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Governor's Letter

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We are now more than one month into the new Rotary year. Club presidents and new officers are quickly getting their leadership bearings, as am I. With slightly more than two years of training by Rotary International and mentoring by the past district governors of our district I am hoping that you find me ready to be the lead servant. I am in this position to help each Rotarian and each club achieve the goals that have been set. Please do not hesitate to contact me about your concerns. I will do my best to help or to direct you to someone who can provide the help you need.

August is designated as "Membership Month" by Rotary International. Club members are the most important asset that we have. Without engaged and enthusiastic members we cannot achieve our goals to provide service to those in need and to build sustainable communities. A successful membership plan is more than recruitment; it must also include an orientation program for new members, an ongoing education program for everyone and a plan to engage members in the activities of the club, the district and Rotary International. People join Rotary for many reasons, often not really connected to the impressive work of Rotary. They join because a friend asked, they join to network with others for a variety of reasons or they join to be of service to their community. Al Conners (PDG from Aurora), the district membership chair, will be reaching out to clubs to discover your needs and concerns and will be ready, along with a core of membership volun-

teers around the district, to help you develop a plan to generate engaged and enthusiastic club members. This is the time to put a plan in place so that your club can be recognized in the spring of 2012 as one of the exemplary clubs in the district. You might begin with a survey of current club members to assess their hopes and concerns for the club and district. While April 15, 2012 is the deadline for clubs to submit their application for "Recognition of Membership Development Initiatives" this is the month to develop those plans. You may bring them to the August 20 Membership Seminar and/or send them to Al Conners for his input. I look forward to recognizing significant membership programs next spring.

District Governor Nominating Committee - I have appointed a committee comprised of people from around the district to nominate the District Governor who will follow Julie West. Shortly I will announce the membership. This is a wonderful opportunity to truly do "Service above Self" and to meet and get to know Rotarians in our region and around the world. Each January the District Governors Elect from around the world gather in San Diego for a week of training and fellowship. If you are interested or know someone who should be considered you may contact me or Stew Buchanan to learn about the process.

Group Study Exchange - Next year our Group Study Exchange will be with a district in Southwest India. Our team, led by a Rotarian, will go to India in late January

and early February. Their team will come to our district in late March through mid April. If you are interested in being the team leader please contact me or Stan Socha (330-225-4170). To be the team leader you must be an active Rotarian and applications are due September 12, 2011. You may download an application from the district's webpage. Team members cannot be members of Rotary. Please think about your non-Rotarian colleagues who would benefit from a four week exchange program in India and suggest that they apply by September 12, 2011.

Foundation Event - Planning is preceding for a November 13 Rotary Foundation event to celebrate and to raise awareness of the Foundation supported activities around the district and to share in some fun and fellowship during Foundation month. Details will be forthcoming.

The year has begun quickly. In June and July I participated in many induction ceremonies of presidents and board officers. And my club visits have begun. It is truly energizing for me to get to know the diversity we have among our clubs and to make new friends among the over 2,200 Rotarians in our district. My wife, Kathryn Craig, and I are increasingly impressed by the quality of people and programs around the district. Our communities are clearly better because of what we do. Together we can make Northeast Ohio the place to live. Rotary is indeed alive and well.

Change in District Leadership Plan

By Steve Zabor

I write to you to inform you of recent changes in the leadership succession for District 6630. Recently Jim Lechko notified me that he was resigning from the position of District Governor Elect. He has indicated to me that "business and personal commitments will not allow him the time necessary to fulfill the commitment as District Governor." It is with considerable regret that I acknowledge his resignation. However RI President Kalyan Banerjee has indicated that Rotarians should have the following priorities: Family first, Vocation second and Rotary third.

On August 6, Julie West, Jim Lechko and I met for more than two hours to talk about succession and transition issues. I am extremely pleased that Jim has assured us that he will continue to serve Rotary International District 6630 and the Lakewood-Rocky River club and that he will assume the position of Assistant District Governor Coordinator so that Julie West may concentrate on the work she must do as District Governor Elect.

Rotary International has been notified of this change in leadership and Jim is providing exceptional support to Julie as she prepares for her year as District Governor.

Jim's resignation requires us to identify district governor candi-

dates for 2013/14 and 2014/15. The nominating committee is in place with representatives from each of the 11 clusters in the district and PDG Stew Buchanan will be chairing the committee. At this time I ask that you think carefully about qualified, potential candidates and send those names to me and to Stew so that we may inform them of the responsibilities and encourage them to apply for the position.

Jim has asked that I pass along his appreciation to everyone for their past support.



News From Nordonias Hills

By Robin Bugenske

Mr. Stephen (Josh) Knerly Jr. of the French Consulate in Cleveland was the guest speaker at The Rotary Club of Nordonias Hills Tuesday noon meeting on July 12th. He spoke of July 16th Bastille Day which is French's Independence Day like our July 4th. He mentioned that French is the oldest alley of the United States and fought with George Washington Revolutionary Army. The two countries have remained allies even at times when the relationship has been a little strained.

Howard Etchell a charter member of The Rotary Club of Nordonias Hills received a Ruby Paul Harris Lapel Pin from the club's president, Robin Bugenske. The Ruby Stone represents 7 years that Howard has been a Paul Harris Fellow donating \$1,000 Annually to the Fund.

Congratulations Howard!

So You Want Your Membership to Grow ?

By Al Conners

I believe it's fair to say that all of District 6630's Rotary Clubs would like to increase their membership. The subject sounds simple—"go get them" and "get them involved so they stay". Although these are fundamental, there are other issues to consider. Any meaningful pursuit of membership growth starts with a fundamental question—Why would anyone want to join our club? Does the answer include the fact that we do excellent programs that benefit the local and international community? If so, are these activities well publicized and recognized? It's important that we avoid hiding our good deeds "under a rock". Is your club recognized because of the programs benefitting the community's youth or "future generations"? If so, are you maintaining contacts with the alumni of your "future generations" programs? These graduates can be, and should be, a source of future members. Is your club successful because of a stream of entertaining and enlightening meeting programs? If so, do you publicize the programs in advance and welcome guests to attend a meeting? How about speaker follow-up. Do you follow up the appearance of a guest

speaker with a "thank you" letter and an invitation to attend another meeting as a non-speaking guest? Is your club successful in recruiting younger members, i.e. those under 40 or even under 30. If you answer yes to this question, you're doing something right and need to build on it. If you can't answer yes, you might benefit from a study of generation y and what it takes to locate and engage these young people. Be prepared to use communications tools that you've only heard about and answer questions about why we do what we do. "Because we've always done it this way" won't cut it. These and other topics will be discussed at the D6630 Membership Seminar on August 20 at Kent State University student Center. The price is right—\$5 per registrant with an optional lunch at \$12.50 for those who register and pay for the lunch on or before August 19. We start at 8 AM with coffee and fellowship and conclude at noon unless you elect to stay for the lunch. Do you have some membership issues you wish discussed at the Seminar? Contact me at "alconners@gmail.com" and your questions will be addressed at the Seminar or addressed outside the Seminar. They will not go unanswered.

Nordonias Hills Joins Rebuilding Together

By Peggy A. Spraggins

The Nordonias Hills Club participated in the 2011 Rebuilding Together Greater Cuyahoga Valley home repair program on a July 12. Carol Lewis organized the project and determined the scope of work for our club to completed. Ten members of the club met at a home in Twinsburg Township to help the elder homeowner make repairs and maintain the landscaping in her yard. The club replaced a storm door, cleaned gutters and did major landscaping in her yard. The homeowner, who was prequalified as an eligible recipient of the program, was extremely grateful for the assistance and stated "she never saw such a hard working

group before." The group was extremely efficient as we finished all the work in about 3 1/2 hours despite the high heat and humidity experience that day. The group then met at the Macedonia McDonald's for dinner, which was donated by one of our members, Jed Greene. The Nordonias Hills Club has been partnering with Rebuilding Together for many years and was pleased that we could again help a deserving resident of Northern Summit County. Rebuilding Together Greater Cuyahoga Valley is a non-profit organization serving homeowners in Summit, Stark, Portage, Wayne and Medina Counties make repairs to their homes to keep them warm, safe and dry. [Click here for photos of these 2 stories](#)

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News from TRC Parma

By Veronica J. Kovach-Dodd, CCLC

The Rotary Club of Parma welcomed in a new Rotary year by holding their Installation Banquet, on Thursday, June 23rd at Playhouse Square. The incoming President for the Club is Veronica J. Kovach-Dodd, CCLC.

Officiating was Ron Bryski, ADG of 6630 and Past President for 2 terms (Attached is a photo taken at the Installation of ADG Ron Bryski, left, and new President Veronica J. Kovach-Dodd, CCLC). A delicious dinner, followed by a presentation of "Jersey Boys" was the setting for a most enjoyable evening.

The 2011-2012 Club Officers are Tom Mastroianni, Past President, Dan Varn, President Elect (2012-2013), Dave Leuenberger, Treasurer, Vita Schmidt, Secretary. The Board Members are Tom Mastroianni, Ken Ferguson, Dr. Rex Nash, Barry Axelrod, Todd Seabold, Dan Bowman.

The new president has started off the new year with a change in the time and place of the Club's meetings. The Club continues to meet on a Tuesday, however the new location is at Holy Spirit Party Center, 5500 West 54th St, Parma with the doors opening at 7a.m., breakfast served at 7:15a.m., and the meeting beginning at 7:30a.m. Every one is welcome to come and join us for a delicious breakfast or lunch at designated times for a visit and fellowship, or for a makeup, if needed.

Our Club hosted a special luncheon for the visit of our District Governor, Stephen L. Zabor, PhD, on July 19th. He delivered a truly inspiring presentation, and encouraged all members to renew

their commitment to Rotary and promoted the importance of membership directives. His guidance, support, and encouragement was very much appreciated by our Club!

The Club has been very busy doing a lot of fun things like the Beer and Wine Bottling Event. Another successful and fun event was the Parma Rotary Charities Foundation Golf Outing at Bunker Hill Golf Course in Medina, OH, on June 28th. Pres. Kovach-Dodd participated

in area activities such as the American Cancer Society's Relay For Life and the Seven Hills Home Days, by delivering pizza and Rotary brochures. Stay tuned for other events that are being scheduled throughout the year. There are exciting speakers, like commercial real estate attorney, Christopher Soukup, of Ziegler Metzger LLP, will be speaking to the Club, on Tuesday, August 2nd, about how his interests in land preservation has evolved into an equally strong concern for the growing lack of connection between our children and the natural world outdoors. All are most welcome to come. Other interesting speakers scheduled for the month of August are:

August 16th, Mike Ventresca of Vital Choice Health Food Store, will be there to speak on "Personal Care During Changing Weather"

August 30th, we will welcome Cleveland Metroparks Zoo Director, Steve Taylor, who will be coming to discuss the African Elephant Crossing to our group.

District 6630 Foundation Chair Shares Thoughts

By Richard S. Pollak,

August is Membership and Extension Month

This month's Foundation Thoughts are about ...

Matching Grants.

Henning Sorknaes has no trouble remembering his proudest Rotary moment. It was taking part in a communi-

ty service project supported by several Rotary clubs to help

restore a hospital in Senta, Serbia. The hospital, which serves a population of about 150,000, mostly ethnic Hungarian Serbians, lacked modern technical equipment and was barely surviving on a mixture of public and private funds. The grant helped fund a US\$1.2 million project to equip and train staff to make the hospital's cardiology department fully operational.

Polio.

"I was a Rotarian for many years and never contributed to The Rotary Foundation, because nobody ever asked me. Then one year, our club president made a plea for support for PolioPlus. Since my generation was hit hard by polio, I made a commitment to contribute every month. By the end of the year, it had become a habit to contribute each month, just like paying rent. That habit continues today,

many years later, and each year I become more aware of how much good the Foundation does." – Rotarian Dave Berry

Matching Grants.

Even a small club can make a big difference when participating in a Matching Grant. While Rotarians from the Rotary Club of Marana in District 5500 were traveling in Zimbabwe, they found a man who was obviously hungry. These Rotarians worked with the Rotary Club of Victoria Falls and The Rotary Foundation to create a food garden that feeds an entire village and is self-sustaining for future generations. Rotarian Randy Brooks says: —It truly is amazing how our small club contributions translate into opportunity for those in need of help. It is hard to not be overly proud of Rotary, its members, and The Rotary Foundation.¶

Supporting the Foundation.

"Your life and mine will be valued not by what we take, but by what we give. What an appropriate quote for us Rotarians to live by and open our hearts and pocketbooks to support the works of The Rotary Foundation. Having a healthy foundation is the key to any nonprofit organization involved in the business of service to others, and Rotary is certainly that! We are in the business of giving of our time, our resources, our knowledge, and our love to make this world free of disease, hunger, poverty, and hopelessness." District Governor Deepa Willingham.

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New Interact/Rotaract clubs

By Michelle Klein-Neville

The North Royalton/Broadview Heights rotary club is knee deep in fundraising activities. The first fundraiser has been organized to assist in the startup of brand new Interact and Rotaract clubs. That fundraiser is a car wash scheduled for August 6th in Broadview Heights. At the carwash, Interact and Rotaract pamphlets will be handed out to encourage participation and give people information about the clubs. The second fundraiser will be used for general funds and will be a murder mystery/wine tasting event to be held on September 23rd. Our club, along with other clubs in our cluster, is planning a cluster fundraising event as well.

The emphasis this year for the club is growth. Historically this has been a small club, but that is changing. Changes made to increase community involvement include: the addition of the youth based clubs, replacing one morning meeting per month with an evening meeting, and cre-

ating a new, user friendly, club website. Our website can be viewed at www.myrotaryclub.info.

The goal for the monthly evening meeting is to get speakers that are of interest to the community. The plan is to advertise these meetings through community papers. The club is promoting youth exchange at an evening meeting in September. Speakers include youth exchange officers, our clubs outbound exchange student from 2010-11 year, and a current inbound. At the same meeting we will have our Interact/Rotaract chairperson who can present information about the startup of those clubs in our community as well.

Club president Bob Stout states "If you build it, they will come". With that in mind, we hope to continue building the club and involving more members of the community.

Youth Exchange Students Start Arriving

By Jack A. Young, Inbound Youth Exchange Co Chair

Thanks to many Rotarians and Rotary Clubs in the district we will be hosting 13 young people in our district for the Rotary year 2011-2012. There have been many changes, requirements and challenges in the paperwork and training process from Rotary and the State Department this year. Therefore, we are currently going through the new process to meet their requirements so that we are in compliance.

We have already conducted 2 mandatory training/educational sessions, for Cub Counselors, Club Chairs and host families. We will be conducting one more session later this month.

This year, we will be hosting students from Italy, France, Spain, Germany, Belgium, Switzerland, Brazil, Turkey, Poland, Japan and the Philippines. Like last year, the inbound students will participate in two service projects; one international and one local.

The outbound youth exchange program under the leadership of Pat Kelly, YE Out Bound Chair and the short term youth exchange under the leadership of Bob Huge and Stull are going exceptionally well. In addition, John Kanieski our General Chair has been very successful in starting the New Generations program for our district this year.

Marsha Pappalardo, Inbound YE Co Chair and myself thank Sue and Paul Becks, host family coordinator, all Rotarians, clubs and host families for their support this past Rotary year. It is through your efforts that you have given life changing experiences to these Youth Exchange young people. Remember, our youth exchange students is a key source for future Rotarians.

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship

Jack Young, PDG, Youth Exchange Inbound Co Chair

Marsha Pappalardo, Youth Exchange Inbound Co Chair

Celebrate Fndn Month Nov 13th

By Steve Zabor

November is Rotary International Foundation Month and District 6630 will be celebrating the work of our clubs in our local and distant communities that has been supported through the Foundation. We will be gathering on November 13th at the Happy Days Visitor Center in the Cuyahoga National Park to share our successes and our hopes for projects that will build communities and help those in need. Individually we can be of help, together we can change the path of history. Please set aside the afternoon and early evening of November 13 to have Fun, Fellowship, and to celebrate the work of our district that is supported by the Foundation. If you are interested in helping design and implement the event please contact me, zaborsl@gmail.com, Kathryn Craig, craig.kathryn2008@gmail.com, or Marsha Pappalardo, cmpappa@aol.com.

Hope to see you there!

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Rotarian In Forefront Of Heart Research

By Christina Livers

Len Golding, cardiologist and heart researcher at Cleveland Clinic, shared the story of the heart device he is working on that will replace the biological heart when it can no longer function as it should. There are many advantages to this device, now in the development stage.

The heart, he said, has two sides: right and left. When replacing the heart it is necessary to replace both pumps, which creates a problem. The replacement is a really big device. If you replace the heart, you have to have something “to squirt blood out”.

The two main devices are the Jarvic and the Utah. Essentially they are air driven devices, two pumps “velcroed” together. They are legal only for temporary use until a transplant can be found. Another device was developed but unfortunately almost all patients who received it “stroked out”.

Len stated that there are 2,200 heart transplants done in the United States each year. However the need is 77,000. Engineers wanted a device with only one moving part. Replacing the heart requires a continuous flow pump. If the speed of a heart replacement device is ratcheted up and down rapidly, it creates a pulse. An engineer brought an idea to

Len’s attention. Len had a small endowment and used it to build a prototype. Then he got \$250,000 and made more prototypes. Len said he chased more money and now has \$5.7 million to spend over four years.

The goal is for this device, now in development, to totally replace the heart. It will function without wear and will have a five-to-10 year durability. “Do we need a pulse? Len asked rhetorically. Some animals run for three years without a pulse, he said. A young man depulsed for 31 days; a transplant was done. That man is still alive today.

The device that engineer Dave Horvath proposed to Len is run through his laptop. Len then showed us a demo of the heart transplant device that he and Dave Horvath have been working on. With plastic, Len said, a prototype can be made rapidly. The critical issues are as follows:

1. Can you balance the flows on the right and left sides?
2. Preventing destruction of the red blood cells. They found that with a later version of their device, destruction of red blood cells was less than with a single pump.
3. They are gearing up to put the heart transplant device that they are developing into animals to test for clotting reactions.

4. The device needs 10-11 watts. That is about the same amount of current in the device in use now.

5. Now pumps are made only out of titanium. This raises issues of changing how the pump works versus how resistance pumps are balanced.

Dave Horvath did a failure analysis, Len said. He looked at how many failure modes there are. He found 14 failures for traditional pumps; nine for a two-pump system and four for this device.

Len anticipates that in five to six years trials in humans will begin. There are other groups working on other possibilities, he noted, but so far the device he is working on at the Cleveland Clinic has the greatest promise.

Leonard Golding MB,BS,FRACS

Professor of Molecular Medicine

Cleveland Clinic Lerner College of Medicine of Case Western Reserve University

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News From Chagrin Highlands

By Marlene Herman

As a result of Don Kwait’s never ending persistence in the fight for Polio eradication, our club has committed to write a check for \$4400.00 by June 30, 2012. Along with the \$1,000.00 earmarked in 2011, our contribution will be a total of \$5400.00 which equates to \$200.00 per member. We will be using 1/3rd of our weekly “Queen of Hearts” collections towards this goal, which had been going to our club. Over the next year, if needed to meet this worthwhile goal, we will have a special project. We challenge other clubs to make the same donation of \$200.00 per member for the eradication of Polio from our earth once and for all.

Our own Peter Gray was ever so generous in hosting our Installation at Cleveland

Yachting Club in Rocky River July 10th. After a wonderful dinner at the club, Peter even took us for an exquisite boat ride. Special thanks to George Rogers for his leadership last year through his difficult year of illness.

We also want to take this moment to wish George a very very Happy Retirement. We certainly look forward to his presence at every Rotary meeting now that he has nothing to do (ha-ha).

Every now and then you have to be really creative and try new ideas or even revive old ones. We are always looking for new ways to do things, or improve on our current meetings. We have decided to seek out great ideas from other club meetings. Gita Gidwani and George Rogers will be

attending other clubs to borrow some of their ideas.

Thanks to Don Kwait’s suggestion, we began taking five minutes of each meeting to talk about some aspect of Rotary. This will keep us informed of past, present and future activities of Rotary. We assemble to provide Service Above Self and we do not want to lose sight of the true purpose of our fellowship.

We have penciled in four social events this year, which will include a Progressive Dinner in September, a Holiday Event in January, Super bowl Party February 5th, and a Casino Night. Anyone who is interested in attending any of these events, please do not hesitate to contact us.

News from Cleveland East

By Felicia Webster

The Rotary Club of Cleveland East announces its commitment to developing an International Internet Playground under the leadership of its new President, Felicia Webster. "You must show children that even though they have differences they also have things in common. You can not have a peaceful world without removing fear. You cannot have a peaceful City without removing fear". Felicia Webster, a Cleveland native who returned after a 20 year absence, will be President of this Rotary club which represents Cleveland's eastside through June 2012.

The International Internet Playground, which has received enthusiastic approval from District Governor Stephen Zabor, falls in line with both Rotary International's and Rotary District 6630's goals for the upcoming year: to "Reach Within To Embrace Humanity" and "Community Service - Building Better Communities". The International Internet Playground enables The Rotary Club of Cleveland East to connect children of different cultural backgrounds both locally and internationally in a safe environment where they can learn about each other while improving their communication skills and technical abilities.

Rotary International is a world wide organization of inspired individuals who submit time, talent, and financial resources and identify problems in the community in order to make a better world. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. The incidence of polio has been reduced by over 99% since Rotary began its work in the 1980s and Rotary International is on the verge of eliminating it from the planet.

Burton-Middlefield Rotary Club in Geauga County will meet at a new place beginning August 17th. Formerly BMR met at Punderson State Park in Newbury Township. Now the meeting place is in Troy Township at the Welshfield Inn. Meetings with dinner will continue to begin at 7:00 p.m.

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Stow-Munroe Falls Fundraiser

By Jay Minkin

The Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls will be pulling the big driver out of the bag for the club's fund raiser at this year's Stow Summer Sunset Blast. Imagine the sight of 2,000 golf balls suspended 50 feet in the air and dropped onto a target for prizes. The club is once again asking the community to mark their calendars for the "Great Golf Ball Drop" that will take place at approximately 7PM at Silver Springs Park on Saturday, September 3rd.

Marv Mills noticed an article in the Rotarian Magazine of an event held in south Florida and brought the suggestion to his club of holding a similar event. Along with the help of Dick Spangler and other Rotary members, this unique fund raiser will raise money to support the club's "Holiday Helping Hands" project which supplies toys and food gift cards to needy families in the Stow area. Last year, the Rotary club donated over \$5,000 worth of holiday gifts to 20 families with children in the Stow school district.

The 2,000 numbered golf balls will be dropped by a crane holding the bucket of balls over a target area. Prizes for closest to the pin are \$1,000 for first, \$500 for second, \$100 for third place, and three \$50 fourth place prizes. Tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20 and will be available the day of the event. Advance tickets are available from Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls members. The Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls was chartered in May of 1980 and meets at Silver Lake Country Club each Wednesday morning at 7:30AM. The service organization is made up of business owners, professionals and managers, who take pride in assisting programs within a wide range of community and civic needs.

It Pays to Advertise!

By Al Conners

A good Rotarian friend of mine from District 5960 in Minnesota told me about a trip he took to Africa. The friend visited a small, impoverished village which had no source of water, much less clean drinking water. The women of the village were obliged to walk a considerable distance to fill their water jugs with water to take back to the village. The

return trip, with a heavy water jug slung over the shoulder, in a hot, humid climate, was a nightmare. My friend decided to walk the "water trail" and discovered several women resting on a bench placed in a cool location enjoying a brief respite from a hot, back-breaking job. Approaching the bench, my friend discovered that it had been placed there by a local Rotary club for the comfort of the water-toting women. He was very impressed-so impressed that he looked into Rotary when he returned to "the states". When he learned that Rotary is an organization dedicated to selfless service to others, he joined and became a very active member. At one point in my Rotary career I joined his Rotary club. At the time, he was club President and an avid supporter of The Rotary Foundation. He wanted some of his discretionary funds going to The Foundation so that he could help the men, women and children of this world for whom survival was an everyday struggle. At the time I joined his club, he was completing a third Paul Harris Fellowship. I had achieved one PHF at that time and had never considered doing more. Thanks to his example, and his pride in the Rotary organization and the TRF, I resumed regular contributions. The point of this story is that Rotary clubs need to tell THEIR stories. This is an important tool for both Membership growth and on-going support for The Rotary Foundation. There can be no Rotary organization without dedicated members and a well-directed and well-funded Foundation!

MERLOT IN THE FIRST DEGREE

NORTH ROYALTON/BROADVIEW HEIGHTS ROTARY PRESENTS
A MURDER MYSTERY/WINE TASTING EVENT

Come join us for an evening of fine wine, good friends, and a wicked murder.

The North Royalton Broadview Heights Rotary club is thrilled to present, "Murder by Merlot," - an evening of drama, fine wine tasting and gourmet appetizers.

The fun begins the moment you step into the dining area. You become part of the scene as you help solve a murder with professional actors from Murder Mystery Maniacs, Inc. You are encouraged to play along, as the professional actors are well skilled in using your clue-hunting questions as springboards to present the mystery plot. You will laugh, witness a crime, and help solve the mystery... while enjoying gourmet appetizers, prepared by chef Brian Okin from Dinner in the Dark, and sampling fine wines at the wine tasting bar. There will also be beer and a cash bar for our non-wine drinking detectives.

Date: Friday, September 23, 2011

Time: 7:00 - 11:00pm

Place: Shriners Hall, 1000 East Edgerton Road, Broadview Heights, Ohio

Cost: \$140/couple or \$75/each

The show, food, wine and beer are included in the ticket price, and a cash bar is also available for our guests. There will be fantastic raffle baskets offered for auction.

To purchase tickets or for any questions regarding the evening, please visit our website at www.myrotaryclub.org. Enter for a chance to win an IPOD with every ticket purchase made online.

Children of the Dump

By Larry Faulhaber

2011 will be the fourth year in a row that the Sunrise Rotary Club of Lakewood/Rocky River has participated in the Children of the Dump Project. In the late 1990's, A missionary Father Marco Dessy, noticed the children in the city of Chinandega Nicaragua were rummaging through the City dump each day looking for something to eat or usable items to salvage. A civil war and the 1998 hurricane had left the city in ruins and a cycle of poverty had developed. During a visit to the area on an another humanitarian project PDG Jack Young learned about an effort to help these children and their families. Sunrise Club Member, then Assistant Governor, Bill Gaydos initiated a project to help.

Each late summer, Sunrise Club members gather clothing and school supplies. Individual members adopt a child of a specific age or size and fill a large shoe box with toiletries, and an outfit of clothes. School supplies and optional items like games or toys are included depending on the age. Through fund raising efforts the Club fills additional shoe boxes. A total of 75 are packed and prepared for shipment to Nicaragua. The packing night has also become a social with Rotary families gathering to help with the packing and enjoy pizza and pop while they work. PDG Jack Young has made arrangements with a Rotarian in Michigan to get the shoe boxes shipped.

An added feature is that other Rotary Clubs have gotten involved and a school has been built in the Chinandega. Other groups have arranged for health facilities to be built. In order to receive one of the gift shoe boxes the child must be going to school. It is the goal of this project that the cycle of poverty will be broken through providing food, education and programs to encourage good health. This year one of the members of the Sunrise Club has made plans to be in Chinandega to help distribute the boxes and see how the life of these children and families has improved through the efforts of her Club and other Rotary Clubs who participate.

Berea Rotarians Stay Busy

By Linda Kramer

Members of the Rotary Club of Berea helped the Cleveland Browns and the City of Berea install a new playground at Lou and Jackie Groza Park on one of the hottest days of the year. Rotary volunteers joined Browns alumni and staff and city volunteers on July 21 to install a kids play space and eight-station fitness circuit for community use. While temperatures soared into the 90s, Rotarians shoveled dirt, raked mulch and painted. The project started at 7:30 a.m. and the dedication was at 5 p.m. Coach Pat Shurmur helped out as did former Browns players Ben Davis, Bob Hunt, Rich Lyle, David Mays and Antwan Peek. Hall of Famer Lou Groza was a member of the Browns for 21 years, retiring in 1967. He was an active member of Berea Rotary. Lou died in 2000. His beloved wife, Jackie, passed away last year.

LOU GROZA GOLF OUTING: The Rotary Club of Berea's annual Lou Groza Charity Golf Outing is Sept. 8 at Coppertop at Cherokee Hills in Valley City. Tickets are \$99 for 18 holes of golf with Browns alumni, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, and a deluxe buffet dinner with raffles and prizes. Dinner only is \$40. There will be a \$10,000 Hole-in-One contest. A variety of sponsorships are available from \$100 to \$3,000. Check out the Web site at grozacharitygolf.com or berearotary.org. For more information, contact Rotarian Chuck Stanko at (440) 572-2090 or e-mail chuckshero@aol.com. All proceeds support youth sports programs, including the Lou Groza Youth Football League.

LOCKS OF LOVE: Rotarian Jim Walters, who is also the Berea law director, donated about a foot of his hair to Locks of Love, which provides wigs for cancer patients. Walters has been growing his ponytail for more than two years. He sold tickets for \$5 each for the privilege of doing the shearing. All proceeds went to The Gathering Place, a support organization for cancer patients and their families.

WALKING FOR A CURE: While Jim was cutting his hair, fellow Rotarian Mary Ann Walters (no relation) was walking with the Susan G. Komen 3-Day, which provides funding to fight breast cancer. This was Walters' first try at the walk-a-thon. Walkers started at Browns Stadium in downtown Cleveland and trekked to the Westlake Recreation Center, where they camped for the night in 800 pink tents. Day Two took them through Lakewood, Rocky River and Bay Village and then back to Westlake. Day Three was a hike to Olmsted Falls and Berea with the closing ceremony at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS: Winners of Berea Rotary Club scholarships were honored at the annual Scholarship Banquet in June. Winners for 2011 are Olivia Karp of Berea High School, Lauren Payne of Olmsted Falls High School and Christine Wilkins of Polaris Career Center. Olivia plans to attend Wittenberg University to study education. Lauren will attend the University of Cincinnati to major in early childhood education and special education. Christine will study aeronautics at Kent State University. Each received a \$1,000 scholarship, which is renewable if certain GPA guidelines are met.

COMPUTER ROUND-UP: Berea Rotary conducted its first computer and electronics round-up in June and collected 9,500 pounds of obsolete and unused equipment. Residents dropped off computers, keyboards, cell phones, cameras, DVDs, floppy disks, telephones, batteries and CD players as well as peripherals. The round-up was supposed to last for five hours and was closed after three because the truck was filled to the top. Another round-up will be scheduled in the near future. All the items were recycled by Ohio Drop Off based in Columbus.

KIVA LOANS: Ken Weber, Berea Rotary Kiva chair, has made 184 loans to date. His latest \$25 loans went to Kyrgyzstan (livestock - 2 loans), Lebanon (cattle - 2 loans), Georgia (farming) and Uganda (agriculture). To learn more about Kiva loans, go to www.kiva.org.

