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Governor's Letter

BIGGER, BETTER, and BOLDER

April showers bring May flowers. We have already had rain and snow in April so we should have lots of May flowers.

My CAVS prediction from the last newsletter looks pretty much like I have missed my guess. Five wins before the end of the season may not happen. I am still going to stick with 80 wins by the Indians. They are in first place!

April is the Rotarian magazine month. The Rotarian promotes Rotary's work around the world. Two of the more popular features include Amazing Stories of Polio and The Greater Goods Catalog .A nice gift for new members may be the 100th anniversary collector's edition of the Rotarian. It will give a new member a great idea of all that is involved in Rotary.

July 2011 begins a new era for The Rotarian. A digital version becomes available. If you switch to digital, each month a link will be sent to your email for you to access the magazine. This is delivered by ZINIO, the world's largest digital newsstand. You can also get this downloaded on your iPad, iPhone or Samsung Galaxy. Be the first in your club to go GREEN with a digital version.

But most important, April is District Conference Month for District 6630! Have you registered yet? If not, now is the time.

We need you to let us know soon, so we can make final plans. The deadline is April 25, 2011.

What will you experience at the District Conference? The many, many different programs of Rotary. We are going to feature the New Generations Avenue of Service by having some of each of these programs on display, information on how your club can be involved if you are not already, and a sampling of what is happening around the district with all of these opportunities:

- Interact Clubs from Strongsville, Kenston, Chardon, and Burton
- Rotarct Clubs from Berea and Hiram
- Rotary Youth Leadership Awards
- Youth Exchange—Inbound
- Youth Exchange—Outbound
- Youth Exchange—Short term
- Youth Exchange—Intern Program
- Ambassadorial Scholars
- World Peace and Conflict resolution Scholar

In addition—we will have information and displays for Literacy, local community projects, international projects, water wells, wheelchairs, ShelterBox, polio, and others.

To top it off, Saturday morning, April 30, 2011 we will have our District Assembly offering 19 sessions on every aspect of Rotary including membership, projects, running your club, officer

responsibilities, new generations programs, club runner, and more. See the District website for the complete schedule on Saturday morning.

For the complete conference schedule of events all weekend, check the web. We will have some special guest speakers, entertainment, Paul Harris recognition, youth exchange students and the parade of flags. And this is just some of the events planned for the weekend.

I would like to ask all members of our District to carefully consider being an Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY). Beginning now, this will be our way to help the District meet the Rotary Foundation goals for 2010-2011. In order for us to have the grant and scholarship money returned to the District, we need to support the Foundation. If any of your clubs need to learn more about The Rotary Foundation and all of the funding programs, call Roger Cram, the District Foundation chairman.

Roger loves to talk about the Foundation and all of the great things that happen because of the Foundation.

Congratulations to Irene Beville for winning two free meals at the District Conference by entering my contest for reading last month's newsletter. Hope to see all of you at the Hilton in Beachwood April 29 through May 1, 2011, www.Rotary6630.com.

GSE Team From D1580 Arrives

By Stan Socha

The 2011 incoming GSE Team from Amsterdam will be arriving in Cleveland on Saturday 16 APRIL. They will be arriving at Cleveland-Hopkins airport at 3:00 PM to spend the next four weeks visiting D6630. The Team will consist of a female Team Leader and one female and three male Team Members.

The first week the Team will be in the Central Sector headed up by Sector Captain Julie West of the Cleveland Club. They will be visiting the Akron Club on Tuesday 19 APRIL, the Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise Club on Wednesday 20 APRIL and the Cleveland Club on Thursday 21 APRIL. The second week the Team will travel to the South Sector headed up by Sector Captain Al Conners of the Aurora Club. The team will be visiting the Nordonia Hills Club and the Mantua Club on Tuesday 26 APRIL, the Stowe-Monroe Falls Club and the Garrettsville-Hiram Club on Wednesday 27 APRIL, the Port-Summit Club on Thursday 28 APRIL and the District Conference on Friday and Saturday 29 & 30 APRIL.

The third week the Team will travel to the East Sector headed up by Sector Captain David Noble of the Mentor Club. The Team will visit the Willoughby Club on Monday 2 MAY, the Painesville Club and the Geneva Club on Tuesday 3 MAY, the Mentor Club on Thursday 5 MAY, and the Ashtabula Club on Friday 6 MAY.

The fourth week the Team will travel to the West Sector headed up by Sector Co-Captains Bill Cohen and Brad Grubb of the Medina Club. The team

will visit the Medina Sunrise Club on Tuesday 10 MAY, the Brunswick Club and the Medina Club on Thursday 12 MAY and the Strongsville Club on Friday 13 MAY. Also there will be a farewell dinner at the Weymouth Country Club for the Team on Friday evening.



Save the date!

Friday evening, May 13th 2011

THE SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB OF
LAKEWOOD/ROCKY RIVER

presents

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Our 5th annual Auction
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Rocky River Don Umerley Civic Center
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Rocky River, Ohio 44116

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216-221-1665 or martyharris1@att.net

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May 14, 2011

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Cost \$65.00.

Class One and Two both being offered. Completion of Class One is required to attend Class Two.

7:30 AM-3:00 PM, light breakfast, lunch, and break included.

Anyone interested in leadership can attend.

Class sizes are limited.

Contact PDG Bonnie Housley...

BEHousley@aol.com for details

News From All Ohio PETs

By Marlene Herman

Ohio Pets was held in Columbus March 11th & 12th. Mr. Edwin Futa, General Secretary for Rotary International was our speaker Saturday evening. He talked about the 2011-2012 theme for Rotary, "Reach within to embrace humanity." This includes inviting our colleagues to join us for lunch, to give a little more, to share a little more. He urged everyone one of us to look inside and achieve success in Rotary.

John T. Capps is an awesome inspirational speaker for Rotary International. To give you an idea of his dedication, he has a rotary tattoo on his hairless head. He is probably more of an entertainer than speaker, but it is a great combination. I asked him if he would speak to our club, and he said YES! I can't wait.

A real treat for all of us was hearing a young lady by the

Sad News From Medina-Sunrise

By Michael Davanzo

Medina Sunrise Rotary lost a beloved member and long time Rotarian on Thursday, April 7.

He was a PDG in India and involved in many activities through Rotary and the community.

I have called him Mr. Rotary for his love and knowledge of Rotary

Dr. Mahadeo Chanda

January 1, 1928 - April 7, 2011



Beloved husband and father, devoted to his family and friends. An inspiration who touched many lives, he will forever remain in our hearts.

*"To give is to receive;
To lose oneself is to find oneself;
To be happy is to serve."
- The Rotarian*

name of Hannah Warren tell us of her travels at 21 years old as an ambassadorial scholar for Rotary International in 2005 & 2006. Hannah went to Varanasi, India which is one of the oldest living cities in the world. She was so inspired by her experience that she decided to study at the University of London's School of Oriental and African studies. Seeing women at work making sarees in beautiful colors and fabrics saddened her because they did not own any themselves. She was so moved, that she gave them \$200.00 to weave their own for the very first time. That was the foundation for a company she created called Jhoole, a nonprofit fashion business based in India to benefit people in the textile industry living in poverty. Hannah feels one out of six people on Earth are Indian. India is one third the size of America with three times the population. She has great passion.

and Rotary International.

At every meeting, he offered a Rotary Minute for us and kept us on our toes with procedure and facts.

At his funeral today, if Rotary was mentioned once, it was mentioned a thousand times.

He will truly be missed.

Life Accomplishments

- District Governor, Rotary Int'l District 325
 - Three times Rotary International President's Personal Representative
 - Chairman Rotary News Trust Executive Committee
 - Representative of RI District 3250 at Council of Legislation
 - President of Patna Medical Association
 - President, Bihar Transport Users Association Int'l Hindi Assoc., Pres. of NE Ohio chapter
 - Vice President, Indian Red Cross
 - Instrumental in re-opening of the railway line to Supaul, Bihar
 - Recipient of Rotary Foundation Distinguished Service Award.
 - 50 years of perfect attendance in Rotary
- Devoted service to:
- Marwari Association of Ohio
 - All India Federation of Transport Users Assoc.
 - National Federation of Railway Workers Assoc.
 - Central Inland Water Transport Board
 - National Road Safety Council
 - Bihar State Planning Board
 - International Academy of Pathologists
 - Polio Plus Campaign Committee for India

Last Minute DisCon News

By Jay Dzurilla

Received a phone call a couple weeks ago - "Did I miss the District Assembly, we normally have all our new members attend to learn about Rotary and go for the fellowship !?!" "No ma'am, because unlike years in the past when the District Assembly was held one "weekend" (in March) and the annual District Conference held another weekend (in April), THIS year both have been combined and shall be held over the weekend of 29 April to 1 May.."

District Governor Stew Buchanan and District Governor-Elect Steve Zabor are working TOGETHER (and they have many teams working together) by combining BOTH events and have selected THE most central location in all of Rotary District 6630 in an attempt to make it as convenient for YOU as humanly possible - the Hilton Cleveland-East !!

The agenda should be on the Website already or shall be shortly, but, the Assembly / Conference shall include a NUMBER of topics as:

Ambassadorial Scholarships / World Peace Scholarships Community Service Projects / Matching Grants

Membership - acquisition AND retention

RYLA / GSE Youth Exchange - both "in" and "out"

New Generations

When you arrive on Saturday afternoon, you may wish to spend time in / at:

The House of Friendship.

Hospitality Suites.

Plenary Sessions

Registrations should be made on-line through the District's website -

www.rotarydistrict6630.org

and hotel reservations should be done DIRECTLY with the Hilton Cleveland East (216) 464-5950 and please mention "Rotary" to obtain the appropriate discounted pricing!!!

As announced earlier, featured speakers include: Jimmy Chones and Mike Snyder of Cleveland Cavalier "fame", Dr. Peter Schramm of the Oakbrook Institute located at Ashland University and Secretary of Education for President Reagan, Hannah Taylor Founder

of the Ladybug Foundation, Peter Ross who brings his unique view from behind the cameras of "The Amazing Race", winners of the 4-Way Test Speech Competition along with this year's Rotary International President's Representative, Dr. Karien Ziegler, who travels from West Orange, New Jersey to be with us !!

Entertainment on Friday night shall occur during the desert portion of the Banquet and shall be provided by the Singing Angels.

On Saturday night, following the dinner Banquet - the Western Reserve Brass Band!! For those of "you" with a journalism background - "who", "what", "when", "where", "how" and "why" - Rotary is no different in that everything begins with "WHO"!!!!

You may wish to take the time to visit your fellow Rotarians and spend time with your fellow Rotarians and the future leaders of our world!!

EDITOR'S NOTE

**BE SURE TO MOVE YOUR CURSOR
OVER THE GRAPHICS OR PICTURES
FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT... MANY
OF THEM ARE LINKS TO VIDEOS,
WEBSITES, PICTURES OR OTHER
GOODIES**

The District 6630 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Committee encourages your club's involvement in sponsoring local high school juniors (who will be seniors in September 2011) for the upcoming leadership camp at Hiram College in Hiram, Ohio.

The RYLA Committee has planned a five-day leadership conference for high school juniors who are

aspiring young leaders. The conference will be held June 12-16, 2011 at Hiram College. The program will enhance the student's leadership skills through lectures, hands on participation and recreation.

The cost to the sponsoring Rotary Club is \$425.00 per student. This fee includes room, board, staff fees, supplies and recreational costs. There will be a 10:1 student to staff ratio and a professional conference director on campus the entire week.

This year's program will be limited to 50 students. There is no limit to the number of students your club may sponsor, however, we ask that you sponsor no more than 3 students from the same school.

Completed applications should be sent to: RYLA

c/o Dan Sveda

3068 Oak Hill Road

Peninsula, OH 44264

Or E-mailed to: DSveda@aol.com

Make checks payable to: Rotary District 6630-RYLA

Applications due by May 31, 2011. Applications accepted after 5-31-11, if limits are not exceeded.

If you have questions feel free to call me at 330-657-2944 or 330-715-5909 (cell), or e-mail Dsveda@aol.com

Sincerely,

Dan E. Sveda

RYLA Chair- Rotary District 6630

This information is also available on the internet: www.rotarydistrict6630.org/ryla



Kent Rotary Auction 2011

For the 42nd straight year, the Kent Rotary will be conducting its annual charity auction on Friday, May 6, 2011 at the Rusty Nail in Twinsburg.

This very successful event has enabled the Kent Rotary Foundation to support a long list of local charities and projects. The 2010 auction gifts raised \$30,000. You can help by donating as items to be auctioned.

All donations will be acknowledged in the auction program.

Kent Rotary Auction 2011

PLEDGE CARD

Please fill out and return pledge card to Bobek Wright Kahr, Wright Heating & Air Conditioning (11 N. Water St.). Auction items and display pieces may be dropped off at the location listed above, no later than April 20th. Your prompt attention is appreciated.

Need donation ideas?

Plan a party of your own! Dinner from 4 to 8; anything goes from Karaoke to Asian to Italian or create your own theme to give it a twist. Plan an auction! Silent auction items, a tour of Amack Country, silent bidding, all or choose your own items.

Share your favorite spot! Donate a vacation, or share your condo.

Create a basket of goodies! Create your own themes from checkers, wine or beer, movie night, art party, hobby, sports and more.

Donor Name: _____

Home Phone: _____

Business Phone: _____



George Newman is Fairview's Citizen of the Year

By Kevin Kelley

George Newman is apparently the type of man who can be trusted with money. The lifelong Fairview Park resident serves as treasurer of no fewer than three volunteer organizations - the Fairview Park Historical Society, the Fairview Park Community Council and the Cleveland West Suburban Chapter of the Barbershop Harmony Society.

Newman, 71, was chosen by the Community Council as Fairview Park Citizen of the Year for 2011. He'll be honored at a dinner May 4 at the Senior Center.

The title is awarded by the previous five citizens of the year based on a nominee's volunteer service to the people and community of Fairview Park.

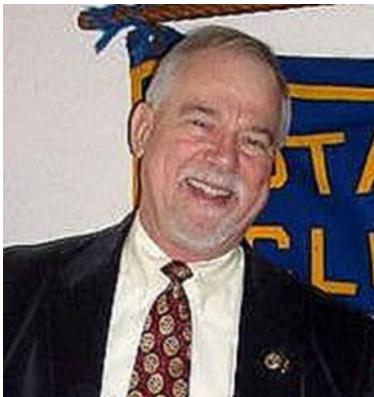
Bill Minek, president of the Community Council and Ward 2 City Council representative, likes to surprise the honorees with the news. He was successful again this year with Newman.

Minek, a former citizen of the year himself, told Newman he needed to come over to discuss an issue regarding the Community Council's finances and the IRS. When Minek asked Newman to step outside, other former citizen honorees appeared to tell him of the news.

Newman said he was quite surprised at the news despite being a Community Council officer.

"I was hoping someday I would (be named citizen of the year), but I wasn't going to worry about it," Newman told West Life.

A past president of the West Shore Rotary, Newman traveled to the New Orleans area with a group from Messiah Lutheran Church to help rebuild homes damaged by Hurricane Katrina. The group rehabili-



tated two homes, one owned by a couple in their 80s.

Newman told West Life he found that project very satisfying.

A mayoral appointee to the Fairview Park Senior Council, Newman works with the city in obtaining vans and buses to transport the city's senior residents.

Newman also serves on the Fairview Park Youth Commission, which hears criminal cases against youths from the city as part of the court's juvenile diversion program. An insurance businessman, Newman acknowledged his aptitude for fiduciary responsibility, as seen in the three treasurer posts he holds.

"I guess I have a mind for financing," he said.

Newman said he feels a strong connection to Fairview Park. His grandfather, Arthur Eggleston, was the city's second mayor. Two streets in the city - Mildred and Doris - are named after relatives, he said.

Newman has two children, Jennifer and George, who live in Florida, and he is engaged to Sherry.

Regarding the May 4 dinner, Newman said he hopes there are enough seats for the dinner. With all the organizations he's involved with, some 60 friends want to attend, he said.

Tickets for the dinner, to be served by Novotny Catering, cost \$25 and can be purchased at Fairview Park City Hall, the Fairview Park Senior Center, or by calling Minek at 440-331-2017. The reception starts at 6:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7 p.m.

Door prizes are raffled at the dinner, and organizers are seeking donations of items that would make good prizes. Contact Minek to make a donation.

Holiday Helping Hands

By Jay Minkin

The Rotary Club of Stow Munroe Falls will be making the holidays a little bit brighter this year for 19 area families. The service club contacted Stow Munroe Falls Schools along with the City of Stow to find families that were in need of support. The Rotary Club will be donating over \$5,500 dollars in gift cards for groceries, gasoline, and merchandise to the families as part of their 2nd annual Holiday Helping Hands project. The individual club members are also donating gifts to the 38 boys and girls as part of this endeavor. Members held a basket decorating and filling party to embrace the spirit of the season and will be delivering the special care packages on Saturday, December 18th. Throughout the year, the Rotary raises money for projects to enhance and benefit the community. The club used proceeds from their Great Golf Ball Drop fundraiser during the Stow Sunset Blast festivities to help underwrite this project.

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The Jefferson Rotary held its 2d annual pinewood derby style race at the Jefferson Community Center, 11 East Jefferson St. on Apr 16th. Entrance fee \$15 for the first car and \$10 for each additional car. Non competitor adult entrance IS 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.

Kick Off to the Future Raises Funds for Rotary Scholarships

By Linda Kramer

The Rotary Club of Berea's annual fund raiser had a new venue this year - the Cleveland Browns Training Facility in Berea. This marked the first time the team has permitted an outside organization to use the facility. And by all accounts, Kick Off to the Future on March 26 was a huge success.

Browns staff set up and took down the equipment and the Browns caterer supplied appetizers and a buffet dinner of roast beef and turkey. The more than 200 guests parked in the players' parking lot. The Reverse Raffle, Silent Auction and dinner were held on the indoor practice field, shielded for the evening by a protective cover.

Auction items included a Browns football signed by Mike Holmgren, an original painting by local artist Anthony Kleem, hot air balloon rides, Cavs and Indians tickets, skiing packages, a weekend in a Colorado condo, restaurant packages and tickets to the Cleveland International Film Festival, among others. There were sideboards and a 50/50 raffle, too.



Helping out were members of the Rotaract from Baldwin-Wallace College plus Rotary Club of Berea volunteers.

Proceeds will go toward three \$1,000 scholarships offered each year to high school seniors in Berea and Olmsted Falls and toward other Rotary community projects.

Rotaract Auction: The Rotaract Club of Baldwin-Wallace College held its annual Silent Auction/ Dinner on March 29, supported by the Rotary Club of Berea. The goal was to raise funds to support the Free Wheelchair Mission, a project to supply light-weight, easy to assemble wheelchairs to the physically disabled poor in developing countries. Berea Rotarian Marc West is the Rotaract adviser.

Kiva Update: The Rotary Club of Berea has made 161 Kiva Loans. The latest loans went to applicants in Kyrgyzstan (cattle), Azerbaijan (animal sales), Philippines (farm supplies), Senegal (livestock), Peru (agriculture) and Kyrgyzstan (cattle). Ken Weber is chair of the Kiva program.



Rotary Camp: Guest speaker Dan Reynolds of the Rotary Camp in Akron explained the camp's upcoming capital improvement projects and how the unique camping experience benefits children with disabilities. The camp is funded by the Rotary Club of Akron. For more information, go to www.gotcamp.org.

Programs: Other recent programs have included a representative of the Cleveland Indians, who offered a preview of the upcoming season; Tracy L. Conn, assistant vice president of the Federal Reserve Bank

of Cleveland; and students reading their award-winning Four-Way Test essays.

Shred Fest: The Rotary Club of Berea and the City of Berea will again co-sponsor a Shred Fest 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 7 in the parking lot of Roehm Middle School, corner of Bagley Road and Pleasant Street.



Residents can drop off unwanted documents to be shredded. The service is free to residents. There is a \$5 per box fee for businesses. Also collected will be unwanted and expired medications, to be disposed of by Southwest General Health Center; and eyeglasses, frames and cases to be recycled through Lions International.



Nominating Committee 2013-2014 Report

By John Bosco

The committee made up of K.C. Henry (Chagrin Valley,) Rick Cooper (Mentor), Warren Blakely (North Ridgeville), Rick Voigt (Strongsville), Margie Roop (Barberton) Meredith Coleman (Jefferson) and PRID Mike Johns (Hillcrest) and chaired by Past District Governor John Bosco (Hillcrest), has selected Rotarian Julie A. West, Past President of the Rotary Club of Cleveland to serve as District Governor of District 6630 for the Rotary

year 2013-2014.

The first step in the process of selecting a District Governor Nominee is for the current Governor to send a notice to all clubs in the district to make suggestions to the Nominating Committee. This year's committee received the nomination resolution from the Rotary Club of Cleveland suggesting Julie A. West as a candidate for Governor-Nominee for 2013-2014.

The Committee unanimously approved Julie A. West to serve as District Governor 2013-2014. Julie's knowledge, passion, and leadership skills will serve us well.

Julie will be formally introduced to the District by current District Governor Stew Buchanan at the upcoming District Conference.



Paying it Forward: Gift of Life NEO & Med Wish Intl Help 6630

By Ken Fogle

When Tish Dahlby, Executive Director of Med Wish International spoke to the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club (CVRC) in September 2008, she could not have anticipated how the two organizations would come together to save lives. Med Wish recovers medical supplies, equipment and hospital furnishings destined for the landfill, and repurpose them by providing them to individuals, groups and organizations in the developing world who provide health care to the poor. Two members of the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club in the audience that day, Ken Fogle and John Hamilton, knew exactly how to capitalize on Med Wish's mission by connecting it to their own work to help others.

Ken Fogle along with PDG Jim Frame TRC Mantua) heads up the Gift of Life North East Ohio, Inc. in Rotary District 6630, a program that provides life-saving heart surgeries to children around the world. Established in Cleveland in 2003, Gift of Life brings children and their families to Cleveland for heart surgeries provided at Rainbow Babies & Children's Hospital. More than 50 children from around the world came to Cleveland's RB&C's University Hospital's for life saving open heart surgery. More than 30 of the Rotary Clubs in District 6630 lead by Hudson, Geneva, Port Summit Cleveland, Mantua, Chagrin Valley, Chardon, Burton-Middlefield, Lakewood-Rocky River have supported this effort, many for multiple years.

But, as Ken acknowledged, serving one child at a time was not a sustainable model, and couldn't reach as many children as possible. Ken, Jim Frame and Jim Kamer (TRC Chagrin Valley) as the Gift of Life Board set a goal to establish and equip World Children's Heart Surgery Centers in regions of the world where they could partner with local teaching hospitals, and train the local centers to operate on their own. Their first opportunity came when Dr. Ahmed Farouk, a young pediatric cardio thoracic surgeon and professor from Assiut University in Egypt came to Case Western Reserve University as a PhD fellow in connection with Dr. Hani Hennein, then head of Pediatric Cardio Thoracic Surgery at Rainbow, and a Gift of Life supporter. Dr. Farouk got involved with Gift of Life NEO and conceived the idea to make Assiut University the site of the first World Children's Heart Surgery Center.

Enter Med Wish International and John Hamilton, a Chagrin Valley Rotarian who put together a team of club members who volunteer monthly at Med Wish, packing medical supplies and equipment destined to be shipped to other parts of the world. Chagrin Valley Rotary's members forged the connection between Med Wish's work and Ken's efforts to build the heart surgery center at Assiut University, and the three came together.

In March 2009, Rotary District 6630 Gift of Life NEO, Inc. shipped a 40' container with a surgery/Pediatric Intensive Care Unit suite from Med Wish in Cleveland to Alexandria, Egypt. Assiut University officials met the container and delivered it to the

Mater Hospital 2011 from Rotary District 6630 GoL NEO



university's Children's Hospital. Dr. Farouk and Dr. Minshawy (head of the pediatric surgery team) led the set up of the surgical suite, which was completed and dedicated for use in December 2009. They conducted their first basic surgery in January.

Since then, a team of doctors led by Dr. William Novick of International Children's Heart Foundation of Memphis, Tennessee two missions to train the surgical teams from Assiut University to perform more complex surgeries. In the year 2010 126 children had open heart surgery at the Assiut University World's Children's heart surgery center, 90 of those by the Assiut team on their own with survival statistics matching those in the US. Two more missions are scheduled for 2011. Despite the setback of political unrest in the region, it is working!

Thanks to Med Wish and the generosity and leadership of a group of dedicated Rotarians, Assiut University is on its way to becoming a Gift of Life Hospital capable of serving Egypt and her neighbors.

Gift of Life and Dr. Hennein were ready to

move on to their next site Nairobi, Kenya. Unfortunately Dr. Hani Hennein passed away in July 2010 and was lost to the Gift of Life and the children of the world. Currently, Rotary Gift of Life NEO, Med Wish and numerous Rotary volunteers are working to equip a new World Children's Heart Surgery Center in Nairobi, Kenya, where Dr. Hennein grew up and conducted several training missions before his untimely death. This month will see a second 40' container leave Cleveland for the port at Mombasa Kenya where the second World Children's Heart Center will be established in partnership with a new surgeon and former Hennein protégé to fulfill Dr. Hennein's dream of establishing a center in his home countries of Egypt and Kenya supported and developed in conjunction with his adopted home in Cleveland, Ohio. The equipment from Med Wish, packed by Rotary Club volunteers, will help to fulfill the dream of Dr. Hennein, Gift of Life North East Ohio, and the many people who give their time and hearts to repair the hearts of children who might not otherwise survive.

Currently, the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club is holding a fund raising event to support Gift of Life North East Ohio. If you'd like to support Chagrin Valley Rotary Club's annual fundraiser for Gift of Life NEO, the club is holding, "Betting on the Future" on Saturday, April 9 at the Federated Family Life Center in Bainbridge. Tickets are \$50 per person and include an evening of casino gambling, live and silent auctions and dinner. For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact Joyce Piteo at 440-543-5487.

If you'd like to support Gift of Life North East Ohio or have a program at your own club from GoL NEO or Med Wish, please contact Ken Fogle 216 861-5151, Jim Frame 330-274-2482 or, Jim Kamer 216-789-3462 to schedule a date

TRC Parma Suffers Loss

The Parma Rotary Club suffered the loss of one of our very dear and devoted Rotarians, Anthony Zielinski. He passed away on March 25th and he will be greatly missed.

More Than Just a Breakfast Meeting

By Bob Oborn

I am sure you have seen the Rotary signs at the city limit entrances that say the club meets every Wednesday for breakfast. The Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls wants the community to know they are more than a meeting; they provide support to the schools and the community on a weekly basis.

The Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls was chartered in 1980 to enhance the community with a service based organization made up of area business owners and professionals to assist in a wide range of community civic needs. As volunteers, the membership uses professional skills to develop, promote and achieve goals of groups within the community which would otherwise be lost due to absence of funds or expertise.

One group that has benefited greatly from the Rotary has been the Stow-Munroe Falls School system. Fundraisers like The Great Golf Ball Drop held at last years Sunset Blast event funded twenty Christmas baskets of over \$350 in value for families in our school system that are in need. This year, every 3rd grader in the Stow-Munroe Falls area schools was given a dictionary donated by the Rotary Club. The club also sponsors the Annual Awards dinner for Students who have excelled during the school year. Not only does the club fully fund the dinner for students and their parents, Rotary member dress in red bow ties and work as servers for the event.

The Rotary Club of Stow - Munroe Falls also sponsors the

Interact Club at the high school. The interact club is a service club for young people ages 12 - 18 that helps develop leadership skills, demonstrate helpfulness to others and help understand the value of individual responsibility and hard work. The club also sponsors a speech contest based on the values in which Rotary was founded. Awards for this event and scholarships are also funded by Rotary fund raising events.

The Rotary Club of Stow Munroe Falls also works with Rotary International to help world causes. The club donated the most in the district to the Rotary International Fund, which uses the money to help eradicate polio. We are also working with the local Interact club at Stow - Munroe Falls High School to send a pallet of books to Trinidad Tobago so local school children in that country can have a book of their own and access to additional books in a local library.

The Rotary Club of Stow Munroe Falls is funded solely by their fund raisers. The Annual Rotary golf outing is held each year at Fox Den golf course. A reverse raffle is held every October as the club's major fund raiser. All the fund raising events are fully supported by club members.

Next time you drive by the city limit sign and see the Rotary Meeting sign, be sure to think about the many things the Rotary Club does in the community and internationally. Better yet, come to our meeting on Wednesday at 7:30 am at Silver Lake Country Club and think about joining this great organization.

Shelter Box Cluster Challenge

By Jack Young

At the recent PETS 2 training in Columbus, Jackie Minotas from our district challenged all Assistant Governors and cluster groups in Ohio to fund at least one Shelter Box. Through the respective Assisted Governors and clubs within cluster have responded.

In our own district the challenge has been accepted and so far two of our clusters have accepted this challenge each supporting one Shelter Box. Those clusters submitting at least \$ 1,000 to support a shelter box are as follows.

Cuyahoga Country Northeast Cluster:

Rotary Club of Cleveland, Cleveland East, Euclid, Hillcrest, Hillcrest Sunrise and Shaker Heights

Cuyahoga County Southeast-Summit Cluster:

Rotary Club of Bedford, Chagrin Highlands, Nordonia Hills and Twinsburg.

Congratulations to these clubs and assistant governors. If your cluster would like to be part of this challenge and help our district to have 100 per cent participation in supporting Shelter Box and in its responding to Disasters throughout the world, please contact Assistant Governor Jackie Minotas from the Cuyahoga County Northeast Cluster...

For more information on Shelter Box itself, please contact Jack A. Young, PDG and Shelter Box USA Board member at:

Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000.

New Interact Club Formed

By Larry Faulhaber

Fifteen Lakewood High School students have formed the initial members of the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Interact Club. The new service Club for students fourteen to eighteen years old is co-sponsored by the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary and Sunrise Rotary Club of Lakewood/Rocky River. The Interact Club meets at Lakewood High School every other Tuesday morning. Sunrise Rotary Exchange Student, Ana Veschi had been President of the Rotary Interact Club in her home city in Brazil. She assisted in recruiting members for the new club. Most of the charter members are current inbound Rotary Exchange students and students scheduled for the outbound Rotary Exchange Student program in 2011/2012.

One student from St. Ignatius High School has also joined the Club. The Charter President is Ingrid Vitamanu who was an outbound student 2009/2010 in Brazil. Their first service

project was to help pack and deliver food for the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Program to needy and elderly families last Thanksgiving and Christmas. This Valentines Day members visited residents of Ennis Court Retirement Home in Lakewood and helped serve Valentine treats and distribute cards. The Club recently hosted an overnight at the Lakewood United Methodist Church and over 30 attended from the Sunrise Interact Club and others in the District. The new Club members plan to assist the Sunrise Club with its "Spring Landscaping Clean Up" project at the Beck Center for the Arts in Lakewood, and the spring cleaning supply delivery to families who are on assistance programs and can't use their assistance funds for these supplies. It is a project of the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Program.

Marty Harris, past president of the Sunrise Club and new Sunrise Club members assist the new Interact Club and coordinate their activities with the school and the community.