insurance Company as a major corporate sponsor enabling us to provide subsidized day care for 19 children. Thank you Rob and the rest of our many sponsors. Without your generous financial help we could not have put on such a great event. I would like to think that this year's conference will be the model that future conferences will emulate.

By now you have probably heard of the awards that were presented at the conference to many Rotarians who went above and beyond expectations this year. I want to thank everyone who helped our District and Rotary during my year as Governor.

There were two major awards presented. The Rotarian of the Year Award was presented to Julie West from the Rotary Club of Cleveland. Julie's dedication and passion was unsurpassed in her position as Assistant Governor Coordinator. Thank you Julie. PDG Jim Banks of the Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls was also presented with the Michael J. Johns Award for Lifetime Service to District 6630. Jim was so deserving for all he has done and meant to our District. If you haven't spoke to Jim lately please take the time to say hello. We can all learn a great deal from such a great man.

As we enter the final two months of this Rotary year, we have much to be proud of but we cannot forget that there is still much to do to meet our membership and foundation goals. Let's continue to work diligently and keep our strong momentum going during these last few months!

Yours in Rotary,

John Bosco
DG 2009-10
Rotary District 6630

DisCon Photos

TRC Lkwd/RR and Beck Center

By Doug Cooper

The Lakewood/Rocky River and the Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Clubs held a joint community project to help Lakewood's Beck Center for the Arts look great for spring! A dozen Rotarians, 6 from each Club, arrived Saturday morning, May 1, to weed and mulch the Center into fine condition. The Rotarian volunteers we guided by professional landscaper Matt Gaydos of "Gardens by Gaydos" [and PADG Bill Gaydos' son] and had help from a local Boy Scout Troop, one of whom had planted the Beck Center shrubs several years ago on his way to Eagle Scout.

This project also solved a problem for the Sunrise Club. At the District Conference at Kalarahi, the Sunrise Club received the President's Citation

and the A.Z. Baker Award for their efforts this past year. These honors paled in light of the Sunrise Club's "Major Award" - the coveted "Party Hardy" prize for its poster table display at the District's Friendship Hall. The Sunrise Club was unsure how to display "Party Hardy" - a sweet plant with delicate pink flowers definitely deserving visibility. Rather than raffle her off or present her to the most attractive Sunrise member, it was decided to plant Party Hardy prominently as part of the landscaping project as Sunrise's gift to Beck Center. Photos are attached.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood/Rocky River was chartered in 1926. It sponsored its spin-off, the Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club, chartered in 2007.

Photos

Blazers Presented at DisCon

By Patrick Kelley

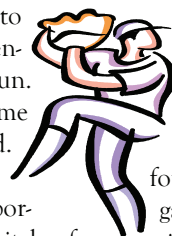
At the District Conference's Banquet on April 24, 2010, Governor John Bosco and Governor Elect Stew Buchanan presented 12 district High School Students their Rotary Youth Exchange Blazer and lapel pin. These opportunities are made available to each District Rotary Club through the District's participation in Rotary International Youth Exchange Program and the cooperation of Rotary Clubs in the foreign countries.

Photos

Go Tribe! Go Rotary! Come Aug. 13th

By Steve Zabor

Pitch in to support the Cleveland Indians and the Rotary Foundation - Friday August 13th versus the Seattle Mariners. We are hoping to have 500 Rotarians enjoying fellowship and fun. We will enjoy a pre-game parade around the field. A lucky winner of the raffle will win the opportunity to do the first pitch of the game. Not only will it be a great showing for the District and an opportunity to enjoy the company of Rotarians from District 6630 and its contiguous District we will set the stage for next year. Dis-



trict 6630 has the opportunity to qualify to sponsor a pack the house night when we would receive a portion of EVERY ticket sold that night. Proceeds could be used to support the many projects of Rotary. Contact Steve Zabor, DG 2011-12, at ZABORSL@gmail.com for information about game, meal and raffle ticket prices. Or visit the district's webpage,

www.rotary6630.com, where information will be available soon.

Jack Young, Epitome of Service Above Self

By Mike Johns, Jr

PDG Jack Young was presented with Rotary International's Service Above Self Award at DisCon. Jack is only the second Rotarian in District 6630 history to receive this prestigious recognition. Below is the letter written by RI President John Kenny that accompanied the award:

Service Above Self Award (Rotary's highest honor for a Rotarian)

"The importance of Service Above Self has been recognized by Rotarians who understand the power and reward of helping their friends and neighbors in need."

"In 1991, the RI Board of Directors created the RI Service Above Self Award to recognize those Rotarians who truly embody Rotary's principal motto. While many Rotarians distinguish themselves through service, it is important to recognize those outstanding few who have indeed made service a way of life"

"Current and past officers and general officers of Rotary International were asked to submit the names and accomplishments of outstanding Rotarians. While a large response was received, only a maximum of 150 Rotarians World Wide may receive the RI Service Above Self Award each year. The Board was faced with the challenge of selection the very best from a pool of exceptional candidates. It is my very great pleasure to inform you that you have been selected to receive this honor."

"With this award, you are being recognized for the contributions you have made through Rotary over the years. I believe you are an extraordinary example of how each Rotarian can make a difference. I am honored to have you as my fellow Rotarian and thankful that The Future of Rotary is in Your Hands."

Yours Very Truly,

John Kenny

RI President 2009-10



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By Bob Johnson

This Rotary year is fast drawing to a close and another fabulous District Conference has come and gone. We all witnessed many excellent speakers and presentations, especially some of the youth whose lives have come in contact with Rotary. I was especially impressed with Molly McKenna who spoke about her youth exchange year in Germany in 2008/2009. It has indeed changed her life and pointed her in a whole new direction that she did not begin to anticipate before she left. The incoming and also the outbound youth exchange students, of which there is a wonderfully large group this year, put on a talent show that was impressive and very entertaining!

And of course Katy Spatz. This is the young lady from Mentor who just completed her solo rowing journey across the Atlantic Ocean. Her small boat was an incredible engineering feat in itself and was impressively displayed in the hallway right outside the convention center. Everyone got a first hand look at what a small diminutive speck Katy must have felt like out in the ocean by herself for two and a half months. Through her efforts and a strong group of spon-

sors, including the Rotary Club of Chagrin Valley, Katy was able to raise over \$80,000! During her presentation Governor John presented her with an additional check for almost \$6000. raised through a district-wide effort by World Community Service. All of this money has been pledged by Katy to the Blue Planet Foundation for the sole purpose of developing fresh water wells in Haiti and many other third world countries. Katy's efforts should, in the near future, provide much needed fresh drinking water for thousands of people that lack this basic commodity today. I should also mention that Katy and The Blue Planet Foundation is another powerful cooperative effort between Rotary and other Humanitarian agencies around the world dedicated to helping the less fortunate. Katy also spoke about further pursuing these fresh water efforts in the next few years and also plans a book about her adventures which should be a great read.

Thanks Governor John and staff for a great conference!

Tall Ships

By Julie West

A fleet of 12-14 replicas of historic vessels from the United States, Canada and Europe will be at the Port of Cleveland July 7-July 11, 2010 as part of the Great Lakes United Tall Ships Challenge®, a series of port-to-port international sailing races, cruises, and maritime festivals starting in Toronto and ending in Chicago. The Cleveland Tall Ships Festival

2010, presented by the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority and the Rotary Club of Cleveland is a five day nautical festival with events for the entire family. There will be ship tours, family entertainment, a maritime marketplace, educational displays, and opportunities to experience the adventure of sailing on a tall ship.

We are now recruiting a large,

By Jack Harig

Rotarians of Rotary Club of Akron & District 6630

I thought I would share just a little about the Council through last evening Monday 26 April 2010. My current seat mates are from Algeria, Bulgaria, New Zealand, Netherlands, Brazil, and Italy. You may recall the District Governor from India I have spoken about, his name is

Bawa from my class of governors. He is here as well as many others. There

are 515 of us credentialed as of yesterday morning. The fall out from the volcano affected many.

We started with a 2 hour orientation on Sunday afternoon at 4:30 PM CDT. Basic procedures, expectations of delegates, presentations of additions and changes to legislation were distributed. There were two especially important presentations, one on the Strategic Plan which has become more narrowly focused on three major points. I will give you more depth on that later. It is important and good.

The other very important topic

was on the historical performance of RI in terms of Budgets and actual performance. It has been a wild ride for them. Investment income went South and the impacts were hateful at best. The good news is that at no time did they have to sell any investments to keep services to members solid and running. Staff and leadership modified budgets, curtailed spending and have maintained RI in a sound financial condition.

In the first day we dealt with 38 pieces of legislation in the areas of Club Meetings, Attendance, (requirements, make ups and others), and Club Meetings. Today we will start out with Membership issues. Out of the 38 items, 10 were approved, 19 failed with the balance either withdrawn or placed on hold for later action.

This is an impressive process, well administered with hot and lengthy debate at times. The action on Dues will come up later with a substantial reduction in the initial proposals for increase in RI Dues to come to the floor. The proposal from the North Ridgeville Club will come to the floor most likely on Wed or Thursday. The sister club will propose it and I will give a support 1:30 presentation from District 6630.

20 minutes until show time. More later. Thank you for the opportunity to serve.



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enthusiastic crew of volunteers, age 18 or older, to be a part of this exciting event. Our volunteers will assist with many of the operational aspects of the event to insure that the captains, crews, and people attending the event have an outstanding experience. We cordially extend an invitation for you to join us.

A Volunteer Fact Sheet is available. Please share this informa-

tion with your family and friends. An electronic version of the application can be found at www.clevelandtallships.com.

If you have any questions about volunteering for the Cleveland Tall Ships Festival 2010, please email clevelandtallships@gmail.com or leave a message at 216-236-8467. We look forward to receiving your application and seeing you in July!

2010 World Affairs Seminar

By Tom Plantenberg

Planning is well under way for the 2010 World Affairs Seminar! The deadline for student applications is May 25. If your club hasn't already done so, it's time to select your candidate(s) for this summer's seminar: June 26-July 2. If you are no longer the individual coordinating your club's World Affairs Seminar sponsorship, please forward this e-mail to the appropriate individual.

As you already know, the World Affairs Seminar, (www.worldaffairsseminar.org) is a unique 6-day global education program that brings together hundreds of high school students from around the world. The theme for 2010 is "The Global Fresh Water Challenge." Fresh water scarcity is one of the greatest threats to global security and human health. Students benefit from college-level lectures given by renowned experts, documentary films, Global Forum simulations and group discussions. Recreational activities, including an international talent show and a night of global music, are annual student favorites, as well. Students share their unique perspective with others from around the world and make lifelong friendships—all while being inspired to make the world a better place!

Highlights of the 2010 seminar include:

▮ Examination of cutting-edge topics in the areas of globalization, climate change, emerging water technologies, water privatization, global security, and human rights.

▮ Presentation by Peter Annin, author of Great Lakes Water Wars <http://www.greatlakeswaterwars.com/>

▮ Day trip to Discovery World on Lake Michigan for interactive displays and expert speakers on the global water crisis, urbanization, pollution control and the Great Lakes ecosystem <http://www.discoveryworld.org/>

Tuition is \$600. This includes six nights lodging in a double occupancy Carroll University dorm room, and meals from Saturday dinner through Friday breakfast. Instructional materials, admission to all activities and use of seminar-related facilities are included. Professional counselors and nursing staff are on-hand 24 hours/day. Note: Tuition does not include transportation to and from the seminar or personal expenses. A 10% discount is offered to organizations sponsoring four or more students.

For over 30 years, World Affairs Seminar has provided an opportunity for high school students from around the world to explore issues of global significance and learn how they can affect change. We look forward to hearing from you soon regarding your club's sponsorship plans for the 2010 seminar!

Help Wanted

To Any District 6630 Rotary Club who is considering sponsoring a student to the World Affairs Seminar this June

I am trying to determine if any individual in our district is coordinating this activity on behalf of the district. I would like to send a student sponsored by our club (Hillcrest) but it would be great to find out if other clubs plan to do likewise since it involves the student traveling to Wisconsin for the seminar. In this regard, possibly several sponsored students could arrange mutual travel arrangements.

Please contact me, John Wilson, at

jwilson@nacl.com or call at 440-759-8805 if your club is interested.

Congrats to TRC Medina Sunrise

The club is pleased to announce the net proceeds from their Wine and Roses benefit dinner held on February 13, 2010 reached nearly \$38,000!!!

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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

Katie Spatz Says Thank You

Dear Rotary Clubs of District 6630, I can't thank you enough for your ongoing support and encouragement. When the idea to row across the Atlantic for safe drinking water came to me, I knew little more than that I had the desire to take on this challenge. Without people and organizations like the Rotary, this journey would not be possible.

Rotary has played a special role all throughout my journey. Before I flew out to Africa for my departure, my final bon voyage event and fundraiser hosted by the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club brought in over \$15,000 for safe drinking water projects. As soon as I arrived in Dakar, I was greeted by friendly Senegalese Rotarians and was hosted by Rotarians during my final days on dry land. The last and first people I saw during this life-changing journey were Rotarians, and even while at sea, I was gifted with a "mini-wilson" by the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club. Hundreds of Rotarians were pulling for me around the world.

My sincerest thank you for your generous donation of over \$5,800 for the Blue Planet Run, especially Bob Johnson of the Burton-Middlefield Rotary Club. Because of your support of over \$5,800 to Blue Planet Run, nearly 200 people will gain access to safe drinking water for life! Consider that more than one in six people do not have access to clean drinking water and half of the world's hospital beds are filled with water borne diseases. Your donation could not be more important.

Thank you for sharing this journey with me and for showing your commitment to improving water conditions worldwide - one drop at a time.

Katie Spatz

Youngest person to row an ocean solo
First American to row from Africa to South America



HoHoHo and a Bottle of Rum

By Stew Buchanan

Join in the fun at the 2nd annual District 6630 Christmas in July. This is the fund raiser for the Rotary International Foundation Polio Plus Challenge. This year's event will be held as part of the Tall Ships Festival at the Ninth Street Pier in Cleveland in conjunction with the 100th birthday of the Rotary Club of Cleveland.

Your ticket will include a buffet of different International delicacies, silent auction, admission to one of the Tall Ships, live auction, and a raffle with a prize of \$2000.

Tickets for all of this will be \$50 per person. What a bargain!

Save the date for a special night out for the benefit of the Rotary Foundation. The Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donated \$255 million as a challenge grant to the Rotary Foundation for polio eradication around the world. The challenge is for Rotarians around the world to match that grant with \$100 million.

Since all Rotary Clubs have been asked to contribute \$3000 over the three year period of July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2012, *The Christmas in July Raffle* can help the clubs in District # 6630 to meet the challenge. Proceeds from this event will be allocated to each club to help toward their \$1000 donation for 2010-2011.

Registration flyers will be coming to your club soon.



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TRC Berea News

By Linda Kramer

Identity theft: An FBI agent spoke to club members and guests on March 23 about the dangers of identity theft on the Internet. Darren J. Mott, supervisory special agent with the Cyber Squad of the FBI's Cleveland Office, presented a multi-media program on how personal information is stolen from computers and Web sites and how consumers can prevent it.

Rotaract silent auction: The Rotary Club of Berea supported The Rotaract Club of Berea/Baldwin-Wallace College's annual dinner/silent auction on March 30. The auction proceeds purchase PUR water packets from the Children's Safe Drinking Water project backed by Proctor & Gamble. The PUR packets help bring clean drinking water to children throughout the world.

Scholarships: The club is offering three \$1,000 scholarships to area seniors. The scholarships are renewable as long as a required minimum grade point average is maintained. Selection is based on academics, need, service to the community, employment experiences, participation in school activities and other accomplishments.

Shred It Day: In conjunction with the City of Berea, the Rotary Club sponsored a Shred It Day on May 1. The service was free to Berea residents although donations were accepted to benefit Rotary's community programs. The fee

for non-residents was \$5 per bag or box. Rotary members staffed the collection vans in the parking lot of Roehm Middle School from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and raised more than \$900 in donations.

Plant sale: The Rotary Club of Berea's annual plant sale runs now through June 28. Members are selling coupons in three different denominations for use at Uncle John's Plant Farm in Olmsted Falls. A portion of each coupon sale goes toward Rotary projects. The \$11 coupon may be redeemed for a flat of flowers or vegetables with \$3 going to Rotary. The \$12 coupon is good for four 4-inch potted geraniums with \$4 benefiting Rotary. The \$14 coupon is redeemable for a 10-inch hanging basket or a 10-inch Boston fern with \$4 going to Rotary. To purchase coupons, contact Rotarian Mike Orr at (440) 382-6283 or e-mail michael_orr@sbcglobal.net; or contact any Berea Rotarian.

Thanking our vets: On May 25, the Rotary Club of Berea will host its annual dinner thanking those businesses and individuals who sponsor the Lou Groza Charity Golf Outing. This year, in honor of Memorial Day, President Sally King also will recognize those Rotary Club of Berea members who also are veterans. Doors open at 6 p.m. at the Colony Room of the Baldwin-Wallace College Strosacker Student Union, 120 E. Grand St. Guests are welcome at a cost of \$15 per person. For more information or for reservations, call Jim Walters at (440) 826-0084 or e-mail jamesnwaltersiii@yahoo.com

Call for Volunteers Application

The Cleveland Tall Ships Festival 2010, presented by the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority and the Rotary Club of Cleveland is looking for volunteers.

We are now recruiting a large, enthusiastic crew of volunteers, age 18 or older, to be a part of this exciting Festival. Our volunteers will assist with many of the operational aspects of the event to insure that the captains, crews, and people attending the event have an outstanding experience.

The general types of volunteer positions needed include greeters, ticket-takers, information stations, crowd management, and hospitality. For those with a sailing background or an interest in history, being a docent is a possibility. Volunteers are being asked to commit to at least 2 five hour shifts during the Festival and attend a training session prior to the event. This is an all-weather event and will require walking or standing. Volunteers will receive a Cleveland Tall Ships 2010 Festival t-shirt, two tickets to the Festival, discounted parking, and vouchers for food and beverage

while working. For more details and an application, please go to our Tall Ships website www.clevelandtallships.com. If you have questions, email us at clevelandtallships@gmail.com or leave a message at 216-236-8467. Please share this call for volunteers with your family, friends, and colleagues.



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