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## DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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### Governor's Letter

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#### BIGGER, BETTER & BOLDER

It was a great night to be a Rotarian in northeast Ohio—the best location in the nation. The District Conference April 29-May 1, 2011 showcased the new avenue of service—the New Generations. The Interact and Rotaract clubs were featured at plenary sessions and in the House of Friendship. The inbound exchange students set up displays and had the traditional parade of flags. The outbound students were there for orientation and to see what Rotary was all about. Dan Davis presented two 4 Way Test speech contest winners and no one could pick out which one came in first or second. Joy Schaeffer (Strongsville) placed first and Divya Thomas (Chagrin Valley) placed second. Dan also retired after 25 years of service as chairman of the district contest. He introduced Scott Pease who will be the chair of the District 4 way test speech committee for the next year.

The Conference committee selected outstanding speakers who were informative and interesting. Mike Snyder and Jim Chones—those sports guys—shared their philosophy about young people who are athletes and answered questions. David Ross, an Emmy Award winning photographer from the reality TV show the *Amazing Race*, shared his photographs of the favorite places he had been during the show. Fifteen year old Hannah Taylor, one of Roger Crams' heroes, shared how she

founded the LadyBug Foundation at the age of 8 to help the homeless people and has raised over \$2 million dollars.

Peter Schramm, college educator, shared a philosophy based in history as to why our government works.

Rotary International President Ray Klingensmith sent Karien Ziegler, PDG, to spread his message. She went to all the events and enjoyed the hospitality of the people in our district.

On Saturday evening we presented Jack Harig with the **Michael J Johns Award for Life Time Service to District #6630 and Rotary International**. This is the second annual award as John Bosco, PDG started this last year. A very deserving recognition for Jack's 49 years of Service Above Self. The only thing missing some of you. While we were filled to capacity at many events, there is always room for one more. Hope to see more Rotarians at next year's conference at the Sheraton Suites in Akron, Ohio.

Many thanks to all those who made the conference and the assembly special. Many people were involved to showcase all the clubs in the district. Special thanks to the conference committee and to co chairs, Jay Dzurilla and Jack Harig. The District Assembly kudos go to DGE Steve Zabor and PDG Tim Wright, District Trainer plus all of the session leaders.

Special theme for May is Paul Harris Fellows' month. We are

going to also make it "We will match your contribution to the Rotary Foundation month". Up to 250 recognition points for every dollar up to \$250.00. Become a "EREY" and it will be matched during the period from May 5, 2011 through June 15, 2011. The matching recognition points are compliments of Julie West, DGD, Steve Zabor, DGE, and District 6630. This will continue until we reach \$8,000. Do not wait until June 15<sup>th</sup> to take advantage of this opportunity.

Friday, April 29, 2011 was also Paul Harris Fellow recognition night at the conference. Over the last two years there were 213 new or multiple Paul Harris Fellows listed by club at the House of Friendship.

Those Paul Harris Fellows in attendance were also recognized. Do you know that once you contribute \$1,000.00 to the Foundation you become a Paul Harris Fellow? As you continue to give, you can reach multiple levels, and once you attain the \$10,000.00 level you become a major donor. A sustaining member is \$100.00 per year. You can achieve that by saving \$8.33 per month. Support the Rotary Foundation.

We leave for the Rotary International Convention on May 19, 2011. The Convention runs from May 22-May 25, 2011. It will be five years before the Rotary International Convention returns to the United States. This year there will be a total of

## Governor's Letter cont'd

31 Rotarians and significant others going to New Orleans from District 6630. Be sure to have one of them tell you about their trip and experiences. Ask them what it is like to spend time with 20,000 Rotarians from all over the World.

I also want to report that the vote for the District to incorporate was passed by a significant margin along with a new set of By Laws. A proposal for making new By Laws or changes to the By Laws needs to be submitted in writing for presentation and vote by the District.

On June 18, 2011 we will be having a special picnic to give awards and recognition to clubs and Rotarians at the Akron Rotary camp. This will include the AZ Baker Awards, Presidential Citations, Literacy Awards and more. I want to thank everyone who helped our District and Rotary during my year as Governor. If each club will

have a representative attend it would be really nice. We will also have pontoon boat rides, swimming, fellowship and food.

We will save the best and the rest for next month. Until then, please keep BUILDING COMMUNITIES

AND BRIDGING CONTINENTS TO BE BIGGER, BETTER & BOLDER!



## ACS & RI Science Cafe

To celebrate International Year of Chemistry the Akron Section of American Chemical Society is planning a series of Science Cafés with Rotary International, currently with the North Royalton & Broadview Hts. and Akron clubs.

We will be having a variety of venues for the Science Cafés. One café might have a science trivia contest. Another might include a panel of scientists discussing current scientific discoveries in layman terms. Topics range across all sciences. We would like to convey to the general public that Science, particularly Chemistry, is entertaining and exciting.

If you are a member of RI or ACS and would like to bring Science Café to your local area, we would love to hear from you.

Please contact:  
Dr. Michael Dowell  
mbdowell@windstream.net  
Or  
Thuy Ai Nguyen  
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for more details.

## Rotary Honors High School Achievers

By Jay Minkin

The Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls honored 120 Stow-Munroe Falls High School students at the Annual Achievement Banquet and Awards Program held at the high school on April 21<sup>st</sup>. Senior and Junior students honored in the Leadership & Service Award and Character Counts Award categories required teacher recommendations and administrative review. The Career & Technical Award required a 3.5 GPA or above for students enrolled in this program. Senior Academics Awards along with the Junior Academics Awards required a cumulative 4.0 GPA or above. Five students received special recognition and

were honored with The President's Award for academics, leadership, and Character Counts. The distinguished students were **Regina Bonfiglio, Katelyn Hill, Zachary Halasz, William Thorsson, and Veronica Whitmer**. For the 25<sup>th</sup> year, The Rotary club sponsored the entire banquet as Rotarians served dinner to over 290 students, parents, and guests along with presenting wooden plaques to the honored recipients.



## A Founding Principle of Rotary

By Barry Becker

They say you can look it up as it's true. What I am reminding Rotarians is one of the reasons Paul Harris and his friends met was to exchange ideas of what each member does for a living, and possibly work together. Some how that practice has been questioned and to many, talking about one's vocation is deemed to be being pushy and un-Rotarian. However; if done discreetly and in an informative educational way it's something to be encouraged

In the Westlake Bay Village club, members make such talks as part of a regular meeting as a change of pace from outside speakers. The speaker chairs counsel how this is to be done. So, members get to know their fellow members more intimately. Their topic could be on their firm and what they do, or something in a personal vein such as details on an outside activity, hobby, or interest they have.

Often this encourages members to consider a fellow Rotarian in handling their area of expertise. If a Rotarian abides by the Rotary Four Way Test why shouldn't they be someone to consider? Yes indeed! If your membership has not done this why not consider implementing it in your club?

Some clubs have had members sponsor a meeting or allow tasteful paid

advertisements in bulletins and newsletters. It's a win-win for all.

Another way to encourage members to get to know each other is what we call a three minute talk by a member that the member follows an outline given to them to cover in a brief manner in three minutes or less. In such a format members who are reluctant to public speaking find this a way to ease into a speaking role.

Here are examples of speaking points:

- Name
- residence address
- marital status, spouse's name, children, pets
- personal interests/hobbies
- favorite vacation spot & why?
- education major & college
- briefly why they chose to become a Rotarian
- What they enjoy most about Rotary and fellow Rotarians
- Firm name /location
- Nature of the business
- What you do there?
- Responsibilities
- Other community activities you are involved in

What an easy way to get members to know each other better.

District 6630 Grants Committee 2010-2011 Available Funds		Budget as of 06/06/11	
	Grant Amount	Balance	
Initial DDF Budget		\$85,085.24	
Reflector Amount from 2009-2010		\$20,646.46	
Total Combined DDF Budget		\$105,731.70	
<b>Less Committee PROJECT FUNDING:</b>			
Antisocialist Scholarship	\$25,000.00	\$30,751.70	
District Stipend Grants (2009-2010)	\$14,959.00	\$ 43,772.70	
GSE Team	\$ 6,500.00	\$37,272.70	
<b>International Projects Budget</b>			
Beginning Balance		\$57,272.70	
Azure - Jamaica - leptospirilline fish	\$3,584.00		
Bahian - Zanzibar - water wells	\$4,816.00		
Burton-Nablafield - Argentina - info technology	\$3,584.00		
Keat - Domara - Diabetic Foot Clinic	\$3,000.00		
Current Balance		\$42,272.70	
<b>Local Projects DDF</b>			
Beginning Balance		\$10,959.00	
Mexico - Sonora - Blvd A Bear - Juvinate Coast	\$1,000.00		
Lakewood-Rocky River Senior - Freezers	\$1,200.00		
George Chiles - Pleasant Hill Home	\$2,500.00		
Peaceville-Mexico - Justice Center Computer Lab	\$2,500.00		
Greenes Liberty Water Well Project	\$2,500.00		
Current Balance		\$7,259.00	

**BEDFORD ROTARY 29th Annual RIB FEST**

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**Best Ribs in Northeastern Ohio**

**June 3rd - 5th**

Friday 5:00pm to 12:00pm  
Saturday 11:00am to 12:00pm  
Sunday 11:00am to 8:00pm

**BANDS**

Friday - Victory Highway  
Saturday - Armstrong Bearcat/Extremes  
Sunday - A.K.A. 4-B  
9:3 - One Voice Entertainment

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**Rib Contest - Sunday 2:00 pm**

**Blue**

Downtown Bedford  
June 4th Saturday 4:00pm

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## AIPNO Medical YATRA Wins Rotary Trophy

By Dr. Jaya & Ramesh Shah  
Jan. 2010—Medical YATRA took place in Gandevi, (Gujarat) with Rotary Club as a host. In Rotary Dist. 3060 this project was judged the



Best project of the year. AIPNO & Rotary names are shining in India! TRI-Matching Grant # 72046 has been responsible to make it happen!



Feb. 6-13-Medical YATRA-2011 was held in Rishikesh, U. India in collaboration with Parmarth Niketan Ashram. A Team of 17 physicians & 14 volunteers from USA, UK along with 20+ volunteers from Ashram worked diligently & long hours to help more than 4,000 patients in 7 days.

Campsites, boxed lunches &



snacks during the day, transportation by 2 buses, portable

furniture, promotion etc. arranged by Parmarth Ashram.



Medicines, Glucometers and

Glucose strips & 750 pairs of numbered glasses were donated by Direct Relief Int'l, & P D M

Healthcare from USA. Majority of medicines worth \$ 4,511 were purchased from Rajkot.

Daily routine was 6am wake up time, leave Ashram @ 8 am, reach camp site @ 9:30 am and work from 10 am to 4pm.

Camps were held at:

Mohanchatti, Diuli, Gumani, Veerpur, Dandi-Bhogpur villages (25), Pawakidevi & Parmarth Hospital.

Seven days of "Satsang" provided a great opportunity to interact with Swamiji-Chidananda Sarswatiji,- Founder & Inspirer of Hindu-Jain temple of Pittsburg, Ashram environment & holy place of Rishikesh-Haridwar. YATRI's experienced majestic hills of Himalayas, holiness of river Ganga and religious land of "Sanatan Dharma". We collected many unforgettable memories and enriched our selves with deeper spiritual values and respect for our Hindu culture. Ganga-Maha-Aarti was truly an exhilarating expe-

## May Membership Letter

By Jack Miaskowski

It was great to meet some of you at the Annual Conference of Clubs. We had two membership breakout sessions and the attendance was good at both. Some of the questions were subjects we have discussed in this column throughout the year. We would appreciate any comments about improving the breakout sessions.

THE BOTTOM LINE for me is

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that MEMBERSHIP is an ongoing process that needs to be addressed at every Meeting. By that I don't mean Beat

the Members on the Head, Just Get into their Heads, new members, new members. Strongsville just had another new member meeting on Tuesday night at a local restaurant and we had about 30 members there. We had our own room and watched most of the Indians game. These are very informal meetings where we get to know one another better as people and friends. This weekend we are spreading mulch at the Historical Society property. This is part of our success that keeps people involved with all types of different activities. No one makes it to all of the activities; the point is the activities get people together. The more your Club is involved with local items around your town or city the more exposure you get. Has anyone ever said to you, you guys are all over the place referring to your Club? Just by doing

things you will get noticed and that makes it easier to bring in new members.

Remember the new membership video I referred to several times, well one of the panel members showed it at the Assembly. He was in the process of building a new Club in Solon and it worked. He showed it around town and it was well received. The response at the sessions was good and soon that video will be on the way to those people who requested it. It hit the mark of going after younger folks who are the future leaders of our Clubs. They want to give something back and get more out of life in helping others, Rotary offers that to them.

Now is the time to start planning. How are we going to grow our Clubs???? Don't wait until your new President takes over, start today to find those people who you know will make YOUR CLUB A BETTER PLACE by becoming a Rotarian. There are plenty of Good People out there looking for a Cause to Help others! Your Job and Mine is to find them and bring them into our Clubs.

We all know there are Clubs in our District that are in trouble due to the economic times in our area. Perhaps we should all be thinking about how we can help them? I don't know the answer right now to that question but it does deserve an answer. Hopefully next month I can give you some answers.

Respectfully,

Jack Miaskowski

TRC Strongsville

*The Rotary Club of Mantua recently sponsored a soup supper and received individual donations from members and guests to purchase one shelter box in the name of the club's international student, Coratin Mercier from France. All were delighted with the positive response from the community to help make this club goal met.. Dean Olson was chair of this event.*

## Rotaract in Ecuador

By David Lariviere

As we make plans for a change in our club administrations and look forward to another successful year of leadership and service in Rotary, it seems like a good time to provide an update on the Medina Sunrise's Rotaract Club in Ecuador and Dr. Andres Bello.

Dr. Andres received the surprising news, on his return from his visit with us in Medina this spring, that he was being assigned by the government of Ecuador to a remote hospital in the Amazon Jungle. He was given just six days to prepare.

Packing the medical supplies we obtained from Med-Wish in Cleveland, (thanks to Jack Young and Tish Dahlby) he took a flight on a small airplane to the Marco Vinicio Porvincial Hospital which located on the border between Ecuador and Columbia.

He was excited and happy as he spoke of his work there, much of which is with serious trauma, tropical disease, and debilitating



birth defects. He enjoys being a doctor to the poor Indians who are native to this remote area.

There is a small church by the hospital but, sadly, the government has kept it locked up. He told me that he would like help with safely getting a priest to visit there.

A second-hand ambulance was donated recently so he can make mobile medical visits. He took a picture of some snow he saw when travelling on a mountain road and said that it reminded him of Ohio when he was a Youth Exchange Student in 1999.

His medical assignment in the Amazon is for one year but he will be allowed a 10-day break in 6 months. Andres is already planning to return to Ohio in the fall with stories of his work and some ideas for another joint project with Rotaract and the Medina Sunrise Rotary Club. He sends his best wishes to all and is grateful for our support, friendship and prayers.

## Medina Sunrise Hosts Interesting Speakers

By David Lariviere

Medina Sunrise Rotary Hosts "Mental Health Awareness Month" Program by Lisa Newburger, Social Worker and President of Discuss Directives, LLC. Lisa Newburger's use of humor and acting makes her workshops powerful and thought-provoking. Whether it is clinical work in healthcare or wellness programs in businesses, she has found an effective formula to connect with her audience making serious issues and decisions more comfortable.

Her product line called Heart2Hearts™ includes tools for suicide prevention, bullying, and end-of-life decision making. These products provide self awareness and prompts to starting difficult conversations with great success.

Medina Sunrise Rotary Club hosted the award-winning, internationally recognized naturalist Mile Reed, author of "The Natural World Around Us," in a videographic presentation of his recent work with tigers in India.

"A Journey to the Land of the Indian Tiger" is dedicated to my good friends Alford Khan and Chaman Thakur," commented Miles. "Panthera Tigris is the biggest cat in the world. The charisma of this animal is undeniable. As I watched these tigers, I was spellbound by their beauty. Sadly there are only around 3,000 of these majestic creatures in the wild. I am constantly

inspired by the beauty and diversity of nature and have concluded that no life is disposable." MCRC Welcomes Five International Guests from The Netherlands to Medina.

Mike Wright, Director of the Medina Community Recreation Center, officially welcomes the 2011 Rotary Group Study Exchange Team from The Netherlands to Medina.

MCRC continues the tradition of being a valued host of The Rotary Foundation's Group Study Exchange (GSE) program. "This is a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for international business people and professionals to visit and build friendships in our community," stated Mike Wright. "MCRC looks forward, each year, to welcoming our international guests and helping them to feel right at home in Medina."

In a typical four week tour, the busy GSE Team Members participate in five full days of vocational visits, 15 to 20 club presentations, 10 to 15 formal visits and social events, two to three days at the district conference, three to four hours per day of cultural and site tours, and three to four hours per day of free time with host families in our community.

A Farewell Dinner for the Rotary GSE Team from the Netherlands was held at Weymouth Country Club on Friday, May 13th, at 6:30 PM.

### West Shore Rotary Club

Fairview Park / North Olmsted / West Park

#### Golf Outing

Wednesday June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011  
Bob-O-Link Golf Course, Avon OH



- 9 Hole Scramble
- 9 Hole Regular
- Lunch at the Turn
- Pick Round Dinner, 4pm
- Open Bar
- 50/50 Raffle
- 10:00 am Tee Time

All proceeds benefit the literacy programs of the Elyria Comic Book Initiative and Power of the Pen

\$60 per golfer

\$35 Dinner only, Serving at 4pm.

Payment due on or before June 1<sup>st</sup>

To make reservations call Dan Proczak at 440-221-6411  
The First Three Keynotes are included in 2011 registration.

### "A Night at the Races"

Join in the sport of kings!

Saturday, June 25, 2011 • 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm  
Solon Community Center



- wager on action packed, heart pounding horse racing
- Enter to win the \$2500 raffle prize.
- Enjoy a buffet dinner and drinks from the open bar (beer and soft drinks), or bring your own wine and liquor!

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The Rotary Club of Solon  
and its local mission of enhancing  
the minds and bodies of our children.



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## TRC Burton-Middlefield "Project Patagonia"

By Bob Johnson & Jim Eldridge

In keeping with our club's strong tradition of International Service, The Rotary Club of Burton-Middlefield is proud to announce the completion of our third "Project Patagonia" project in Argentina. These projects, done over a span of three years and in conjunction with former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars to Argentina and the Rotary Club of Nahuel Huapi in Bariloche Argentina, have provided enhanced educational infrastructure and supplies to a group of 25 (seven, eight or nine per year) very rural schools in the Patagonia region. These schools that are often hundreds of miles apart on dirt roads and operated on generator electricity and solar power only, have stepped into the modern world with the installation of computers and state of the art educational supplies.

Former Ambassadorial Scholars Kimberly Berls, Tanner Wells, Emily Pierce, and Christopher Tepper created "Project Patagonia" in 2006, shortly after completion of their Rotary studies in Argentina. A chance encounter between their group and our club led to our teaming up for three very successful \$25,000 international projects over a three year time span. The scholars' connection with members of the Rotary Club of Nahuel Huapi for administrative and purchasing support on the first project and generous financial

support with the second and third projects greatly increased the efficiency and success of this work. Roberto Wallace, Arturo Kolliker and Rodolfo Weifling, all members of the Nahuel Huapi Club were the driving force for the success of these projects. Their thorough and efficient purchasing of equipment and supplies, organizing and logistics, timely and accurate completion of paper work and things like providing housing for the Project Patagonia members and reserving rental cars and transportation made them the key players in the success of all three projects.

Burton-Middlefield members Bob Johnson and Jim Eldridge who provided the application, funding and logistics of the projects at this end hope to someday meet these very dedicated Rotarians from Argentina. Nahuel Huapi Rotarian, Arturo Kolliker said he would like to express "the deep gratitude our club and District feel for the effort the Rotarians of the Burton-Middlefield RC and District 6630 as well as Kimberly, Tanner and the collaborators from the Project Patagonia have done to make the dreams of the students of these distant rural schools become a magnificent reality. He also would like "to express to any Rotarian or Rotarians from District 6630 who would like to visit Bariloche and the rural schools they have helped so dearly to consider themselves our very

special guests, anytime they come."

As we all know, it is one thing for Rotary to swoop in and do an expensive and high visibility project, but another to do follow up. Project Patagonia has been able to provide follow up visits to some of these remote locations to update soft ware and repair computers and other educational tools and to do further training. This has given these projects continuity and longevity. Many community members have been trained to use the equipment after school hours which have further increased the impact on everyone in these remote villages.

Kimberly Berls and Tanner Wells are scheduled to present a program on this last Project Patagonia III on Wednesday evening, June 15th during Burton-Middlefield's regular meeting at Punder-son State Park Manor House on Route 87 in Newbury, OH at 7:00PM. If anyone would like to join us, dinner is \$15. Be sure to call ahead to Bob Johnson at 440-834-8447 for a reservation.

### **\*\*CLUB MEETING CHANGES\*\***

*TRC SHAKER Wed. Noon Shaker Skating Club 2500 Kemper Road (near Shaker Sq.)*

*TRC HILLCREST-SUNRISE Mon. 7:15am*

*Hilton Garden Inn 700 Beta Dr.*

*TRC HILLCREST Mon. Noon also at Hilton Garden Inn 700 Beta Dr.*

*CLEVELAND EAST Wed. Noon Mad*

*Greek Restaurant 2466 Fairmount Blvd.*

## Remember Our Goals for The Rotary Foundation

By Dave Houle

As the Rotary year draws to a close, we want you to remember our goals for The Rotary Foundation for 2010-2011.

We are extremely happy to offer a special incentive program for everyone in District # 6630 as follows:

Double the impact of your contributions to the Annual Fund of The Rotary Foundation (TRF)

In recognition of the many benefits District 6630 receives from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) and to encourage new or additional gifts to the Annual Fund of TRF, individual gifts of \$100 or more made from May 5th through June 15th will be matched one for one with recogni-

tion points up to \$250. The match will count toward the donor's Paul Harris Fellow recognition (\$1000 in cumulative contributions to the Annual Fund).

The District will benefit through increased donations to the Annual Fund of TRF this year, as well as three year's later when one-half of this year's donations will come back to the District. These funds are then available to support local and international Humanitarian Grants, Group Study Exchange teams, and Ambassadorial Scholars.

To make your new or additional gift, you can either donate on-line via member access at <http://www.rotary.org/EN/CONTRIBUTE/Pages/ridefault.aspx> or complete the Global Contribution Form found at <http://www.rotary.org/>

R I d o c u m e n t s / en\_pdf/123en\_write.pdf. In either case, make sure you designate your donation for the Annual Fund. Then notify Julie West, [jwest@ameritech.net](mailto:jwest@ameritech.net) of the date and amount of your contribution.

Remember, that to receive a one for one match your donation must be an initial or additional donation to the Annual Fund of at least \$100 and made between May 5th and June 15th, 2011. The maximum amount to be matched for each gift is \$250. Matches will be made on a first come basis up to a cumulative total of 8000 recognition points.

Thank you for your support of The Rotary Foundation which enables us to multiply our impact both locally and internationally.

## Membership Recruitment

By Al Conners

The Membership recruitment panel brought together for the District Assembly consisted of Joe Lykins and Jim Pascoe, R.C. of Aurora; Rob Previte, R.C. of Solon; Tim Hill, R.C. of Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise; and Jack, Miaskowski, R.C. of Strongsville. Any club seeking ideas to build membership could tap into a wealth of know-how by contacting any one of these panelists.

We sometimes over-simplify new member recruitment with the statement "get your ask in gear"! There's no doubt that a successful membership sale requires "asking for the order" or closing the deal. A useful first step, however, may well be an analysis of what your club has to sell.

For instance, do you have a pleasant place to meet, one where a variety of good food is provided? Do your meetings START and FINISH on time and do your members have a good experience at the meeting? Is that experience full of fun and camaraderie and do all members, new and old alike, experience the feeling of being included? In short, does your club provide a meeting place and meeting experience that helps sell your club to new member prospects?

An obvious selling point is the service your club provides to the local and international community. What you do reflects your commitment to the ideal of service. Are your projects and programs well planned, well executed and well publicized? Can your members point to these projects/programs with pride when asked "what does Rotary do?" If members can do this, non-members will be easily approached; in fact, some of them may come to you!

If you're serious about boosting membership, consider the points previously mentioned. Any careful and thorough analysis of your meetings, meeting place, attendee meeting experience, and project track record will unearth at least a few things your club could improve. Making these improvements is a solid start for attracting and retaining new members.

## Thanks For Supporting The District Conference

Thank you ALL for attending the weekend of the District Assembly / Conference.

Yes, it was a most interesting weekend as we attempted to combine two different District functions in to one single weekend, thereby, making it less time consumptive for you - the business owner, but, you the ROTARIAN !!!!

Fact is, Dr. Karien Ziegler, the Rotary International President's Representative told me she thoroughly enjoyed her visit with us here RD 6630 and her trip from New Jersey was more than merely worthwhile.

Fact is, Mike Snyder and Jim Chones were most pleased to attend and speak on Friday afternoon, not realizing as many of "you" really would take off from work in the middle of a Friday to attend a special luncheon.

Fact is, both Dr. Peter Schramm (Ashbrook Institute) and David Ross ("The Amazing Race") made comments that it was GREAT to see such enthusiastic and interested leaders of a community come to hear them speak on their respective subjects.

Fact is, both of the 4-Way Test Speech contestants arrived early prior to their speeches on Saturday to get "the lay of the land" and when it was time to address the well over 150 Rotarians in the audience, at the tender ages) of 14 and 15 - EACH was NOT surprised or "intimated".

Fact is, the Parade of Nations Saturday evening left each Exchange Student extremely pleased to have spent the year here, OR, excited to leave on their new adventure to another country knowing that you, Rotary District 6630, shall give them 100% support and a "Mr. Jay, the dinner was a fantastic send-off!!!!"

Fact is, Hannah Taylor and her father, Bruce, FINALLY arrived from Stockholm, Sweden following any NUMBER of airport delays and Hannah proved to one and all Saturday evening that the Youth of this world truly are concerned with such issues as Homelessness and that maybe, just maybe, Hannah and the "Youth of Today" SHALL work to make tomorrow a better place in which to live !!!

Fact is, if you were unable to attend, simply ask someone who WAS in attendance to hear the Singing Angels perform on Friday

night and the Western Reserve Brass Band perform during Saturday evening's dinner .... (and for those of you in the back of the room, they really were not as loud in the front as one might expect....)

However, it is now time to complete the tasks at hand, the jobs we had set out to complete in the beginning of this current Rotary year AND to begin working on goals set for the NEXT Rotary year:

- Interact
- Rotaract
- The Rotary Foundation
- Membership
- Future leaders
- Service Above Self
- Group Study Exchange teams) - BOTH were in attendance this year....

For pictures, simply go to YOUR District website !!!!

We are Rotarians and we are talented - able to wear more than one hat at a time. John Wilson with Registration, Mary Weaver with the House of Friendship, Nancy Chartrand with Raffle prizes, Dick Farkas with the Hospitality Suites, Jim Lechko with Corporate Sponsorships, Jack Harig with PR (and SO much more !!!!!), Shelia Hedrick with the Sergeants (no one got lost and everyone was kept moving ....), Steve Zabor / Dr. Tim Wright with the Assemble portion of the weekend, Julie West with the Sunday Morning memorial, etc. etc.

SO many of "you" simply pitched in and assisted the tremendous number who attended, to not only prepare for the next Rotary year, to not only celebrate the many accomplishments of the current Rotary year, but, to indeed make this Assembly / Conference - Bigger - Better - BOLDER !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I hope to see YOU next year at this same time at the District Conference also !!!!!

Sincerely,

Jay Dzurilla, RD 6630 District Assembly / Conference Co-Chair, 2010-2011

**\*\*\*INFO RE RI NOMINATING COMMITTEE BALLOT\*\*\***

**Your club's "Official Ballot for member of the Rotary International Nominating Committee for President 2013-14" MUST BE RETURNED DIRECTLY TO ROTARY INTERNATIONAL IN EVANSTON AND RECEIVED THERE BY 30 JUNE 2011**

## Students Participate in Cultural Fair

By Jeff Dano  
Eighth-graders at Highland Middle School put their heads together recently to address international problems faced by the United Nations – and found the experience delightful.

The Model United Nations program at HMS has been around for three years but this is the first year all eighth-graders participated, according to Kelly D'Annolfo, eighth-grade language arts teacher.

D'Annolfo said Kim Clendaniel, a former middle school gifted teacher, approached her about starting the program. The national program is designed for high school and college students, but Clendaniel and D'Annolfo tweaked the program to accommodate middle school participants.

“We kind of do a baby-step version,” said D'Annolfo. “The students are assigned countries to research. They act like delegates from those countries to research and resolve world issues. This is part of our curriculum here at Highland.”



Highland Middle School eighth-graders represent countries participating in the United Nations including Romania and Portugal. Pictured here are Jonathan Sambor, Jake Dannery, Logan Davis and Zoe Penko.

This year 274 students repre-

sented 72 countries in an all-day event at the school. In the morning the students gave speeches and PowerPoint presentations about actual issues facing the UN right now. They engaged in debates, then prepared for a cultural fair in the gym. The students had to present information about their country and get information on others. “They learn how to ask for exactly what they want and how to phrase it in such a way that others can support you,” said D'Annolfo. “It becomes an exercise in diplomacy and creative and persuasive writing. They have cross-curricular questions they have to answer. They’re learning geography, government, religion – it incorporates all areas.”

Students were given awards for best artifacts, best outfit from their country and best display. They also had special visitors. Mike Fry, a competitive jumper, travels to places such as Tanzania and Kenya to teach jump-roping to impoverished kids, came to talk to the students as well as Rotary International high school exchange students.

They were all impressed with what the students presented.

“We had a lot of fun,” said Franziska Erwentrou, 16, of Germany who is staying in Medina. “They asked me a lot of questions. It’s interesting.”

“I think it’s great,” said Fiona Sigmund, 17, of Austria who is staying in Medina. “They are so young. Even if they don’t get to know all the countries, at least the one they researched they will know about. I like it.”

Victoria Marques, 16 of Brazil who is staying in Akron, agreed.

## TRC Berea & City Team Up For Environment

By Linda Kramer

The Rotary Club of Berea and the City of Berea are working on a proposed joint project to rehabilitate an abandoned home. The project was suggested by past Berea Rotary president Sally King as a way for the club to give back to the community at a time when home foreclosures are still on the upswing. Berea Mayor Cyril Kleem has proposed that the city obtain an abandoned, foreclosed home through the County Land Bank at low cost and then donate it to Rotary for rehabilitation. Once the home is ready for the market, all proceeds from the sale would go to the Berea Rotary Club. The club’s board of directors and city officials are still working out the details but it is hoped the project can get under way this summer.

SURPRISE GUEST: Berea Rotarians were treated to a visit by Rotarian John Phillips of Millersburg recently. John’s goal is to visit 300

Rotary Clubs before the upcoming convention in New Orleans. His Berea visit was No. 296. John has traveled to most of the states and to the provinces of Canada plus several foreign countries. When the weather permits, he rides his motorcycle. In fact, John, 82, plans to meet up with New York Rotarian cyclists and bike his way to New Orleans. But he said the main purpose for his visit was to encourage donations to help eradicate polio worldwide. John has administered polio vaccine in other countries and said what a great deal of satisfaction he got from the experience. Elimination of polio is a major goal of Rotary International.

IN MEMORIAM: The Rotary Club of Berea mourns the passing of long-time member Mary Ellen Posze, who passed away April 8. Mary Ellen had been a real estate agent for many years and had previously owned a travel agency. She also was active in the Red Hat Society.

## Follow-up: India NID

The district newsletter recently reported that Dan Sutherin of the Rotary Club of Bedford and his 17 yr. old daughter participated in the February 27, 2011 NID in India. While speaking at the Rotary Club of Medina, Sutherin shared the results of the National Drive. According

to information he received from the Polio Eradication Committee of India; during the 4 day National Immunization Day (NID) event just shy of 169,000,000 children under 5 were immunized. To date, India has only had one (1) case of Polio in 2011.

## TRC West Shore Turns 50 and Golf

The West Shore Rotary Club, serving the communities of Fairview, West Park and N. Olmsted, will be celebrating it’s 50th anniversary on June 28th, 2011. Chartered in June 1961, as the Fairview-West Park Rotary Club, it has served it’s local and international communities with pride and distinction. Join them for lunch from 11:30 to 1pm, at the 100th Bomb Group Restaurant on Brookpark Rd to commemorate

50 years of service above self.

West Shore Rotary Golf Outing, Wed., June 1st at Bob-O-Link in Avon on Rte. 83, \$60/per golfer, includes pork roast dinner. Proceeds to benefit the literacy programs... Elyria Comic Book Initiative and Power of the Pen. Contact Dan Fronczak at 440-221-6411 if you’re interested in participating or e-mail: bartonhab@windstream.net. Check in time is 9:30 am.



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## Lkwd/RR Sends Dictionaries

By Larry Faulhaber

As part of Rotary International's Literacy initiative, the Sunrise Rotary Club of Lake-wood/Rocky River, has sent dictionaries to four grade students at the Estill Springs and West Irvine Elementary Schools in Irvine, Kentucky. Irvine is located southeast of Lexington, in a rural area in mountains of the Daniel Boone National Forest. Irvine is the County Seat of Estill, Kentucky and has a population of less than 3,000. The dictionaries were sent to and distributed by the Interfaith Wellness Ministry.

The ministry's office manager wrote to Bill Gaydos, Sunrise Club Literacy Project Co-ordinator. She told Bill how much the students appreciated the dictionaries. She

related how the students found information on Kentucky, learned sign language, and enjoyed finding the longest word in the English language. The students have written thank you notes to the Club for their donation.

## Burton-Middlefield MC Run

By Christina Livers

Mark your calendars for the 6th Annual Rotary Ride on Sunday, June 26, 2011!

The ride led by Sheriff Dan McClelland will take you on a scenic 60 mile tour of Geauga County and a drive by the Geauga County Veterans' Memorial. The ride departs from Harrington Square in Middlefield at 10 am and ends in a complimentary picnic lunch provided by sponsor Dave Harrington.

Registration is \$25 per bike (passenger rides free).

A DVD will be available of the event including you and your bike and passenger the day of the ride. Photographer Marty Pesek will set the DVD to patriotic music. The cost of the DVD is \$20. Registration is from 8-10 am.

The ride departs from Harrington Square in Middlefield Village at 10 am.

This years proceeds will be used to complete the work on the Geauga County Veterans' Memorial. So come out and enjoy a great ride and help to get this beautiful memorial completed to honor our local veterans.

For more information or to register online go to [www.bmmotorcyclorun.com](http://www.bmmotorcyclorun.com).

## Eleven Pencils

By Karen Donovan Godt

Several years ago in the mountainous Honduran countryside, my husband and I found 24 abandoned teenage boys. That hot afternoon, we were amazed by their three greatest wishes in life - food, shoes and eleven pencils. Though the desire for pencils puzzled us, their other needs were achingly clear: they were shoeless and hadn't eaten in four days. How could we afford not to help forgotten children living in desperate poverty when a mere \$60 will feed two children for one month?



In today's world, there are millions of forgotten children. They are the poorest and the most vulnerable, the exploited and the abused. They are ignored by laws, budgets, programs, and by a society that fails to protect them. They are deprived of education, healthcare, and other basic needs and services. Extreme poverty causes them to become invisible to their communities and to miss out on childhood. If they survive, they face exclusion in adulthood. In desperation, more often than not, teenage boys migrate to cities in search of a better future. There, unemployment, hunger, disease, drugs, and gangs await them.

In 2004, the Flor Azul Boys Community was founded in response to this extreme poverty, lack of opportunities and labor exploitation. Located just 2 hours from the Honduran capital, Tegucigalpa, the project is currently home to over 100 rescued boys. We provide each boy with food, clothing, shelter, health care, and an education. We

have recently established a youth training center to teach skills and provide opportunities for future home based enterprises. Above all, we provide the boys with the opportunity to work and hope for a better future. We believe it is essential to build a strong foundation with what is basic to all of us...a sense of self worth, love and security.



And those eleven pencils? What we learned on that very first trip was that each day those 24 boys separated into two groups of twelve - a work group and a study group that switched roles at midday. They were teaching one another everything they knew, but it was difficult, as they only had only one pencil to share among all of them. Our hearts were immediately stolen. We realized we had a responsibility to fulfill to each of these boys, and so began our commitment to providing a strong, caring environment wherein no child is invisible or excluded.

The Honduran children have taught us that before we are a race, a religion or an occupation, we are human family. Together with the children and the support of many, we have moved many mountains. We have built a small village, fish farms, greenhouses, created micro-enterprises and provided scholarships for each boy. We are committed to making a difference and ask for Rotarian support. Our goal is to purchase a mini bus to transport the boys to school. Indeed our needs are overwhelming, yet there is nothing more rewarding than knowing that "To the world you might be one person, but to one person...you just might be the world." It is your generous support that keeps us believing in miracles and for which we are, Forever grateful, Karen Donovan-Godt, Executive Director

*We cannot do everything. And yet, we must do something and do it very, very well.* Oscar Romero



## Opportunity For Trip to El Salvador

By Carol Crimi

For several years delegations of Rotarians from several Districts have been visiting El Salvador to assist in the planning and implementation of village water projects. The next trip will be July 24-31, 2011. The cost is air fare plus approximately \$900 for the week which includes all meals, lodging, transportation, translation and presentations by various local people.

To date, Rotary has completed water projects for three villages. Currently, planning is underway for the fourth. These projects require heavy involvement on the part of the villagers who participate in the planning, the building and the on-going maintenance to assure sustainability. The last project completed utilizes

a solar powered system to pump the water to the homes of the villagers.

The focus of these delegations is : (1) to review the progress of completed and existing projects and render advice on operations when needed; (2) to investigate and plan for future projects; (3) to develop friendships with local village people, officials and Salvadoran Rotarians; (4) to develop greater understanding of the country and its people through speakers and group reflection. The delegations are open to non-Rotarians, so this is a great opportunity for a family member, minister or friend as well.

Anyone interested, contact Carol Crimi for further information a.s.a.p. (330) 607-5105; ccrimi@sbglobal.net

www.MercerCountyGolfTrail.com

## Thanks for Twenty Five Speech Contests

By Dan Davis

Meet Scott Pease from the RC of Aurora. He will be the new chairperson for the District 6630 Four-Way Test Speech Contest. The Speech Contest is in good hands for 2012.

The 2011 Contest was again a tribute to the affect Rotary can have. Twenty-eight clubs participated. Over one hundred forty people attended. Before speakers can compete in the District Contest they must first win at their clubs. This is often very competitive and involves winners who must first be selected from their school competition and then win at their club contest.

The club contest takes a lot of work to set up. Enthusiastic Rotarians must first engage the cooperating teachers, administrators, and students so they want to participate. It's a lot of extra work for everybody involved, but the end result is worth it. Students create and deliver a four to seven minute speech where they use the Four-Way Test of the things we Think, Say, and Do, to resolve an issue that is personally important to them. We estimate that between five hundred to fifteen hundred students are exposed to and encouraged each year by the power of the ethics behind the Four-Way Test.

If you have ever attended our Speech Competition, or heard the winners present their speeches at a District Conference, you know that these students are extraordinary. Their content and poise are truly impressive. This year's first place winner, Joy Schaeffer, from the Strongsville club, is only fourteen years old, but her speech about the national debt was absolutely incredible. You will be able to see and hear her speech as soon as it is posted to the District Four-Way Test Web Page.

Over the years many Rotarians, Toastmasters, and friends/spouses of Rotarians have played key parts in the success of this program. Very special recognition goes out to my wife, Judy, who has supported and encouraged me in all areas. For many years, Dick Kluge from RC of Nordonia Hills, partnered with me to enhance the program. Dick brought Toastmasters to the competition, and his family coordinated and catered the breakfast and lunch. Dick was enthusiastic about the contest and his contributions to the program are significant.

From the RC of Chagrin Highlands, Larry Covin has headed up the breakfast and luncheon effort from shopping to set up to clean up. Jeff Wyner has helped with photography and video. Others who were always ready and willing

to help were; Karl Amstadt, Steve Atkins, Oscar Berman, Roman Frayman, Peter Gray, Gita Gidwani, Mike Goldstein, Marlene Herman, Harold Levine, Larry Milne, Dick Myers, John Newburger, Gayle Schwartz, Ira Sherman, and Greg West.

From the RC of Hillcrest, John Bosco and Jackie Minotas played a critical part by making sure registration and the collection of funds were always done perfectly. Other members who were also of great help were; George Johanson, George Schumacher, Frank Moore, Gail Sinito, and Brian Giallombardo, who always helped to make the contest run smoothly.

Special thanks to Craig de Fasselle who put the contest on the web, and Cheryl Warren, our current webmaster, who keeps it running smoothly. They enabled me to make the contest and all of its information available to everyone who participated in the contest. Tom Bayless has done an excellent job of videotaping the event so we can have the winner's videos available on the web, enabling new participants to see the quality of speeches we have come to expect. Both Fran Bayless and Marcia Papalardo have been judges for several years and have been very supportive. The District 6630 Four-Way Test Speech Contest has always been a group effort!

I have been fortunate to have been able to associate and work with every District Governor for the past twenty-five years. Every single one of them has been special to me and I thank every one of them for their help and support. Thank you to all those that I have not specifically mentioned—you know who you are! Rotarian Max Shunk (deceased) introduced me to Rotary and the Four-Way Test. PDG William Hite conducted the first speech contest I attended and has been a friend and mentor ever since. PDG and RI Director Mike Johns said "yes" when I volunteered to chair the speech contest twenty-five years ago. He said that in Rotary, when you volunteer, hardly anyone will say "no". Past RI Director Don Kwait has been a mentor and friend to me on many different Rotary projects.

I was honored at the District Conference for my service by receiving a Paul Harris Fellow. I thank all of you for that recognition. It has truly been MY privilege to have had the opportunity to chair this program and an honor to be associated with Rotarians of your stature.

To all District 6630 Rotarians: Thank you, and make the 2012 Four-Way Test Speech Contest another great success!