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DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

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Bigger, Better, & Bolder

Spring is just around the corner and it is time for baseball to start. Will the Cleveland Indians win 80 games this year? I predict they will win 80! Will the CAVS win 5 more games? No prediction for the CAVS!!

Let's all think about our Rotary Clubs batting 1000%. We all have to be working on achieving 100% of our goals. Rotary International, District 6630 and I are all looking for the

clubs to have increased their membership by a net one. Also, to exceed your Rotary Foundation goals so the District can exceed \$ 150, 000 for the year. To date, we are at \$ 78,000 and we have less than four months to make it happen. I heard several club presidents say the other day, "where has the time gone, the year is almost over and there is much left to do." How true, in Rotary, we are never done. Now is the time that the snow is gone, it is time to do a little extra to achieve that batting average.

March is Literacy month in Rotary. Most of you have completed your dictionary projects in the local schools. But there is so much more that can be done for literacy--in your communities and around the World. Schools, school equipment, books, programs for adults, are some of the projects that can be done. Of course, some of these Literacy Projects are tied into World projects. For many in the third world countries, they need water wells so they can have schools. Rotary is making this happen, but it is usually a little at a time. Twenty clubs in the Detroit area have started a volunteer campaign to improve adult reading. They will spend three years and 1000 volunteers each year to teach adults to read. Most of the clubs in our District this year have been involved in handing out dictionaries

to third graders. The students and teachers all seem very appreciative and it is great for Rotary in the community. The cost is less than \$2.00 per dictionary. It is not too late for your club to be involved in a Literacy project this year. This is always one project you can do in your community.

Netherlands here we come! Our GSE Team had a little snow delay, but only arrived a day and a half late. They have already learned about some of the cultural differences and the perception of the locals but seem to be taking it all in. They will be back in time for our conference, so be sure to find out all that they have learned and about some of their experiences , adventures, and sights. They will be a good source of speakers for your club meetings at a later date. The Netherlands team will arrive here on April 15th and plan to tell us about their country on their District tour and at our District Conference. The schedule for the tour here will be posted

on the website or call Stan Socha at 330-225-4170

A number of the 11 clusters in our District have been having bi monthly meetings or quarterly get-togethers. These have been great for me and from the comments I hear, the President's, President's elect and the A.G.'s have created a great atmosphere for the exchange of ideas, expanding projects, cooperation on fund raisers and more. One cluster of clubs collected enough food to provide over 14, 000 meals for the local food bank.

I hope to see all of the Presidents elect at All Ohio PETS in Columbus March 11-13, 2011 and many of you at the District Assembly April 30, 2011 at the Beachwood Hilton. District Governor Elect Steve Zabor

is doing a great job in getting prepared to lead our District in the next Rotary year. He needs your help, so please take advantage of the education and training being offered at these events. And most important, "Young and Old, Let's get together-- Let the Good Times Roll " at the District 6630 Conference April 29, 2011 through May 1, 2011. We have some fun things planned including a much expanded House of Friendship with many youth projects and displays, entertainment and more. Included as Speakers: Jim Chones and Mike Snyder--local sports personalities Dr. Peter Schramm, former Director of the Center for International Education in the US Department of Education under the Regan administration Dave Ross, videographer with the *Amazing Race TV Reality Show* Hannah Taylor, Founder of *The Ladybug Foundation*

Our RI Representative Dr. Karien Ziegler, from West Orange, New Jersey Singing Angels Western Reserve Brass Band Four Way Test Speech Contest winners An Ambassadorial Scholar GSE team from Netherlands and District #6630 A World Conflict and Peace Scholar Inbound and Outbound Exchange Students Interact clubs, Rotaract clubs, RYLA representatives, Be sure to sign up soon. Early registrations will be entered in a drawing for a Paul Harris Fellow recognition. No registration fee--only meal costs and a great rate (\$104) at the Hilton for overnight.

If you read this and email me at stewb1898@aol.com by 3/20/11, you will be entered into a drawing for 2 free meals of your choice for 1 person at the District Conference. Drawing will be held on 3/22/11 at the Rotary Club of Akron noon meeting.

"Young and Old, Let's get together and let the Good times Roll" See the website for registration www.rotary6630.com

Rotary Close to Eradicating Polio

By Linda Kramer

On Feb. 23, Rotary Clubs around the world lighted international landmarks to END POLIO NOW.

Those three iconic words were projected onto such famous structures as the Trevi Fountain in Rome and the New York Stock Exchange as part of Rotary International's 106th anniversary. Rotary's pledge is to eradicate polio, a crippling disease that strikes children as well as adults. The disease has been basically eliminated in much of the developed world but remains a threat in pockets of Africa and Asia.

The good news is: Great progress has been made thanks to Rotary's collaboration with the World Health Organization, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and UNICEF. In 2010, fewer than 1,000 cases were reported. Since Rotary International became involved in polio eradication in 1985, more than 2 billion children have been immunized in 122 countries. Rotary

members have contributed more than \$1 billion plus countless volunteer hours toward this project. Rotarians also have pledged an additional \$200 million to match \$355 million in challenge grants from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

Polio eradication has been a top priority for Rotary for the past two decades and it will remain so until the disease is completely eliminated.

To publicize our efforts, ABC News with Diane Sawyer carried a segment on Rotary's worldwide polio eradication program.



Literacy Award for 2011

By Beth Shriver

Our District 6630 will honor clubs that complete 5 literacy activities. The application form and a list of suggested activities will be sent via e-mail to Club Presidents and can also be found on the District's website. Many of these activities have already been completed by clubs, such as the Dictionary Project. Look at the suggested list of literacy activities. These are ideas. Your club can do others as long as they relate to literacy.

Applications for the Award must be sent to Beth Shriver, Literacy Coordinator, at 2597 Columbia Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141 or bethee10@roadrunner.com by April 15, 2011. Awards will be distributed at the District Conference, April 29-May 1.

Please take a minute to fill the application out and return it ASAP for your club to receive a Literacy Award.

Berea Rotarians Judge Science Invitational

By Linda Kramer

Members of the Rotary Club of Berea not only co-sponsored the annual Berea City Schools Science Invitational for elementary school students, they helped judge the contests, too.

A total of 90 fourth- and fifth-grade students from three schools took part in the morning-long competition at Berea High School on Feb. 12. Their teams competed in seven categories from Aerodynamics and Bridge Building to the Egg Drop and the Science Bowl. Rotarians provided the trophies and handed them out during an awards ceremony. Rotarian in charge of the program is James Saylor.

KIVA LOANS: The club has made its 155th Kiva loan. The latest \$25 loans went to entrepreneurs in Pakistan (furniture making and grocery store), Tajikistan (cattle - two loans), Lebanon (farm supplies), Armenia (livestock), Palestine (animal sales) and Senegal (animal sales). Ken Weber handles Kiva loans for the Rotary Club of Berea.

SPEAKERS: Because of the inclement weather, the club canceled its meeting on Feb. 1 but has bounced back with some

impressive guest speakers. Marc Vincent, an art professor at Baldwin-Wallace College in Berea, spoke about the unique architecture of Cleveland's historical buildings, some of which no longer exist. Some of the buildings were constructed of sandstone quarried in Berea during the 19th century.

Kathy Chapman, wife of Rotarian John Chapman, explained plans to expand the Coe Lake Nature Trail in downtown Berea. In the future, the area could include a pergola and an amphitheater.

Kenneth Adams, the new safety/personnel director, for the City of Berea discussed his duties and the changes the city envisions in the near future. One of those changes is the appointment of three Community Resource Officers in the police department. The CROs will be contacts for residents who have questions or concerns about their neighborhoods.

Upcoming programs include a Cleveland Indians night with Stadium fare on the menu and a talk by a representative from the Tribe discussing the new season. Also on tap are a visit from Berea Mayor Cyril Kleem and a program with the director of Cleveland's planned Medical Mart.

A Challenge From The District Membership Chair

ARE YOU HELPING YOUR CLUB TO FAIL?

ARE YOU NOT TRYING TO GET NEW MEMBERS?

ARE YOU NOT TELLING YOUR FRIENDS AND FAMILY ALL ABOUT THE GOOD THINGS ROTARY DOES ALL OVER THE WORLD?

HAVE YOU TOLD ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT POLIO PLUS?

HAVE YOU TOLD ANY OF YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT ALL OF THE WATER PROJECTS WE DO?

HAVE YOU TRIED TO PROMOTE ROTARY IN YOUR CITY, OR WORK WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS?

HAVE YOU SHARED THE NEW MEMBERSHIP VIDEO WITH YOUR CLUB?

HAVE YOU HELPED WITH ANY CLUB PROJECTS OR DO YOU LET THE OTHER FOLKS DO THE WORK?

IF YOU ANSWERED ANY OF THE ABOVE QUESTIONS

WITH A NO THEN YOU REALLY NEED TO CONSIDER WHEN AM I GOING TO DO MY SHARE TO HELP MY CLUB GROW.

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Respectfully submitted,

Jack Miaskowski

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 6:00 P.M. - 11:00 P.M. - *Happy Hour/Appetizers 6:15, Dinner 7:15

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The Rotary Club of Fairlawn

Club History
 The Rotary Club of Fairlawn was founded in 1916 in the Rotary Club of Bath. In 1950 we merged the Cleveland Children's Home from which, in addition to raising funds, demonstrated the capability of that source. Bluebonnet Center, Service projects included helping develop the Bath Community Park system, sending food boxes to the Philippines, and helping build a local library for handicapped children.

In 1959 we changed the club name to the Rotary Club of South West Summit County (inclusive to reflect the Bath, Cuyahoga, Fairlawn, and Richfield communities) and grew to serve. By the end of the 1970's our tradition of helping maintain the Boy Scout Camp, Menace and Girl Scout Camp had passed had begun. Christmas 1981 was the first of our annual holiday Christmas luncheon and followed by food needy families. A decade later with the Boy Scouts, we started an annual share the Cade to raise money for the Scouts and other charities. Other service projects included collecting and shipping over 1300 lbs of toys to Louisiana's Baton Rouge Branch Rotary Club for distribution to a crisis of children.

After many years with a strong development, the club changed to the Rotary Club of Fairlawn in 2007. Service to local industry, convention and churches as well as international projects continue. Recent key projects include: organizing a food drive, many did not have any at home, taking elementary children to camp, and teaching programming at the Boys and Girls Club. International projects include: working with other Rotary clubs worldwide (we are regulars at school in Korea and providing schools for children in Nicaragua to enable them to receive a full of schooling, a camp for food.

Our Members
 An interesting network of professionals and caring people, our members love getting together for weekly meetings, but our members join us at social parties on local events, and joining in with service projects.

Rotary International
 One being a part of the world's oldest, largest, and most international service organization. Started in 1905 in Chicago by Paul Harris, Rotary became the world's first service organization when Paul's club donated a home to provide shelter for the first service project. Today Rotary has over 32,000 clubs around the world. Rotary's motto is "Service above self" and "together we can do it."

Rotary's commitment to service is reflected in its motto: Service Above Self and together we can do it.

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 1 We are FAIR to all concerned!
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 Fairlawn Country Club
 www.fairlawnrotary.org

21st Chili Open Huge Success

By Bill Manby, Jr

On Saturday, February 5th, Mother Nature finally cooperated and brought with her a record setting day for our latest Chili Open Classic. We enjoyed our largest turn out ever since relocating the event to Hale Farm and Village. In addition, more than \$100,000 was raised to benefit Rotary Camp. It was also the first year a "shoot-out" was required for the nearest to the pin winner which added much excitement to an already thrilling day.

The day would not have been possible without the outstanding efforts of many Akron Rotarians and their friends, through donations of time, sponsoring of camper-ships and the purchasing of foursomes. I would also like to express my extreme gratitude to the generosity of all our corporate sponsors including: **Wayne Homes, Akron Children's Hospital, Willoughby Supply, Omnova Solutions Foundation, Buckingham Doolittle and Burroughs, Record Publishing, Goodyear Tire and Rubber, Leader Publications, Crystal Clinic, WAKR, WONE, WQMX, SUMMA Foundation, Whitey's Premium Chili, FirstMerit Foundation, Hitchcock, Fleming & Associates, Hale Farm & Village, County of Summit DD Board and the House of LaRose.**



Continuing to be fortunate enough to have Wayne Homes as a title sponsor is special not only for the success of the event, but because of how much this

cause means to those at Wayne Homes. Through multiple conversations with several folks within the Wayne Homes family, it is clear to me that this match happened for a reason and we are all blessed as a result.

I would like to recognize this year Ambassador of Service, Nick George and Best Friend of Camp, Rennick Andreoli and also give a special thanks to Summit Racing and their sponsorship of the putt-putt course. In these challenging economic times, special recognition should go to those who continue to commit resources and capital, to projects such as our camp and Barrett Academy. Thank you, thank you, and thank you!

This year's three raffle prize winners were Nick Luckosavich (Bridgestone Tournament package, donated by Bridgestone Invitational), Curt Oliver (Cleveland Indians package, donated by Sports Time Ohio) and Connie Truax who won the grand prize of \$5,000. Connie has very graciously decided to donate half of her winnings back to the camp! Thank you, Connie! Congratulations to all of our winners and thanks for participating.

If you've never had the pleasure of participating or helping out with this event and have interest for 2012 or if you are a tried and true veteran, please visit www.chiliopen.net.

In addition, we will try to keep our site, www.akronrotary.org, updated with all the various articles and coverage of the event.

PDG Young Addresses Youth Exchange Conference

By Jack Young

PDG Jack A. Young, District Inbound Youth Exchange Co Chair and Shelter Board USA Board member was the speaker at the General Session of the 2011 North American Youth Exchange Conference held in February in Sacramento, California. The conference was hosted by the Western

States Student Exchange organization.

Jack addressed

the over 300 in attendance on

Brazil, Canada and Germany. Their goal is to involve our youth in a global international process focusing on helping those in time of disaster by supporting Shelter Box.



On Saturday of the conference PDG Young and Wayne McCutcheon from Alberta, Canada conducted a workshop as to how to involve youth exchange students in Shelter Box and integrate this involvement into your club and district youth exchange process. Attending the conference from District 6630 were John Kanieski and Roger Cline.

On Friday night, a special reception was held in which all proceeds were given to Shelter Box. At the banquet dinner on Saturday night, Dan Bronson presented a check for over \$7,000 to Jack to be given to Shelter Box. As plans for the development of youth exchange and Shelter Box unfold as a global project, more information will be presented to Rotary districts. For more information and speaker information, please contact PDG Jack A. Young, 440-759-4000 or email Jack1villa@aol.com.



the Global Project of the Youth Exchange and its relationship with Shelter Box. Within the last year Young and others representing our youth exchange throughout the world have been working on making Shelter Box a global youth exchange activity. A Global International Committee has been established, in which Young is a member, representing the United States. This involves countries such as the England, France,

Time is running out!!! Act now to support our district conference with your sponsorship of anywhere from \$50 and up. Every little bit will help the cause. See our sponsorship flyer with all of the details. Contact Jim Lechko @ (216) 529-5625 or jlechko@ffl.net if you have any questions.

TRC Bedford Sends Father-Daughter Team to India NID

By Daniel Sutherin

After the volcano in Iceland caused the cancellation of a trip to participate in the immunization activities in Kano Nigeria in May 2010; the trip was rescheduled for the next available event. Laurel Sutherin (16) and her father Dan Sutherin (3rd Generation Bedford Rotarian) returned in early March 2011, from a 10 day trip to India for the National Polio Immunization Days (ID). India has two national NID days a year and 6 additional days that are targeted to specific regions.

The Sutherin's traveled with 35 other Rotarians and spouses from across the country. The group included the DG from Chicago and former president of Rotary Club 1 as well as a combined group representing 11 states of the US and 2 Canadian provinces.

Following briefings by the Chairman of India's Polio Committee and the lead physician strategist for WHO-Asia, the team participated in pre-NID awareness activities including parading the streets to publicize the upcoming event. The team was assigned to several of the 2,853 vac-

ination booths in Ghaziabad (a city of 18 million residents and endemic seat of Polio in India). On February 27th, the booths were manned and all had an opportunity to vaccinate children, meet the proud people of Ghaziabad, and share time with Indian Rotarians.

As the youngest on the team, Laurel was extremely popular with the children and busily vaccinated children as they arrived at the booth. "It was a life changing experience" she commented at the close of the day.

The next day, tabulations of the event by WHO reported 46.39% participation in the city resulting in the vaccination of 446,102 children under age 5. This was just one city in one state of the country. Over the following 5 days a comprehensive door to door campaign was waged to attempt to reach every child in India. The goal of this NID is to reach 175,000,000 children under age 5 in 5 days!

It is this type of comprehensive effort that has resulted in the incidence of Polio in India being reduced to a case count through February 28th of only "one".

One too many, but it reflects incredible progress resulting from the new Bi-Valent vaccine that simultaneously attacks both of the remaining strains of Polio. **We are "this close" to Polio Eradication.**

The Sutherins encourage your club to help close the chapter on this 16 year Rotary project by contributing to the Gates Challenge to raise the funds needed to reach the finish line. It was impressive to see the Rotarians of India and their wives working the booths and overseeing the event. They not only contribute heavily of their treasure, they also contribute their time as many as 8 times a year to assist in the achievement of the goal of Polio Eradication. In addition, one club we visited operates a polio ward that treats and provides needed surgery for all polio victims, another operates the lead limb replacement facility in Delhi for all persons needing limbs and braces, and a third club operates a full time school for the poor, dropouts, and vocational training for women. Indian Rotarians are a proud group who truly place "Service Above Self".

District 6630 Grants Committee 2010-2011 Available Funds

Budget as of 03/07/11

	<u>Grant Amount</u>	<u>Balance</u>
Initial DDF Budget		\$85,085.24
Rollover Amount from 2009-2010		\$20,646.46
Total Combined DDF Budget		\$105,731.70
Less Committed PROJECT FUNDING:		
Ambassadorial Scholarship	\$25,000.00	\$80,731.70
District Simplified Grants (2009-2010)	\$16,959.00	\$ 63,772.70
GSE Team	\$ 6,500.00	\$57,272.70
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International Projects Budget		
Beginning Balance		\$57,272.70
Aurora: Jamaica – laptops/satellite dish	\$3,594.00	
Hudson: Zambia – water wells	\$4,816.00	
Burton-Middlefield: Argentina – info technology	\$3,584.00	
Current Balance		<u>\$45,278.70</u>
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Local Projects DSG		
Beginning Balance		\$16,959.00
Medina Sunrise – Build A Bear – Juvenile Court	\$1,000.00	
Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise – Freezers	\$1,200.00	
Geauga Cluster: Pleasant Hill Home	\$2,500.00	
Painesville/Mentor – Justice Center Computer Lab	\$2,500.00	
Current Balance		<u>\$9,759.00</u>

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A Message From an Exchange Student

By Annie Lu

I just moved in with my second host family a month ago. Most exchange students also change their family members and move into another house. I am so lucky that I have lived with two really nice families. I am really happy that I have lived with two totally different types of families. They have different cultures and different habits. I know that I have experienced many different things and not many people will ever have this opportunity.

My family hosted two exchange students last year. One of the girls, Elizabeth, was from Chicago. Elizabeth and I were as close as real sisters. She is now a freshman in Naval Academy in Maryland. When she was in Taiwan we made a plan to see each other when I came to the United States. During spring break, I am flying to Chicago to see Elizabeth and her family. While we are there we are planning to go to an outbound meeting to share our experiences to those students who are going to other countries.

In Taiwan, we celebrate Chinese New Year just like Americans celebrate the New Year, but our celebration is even bigger. My host family was not

familiar with the customs of the Chinese New Year. I had to teach them about it. We went to a Chinese restaurant in Chinatown and had a twelve-course meal. We ate the same food that I usually eat in

my country, but it was brand new for my host family. It is a tradition to give the people you love red envelopes full of money for good luck in the next year. I gave my host family red envelopes, and they gave me a red envelope too! But the funny thing about it was I was gonna surprise them and they want to surprise me too. We all laughed because they give me a regular card envelope instead of the one that we use for Chinese New Year. I really missed my family during Chinese New Year, but my host family sent me red flowers to school so I wouldn't be as homesick. It was so sweet! This was one of the best days since I got here and I didn't want the day to end.



Being an exchange student, what did I expect? A new life started right after the plane took off. Six months passed in a blink of an eye, without the family that I love, my friends that I care about, and all of the streets that I have seen for 16 years. When somebody asks me "How do you like here?" I always answer, "It's totally different", obviously. Sometimes I experience things that I never could have imagined, and other times I experience things that don't reach my expectations. At the

end of August, all of the exchange students went to Akron for a camping trip. At the camp, there were 14 students from 12 different countries. That experience was unforgettable. From all over the world, we started supporting each other. We all know how each other feels, because we are all exchange students. We are sharing our different experiences together like one big family.

I went to a Rotary exchange students trip to Disneyworld in December. I met 40 students from different countries and different states. We went to Magic Kingdom, Hollywood Studio and Island of Adventure. It took us 2 days to go to Florida and to come back. It was a really long bus ride. I had no clue, but even in Florida, it is cold in December. However, the long bus ride was completely worth it because when we saw all of the lights on at the Disney park for Christmas we were all almost crying. We realized, that's why we are here! Now I can't wait to go to New York with about 100 other exchange students who live in the Eastern states of America in March. In June, I know that we are all looking forward for the 2-week trip in California. How exciting!

It's been such a great experience since I came here. I am really thankful for Rotarians to give this opportunity for me to be here. If I have one wish I would love to graduate from high school in America.

Name Change from Taste of Aurora

By Brady Krebs

The Taste of Aurora, an annual food tasting and grazing festival of local eateries, is newly named **A Taste of the Western Reserve**, as just announced by the Rotary Club of Aurora. A Taste of the Western Reserve is scheduled for Sunday, April 17 from 4-7 pm at Signature of Solon.

The event, in its 11th-year, is the Rotary Club of Aurora's principle fundraiser to support charitable causes locally and abroad and has expanded significantly over the years to include tasting experiences from far beyond the borders of the City of Aurora. "We now have 20-restaurants featured at our event from

many communities - establishments well-known and supported in the Cleveland area, as well as new restaurants looking to raise awareness of their culinary offerings," said Betsy Tomasko, chair-person of A Taste of the Western Reserve. "It's a proud accomplishment for the Club and the City to have an event that has become so popular and widely attended. We've been able to accomplish so much with the funds raised, from scholarships for local college-bound students, to drilling water wells for needy communities in Kenya."

The name change from the Taste of Aurora to A Taste of the Western Reserve was designed to capture the growth of the event and the fact that there are a number

of featured restaurants outside of the city. "It's the gastronomic event for Northeast Ohio," said Rotary Club of Aurora president, Brady Krebs. "We will continue to expand this premier social occasion, and double the size of the event in the next 3-years."

A Taste of the Western Reserve is held at the Signature of Solon clubhouse, located at the corner of Route 43 and Pettibone Road. Tickets are available and can be purchased, in advance, for \$30/per person. Also available are a limited number of tables of 10 for \$350 per table. Contact: 330-562-9543 or visit www.aurorarotaryclub.org.

News From TRC Parma

By Veronica J. Kovach-Dodd

Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at Carrie Cerino's Restaurant, the Parma Rotary Club held their Paul Harris Fellow Awards Banquet. ADG Ron Bryski was Master of Ceremony, and did a superb job of hosting the event. Vita Schmidt, Parma Rotary Club Secretary, was the recipient of the prestigious award for the many years of service, leadership and dedication to Rotary and the Parma Club. Everyone had a wonderful time!

Parma Rotary Vice President, Dan Varn, arranged for club members to attend the first part of a beer and wine making social at the "Brew Kettle," on Thursday, February 17, 2011. As a follow-up to this, the bottling of the beer took place with Rotarian Heather Ligus coordinating at the "Brew Kettle," on Wednesday, March 2, 2011. Rotarians were then able to take the beer home with them.

Continuing their mission of community outreach, the Parma Club hosted the Pleasant Valley Elementary Service Club Students, at their Tuesday, March 1, 2011 luncheon meeting, which took place at Holy Spirit Church/Party Center. Students were recognized and given certificates honoring them for all of their hard work.

Upcoming Events

State of the Schools Address: Dr. Jeffrey Graham, Superintendent, will give the State of the Schools Address, for the Parma City School District, on Tuesday, March 8, 2011, at Dimitri's Restaurant, 1830 Snow Rd., Parma.

Reverse Raffle: The Parma Rotary Club will be holding our Annual Reverse Raffle on Saturday, March 26, 2011, at the Holy Spirit Church/Party Center, located at 5500 West 54th Street, in Parma. There will also be Dinner, Dancing, and an Open Bar. Cocktails at 6:00p.m. and Dinner at 7:30p.m. Ticket prices are \$135.00 for two numbers and two dinners, \$110.00 for one number and two dinners, and \$75.00 for one number and one dinner. Tickets are available now. Any questions or concerns please contact Rotary Pres. Tom Mastroianni at 440-783-3395 or Secretary Vita Schmidt at 440-888-5952. We are looking forward to everyone having a wonderful time!!!



TRC Port-Summit Shares Some Projects

By Rodger Sansom

Greetings from Port-Summit Rotary! The following information is provided as a summary of what we are doing now and what we have planned for the future. For any information on any of our projects, please call Rodger Sansom at 330-628-5655 or Jack Evans at 330-628-9490.

50 - 60 Dance: On January 22, the Rotary sponsored its annual 50's-60's dance that was held at St. Nicholas Russian Orthodox church in Suffield. The chairperson for this event was Judy Miller, with excellent help from Ralph Petit, Eileen Heigelmann and Lee Miller. Music for the evening was provided by "Greased Lightning" which provided a nostalgic musical trip back to the days of good old "Rock and Roll". Beer and snacks were provided with the price of admission and guests were encouraged to bring their own appetizers for their tables.

The dance was well attended which included several of our exchange students, and from all accounts, they had a great time. Each of them was afforded time to tell about their home country and what club was sponsoring them. Many of them participated in the dance contest. A photo history of the event was donated by Rotarians Deb and Jerry Reller of On Location Photography. Activities at the dance were a 50-50 raffle and a basket auction. Baskets were donated by all Rotarians in the club.

200 Club: Starting in January, the club started a monthly drawing for a chance to win up to \$1000. The drawing lasts for six months and previous winners are put back in so they have the potential to win more than once. This project is being co-chaired by Dave Hawk and Randy Rininger.

The club had three months to sell 200 tickets at \$50 each. At the assembly meeting in January, we started the drawing, giving away \$100 to five winners and \$500 to one lucky winner. Drawings will continue through the June meeting.

Flag Project: In 2010, we started a flag project where we install an American-made, US flag in resident's yards for the holidays of Memorial Day, Flag Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day and Veteran's Day. The cost of participation in the program is \$25 for the year.

This project is chaired by Rodger Sansom and assisted by the "Installers" Lee Miller and Ralph Petit.

For the first year and with minimal advertising, we installed 63 flags. We hope to continue this project as long as we have the support of our residents.

US Marine Corp Adoption: Our Rotary club has joined with the First Merit Bank, Mogadore Office to adopt the 2nd Battalion, 8th Marines, F Company, Unit 73235. We have a young marine from our area that is a Bomb Dog Handler, currently serving in Afghanistan. This company was adopted to try making things a little brighter for each marine and their dogs as they serve our country. The chairperson for this effort is Eileen Heigelmann.

We asked them for a wish list of items that could be sent. It takes about six weeks for them to receive the packages. We are going to try to supply them with as many of these items as possible. Cash donations are also being accepted to help cover the cost of the postage. Here is their wish list:

Crew socks/boxer briefs, Croc shoes, Sweatshirts-green/tan/black/brown, Light weight gloves, Bandanas, Baby Wipes, Hand Sanitizer, Chap Stick, Advil/Tylenol, IcyHot- Gel, Sunscreen, Clearasil Cream, Anti-Fungal Cream, Bug Spray (Strong), Gold Bond Powder, Monkey Butt Powder' Wisp (Like a toothbrush), Hard candy/Life Savers, Gum/Mints Blow Pops/Suckers Peanuts (Individual Packages), Beef Jerky.

Dog Items:

Milk Bones, Raw Hides, Treats, Ear Cleaning Solution, Non-alcohol Wipes,

Anyone wishing to donate any of these items or cash can drop them off at the First Merit Bank in Mogadore.

Upcoming Events: With the success of our 50's - 60's dance in January, we are now planning another event for July 30th. This time we are planning a "Classic and Classy" car show which will run from 4pm to 6pm.

Once again, "Greased Lightning" will provide musical entertainment for listening and dancing from 6pm until 10pm. This event is being held in a collaboration with the Akron Woman's City Club. The event will be held at their hall, located on West Exchange Street in Akron.

Judy Miller is again chairing this event and more details will be provided as they become available. Why not get a group together now and plan to attend.

The Port-Summit Rotary meets weekly at 12:00 noon every Thursday at the Amber Restaurant in Lakemore Plaza. We welcome any potential new members from our area. We also welcome anyone in the area that needs a make-up meeting or if you just want to stop in and say "Hi."

Chagrin Highlands 19th Annual Rotary Pancake Breakfast on 3/20/11 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Orange High School 32300 Chagrin Blvd. Adult tickets are \$7.00 each and Seniors & Children under 12 are \$5.00 each. If you would like to purchase tickets, please contact Bob Slanina at 440-248-8589.

Ambassadorial Scholar Program Seeks Candidates

By Deb Boerger

It's time to start gearing up for the next round of Ambassadorial Scholarship interviews. For those of you who are not familiar with this great program of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International, let me give you a brief overview:

Ambassadorial Scholarships is the oldest program of the foundation, dating back to 1947. In the years since then, there have been more than 40,000 scholars from about 100 nations. The scholarship grants are a flat \$27,000 for an academic year of study in another country. Scholars study in a county other than their own where they serve as unofficial ambassadors of goodwill.

The Ambassadorial Scholarships program supports the mission of The Rotary Foundation to further international understanding a world peace by:

Increasing awareness of and respect for cultural differences by sending ambassadors of goodwill to study in another country

Instilling in scholars the Rotary ideal of Service Above Self through active participation in Rotary service projects

Encouraging scholars to dedicate their personal and professional lives to improving the quality of life for the people of their home community and country

Developing leaders who can address the humanitarian needs of the world community

Impacting all areas of the world through a balanced geographical distribution of scholars

Encouraging Rotarians world wide to increase the educational

opportunities for scholars from low-income countries

Fostering a lifelong association between Rotary and its scholars

District 6630 has been an active participant in this program for many years, both through sending scholars from our district to study overseas and hosting scholars who arrive here to study. We are also blessed to have an endowed scholarship through the Kent Club that often brings scholars into Kent State University.

The timeline for the 2012-2013 Ambassadorial Scholarship (academic year only) is:

Mid-July, 2011: Applications due to clubs (each club sets its own deadline)

August 5, 2011: Applications due to committee chair, Deb Boerger

August 27, 2011: District interviews of selected finalists.

Applications are available on the Rotary International website: www.rotary.org

Click on the "Youth and Students" tab, then "Ambassadorial Scholarships" and "How to Apply". In the "Related Documents" section is a terrific Program Guide for Rotarians to help clubs find and interview potential scholarship candidates.

For more information, please contact:

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News From TRC Lkwd/RR Sunrise

By Larry Faulhaber

The Sunrise Rotary Club of Lakewood/Rocky River sponsored the 5th Annual Outstanding Work Ethic Awards of the West Shore Career-Technical Education Program, in February. Fourteen students were selected for the awards based on their hard work in the program as well as their part time work in their career field. In the photo are Sunrise Club President-Elect Kathy Berkshire, and Dana Dorko and her mother. Dana is a Junior and is the Early Childhood Education and Senior Services program. She plans on pursuing a degree in Education after high school. All of the Students select-

ed for the award were cited for their life and career skills including; Adapting to Change; being Flexible; Managing Goals and Time; Working Independently; Working Effectively with Others; Managing Projects; Producing Results; and Being able to Guide and Lead others. They were nominated by their instructors and their employers.

The Awards program was co-sponsored with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce. Members sit with the families of the award winners and get to talk about the many service activities of the Sunrise Club and the international activities of Rotary.

March is Literacy Month

By Beth Shriver

The month of March is Literacy Month and it is time to think along these lines. Literacy means being able to read, write, speak, listen, and view with understanding and ability to use these skills daily. Here is a list of things your club can participate in for the month of March:

If your club has not already participated in the Dictionary Project or another book project, do so;

Recruit a new member with a literacy classification;

Invite a literacy speaker to a club meeting. This could be a teacher, principal, vocational teacher, guidance counselor, adult education teacher, anyone who is in the area of literacy;

Devote a club meeting to creating awareness of literacy opportunities, such as working with one of our partners, the International Reading Association;

Conduct a Four-Way Test Speech project;

Donate books such as Rotary's Elmer and Andy and the Dumping Adventure to libraries, schools, or doctors and dentists offices. This book is based on

the Four Way Test. There are also coloring books of this available;

Recognize a community leader who is involved with literacy such as a tutor, a teacher, someone who goes above and beyond to help children learn;

Participate in a international book donation project, a mini-library project, or books, supplies and/or equipment project for needy children/schools;

Do an Imagination Library, www.imaginationlibrary.com project;

Engage in a school partnership such as providing readers, tutors, scholarships, or other needs as identified by schools;

Honor a teacher;

Have a librarian speak to the club; and

Collect gently used books and recycle them to low income area schools for the children to take home. Many children do not own one single book.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact:

bethee10@roadrunner.com



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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

By Paul & Sue Becks

We are eternal wanderlusts. After six corporate relocations to all corners of our wonderful country and numerous trips to distant continents, our family never feels comfortable standing still. But when my wife and I reflect back on our fondest memories of these wonderful times, it is not the majestic architecture or the scenic wonders that harkens us back... it is the people and their culture.

Among our most cherished moments was the time that we were hopelessly lost in one of the many hidden courtyards of Venice, Italy in a fruitless attempt to find St Marks Piazza, when we were approached by a well kept older gentleman in a tan tweed suit, complete with a feathered fedora. His folded newspaper, polished cane and nicely tied silk necktie were like a scene out of the "Godfather".

Giovanni (our recollection of his name) was a retired banking executive from nearby Verona and had returned to retire at his childhood home in Venezia. He was out for his afternoon stroll, and sensed our despair. What started out as simple directions in broken English, turned into an afternoon of guided tours of the most cherished parts of Venice, with a history lesson that can only be delivered by a lifelong resident. Who can forget seeing a completely unmarked building that was Marco Polo's boyhood home?

Four wonderful hours later we parted ways with a hug and a handshake, but also a new appreciation of what Italy is really all about; people, interaction and ultimately, the pursuit of happiness.

In 2006 our daughter was introduced to the Rotary Exchange program. Thru the professional efforts of the dedicated local Rotary leaders in Medina, Ohio she was quickly prepared for a year abroad in Belgium. But little did we know as a family how that fateful opportunity would change our lives forever.

While our daughter was abroad in Brussels, we agreed to host a young man from Poland, Pawel Lewandowski and thus began our Rotary Exchange hosting journey...

Six years and five students later, our lives are changed forever. We have formed friendships that will last a lifetime and cherished experiences that always warm our hearts. All you have to do is open your home... And open your heart.

We have shared laughter and tears, dreams and fears. We have been called on to provide guidance and advice but also the course corrections parents are often expected to provide. We have taught many things about our wonderful country and most importantly we have learned many things about their lives and cultures.

We can assure you, it takes an open mind and bit of patience, but ultimately the reward is in the respect and gratitude of becoming a mentor. Be prepared to delve into the most sensitive of subjects with an open mind. Consider the anxiety of having deep discussions about government, religion, slavery, equality and many other topics that highlight the Human Experience. It is very rewarding to revisit the values we all hold true to our heart.

Our neighborhood has now become the "Planet Earth" and our family has grown to include:

Pawel from Poland

Alejandra from Mexico

Azamat from Kazakhstan

Pierre from France

Franzi from Germany

And let's not forget the student's families back home. They become like "out of town relatives" that you share a bond with and a desire to visit. Their gratitude for what you have done for their child is immense, and the bond of trust that we parents share is very heart felt. Our recent visit to Poland to visit Pawel and his parents was a deeply rewarding experience. One only achieved by the bond of trust that is shared.

Lastly, consider the impact this experience offers the exchange student. This is not a vacation. This is a life changing experiment. Our daughter left America an inquisitive teenage girl She returned a confident young woman, ready to take on the world. Truly a life changing experience that cannot be achieved without our mentoring and the opportunity that Rotary Exchange offers.

When they return home, you will yearn to stay in touch with them as well. Such as Pawel who is currently in college in Scotland and is doing an internship in London, Azamat in college in Astana and Pierre who just passed his first year exams at college in France. Their successes, and important moments will be important to you as well. You will watch them grow and blossom. And you will know that in some small way, your guidance and friendship has played a part in the person they have become.

So, if you have room in your heart, and room in your home, open the door and welcome one of these amazing young people in for the opportunity to expand your world and theirs.

About the Authors: Paul and Sue Becks live in Medina, Ohio, have three children of their own (Paul, Lindsay and Lauren) and have been active volunteers in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. In addition to their hosting, Susan acts as Host Family Coordinator to assist students and families of inbounds.

Let the Good Times Roll

By Jay Dzurilla

Unlike years in the past when the District Assembly was held one "weekend" in March and the annual District Conference held another weekend, THIS year both have been combined and shall be held over the weekend of 29 April to 1 May.. A perfect example of your District Governor, Stew Buchanan, and your District Governor-Elect Steve Zabor working together for YOU !!

Additionally, they 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 !!

Speakers include the top Four-Way Test Speech contestants, the Parade of Nations,

Jimmy Chones / Mike Snyder, Dr. Peter Schramm of the University of Ashland and the Rotary International President's Representative !!

House of Friendship. Hospitality Suites.

Plenary Sessions - afternoons Friday & Saturday

Youth Exchange and New Generations !!

Registrations should be made on-line through the District's website - www.rotarydistrict6630.org and hotel reservations should you wish to spend a night (or more) should be done DIRECTLY with the Hilton Cleveland East (216)464-5950 and please mention "Rotary" to obtain the appropriate discounted pricing !!!

Rotary District 6630

2011 Annual Conference

April 29-May 1, 2011

Hilton Cleveland East

Please reserve the following:

- Rotary International President Sponsor level - \$5,000
 - 2 page ad in event program
 - Booth availability and banner display at the conference
 - Signage and formal recognition at event
 - Recognition in the District monthly newsletter and on the website
- Rotary International Director Sponsor level - \$1,000
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 - Booth availability and banner display at the conference
 - Signage and formal recognition at event
 - Recognition in the District monthly newsletter and on the website
- District Governor Sponsor level - \$500
 - One half-page ad in event program
 - Booth availability and banner display at the conference
 - Signage and formal recognition at event
 - Recognition in the District monthly newsletter and on the website
- Club/President Sponsor level - \$100
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 - Signage and formal recognition at event
 - Recognition in the District monthly newsletter and on the website
- Rotarian Sponsor level - \$50
 - Patron listing recognition in event program
 - Signage and formal recognition at event
 - Recognition in the District monthly newsletter and on the website

We are unable to participate, please accept our tax deductible underwriting gift

Total Enticed: **\$7,650**

***For guaranteed inclusion in the event program, please respond by April 1, 2010.**

Sponsor Name: _____
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Checks should be made payable to Rotary District 6630 and returned with the completed sponsor form to:
 Jim Leckro, DGM
 c/o Century Bank, Attention of First Federal of Lakewood
 1645 Bruce Road - Painesville, Ohio 44134
 For more information, please contact Jim at 216.520.5625 or jleckro@fi.net

TRC Painesville Participates in Dictionary Project

Many thanks to the Painesville Rotarians and "helpers" as "giving a man a fish" is commendable, but, "teaching a man to fish" truly is Service Above Self.

Helping were: Jean Argo, Loretta Cicconetti-Tenkku, Kathleen Cotter, President Abby Delamotte, Tom Ellis, Mike Hanlon, Johanna Henz, Jana Holwick, George Inscho, Brian Kane, Maureen Kelly, Karen Lawson, Jean Manary, Dave Osborn, Adam Sanden, Debbie Speck, Milton Terrill

Once again, we are pleased to be a part of the Dictionary Project. Painesville Rotari-

ans gave individual English and Spanish-English dictionaries to Third Graders attending Chestnut, Maple and Elm Elementary schools in Painesville City; Melridge, Hadden, Hale Road, Buckeye, Madison and Leroy Elementary schools in Riverside District; as well as McKinley Elementary in Fairport Harbor, Our Shepherd Lutheran School in Painesville and Summit Academy in Painesville. Painesville Rotarians are proud to join with other Rotary Clubs, see www.DictionaryProject.org in this effort to inspire better readers, spellers, writers and thinkers. This year Rotarians believe we have reached every Third Grader in Lake County, Ohio.



To benefit:

El Porvenir
Clean water projects for the people of Nicaragua.

Bridge to the Future
A cultural exchange program for Chagrin Falls High School students.

Gift of Life
Providing life-saving heart surgeries to children worldwide.



Date: Saturday, April 9, 2011

Time: 6:00 - 10:30 p.m.

Location:
Federated Family Life Center
35348 Chilbothe Road
Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023

Please join us for an evening of casino style gambling, live and silent auctions, dinner and cocktails. Dinner provided by Baker's Buffet.

Poker • Blackjack • Baccarat • Slot Machines

Tickets: \$50 per person
Includes dinner and \$20 in gaming chips
For tickets and information, please contact Joyce Price at 440-643-5467

Sponsor tickets at Baker's Buffet, 32800 Main Market Road, Troy Township, or at LEON'S Supermarkets & GFD, 38540 Chilbothe Road, Chagrin Falls.
www.chagrinvalleyrotary.org

Overseas Service High on Burton Club's List

by Robert Johnson

The Rotary Club of Burton-Middlefield (BMR) in Geauga County is continuously committed to international service leadership in Rotary District 6630.

In the last year our club contributed to fresh water projects in Haiti. The Blue Planet Foundation in California manages these projects. Spearheaded by the Rotary Club of Chagrin Falls and supported by many District 6630 clubs, money raising efforts to date have provided fresh, clean drinking water to over 13,000 students and residents in Haiti. Because of post-

earthquake conditions in this Central American island nation, progress has been difficult. However it continues every week and every month.

Burton-Middlefield also continues with the project to provide 550 wheelchairs to the needy in the southern region of Brazil.

For the third consecutive year BMR is involved with projects providing \$25,000 worth of educational infrastructure and supplies for each of the past three years to students and communities in extremely remote regions of rural Patagonia in Argentina. This project is being

done cooperatively with "Project Patagonia", a group of young Ambassadorial scholars from America who have studied in Argentina and maintain a presence there overseeing and managing the projects. These projects have proved to be immensely successful in giving not only the students but their entire communities exposure to computers and other modern education equipment. This exposure can improve their knowledge and put them in a competitive position in urban job markets if they choose.

Joined with past year projects of support for a small hospital

pharmacy in Ghana, supplying a used bookmobile to a rural school system in Mexico, wheelchairs to the needy in Ghana, medical expeditions to rural India and many others, BMR has fully devoted itself to this avenue of service through Rotary. While doing this, it has also fully embraced the other three avenues of Rotary service.

The Club's contribution to these projects are almost entirely funded from the proceeds of its annual Pancake Breakfasts every Sunday in March, held in Burton Village.