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## Governor's Letter

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By the time you read this I will have completed all 56 of my official club visits. What a wonderful journey this has been. Getting to know many more of the over two thousand Rotarians in District 6630 and the wonderful work you do in your local and distant communities has been inspiring. Each club has a story to tell about their successes and we need to find more ways to share those stories so others can learn from them and build upon them. As you read this newsletter please think about sharing your project and/or fundraising stories by submitting an article to Michael Johns, newsletter editor [stonecut@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stonecut@sbcglobal.net).

One theme of my talks has been that we must constantly ask the question "What Next." Last January in San Diego Rotary International President Kalyan Banerjee said "Good is not Good Enough!" By that he meant we should not pause in our efforts to make sustainable change in people's lives and to build sustainable communities. So think about what the next step might be to ensure that the change you have begun will take hold.

Begun in 1917 by District 6630's own Arch Klumph the Rotary Foundation provides the fuel that enables Rotarians to build stronger communities and to live up to our motto "Service Above

Self." Through our donations to the Rotary Foundation we are able to achieve our humanitarian mission and to build peace and understanding through our sponsorship of Group Study Exchange, this year with District 3202 in India, an Ambassadorial Scholar, and to support programs in our local communities through district simplified grants or around the world in international partnerships through the matching grant program.

Our personal support for the Rotary Foundation goes a long way to help us achieve our goals and there are many ways to provide support. I encourage you to listen carefully to the presentation at your club this month and to respond at a level of giving that is comfortable to you. Our combined giving helps us support our efforts to build stronger communities here and around the world. Rick Pollak and Rick Cooper have put together a wonderful presentation to inform and inspire. I thank them for their selfless work to build awareness and understanding.

Virtually every club is working on increasing membership and involving more members in the club's activities. See PDG Al Connors' article in the newsletter in which he identifies clubs that have successfully grown since 2007. We need them to

share their stories and to learn from them. While each community has its unique characteristics there are some common elements to recruiting and retaining members. Membership is everyone's job. Reaching within ourselves to identify our Rotary Passion, preparing to clearly articulate it to others and getting our "ask" in gear is a big start. So often I hear that people just do not have the time for Rotary. And then I come across a young professional who is a single mother who says Rotary is an important part of her family's life. Selling the value of Rotary to prospective and current members is a key to growing and engaging membership. Al Connors and I are ready to help in any way we can to move your club and the district forward. Please contact one or both of us and we will arrange the support that you require. Engaged and enthusiastic members are the key to our success. Let's make it happen.

I find it difficult to believe that we are one third of the way through this Rotary year. I hope that club presidents and officers are pleased with the progress you have made. Another phrase RI President Kalyan Banerjee said last January was "Continuity and Change" indicating that we must build on the successes of the past and respond to our changing environment. As we work to

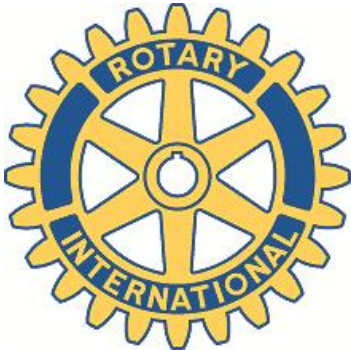
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build on the work of past club leaders and past District Governors let us also look forward to identify and prepare our future leaders. Let's work with them to help them understand what our goals are, what the challenges are that we have faced, and what our frustrations are so that they may build on our achievements. Soon we will be entering the months of leadership training for the next Rotary year. I encourage you to work

closely with the incoming club and district officers to make 2012/2013 the best District 6630 year yet.

As my official visits end I look forward to providing whatever support I can to ensure that each Rotarian and each Rotary club in this district and the future leaders of this district are as successful in achieving their dreams as they possibly can be.



*Happy Thanksgiving*

## News From TRC Chagrin Highlands

By Marlene Herman

1. When one door closes, another door opens. We had been increasing dissatisfied with our luncheon relationship at Bar Louie. As of November 4th, we moved our club meetings to Mitchell's Fish Market, 28601 Chagrin Blvd., Woodmere (at Eton Square). The course the food is beyond compare. Our only reservation is outgrowing the room they have provided. We welcome visitors and always appreciate advanced notice for announcement.

2. Hoping everyone paused for a moment in honor of our Veteran's near and far. Still praying for their safe return home at the soonest moment possible.



3. We wanted to have more social events, so our own Bob Slanina jumped in and made reservations

for an evening in Tremont. Friends, spouses, and members met at Edison's Pub for cocktails, followed by a delicious dinner at Lagos. We rounded that dinner off with a second short walk back to where we started and enjoyed ice cream at Scoops. The weather had a fall nip, but the rain and snow held off until the next day. Thank you old man winter! Everyone had time to talk, tell jokes, and nurture the friendships Rotary was founded on.



4. Twice a year we find our hearts reaching out to less fortunate men and women with disabilities at the Developmental Center in Highland heights for the Sports Challenge Event. The center sets up 5-6 games and we help about 75 attendees participate. Their joy is

## Telling the Story: Protecting the Legacy

By Cheryl Warren

On November 1, 2011, The Rotary Club of Akron inducted another 10 new members into its ranks at a festive luncheon that included balloons, streamers, noise makers, cake and even a champagne toast.



A diverse group, the new inductees included business owners, bankers, lawyers, volunteers, and other community leaders. For two inductees, Rotary has truly become a family affair, with no less than three other family members who are also members of Rotary. With more than six months remaining in the year, the club has plans to add fifteen more new members by June, who if added, would exceed 30 for the year; a goal that few would have believed was possible when the year started.

When asked why this year has gotten off to such a fast start

written on their faces and in their laughter and smiles. That is before we provide them with a small gift and lunch. We are the fortunate ones, as we can give them a day to forget their challenges,

5. This year we went a step farther and raised funds for Citizens Academy 2. They will use the gift of \$400.00 to buy books for their library for use by the children.



It has also been our privilege to purchase and provide over 450 beautiful hard covered dictionar-

regarding membership recruitment, Club President Mark Krohn quickly complemented Lance Chima, Membership Committee Chair, his committee and the entire club for embracing the Club's theme for the year which is "Tell the Story: Protect the Legacy".

Krohn stated that people are still actively seeking out ways to give back and make a difference and that each and every time we tell people the amazing things our club is doing, the overwhelming response is "How can I help?"

While Krohn finds it difficult to believe that the answer to Rotary's membership problem may simply be boasting about past success, he is glad that his club has become more forthcoming about all of its achievements and doing so is compelling to others to join.

Krohn concluded by stating "We have an amazing club that simply accomplishes every goal it sets, and it is my privilege to know and be associated with these fine people. I have no doubt that these 10 new members will take us to even greater heights."

ies with pictures to the third graders at Citizens Academy. The children are excited beyond compare to receive their very own new book to take home. We insert a paper "plate" with Our Rotary logo and a place the child can write in their name. How can we be sure they love this book? Beyond the smiles, are children hugging it so tight, you think they may damage the binding. Some won't let the others touch their book while sharing the excitement of the new pictures as they page through them for the first time. My favorite was when the children were leaving to go back to their classrooms. One little boy turned around while clutching his book. He simply mouthed the words THANK YOU. Sometimes, life doesn't get any better than that.

## 5 Year Membership Statistics, July 2011

By Al Conners

Every Secretary, of every Club in D6630, reports the paid membership of that Club as of July 1 and January 1. We have these numbers, sort of, for July 1, 2011. "Sort of" means that 13 of 56 Clubs had NOT reported their membership as of October 26. Having served as a club Secretary two years ago, I recognize the many problems associated with the July count. This is also the time when annual dues are collected and no one wishes to report a member who has not paid annual or semi-annual dues.

The numbers are as follows: The July 1, 2007, membership count was 2382. On July 1, 2011, we had 2229 members, "sort of". This represents a loss of 153 members or 6.4%. Obviously, the reports from the 13 clubs who have not responded will influence the final membership numbers.

Increasing membership is a priority for DG Steve. The numbers above indicate 2 things: the Clubs in D6630 have lost a significant number of members since 2007, and we have reporting issues at approximately 1 of every 4 clubs. In short, we've lost ground but we cannot say "how much". We do know that District membership increased from 2175 in July, 2010 to 2229 in July, 2011(sort of). Two newly chartered clubs reported 53 members in July, 2011. Was 2010 a turnaround year?

I don't doubt that there are many valid reasons for our struggle with membership. Nevertheless, we do have a number of clubs that overcame the problems and posted solid growth. Among these are the RC of Geneva which grew from 45 to 54 members over the July

1, 2007 to July 1, 2011 period. The RC of Hudson grew from 50 to 63 members over the same period. The RC of North Royalton-Broadview Heights grew from 16 to 25 members over the reporting period and the RC of Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise posted an increase from 22 to 28 members.

These are excellent results in difficult times! The RC of Tallmadge has another excellent record: July 2007, 20 members; July 2008, 24 members; July 2009, 25 members; July 2010, 26 members; July 2011, 30 members. A wise person once said that there's only one way to eat an elephant-piece by piece!

There were other clubs who maintained membership or slightly increased it. Congratulations to them. If all of us did this, the membership problem would vanish. So what's the big deal, some may ask? The "big deal" is that we must have active, involved members so that our clubs can make a difference in the world in which we live.

Many of us regard Membership growth as tough work. Facing up to the problem and starting to do something about it is usually the most difficult obstacle. Once a member or two joins, momentum develops and additional recruits come to join the party!

Membership growth is everyone's responsibility! We, as members of a Rotary club, should accept and respond to that challenge!

## November: Rotary Foundation Month

By Richard S. Pollak

### *This month's Foundation Thoughts are about....*

Supporting the Foundation. "The Foundation belongs to us all. It is our greatest resource for doing good, and it is our responsibility to maintain its strength. I hope every Rotarian will join us by making

ing a contribution to support the Foundation's programs this

year." – 2004-05 RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr.

Celebrating our Foundation. "Rotary International's masterpiece is The Rotary Foundation....It transforms our most daring dreams into the most splendid realities....The Rotary world and even the political world are already aware that The Rotary Foundation is the most generous expression of Rotarian generosity – a generosity that not only brings benefits but also brings help and cooperation to solve the problems that affect mankind.... Only God achieves the impossible, but The Rotary Foundation achieves the best that mankind can possibly

achieve." – 1990-91 RI President Paulo V.C. Costa

Celebrating our Foundation. "Since 1905, Rotarians have been 'torchbearers,' lighting the way to a better life for many people in many countries. Like Olympic runners, we received a torch from those before us – a torch of service that brings light to the shadow areas of mankind: intolerance, ignorance, disease, and hunger. ... Let people know that Rotary cares and acts." – 1979-80 RI President James L. Bomar

Every Rotarian, Every Year. "The Rotary Foundation enables our clubs and districts to multiply their service efforts many times over. This effect is increasing as the Foundation's humanitarian grant projects become larger in scale to profoundly improve the lives of more people. We can help Make Dreams Real for children and their families today by giving at least US\$100 to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year initiative. And we can help ensure their needs will be met tomorrow by building a strong endowment through contributions to the Permanent Fund." – 2003-04 RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe

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## News From TRC Berea

By Linda Kramer

Thanks to Jay Dzurilla of Strongsville Rotary, the governor of Rotary District 4630 of Santa Fe, Parana, Brazil, paid a visit to the Berea Rotary on Oct. 25. Flavio Zunta and his wife, Valdete, were our guests for the evening as was Howard Gabe, a native of Wales who now lives in Brazil. The trio were visiting the U.S. and decided to wind up their trip in northeast Ohio. They presented Berea Rotary President Mike Orr with their club flag, a soccer shirt, and, for his wife, a necklace from Brazil.



**HERE COME THE MARINES:** Lt. Col. Michael Hubbard of the 3rd Bn., 25th Marine Reserves based in Brook Park spoke to the club about the unit and its mission. Hubbard, who has been in the Marine Corps for 26 years and served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan, said as an infantry unit, the 3/25th has one mission – “repel the enemy.” He said the support of Americans at home was very important to troops serving overseas. He

called the relationship between military and civilians a “symbiotic” one. He said CARE packages, letters, cards “help to sustain us on the field of battle.”

“Collectively, we’ll ensure that this nation will endure,” Hubbard said.

**ALL THE WORLD’S A STAGE:** Berea Rotarians were treated to a one-man play, “Alas, Poor Yorick,” written by Cleveland stand-up comedian John David Sidley and directed by Berea Rotarian Jack Winget, a theater professor at Baldwin-Wallace College. Performing in period costume was B-W theater major Bob McClure. Sidley said he wrote the comedic take on the deceased Yorick from Shakespeare’s “Hamlet” over a period of years and depicted as the world’s first stand-up comedian what Shakespeare had relegated to a skull. The one-act play was introduced earlier this year at B-W’s New Play Festival. Sidley attended the performance at Rotary’s meeting on Nov. 1 with his wife, Susan. He and McClure were given a standing ovation for their efforts.

**HELPING OUT:** Berea Rotarians have been busy helping the community. They gave out candy to trick-or-treaters during Berea’s annual Harvest Festival in the downtown area. Rotarians also visited public and parochial schools in Berea and Olmsted Falls to distribute 600 dictionaries to third graders. Club members spent time in the classrooms, explaining how to use the dictionaries and answering questions from the students. Each dictionary

contains a message from Rotary. The last meeting of every month is Food Pantry Day for Berea Rotary. Members donated almost 71 pounds of food to the SCAN Hunger Pantry in October for a total of 180 pounds of food and 33 pounds of soap and toilet paper since August.

**POINSETTIA TIME:** Hard to believe but it’s time to plan for the holidays! The Rotary Club of Berea is again sponsoring its annual Poinsettia Sale. Plants are available in 4-inch pots (\$4.50), 6-inch (\$8.50), 8-inch (\$19) and 10-inch (\$28). Orders are due by Nov. 29. Call Berea Rotarian Jim Saylor for more information and to order, (440) 234-8946 (home) or (216) 251-3033 (work). Proceeds fund the club’s scholarship programs.

**KIVA LOANS:** Ken Weber, Berea Rotary Kiva chair, has made 221 loans to date. The latest went to entrepreneurs in the United States (games & services), Samoa (farming), Peru (animal sales), Rwanda (agriculture), Kenya (farming), Iraq (animal sales) and Guatemala (poultry).

To learn more about Kiva loans, go to [www.kiva.org](http://www.kiva.org).

**OUR HISTORY FROM 1875-1929, PRESENTED BY DAN RUMINSKI STORYTELLER**

**“Cleveland’s Millionaires’ Row” Autism Fundraiser**

Sunday, December 11, 2011

At Goswami’s Downtown Willoughby  
5 pm: Fabulous Goswami’s Buffet Dinner  
6 pm: Live Presentation of Millionaires’ Row by Dan Ruminski, Cleveland’s Great Storyteller

Tickets: \$50 each (reservations required)  
Individual & Corporate Sponsors Welcome!  
100% of proceeds will benefit local Autism clinics and awareness organizations. Checks should be made out to The Willoughby Rotary Foundation.

Contact Mary at Goswami’s, 440-942-8008, for reservations.

**Cleveland’s Great Millionaires’ Row**

From 1875 to 1930, Euclid Avenue’s Millionaires’ Row was considered by many to be grandest avenue in the world. One of its many admirers was Mark Twain.

Join us to hear a marvelous story about the “Row” and the day-to-day lifestyles, fortunes and tragedies of its families. Discover who built the mansions, who they went and where the money came from. See actual photos, inside and outside, of some of the finest homes in the world. Millionaires’ Row, with its winter sleigh races and its elaborate parties, was once Cleveland’s gem. What caused its decline and destruction?

Enjoy a wonderful evening while supporting WRAP – Willoughby Rotary Autism Project.

Sponsorship details are included on the reverse side of this flyer, as well as on: [www.willoughbyrotary.org](http://www.willoughbyrotary.org)

Photo courtesy of the William Rouse Historical Society.

**Sponsor Information**

**\$500 Sponsorship**

- On screen and in program recognition at the event
- Willoughby Rotary and Cleveland History Lessons web site listings through 12-11-11
- 100% tax-deductible.

**\$1000 Sponsorship**

- All benefits above, plus:
- Verbal recognition at the event
- Sponsor mentions in all WELW Radio advertising for the event
- Web site sponsorship of event pictures for 12 months
- Two VIP tickets to the event, including seating at Mr. Ruminski’s table
- Tax-deductible portion: \$940

**\$2500 Sponsorship**

- All benefits above, plus:
- Exclusive promoting sponsor at the event and on the web site
- Speaking option at the event
- The right to give event attendees promotional items or materials
- Pre-event social with Mr. Ruminski
- VIP table of eight for the event
- Tax-deductible portion: \$2060

**MILLIONAIRES’ ROW - EUCLID AVENUE**

*Euclid Avenue, Horse to Auto*

- A personal side of the great avenue and how it came into being
- What made Euclid Avenue unique
- What were the residents like, other than extremely wealthy
- What happened to The Avenue

*“Dan’s program has been exciting and educational. His relaxed style of storytelling allows his audience to listen to history as if they are living it!”*

Katherine Melopous, Gates Hills Branch  
Hjg, Cuyahoga County Public Library

**The Willoughby Rotary Foundation** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Contact Dan to speak at your event: [www.clevelandhistorylessons.com](http://www.clevelandhistorylessons.com)  
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## International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

By Jack A. Young, PDG

FSR-State Ohio Chair

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) is one of the more than ninety Rotary Fellowship and Action Groups established to bring together Rotarians with similar interest from around the world. It is made up of Rotarians who are or were involved in Scouting or members of the World Wide Scouting/ Guiding Movement.

**AIM:** The of the IFSR is to develop a strong association internationally between Rotarians and associations who are, or have been active members and/or supporters of the Scout Movement including national organizations that are members of the World Organizations of Scout movements (WOSM) or the World Organization of Girl Guide and Girl Scouts (WAGGGS)

**OBJECTIVES:** The Objectives of IFSR include the following.

1. To encourage and foster the ideal of service by Rotarians to promote the growth and development of the Scout

movement.

2. To provide opportunities for social and fellowship interaction among IFSR members.

3. To give active encouragement to Scouting at local, national and international levels.

4. To recognize individuals who have provided exceptionally unique service to Scouting and Rotary.

**HISTORY:**

In the early 1990's several Rotarians who were also scouters met and discussed how to provide an outlet for both interests through a recreational fellowship with Rotary International. An organizing meeting was held at the RI Convention in Mexico City in 1991. The necessary requirements of RI for the formation of a new Rotary Fellowship were met and the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians (IFSR) was approved. The first formal meeting was held in France at Marseilles.

**MEMBERSHIP:**

Membership of IFSR is open to any Rotarian, Rotary Spouse, or Rotaractor who is presently (or has formerly been) a member and or supporter of WOSM or WAGGGS organizations. One of the most recognized recent supports of the Fellow Ship of Scouting Rotarians has been RI Past President Cliff Dochterman. The Cliff Dochterman Award has been established to recognize his service to both Rotary and scouting..

There is an application process to join with a fee for the first year of \$ 35 and renewal years of \$ 25. There is also a life membership program of a one time fee of \$ 275.

For more information on the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians or if your club would like to have a presentation on the IFSR at one of your meetings, please contact:

Jack A. Young, PDG

IFSR State of Ohio Chair

440-759-4000

## Are you a Benefactor, or a Bequest Society Member?

By Barry A. Becker

Often our intents are not committed to writing. Have you done a will, Durable medical affidavit, or Power of attorney? No matter what your age if it isn't in writing your loved ones will be adversely impacted. Next in line come bequeaths to church, school or Rotary. Again if you want to do something it's got to be in writing.

Our mortality is an unsettling fact, but not doing something in writing won't forego the inevitable. Show your consideration and appreciation and do the right things in life!

You don't get a do over!

Many Rotarians are not aware of the Benefactor designation. It's been around well over 15 years and after an initial push has slipped past the attention of a lot of Rotarians.

Basically it's a promise you make to Rotary that you will make sure a payment of at least \$1,000 will be made from the proceeds of your estate upon your demise. It's preferred that you pre-pay this, but the

written promise is accepted, after all we are Rotarians.

Go to Rotary.org and look up Benefactor individual recognition and you can fill in the on-line form, or mail or fax it to:

The Rotary Foundation (FN110)  
One Rotary Center  
1560 Sherman Avenue  
Evansville, IL. 60201=3698 USA

You can make pledges or payments in increments of \$1,000. At \$10,000 actually paid in you can become a member of the Bequest Society.

Appropriate recognitions are given as you become a donor, multiple door or Bequest Society member.

The funds you pay are made out to the Rotary Foundation Permanent Fund. This is the sustaining fund of Rotary. Only interest from this fund can be used for projects. The fax number is 847-556-2178

Talk to your club Secretary for details, and/or go on line at Rotary.org

## News From TRC Strongsville

By John Turnbull

Savor the Flavor a Success - On October 9th the Strongsville club hosted the second annual Savor the Flavor - A Taste in Strongsville, with assistance from SW Cluster clubs Berea, North Royalton/Broadview Heights and Parma. Over 600 guests sampling the foods from 28 top local restaurants and wine from 2 local wine distributors.

On November 4th \$5,000 was presented to food banks supported by the SW Cluster Clubs, and an additional \$1,000 was presented to ADG Ron Bryski for Rotary International's PolioPlus campaign.

Chili Open - Early bird registration is currently open for the 21st Annual Blaster Chili Open that will take place on February 25th from 9am to 4pm at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Until November 30th you can save \$10 a ticket from the price at the door. Visit [www.blasterchiliopen.org](http://www.blasterchiliopen.org) to secure your tickets.

The Chili Open auction committee is also seeking auction items for the Chili Open. All donations will be recognized in the auction program and during the auction. Suggested items include tools, travel packages, golf items and sports memorabilia. To make a donation contact Andy Motz ([apmotz@att.net](mailto:apmotz@att.net) or 216-543-3975)

## The "Codetalkers"

By Jeff Peacock

While on a recent trip out west, we stopped in Albuquerque N.M. We went to a delightful area called Old Town. Wonderful old mission, shops, vendors, etc. On one street there were two table set up on the sidewalk and 6 old Navajo men were seated. All had on yellow shirts, red vests and tan slacks. They were veterans of WWII and were Navajo "codetalkers" and were signing books about their experiences in the war, raising money for a memorial and museum dedicated to the codetalkers from the war.

A white man who had grown up on the Navajo reservation and had learned the language went to the War Department and suggested to them that a code be developed based on the Navajo language. There were approximately 500 Navajo men who signed up to be codetalkers and about 400 made it through the training. Approximately 500 Navajo words were used to describe troops, equipment, etc. For example, a tank was the Navajo word for turtle and a B-29 bomber was a buzzard and so on. The code was never written.

These men had to memorize all the words and keep them in their heads. In addition, they had a Marine assigned to them whose job it was to protect the codetalker from capture and if the codetalker was in danger of falling into enemy hands he had to protect the code by eliminating the codetalker.

We spoke with these heroes for about 30 minutes realizing that it won't be long before we lose a real "National Treasure" There is no question that it was one of the most memorable and moving experiences of our lives and we will never forget them or their sacrifice.

## Building International Good Will and Better Friendships

By Julie West

As we move toward the end of Rotary Foundation Month, my thoughts turn to the opportunities provided through The Rotary Foundation for Rotarians to interact with and learn from people from other cultures and countries. While this may bring to mind travel to another country as part of a National Immunization Day (NID) or participation in an international matching grant project, there are also a number of ways we can do this without leaving NE Ohio.

The one I am most familiar with is Group Study Exchange, a program in which two Districts in different countries exchange teams for a month-long cultural and vocational experience. Through participation as a Sector Captain on the District GSE Committee and as a GSE host family, I have met wonderful Rotarian team leaders and non-Rotarian team members from Australia, Brazil, Germany, Nigeria, Taiwan, and the Netherlands, and in the process learned much about their cultures and countries. In addition, I have learned from returning team members as they have presented at our Rotary clubs and our District Conference. This year's exchange is with India. The outbound team leaves the middle of January and the inbound team arrives in the middle of March. Consider having the inbound team speak to your club or at a joint cluster meeting. Invite outbound team members to speak upon their return. For information on scheduling GSE presentations or to learn how you can become involved personally with GSE, contact Stan Socha, GSE Committee Chair at sparents@aol.com.

Each year, our District selects one and occasionally two Ambassadorial Scholars. As Ambassadorial Scholars (funded through the monies we donate to The Rotary Foundation) they receive one year of advanced study at a College or University of their choice outside the United States. This year's outbound student is Katie Spatz who in 2010 rowed solo across the Atlantic Ocean to raise funds for clean water projects. Each year we usually also have one or more Ambassadorial Scholars from outside the U.S. who have chosen to study in NE Ohio. This year the Rotary Club of Cleveland is host to Alex Hoffmann, an Ambassadorial Scholar from Germany who is studying at Case Western University. He is also very active in Rotaract in Germany. You

can learn more about Alex from his journal at <http://ambassadorial-scholar-alex.wikispaces.com/>. These scholars are available to give presentations to Rotary Clubs in both their host and sponsor countries. To learn more about the Ambassadorial Scholar program, contact our Ambassadorial Scholarship Committee Chair Deb Boerger at [deb.boerger@sperosmith.com](mailto:deb.boerger@sperosmith.com).

A third internationally focused program funded by The Rotary Foundation is Rotary Peace Fellows. Rotary Peace Fellowships fund either a master's degree or professional development certificate at one of the six Rotary Peace Centers for International Studies in peace and conflict resolution located at seven universities worldwide. Our District has had a number of our candidates accepted with the most recent one being this year's candidate, Elizabeth Huang. Elizabeth served in the Peace Corps in Dominican Republic after completing her undergraduate degree and will be attending the Rotary Peace Center at the International Christian University in Tokyo, Japan. To learn more about Rotary Peace Fellowships or to arrange for Elizabeth to speak to your Club, contact Rotary Peace Fellowship Chair Rick Pollak at [grantmakingservices@gmail.com](mailto:grantmakingservices@gmail.com).

Not a program of The Rotary Foundation, but another strong international Rotary program is Rotary Youth Exchange. Each year a select group of NE Ohio high school students get the opportunity to spend a school year or a short stay abroad. At the same time our District welcomes a number of students from other countries. They stay in the homes of Rotarians, attend local schools and participate in their host family's daily activities. Take advantage of opportunities to meet our inbound exchange students at District events such as our District Conference. If you'd like to learn more about Rotary Youth Exchange, including how to get involved, the contacts for Inbound students are co-chairs Jack Young at [jack1villa@aol.com](mailto:jack1villa@aol.com) and Marsha Pappalardo at [cmpappa@aol.com](mailto:cmpappa@aol.com); the contact for Outbound students is Patrick Kelley at [ryepatrickkelley@yahoo.com](mailto:ryepatrickkelley@yahoo.com); and the contacts for Short-Term students are Bob Huges and Judy Stull at [robertcolehuges@aol.com](mailto:robertcolehuges@aol.com).

I hope you and your Club will take advantage of one or more of these opportunities to learn about other cultures and countries and that some of you will choose to become involved with these outstanding programs.

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## Party in the Park

By Steve Zabor

On a somewhat chilly and windy day Rotarians had fun doing quests, visiting an organic farm in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park, bird watching, doing crafts, coloring and playing games at the Happy Days Lodge. Family, Vocation and Rotary was the theme and PDG Stew Buchanan took the prize with a family of 10 and I was told they had fun questing.

Vocation was celebrated as everyone took home information about others' vocations so Rotarians can work with Rotarians. We also collected information which will be put into a data base for future reference when a need for assistance comes up. If you want to have your information put into the database simply email me and I will send you the form to fill out. At this time we are looking into how we can put a searchable database on our website that only District 6630 Rotarians can view.

And Rotary was celebrated in many ways. The wonderful fellowship shared by those in attendance was just the beginning. The room was abuzz with conversation. And we were extremely fortunate to have two inbound exchange students in attendance: Nihat Uzel from Turkey and Juliana Strichi from Brazil. Both of the Ambassadorial Scholars attending Kent State were in attendance and were introduced by Carol Crimi of the

Kent Club. Elizabeth Hang, our new Peace Scholar, who will be going to Japan next summer for a two year master's program, introduced her family. Elizabeth was born in Cambodia and has lived in Parma for more than ten years. Finally, Carol Dombrose, our Group Study Exchange team leader from the Strongsville club, was in attendance and she introduced one of the team members.

The last activity was the celebration of the district's support of the Rotary Foundation last year. PDG Stew Buchanan presented banners to the top three clubs from last year: Aurora (\$309.91 per member), Medina Sunrise (\$226.25 per member), and Mentor (\$225.29 per member). In addition, Aurora and Port Summit were recognized as 100% Sustaining Member Clubs with every member giving at least \$100 and therefore as Every Rotarian, Every Year Club with an average of \$100 per member and every member contributing something. Thank you to those clubs, to all 17 clubs that averaged \$100 per member, and to the over 750 district Rotarians who contributed at least \$100 to the Rotary Foundation. But most importantly thanks go out to each and every Rotarian who thought it important to contribute to the Foundation no matter what the amount you gave. Each and every one of you made it a remarkable Foundation year for District 6630.

## Membership Retention

REMIND THEM

Current Club Members Take these Actions...

Where, When, What time, Whose Speaking, What do I do, What is expected of me?

WHERE: Give them the exact address

WHEN: Give them the date and time

WHAT TIME: Give them the time and date

Whose Speaking: Give them the name of the speaker

What DO I Do At the Meeting: Get to meet other members, Get Involved, etc.

What is Expected of Me: Find out how you can help your Club, what can you do to improve the Club

CURRENT MEMBERS ACTION POINTS

Current Members Must Get Involved with the new members

Make them feel comfortably,

find out what they like to do

Sign them up for a committee, give them the Club History,

Tell them what Great Projects Rotary gets involved with around the World

Invite them to a Board Meeting, Take them to lunch

YES, YOU OLD MEMBERS KNOW ALL ABOUT EVERYTHING IN YOUR CLUB AND YOU ARE GOING TO KEEP IT A SECRET! Pick on a new member and share your knowledge!

KNOWLEDGE IS MEANT TO BE SHARED NOT KEPT A SECRET.

GET SMART AND SHARE YOUR KNOWLEDGE WITH THE NEW MEMBERS TO MAKE A BETTER CLUB.

Final Question, What has kept you in your Club????

Take care,

Jack Miaskowski

The Rotary Club of Strongsville

## GSE Team Member Wins Fulbright

By David Lariviere

Dear Rotarians, Educators and Friends,

Joyce Huang, our 2010 Rotary International (GSE) Group Study Exchange Master Teacher from Taiwan, was selected for a prestigious Fulbright Scholarship Award (2011-2012) and is currently serving as an associate professor at Pacific University in Forest Grove, Oregon.

Joyce will be returning to Medina for the Christmas-New Year Holidays, from Wednesday, December 21 to Sunday, January 15th. She will be staying at the home of John & Jennifer Syme.

During this hiatus, Joyce has been invited to lecture for a few days at Kent State University. She has made time available for scheduling educational and cultural visits

with other teachers, Rotary Youth Exchange students, Rotary clubs, K-12 schools and community organizations.

Please, do not hesitate to contact Joyce directly to schedule her involvement with your organization, school, family or activity, and to welcome her back to Ohio.

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## Inbound Youth Exchange

By Jack A. Young, PDG, District Inbound Co Chair

On Saturday, November 9 of our Inbound Youth Exchange Students, who were guest of the RC Of Chesterland, were given a tour of Amish country. Tour guide. AG Joy Black and member of the RC of Chesterland made the arrangements for the day. 15 students, Rotarians and host family members departed at West Geauga High School a visited one of the Amish schools. Classes from first to eight grade. The emphasis is on the three R's

From the school, the group traveled to a Amish store which has various cloths material, clothes, sewing supplies, etc. They had an opportunity to talk with the owners and ask questions about their life style..

During their travel in Amish country, the students noticed cloths drying outside on the clothes line; no electrical lines going to the home of the Amish; no motorized farm equipment (real horses were the power for the plows); many of the 22 Amish churches in Geauga County; and children playing basic out door games.

For lunch the group ate in a home of an Amish family. They had real mashed potatoes, fried chicken, salad with home made salad dressing, creamed peas, homemade bread, butter and Jam. Homemade pies were served for desert. They had an opportunity to talk with the owner of the home and ask questions. No one left lunch hungry.

The rest of the day considered a tour of a Amish Family furniture company/store and a buggy. One of the sons of the family explained to all who buggies are made and the care that it takes to make sure all parts are quality.

Special thanks were given to Joy Black for making all of the arrangements and to the Amish families who explained their culture and opened up their homes and businesses to us.

Inbound youth exchange students who went on the tour included Quenan from Spain; Chiara from Italy; Jenny from the Philippines; Haruka from Japan; Carola from Germany; Nihat from Turkey; Carla from Spain; Rodolphe from France and Juliana from Germany.

## The Rongelap Traders

By Dr. Glenn Saltzman

I joined my new ship, the USS Plumas County (LST 1083), shortly after the New Year in 1958. Several days later, we sailed for Hawaii to pick up a twelve ton lead-lined room to be used to check the radiation levels of people who had been exposed to radiation. It seems that the during atomic bomb tests on March 1, 1954, sixty-four people living on Rongelap, a thirty-six acre island in the Rongelap Atoll, in the Marshall Islands, had been accidentally exposed to atomic fallout because of an unexpected wind shift during the tests. We loaded the space age looking room and affixed it to our main deck. In Hawaii and Kwajalein, we were joined by twenty scientists (most from the University of Washington) who would be conducting tests on the fish, fowl, soil, water and people. The sixty-four natives had been living on Ejit and Kwajalein Islands for the past four years and had just returned to their homes on Rongelap six months before our arrival.

We beached our LST on the island and invited the island leader (Chief?) to join us for dinner. He had learned English while on Kwajalein and could communicate quite comfortably with us. We made arrangements to play softball games each day with them (We went 15-15! Although we had more skilled players, our team could never master playing balls caroming off of palm trees with the proficiency of their players... and many games were decided by balls being lost among the trees!) Our captain mentioned that he had his eye on a giant clam shell resting on the beach and asked if it were for sale. The "Chief" said it was very valuable and he would think about how much to charge for it.

The currency of the islands was cigarettes...we never talked about something being worth dollars, but rather, cartons/cases of cigarettes. Cigarettes were very inexpensive in those years and while underway at sea we could buy them for seven cents a pack...except for Phillip Morris which cost five cents because they were so loosely packed that one cigarette could be smoked in several puffs (We always thought we were given seconds!) No one

would buy Phillip Morris cigarettes at any price but the supply officer had to take several cases each time we were resupplied and those cases piled up.

Several days after the original dinner meeting, the Chief said he decided on a price for the giant clam and when he walked up the bow ramp, many of us were there to hear the bargaining session which was about to occur. It was a funny occasion...all of us standing around in shorts, hats and sandals, as we had very limited fresh drinking water, no laundry service and thirty second showers. The Chief was dressed in his ceremonial dress and was ready to bargain. We were actually rooting for the Chief as our supply officer was always taking advantage of shipyard workers and others with whom he dealt. The Chief told about this rare clam, this one-in-a-million specimen, and if one was to believe him, this was the only clam of this size to ever have been brought ashore. Our supply officer countered with us having limited supplies and his concern that our crew would suffer if he bargained away too many cigarettes. Finally, the Chief said, "Three cases of cigarettes!" Our supply officer looked shocked and shook his head. There was a long pause and finally our supply officer said, "I will give you two cases of cigarettes." The Chief stepped forward and held out his hand and said, "OK, deal, but no damned Phillip Morris!" The officers and crew erupted in laughter and applause. The evil supply officer had been defeated.

We were beached on Rongelap for over a month and no more clam negotiations took place. We became friends with our softball playing opponents and shared many gifts and good times with them over that month long period. As we retracted our LST off of the island for the last time, we were all standing by the lifelines and the entire Rongelap Island population was standing by the giant clam...each group waving a tearful goodbye to the other.

September 2011

Dr. Glenn Saltzman is a retired Naval Reserve Captain and had a civilian career as a Professor/Psychologist at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine. He lives with Ruth, his wife of fifty-four years, in Twin Lakes, Ohio and does not smoke or trade clams.



## Every Rotarian Every Year!

By Richard S. Pollak

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**Group Study Exchange**

**Matching Grants**

**Rotary Peace Fellowships**

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## Group Study Exchange 2012

By Stan Socha

District 6630 has selected our 2012 GSE Team. The team consists of a female Team Leader three female Team Members and one male Team Member. Our Team Leader is Carol Dombrose of the Strongsville Rotary Club. The three female members are Stephanie Howse sponsored by the Cleveland Rotary Club, Alexandra Noussias sponsored by the Kent Rotary Club, and Andrea Sprockett sponsored by the Shaker Heights Rotary Club. Our male member is Adam Rosplock sponsored by the Mentor Rotary

Club. The Team will be departing for D3202 on January 19th for thirty days.

The GSE Team incoming from District 3202 in Southwest India has an identical team makeup. If your Rotary Club wishes to be involved with the incoming Team contact your AG so that they can work with the four sector captains to help arrange club visits. It would be beneficial for clubs in the different clusters to hold cluster meetings so that more of our Rotarians can interact with our visitors.

## Inbound Youth Exchange 2011-2012 District Group Service Projects

By Jack A. Young, PDG

During the school year in which the inbound youth exchange students are with us in Rotary District 6630, they have been given two assignments.

The first assignment relates to our military veterans who are hospitalized at Wade Park. I have been told that our veterans do not receive the little soaps, shampoos etc. than you and I received when we stay at hotels when we travel.

Therefore, as a group project, they have been asked to collect any unused/unopened items of this nature from Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, Host Families and friends when they travel. Next

year, before they leave our district, the students will take these items to the VA hospital and give them to the staff at the hospital to give to the veterans. A tour of the hospital will also be given. We have been doing this for the past two years and have collected over 4,000 of these items for our veterans.

Please note, that we are not asking anyone to buy these items. We just want all to collect them as they travel and give them to the youth exchange students for a very simple service project.

The second Service Project is one involving International Service. At the inbound orientation at the Akron Rotary Camp, the students were involved in a

group project of putting up a Shelter Box Tent. With no instructions and the basic components of the tent, they communicated with no help from Rotarians and erected the tent within 14 minutes. After which a presentation was made as to how Shelter Box responds to disasters in the world by Rotarians to those who have lost their homes and belongings. With that, the youth exchange students have been asked to do two things:

1. Help educate their classmates, school, churches, community, Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, friends and families about Shelter Box, explaining that this is just one of the many International projects

that Rotary is involved in throughout the world.

2. Ask the Rotary Clubs to help them raise some money through Bake sales; working at Rotary events etc. (The amount is not as important as the educational piece of Shelter Box). Near the end of their year, we will send the money to Shelter Box in honor of the 2011-2012 Youth Exchange year from our district.

If anyone has any questions regarding this two service projects for our youth exchange students this year, please contact Inbound Youth Exchange Co Chairs PDG Jack Young [Jack1villa@aol.com](mailto:Jack1villa@aol.com) or Marsha Pappalardo [cmpappa@aol.com](mailto:cmpappa@aol.com)

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## Youth Exchange Students Tour Cleveland

By Jack A. Young, PDG  
Inbound Youth Exchange Co  
Chair

On November 5, the Rotary Club of Cleveland hosted CLEVELAND DAY for the Youth Exchange Students in our district. 9 Youth and 5 Rotarians/host parents were given a tour by Rotarians from the RC of Cleveland who planned the entire day for our youth exchange students.

Saturday morning started out at the Westside Market and a history of the near west side. They then were taken to the Rotary Rapid Recovery site and were shown what Rotary has done to help clean up and beautify the area.

From there they were taken on the RTA/Rapid to downtown. They toured through Tower City building and were given the history of tower city. At that point they were joined by a special guest, Rory McGuire, the grandson of the founder of the Rotary Foundation, Arch Klumph. The students were introduced to him and were given a brief history of the foundation.



The students were also given a tour of the Old Stone Church (pictured above) which was built in 1820 and the Soldiers and Sailors Monument in which the history of both buildings were explained to all. They next visited the Cleveland Public Library. The students were shown the smallest printed book and were given the opportunity to find newspapers from their home country (see photos next column).



For lunch they were special guest of Baker and Hostetler Law Firm at their Corporate Office. From this area they were given the opportunity to view the Cleveland Sky Line on a beautiful day.

The rest of the day consisted of going to the Terminal Tower Observation Deck, Browns Stadium, Great Lakes Science Center, Rotary Plaza and an opportunity to tour the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Special thanks to Rotarians of the Rotary Club of Cleveland for making this a special day for our Inbound Youth Exchange Students. Cleveland Rotarians who helped with the tour were, co chairs Julie Gilliland and Brandon Linton with Aaron O'Brien joining them as the main hosts. Along the way special tour guides were Dave Diffendal West Market and 25th Rapid site; Jerry Jarzabek, Old Stone Church; Michael Wells, Cleveland Public Library; Rory McGuire, grandson of Arch Klumph and Honorary Member of the RC of Cleveland; Aaron O'Brien of Baker & Hostetler and Rick Pollak, Rotary Plaza. Other Cleveland Day committee members were Tonnie Alliance, Tracy Blake, Birkett Gibson, Anne Kelley and Beverly Ghent Skrzyński.

## RYLA 2011

By Dan Sveda

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp is a leadership training program that focuses on Juniors in High School to help them become more effective leaders in their Senior Class year.

The District 6630 RYLA Camp was held this year from June 12-16 at Hiram College.

This year RYLA had 43 students attending, representing 31 area high schools. The students were sponsored by 22 Rotary Clubs in District 6630. Each sponsoring Rotary Club pays the \$425 tuition for the students they sponsor.

During the 5day/4 night camp the students were housed in a dormitory and participated in a variety of leadership activities including:

A day-long low ropes course that stresses team development.

A Meyers-Briggs analysis of

leadership styles.

An interactive "Pay-it-Forward" program

Speakers on topics such as Time-Management, Careers, Drug and Alcohol Awareness, and Student Service Projects.

A variety of team projects as well as other activities.

The RYLA experience allows the students to develop a network of peers outside of their own high schools that can be used throughout their Senior year and beyond.

RYLA Camp is conducted by a profession coordinator from Baldwin Wallace College and four college-age counselors who are graduates of the RYLA program.

This year marked the 21th RYLA Camp in District 6630. For the students, RYLA is invaluable in preparing them to be leaders in their school and into the future.

## News From TRC Mantua

By Virginia B. Goodell

The Rotary Club of Mantua just completed its biennial Christmas Tour of Homes with hundreds of folks from this area and from some not-so-close places enjoying the beauty and originality of four lovely homes. The weather even cooperated to make the traveling about the community very pleasant. Homes on the tour this year were The Christy Thompson home, with the theme, "Christmas at Home with Christy at Fieldstone Cottage," the Lee and Gretchen Pozek home, with the theme, "Christmas on the River," the Mike and Joan McCauley home, with the

theme, "Shades of Christmas," and the Shirley Schuster home, with the theme, "Winter on the Farm."

Guests came from Chagrin Falls, Mentor, Garrettsville, Ravenna, Kent, Streetsboro, Cleveland, Nelson, and Newton Falls, as well as the Mantua-Shalersville area.

The accompanying craft show prevailed in the old gymnasium of TLC Express and food and bakery were provided by the people of Christ Lutheran Church both weekends. Thanks to everyone who helped, this was an enjoyable and profitable community event.