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Governor's Letter

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It's August and August is Membership and Extension Month across the Rotary world. So it is only fitting that I share a few thoughts about membership. Why is membership important? From the Club perspective, by increasing our membership, we gain more hands to do the good work we do, additional skills to improve our efforts, and resources to help fund our projects. But we also need to look at membership from the perspective of current and prospective members. Some of the benefits of membership in Rotary are opportunities to build new friendships, develop new skills, mentor, increase our impact by pooling our resources, explore new business relationships, learn about different cultures, expand our horizons beyond our local communities, possibly to other countries, and further peace through our service.

There are many sources for new Rotarians. One that may be frequently overlooked is our Rotary program alumni. These are students who have received RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Award), college or vocational scholarships, and participants in Youth Exchange, Interact, or Rotaract. While some of these alumni may not yet be ready to join Rotary, we can invite them to help with our service projects and to at-

tend our meetings and fellowship events. Or assist them in starting Interact (high school) or Rotaract (age 18-30) clubs. By keeping in touch with these alumni, we will be ready to ask them to join, or help them connect with a Rotary club in their new location when the time is right. Our past Group Study Exchange team members, Ambassadorial Scholars, and Peace Fellows are also program alumni and they may be candidates now for Rotary membership. We need to reach out to them as well.

At the same time we are reaching out to prospective members, we need to also be working at retaining our current members. New members may benefit from having a club mentor, being asked to complete a number of activities during their first few months as Rotarians, and/or immediately becoming involved with a club committee or project. Longer term members may appreciate a call from a fellow member letting them know that they have been missed, when they have not attended a meeting for several weeks. Or they may appreciate being asked to help with a specific project or event or to share their expertise. Members who no longer drive or who are not able to drive for a period of time may appreciate

an offer of transportation to a weekly meeting or event.

There are many resources available to help us in attracting and retaining members. District Membership Chair Al Conners and his team are available to speak to your Club. Rotary International also has a number of tools that can be of assistance including a newsletter, Membership Minute, with tips for increasing membership. One recent suggestion was to discuss within our Clubs: What do we like about our Club? What would we like to see changed or eliminated in our Club? Why would people we want as members choose to join and stay in our Club?

In preparation for their year as Club Presidents, each President-Elect set a net increase in membership goal for his/her Rotary Club for 2012-2013. I congratulate them for setting objectives, the achievement of which, will add 190 members to our District. I believe we can do this if each of us does our part and if we focus not only on bringing in new members, but also on retaining the members we have. In achieving this goal, we will have added depth to our Clubs and richness to our own lives.

Photo News Flash

We're having a District Photo Contest! Amateur photographers only please. Rotarians, spouse/partners, Rotaract and Interact members, Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange students, GSE team members, Ambassadorial scholars, and Peace Fellows are invited to participate. The photos should be of District 6630 activities from this Rotary year (July 1, 2012 or later) in the following categories: Club Activities, Community Service, or International Service and



they should illustrate the core principles of Rotary or this year's Rotary International theme: Peace Through Service. Category winners will be selected in December from entries received through November, and in April from entries received January through March. Grand prize winner will be announced at the District Conference in April. Look for more details soon, including specific requirements and prizes, on the District website.



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Group Study Exchange 2013

By Stanley Socha

The spring of 2013 will find D6630 doing a Group Study Exchange (GSE) with D3640 from Seoul, South Korea. The Team from D3640 will be arriving approximately the last week of MARCH 2013 and be spending 30 days in our District. The GSE Committee will be looking for host families during this time.

D3640 has not given the time period for our Team to visit Seoul as of this date. But the GSE Committee is looking for candidates for GSE Team Leader from among the Rotarians from D6630. Also we are looking for candidates for Team Members. Team Members are non Rotarians and non blood relatives of Rotarians between the ages Of 25 to

40 years of age and currently employed in their profession or business career. Interviews for candidates will be conducted this fall so as to give the Team time to learn about one another and compile their presentations.

Applicants for both Leader and Members can go to the District website and link to the RI website to download application forms. The completed applications should be forwarded to the GSE Chair Stan Socha at Sparents@aol.com.

The District is looking forward to another successful GSE experience. This is a great time to meet and become friends with peoples of another country and to let others what great part of the world Northeast Ohio is and how friendly our people are.

Rotarian Honored for Perfect 48 Years

By Vita Schmidt

Dr. Charlie Greenwald is a retired Dr. from Parma Hospital's Radiology Department. He presently lives in Olmsted Falls but attends the weekly Parma Rotary Meetings. On Tuesday, July 31, 2012 - Dr. Greenwald was presented with a Attendance Certificate/Appreciation for his 48 years of perfect attendance - one achievement that is not easy to maintain.

On July 7, 1964, Dr. Charlie Greenwald was inducted into Parma Rotary Club. Charlie served as Club President for Rotary year 1969-1970 and it was during his year as President that we held our first Vocational Awards Banquet, a Club service project that has endured for 33 years and is now called our annual Career & Tech Recognition Awards ceremony with the Parma City School District.

Since July 7, 1964, Charlie has had many recognitions personally, professionally, and community-based, including Parma Rotary. Since being inducted in the Rotary Club on July 7, 1964, Charlie has had 48 years of perfect attendance ... 48 years. That's right ... 48 years. Those 48 years included making up at other Rotary Clubs, near and abroad; certainly a very remarkable achievement. Rotary Club Members attend meetings/events once a week (Parma Rotary meets every Tuesday) and members can choose to attend other clubs either in the same city or while visiting other cities.

On behalf of the Parma Rotary Club and District 6630, Congratulations Dr. Charlie Greenwald on your 48 years of perfect attendance.



HELPFUL RESOURCES FOR CLUB OFFICERS

Rotary International | www.rotary.org

CLUB AND DISTRICT SUPPORT (CDS) www.rotary.org/cds

Located around the world, the CDS staff is your key Rotary contact. CDS representatives provide personalized service, training, and guidance on Rotary resources, policies, and procedures. [Contact them](#) if you have questions on

- Rotary resources and services
- Administrative procedures
- Board policy and Rotary constitutional documents
- Conducting Rotary business with Member Access

MEMBER ACCESS <http://www.rotary.org/en/selfservice/Pages/login.aspx>

Member Access is a members-only area where Rotarians can manage their Rotary e-mail subscriptions, register for meetings, access member benefits, and contribute to The Rotary Foundation. Club and district officers have access to additional records and reports. For example, club presidents and club secretaries can

- Update membership records* and club data with Rotary
- Report next year's officers (by 31 December)
- Print the Semi Annual Report (SAR) and pay club dues to Rotary (July/January)
- Utilize the online Official Directory
- Run a range of club reports

*Providing updated club membership data by 1 June/1 December ensures that the SAR will be accurate.

Please [click here](#) if you have not already registered. Having trouble? Visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) page. Still having trouble? Contact your [CDS Representative](#) for assistance.

ROTARY WEBSITE RESOURCES

You can download free copies of the *Strategic Planning Guide*, manuals, and much more at the [Resources for Running a Club](#) section of the Rotary website.

The guide, *Be a Vibrant Club: Your Club Leadership Plan*, includes questions, ideas, and resources to help your club be more successful. See which of the recommended best practices your club is already using and which ones might take your club from good to great.

Find your [Financial Representative's](#) contact information online for advice on club payments, Semi Annual Report (SAR) invoices, balances, and exchange rates.

Rotary Leader is a free online publication featuring practical information, links and important deadlines. Current club presidents who have provided accurate e-mail addresses via Member Access will receive it automatically, but club presidents-elect and club secretaries are strongly encouraged to [subscribe](#).

For more helpful resources, follow these links:

Policy and Procedure

[Manual of Procedure](#)
[RI Visual Identity Guide](#)
[Web Terms and Conditions](#)

Membership

[Membership Development Resources](#)
[How to Propose a New Member](#)
[Membership Growth and Retention](#)
[Rotary Basics](#)
[This is Rotary](#)
[Welcome Bulletin for New Members](#)

Media

[Tips to Make Your Website Shine](#)
[Social Media Tips](#)
[Webinars](#)
[RI Video Magazine](#)
[Additional Newsletters](#)

ShelterBox USA News Release

By Jack A. Young, PDG

Lebanon: SB response team in country coordinating efforts with partners in the field.

Ongoing violence in Syria over the past 15 months has caused a significant number of refugees to flee across the border to neighboring countries of Lebanon, Jordan Turkey and Iraq.

A Shelter Box Response Team (SRT) has been in Lebanon's capital of Beirut assessing suitable options to help relieve the increasing pressure on host Lebanese families who are sharing their often overcrowded homes with Syrian refugees.

It is thought that Lebanon is almost at capacity in hosting the refugee influx with the numbers continuously rising. There was a significant spike in the number of refugees arriving in Lebanon during the July 17-18 violence in Damascus in southwest Syria. Further significant influxes occur when violence is centered in Syria's Western city of Homs due to its proximity with the Lebanese border.

Shelter Box has been coordinating the efforts with the Ministry for Social Affairs, the UN Refugee Agency (UNHCR) and various non-government organizations (NGO's working at local level some of which are already providing food and medical support to refugees.

"We are looking at providing contingency stocks with UNHRC if violence suddenly escalates and there is another major influx across the border," said in country SRT member, Alice Jefferson.

Yet another Disaster

This time Shelter Box response teams are in the Philippines assessing need for aid due to extreme flooding.

The Philippines capital, Ma-

nila and the surrounding area is experiencing its worst floods since 2009, due to unusually heavy monsoon rainfall triggered by Tropical Storm Hai-kul.

Reports say more than half the amount of rain normally seen in August has fallen in the capital in 24 hours, resulting in over 270,000 people being forced to leave their homes due to the exceptionally high flood waters.

Benito Ramos, head of the country's disaster response agency, noted that at least 60 percent of the city was under water. "We are still concerned about the situation in the coastal areas, as it was difficult to distinguish the sea from the flood waters."

Sonny Ongkiko and Abner Tayco are two Shelter Box Response Team (SRT) members based in Manila have been assessing the need for emergency shelter in the urban areas. They will be joined by Australia based SRT member, Peter Pearce and New Zealand based Ross Mackenzie in the next couple of days.

By having in country SRT volunteers has enabled Shelter box to monitor the flooding in the Philippines and respond immediately to the disaster said Shelter Box Operations manager, Ross Preston.

For further information on Shelter Box and how you, your Rotary Club or community can help, please contact USA Shelter Box Board member PDG Jack A. Young, at 440-759-4000 or email at Jack1vil-la@aol.com.

What is "A Taste of Hillcrest"?

By Karen Poelking

While you may not literally taste Hillcrest, you can certainly get a taste of the delicious offerings from some of the most popular restaurants and food service organizations in the Hillcrest Area.

In its twelfth year, The Rotary Club of Hillcrest-Sunrise will sponsor the event at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven in

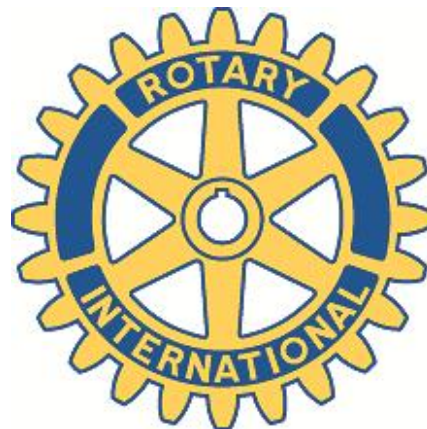
Mayfield Heights on Thursday October 4, 2012 from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. A total of 18 restaurants participated in the 2011 event, where over 600 people sampled the fare of those who participated. Many of the establishments have participated for a number of years, with some from the beginning.

Purchase of a \$35 ticket entitles you to move from station to station randomly and sample the offerings throughout

the evening. You also have the opportunity to vote for which you think is the best food provider. Attendees can also buy tickets for raffles for gift baskets and other items. Soft drinks are provided and alcohol beverages can be purchased. There is also a "wine pull" where you pay \$10 and draw a number for a like numbered bottle of wine in a brown bag that is at least equal to the \$10 cost, but could be of a much higher value.

This is the "signature event" for The Rotary Club of Hillcrest-Sunrise. The proceeds from this event go toward the charitable functions of the Rotary Club, which includes Special Olympics, Meals on Wheels, the Annual Vocational Education Student Recognition Dinner, Relay for Life, and other philanthropic endeavors.

Tickets for this event (they are limited to 700) may be purchased by contacting 440-605-7144. Don't miss out on this entertaining evening and bring along friends and family. We hope to see you there.



Rotary Camp Receives \$100,000 From Medical Mutual

By Bonnie Lass Wojno

July 5, 2012 (Akron, Ohio) – On Tuesday July 10, 2012 Akron Rotary Club President, Bill Manby Jr. introduced Doug Kuczynski, Vice President of Sales and Health Care Market Leader, Mutual Health Services who presented a check from the Medical Mutual Community Investment Fund of Akron Community Foundation to Mike Wojno, President of the Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs and Rennick Andreoli, Facilities Chairman for \$100,000 to help with the building of the new Great Hall a recreation and resource center, the last piece of the camps facilities rebuilding and transformation. This is the largest corporate gift that the camp has received for its campaign.



Photo from left to right: Bill Manby Jr., President of the Rotary Club of Akron, Mike Wojno, President of the Board of the Rotary Camp, Doug Kuczynski, Vice President, Sales and Healthcare Market Leader, Rennick Andreoli, RDA Hotel Management, John Garofalo, Vice President Community Investment, Akron Community Foundation
The camp is in the final phase of its \$3.5

million dollar campaign. They have raised \$2.5 million so far and with that have renovated seven cabins and built a new bath house. This has been accomplished through the help of many in the Akron community. The first million came from members of the Rotary Club of Akron and the Akron Rotary Foundation. The campaign is co-chaired by Nick and Ruthie George and Jack and Vivian Harig.

This gift follows other contributions from the Akron Rotary Foundation, Dick and Diane Wright, Roger and Judy Read, The Lehner Foundation, The Corbin Foundation, Akron Children's Hospital, the Maynard Foundation, JM Smucker Company and many more.

About the Akron Rotary Camp

Each summer for 88 years the Rotary Club of Akron has sponsored the Akron Rotary Camp, where children with special needs throughout Ohio have been invited to spend a week at camp. While there, they enjoy many traditional activities including swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, sports and games, team building and more in the convenient and accessible natural setting. When campers leave Rotary Camp at the end of each session, they not only leave with lifelong memories and friends but often show more independence as well as a greater understanding of themselves and their abilities. For more information about the Akron Rotary Camp, please call the camp offices at 330-644-4512 or visit <http://akronymca.org/RotaryCamp.aspx>.

News From TRC Bedford

By Karen Ullestad

The Bedford Rotary Club donated a freezer and refrigerator to our local Southeast Clergy Council Hunger Center. This is a center that provides food for over 700 guests per month. The freezer allows the center to provide meat and the refrigerator keeps fresh food available as well. Marj Ginter knows the amount, and did all the footwork. She might be able to help fill in the details for a story. Also we donated \$1500 to our local Meals on Wheels through the Rotary Rib-Off. We have a jar for "tips" at the beer wagon. The attendees at the Rib-Off were very generous!

Youth Exchange 2013

By Timothy Snell

This year District 6630 is hosting nine "inbound" foreign exchange students who will be arriving this month before school starts. We will have a weekend orientation for them at Camp Paradise south of Medina Aug24-26. That Saturday we will take them to the International Festival in Medina. Thus begins their stay until next June.

For this school year (2012-13) the following clubs are hosting inbound students...

Brunswick: Ole Schudwitz (Germany)

Chagrin Valley: Martha Romero (Mexico)

Lakewood /Rocky River Sunrise: Andres Mendoza (Ecuador) and Estelle Jollivet (France)

Lakewood /Rocky River Noon: Alexander Ivanov (Russia)

Mantua: Rebeca Soares Rosa (Brazil)

Medina Evening: Veronika Kucerova (Slovakia)

North Royalton: Vitor Sano (Brazil)

Westlake /Bay Village: Mizuki Otsuka (Japan)

The following Clubs are sponsoring outbound students...

Brunswick: Hailey Mertes to Japan

Garrettsville-Hiram: Jessica Lyons to Norway
Lakewood/Rocky River Noon: Christina Corigan to Spain

Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise: Celia Lamb to Germany

Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise: Kathleen Meehan to Slovakia

Medina Sunrise: Elijah Turk to Norway

Medina Evening: Carla Kanieski to Germany

North Ridgeville: Matthew Smith to Thailand

North Royalton/BroadviewHts: Dena Schadenfroth to Germany

North Royalton/BroadviewHts: Evan Vargo to Brazil

Ravenna: Dorianeh Stanford to Brazil

Strongsville: Jahnahn Taghiani to Japan

Westlake/Bay Village: Benjamin Lee to Germany



- ☐ Build peace
- ☐ Prevent disease
- ☐ Provide clean water
- ☐ Improve health
- ☐ Promote literacy
- ☐ Support community development

New Year's resolutions

Enroll in Rotary's recurring giving program.

Sign up at www.rotary.org, and make doing good a resolution you can keep.



Gear Up Your Plates Today to Promote Rotary And Support the Rotary Foundation.

When you renew your Ohio License Plates, be sure to ask for the Official Rotary International Ohio License Plate. Not only will you **Publish Rotary Wherever You Drive**, but you'll **Support The Rotary Foundation** as well.

The Ohio Rotary License Plate costs only \$25 more than your normal registration fee. \$15 of the fee is contributed to The Rotary Foundation. Since the program was initiated in 1997, over \$100,000 has been contributed to The Rotary Foundation from the Ohio License Plate Program.

Ohio Rotary License Plates are available for passenger cars, non-commercial trucks or trailers, motor homes and house vehicles online at www.ohioforplates.com or at your local BMV office. You may keep your current initial, model or personal plate number.



POG D6600, Dave Perkins, Asst. Rotary Coordinator of Rotary Zone 29 shows his new Rotary License Plate. Each time he renews his plate he contributes \$15 to The Rotary Foundation. To date TRF has received over \$100,000 from Ohio Rotarians and their friends displaying the Ohio Rotary License Plate.

Some Ohio Rotarians have gotten a little creative with their ROTARY license plates. Here are some examples of those seen around the area: EREY, DRUGHU, DGGT08, KCHARGE, HSDG, CUNK03, NFOUO, LUVRY, NTRACT, KUCSE, MAKEUP, BMYTST, 04RTF, 4 TFF, 4 GSE, USA QP, and 49506. Other examples can be seen on our web site www.ohioforplates.com or our [Rotary License Plates Facebook page](http://www.ohioforplates.com) at <https://www.facebook.com/ohioforplates>

Ohio is one of only eighteen states that offer the Rotary International License Plate. With your Rotary License Plate you can **Watch and Wave to Fellow Rotarians** as you travel. Get yours today!

District Governor Julie West Visits TRC Berea

By Linda Kramer

District Governor Julie West paid a visit to the Rotary Club of Berea on July 31, meeting with board members and officers and then addressing the club at its dinner meeting.

West said she was impressed by what clubs throughout the district are doing and encouraged us to share our ideas.

"Local clubs are the lifeblood of Rotary," she said. "The District can provide support but it's here at the club level that the work gets done."



District Governor Julie West speaks to the Rotary Club of Berea

Strengthening clubs is the basis for her theme "Building Sustainable Rotary Communities." She emphasized attracting new members and making sure that long-time members remain engaged and active. That includes grooming members for leadership positions.

A club's public image is also important. "Spread the word through a newsletter and local media," she said. A Rotary grant enabled District 6630 to create a video, "My Passion, My Rotary," which is on YouTube. It can be used as a recruiting tool.

West also encouraged members to contribute to the Rotary Foundation. One-third of all monies come back to the district in the form of grants, she said. Donations to the Foundation "allow us to do much more than we can do alone," she said.

"There is so much going on in each club," West said. "We need to strengthen what we do. There are many opportunities to learn from each other."

PAUL HARRIS AWARD: During her visit to Berea Rotary, District Governor Julie West presented a posthumous Paul



Julie West presents the Paul Harris Award to Rose Root, widow of Rotarian Gale Root

Harris Fellowship Award to long-time Berea Rotarian Gale Root. His widow, Rose Root, accepted the award on his behalf. Gale Root passed away Jan. 6. He had been an active member of Berea Rotary for more than 30 years and was a past president. He also was active in the Berea Chamber of Commerce and YMCA. Gale Root had been an agent with New York Life for more than 50 years.

SCHOLARSHIP DINNER: Rotarians hosted their annual Scholarship Dinner



Students recognized at Berea Rotary's annual Scholarship Dinner

on July 10 to honor local students who received \$1,000 scholarships from Berea Rotary. The scholarships are renewable each year for four years as long as certain grade point requirements are met. Three scholarships are awarded annually to students at Berea High School, Olmsted Falls High School and Polaris Career Center. This year, seven of the 12 students attended the dinner with their families to give Rotarians updates on their schooling and plans for the future. The students included Kristen Mulcahy, Kent State; Megan Killmer, Cuyahoga Community College; Lauren Payne, University of Cincinnati; Christine Wilkens, Kent State; Amber Black, Duke University; Alyce Thompson,

DePaul University; and Alejandra Garcia-Ponce, Kent State.

LOU GROZA GOLF OUTING: It's time to start planning for the annual Lou Groza Charity Golf Event, which this year will be Sept. 6 at Cherokee Hills Golf Course in Valley City. This is a major fund-raiser for Berea Rotary with proceeds benefiting many local charities as well as youth sports. The Golf Outing is supported by the Cleveland Browns and several alumni take part. Cost is \$99 and includes 18 holes of golf with a GPS cart, continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, beverages and snacks throughout the day, buffet dinner with raffles, awards and prizes. There is also a \$10,000 Hole-in-One contest. Registration begins at 8 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9 a.m. For more information, go to grozacharitygolf.com or contact golf chairman Chuck Stanko at (440) 572-2090 or e-mail chuckshero@aol.com.

INDIANS GAME: Rotarians turned out in force July 24 to root for the Indians vs. Detroit Tigers - all to benefit Guidestone, previously known at the Berea Children's Home. It was part of the Indians' Fill the House for Charity event. Several Berea Rotarians are on the Guidestone board. The event raised more than \$50,000 for the agency, which provides services for at-risk youth. And the Indians won 3-2!

KIVA LOANS: The Rotary Club of Berea has made 297 Kiva Loans to entrepreneurs in developing countries. The latest \$25 loans went to Tanzania (poultry), Mali (farming), Senegal (livestock), Pakistan (animal sales), Albania (dairy) and Ukraine (farming). Ken Weber is Kiva chair. For more information, go to kiva.org.



ROTARY PARTNERS WITH THE CLEVELAND INDIANS

The Cleveland Indians and Rotary District 6630 have partnered to set up a discounted ticket for all attendees to the Cleveland Indians game on Friday, August 31st, 2012 against the Texas Rangers at Progressive Field. The two organizations have also teamed to agree to have a Free Food Stand, which will be the grand prize of the raffle.

Tickets can be purchased for the rally by contacting Julie West at 314-392-4771, Steve Zaher at 330-940-4086, or Steve Buchman at 330-940-2122.

Friday, August 31st, 2012 will be the 6th Annual Rotary District Night at Progressive Field. All tickets will be located in the Upper Box sections on the first base side of home plate. These are great seats to watch the game and enjoy the post-game fireworks.

Progressive Field will be at the Hilton Garden Inn at 1100 Carnegie Avenue, a half-block from the ballpark, from 7:15pm to 10:45pm. Menu includes chicken, steak, ribs, baked beans, potato salad, dessert, non-alcoholic drinks, and a bag of popcorn. Also include great door prizes.

To purchase tickets, please fill out the order form below.

For more information, please contact Steve Buchman at 330-940-2122 or stevb1978@aol.com.

DEADLINE FOR ORDERING: FRIDAY, AUGUST 24, 2012

**Cleveland Indians vs. Texas Rangers
Friday, August 31st, 2012 at 7:05**

Return All Forms to: Steve Buchman, 72 Lake Front Dr., Akron, OH 44319

August 31st, 2012 (Game Date)

Deadline: August 15th, 2012

Adult: Ticket Only @ \$14.00 = _____

Adult: Ticket and Meal @ \$24.00 = _____

Child: Ticket Only @ \$14.00 = _____

Child: Ticket and Meal @ \$24.00 = _____

Total Enclosed = _____

Name _____	Rotary District (circle one):
Address _____	6630 _____
City, State, Zip _____	
Phone (Day) _____ (Evening) _____	
E-mail _____	
Credit Card # _____ Exp. Date _____	
Signature _____	
Circle payment to: Return District 6630, Office # _____	

Rotary Clubs Support the Inclusion of Students with Autism

By Kim Buehler

The guiding principles of Rotary Clubs across the globe encourage service above self so it was no surprise when members of the Barberton Rotary Club offered to help support the Barberton City School District in their effort to include students with autism in mainstream classrooms.

Last winter, Rotarian and Woodford School Principal, Kim Buehler, invited Barberton Rotarians to meet at Woodford Elementary School to hear a presentation delivered by teachers, Mrs. Sandra Chisnell and Mrs. Wilma Benedict. They explained how their effort to include students with autism in the regular education classroom began:

Mrs. Joyce Walker, Barberton City School District's Director of Student Services, arranged a visit to a school in Tiffin, Ohio that was making progress in helping students with autism improve their communication, social, organizational, and behavioral skills that were impeding their learning. Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Chisnell, Mrs. Benedict, Mrs. Buehler, Mrs. Mary Hostler (classroom aide), and Mrs. Alice Erikson (BCSD's Inclusion Coach) observed the use of TEACCH methods. TEACCH stands for the Treatment and Education of Autistic and Related Communication Handicapped Children.

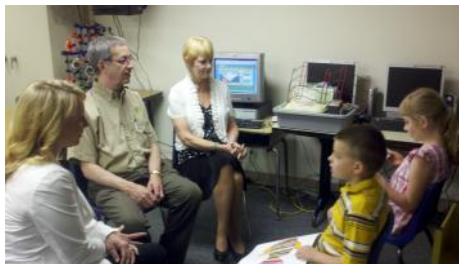


Woodford Elementary School Principal Kim Buehler presenting a check on behalf of the Barberton Rotary Club to Barberton City School District Superintendent, Mrs. Patti Cleary, and Director of Student Services, Mrs. Joyce Walker.

After observing these methods, Woodford teachers, with the support of Mrs. Alice Erikson, BCSD's inclusion coach, re-

turned to Barberton and began using some of the strategies in which they had observed. They have made tremendous progress with improving how students function in their classrooms. Mrs. Leah Evans, Intervention Specialist, continues to utilize these strategies to increase student progress. Mr. Ryan Olsen and Mrs. Becky Kananian, teachers at Portage Elementary, use TEACCH methods in their classrooms that serve students with emotional and communicative disabilities. These methods have allowed students to return to regular education classrooms to learn on-grade level learning targets with their peers.

The effectiveness of the TEACCH methods motivated teachers to learn more. Classroom teachers requested staff development opportunities. They have found the TEACCH methods help all students in their classrooms. Mrs. Benedict and Mrs. Chisnell led a book study for teachers across the District based on Ellen Notbohm's book, *Ten Things Your Student with Autism Wishes You Knew*. When Mrs. Andrea Pohl-Royer of Cardinal Maintenance and President of Barberton Rotary heard that there was a need for funding to provide more training to teachers, she approached the club's board members. Immediately Mrs. Patricia Taylor, co-owner of Wright Tool, pledged \$1,200, and Rev. Victor Myers pledged \$1,000. The Woodford PTA donated \$300 thus qualifying the school district for a matching grant in the amount of \$2,500 from the Rotary District 6630 Grants Committee.



Students, Jonathan Sutter and Sasha Sugden, read to Barberton Rotary Club members: President Andrea Pohl-Royer, Reverend Victor Myers, and Mrs. Patricia Taylor

Mrs. Buehler along with the help of fellow Rotarians, Mrs. Ruth Kaser of RD Bike Shop and Mr. Larry Lallo, Executive Director of the Barberton Community Foundation, approached the District

Grants Committee and received the grant to purchase sensory awareness supplies to support the TEACCH methods of instruction.

Because of their desire to help the Barberton City School District sustain their success, the Barberton Rotary Club donated \$6,500 from the proceeds earned from their annual golf outing held on June 1st. Barberton Rotarians will also volunteer their time in classrooms to visit with students, listen to them read, and offer tutoring services. Teachers look forward to next year. The new elementary buildings will provide sensory awareness rooms filled with tools to de-escalate stress for students. With a total of \$9,000 donated through Rotary, Barberton City School District is extremely grateful to be able to provide proper supplies and staff development to better meet the needs of students with autism and related communication disabilities.

4th ANNUAL
Poker Run
Bicycle, Run, Skate, Walk
or anything else permitted on the Trail

When: AUGUST 25, 2012
First out 9 AM last out 11 am
Return by 1 PM

Where: Western Reserve Greenway
(Ashtabula County Bike Trail)
Start/Registration at 5 points - Herzog Rotary Park, Old Austinburg Rd, Rt 307 Austinburg, Lampson Rd, Eagleville-Jefferson Rd. Parking is available at each location. Cover any distance from 0 to 27 miles

Entry Fee: \$10.00
Must be 18 years or older

Prizes: High hand \$100.00
Low hand \$ 50.00

Sponsored by Rotary Club of Jefferson OH.
Proceeds for Rotary Scholarship Fund
and the Western Reserve Greenway Bike Patrol
For Information: rotaryjefferson@yahoo.com
www.ashtabulacountymetroparks.org for trail map

Rotary Through the Eyes of a Club President

By Steve Smetana

I spent a bit of time over the past days angsty over finding something profound to say about Rotary and our little piece of the Rotary world. We all know the big picture – 1.2 million people strong – over 30,000 clubs – a foundation that has the power to more than triple our funds to support international projects at our choosing. But let's take a look from a different perspective...

Earlier this year, at the RI Convention in Thailand, RI General Secretary, John Hewko takes the podium. He tells the crowd that before taking on the position, he had done everything he could to know as much as possible to understand Rotary. Visiting clubs...meeting Rotarians...seeing everything that Rotarians do. He had heard and read and talked about the eradication of polio. He thought that he knew as much as he could. And then comes the opportunity...the opportunity that most of us may never have ...the opportunity to participate in a national immunization day.

He is there in the blazing Indian sun, in a bright yellow shirt; a little vial of polio vaccine in his hand...suddenly he sees the eradication of polio in a whole new way.

In his words, "...there in a slum outside Mumbai, in a little concrete room with nothing but a table and some chairs, seeing the mothers walk in, one after another, carrying their babies, I saw the very best of Rotary – and understood not just in my head, but in my heart, what it is that Rotary has been doing for the last 26 years. The number that had been nothing more than just a number – 2 billion children vaccinated – started to mean something very real. And as I put drops in the mouth of child after child, I felt a new sense of awe for what Rotary has accomplished. Every child who's been vaccinated against polio, every one of those 2 billion children, have had their lives changed forever – by one person with drops of vaccine, and 1.2 million Rotarians behind them."

Pretty profound, right? Well, we have actually done our share of pretty profound things too. Nearly everyone in the room has a story of the deserving recipi-

ent of a holiday food gift. You walked up to the door and rang the bell not knowing what to expect. You handed the unsuspecting person in the doorway 12 lbs. of frozen turkey and some other food gifts to help get them through a rough patch. They seemed to appreciate what you had done...probably thanked you...possibly even profusely....maybe they even gave you a hug. You left knowing you made a difference. But there is something you may not recall from that encounter. You also left that that person or family with the knowledge that a group of likeminded caring people operate right here in their community... Rotarians!

At other times we have operated in anonymity...the boy scout at camp never knew that we painted that deck & railing, but he was proud of his camp. The children at the school in Kenya never met the people that sponsored the water well, but they were able to spend their days learning instead of travelling countless miles to bring water to their families. Many of you attended an Aeros baseball game...maybe dragged a friend or two as well...when it was over...\$2000 was raised to help feed needy families... Rotarians!

The list of these efforts goes on and on. Compound that list by the some 30,000 clubs around the world... and you begin to imagine the overall power of Rotary.

Why would I say all of this? Do I need to tell all of you what a wonderful organization Rotary is? No, I am pretty sure that we know it in our hearts. What I do think telling all of this to you can do is remind us of the enrichment that Rotary brings to our lives. Seeing the needy receive the help they need. Volunteering our time and effort to improve facilities that serve our children...Sending the leaders of tomorrow to places around the world so that by understanding we can achieve peace, then hearing their story when they return...keeping ourselves informed with weekly programs that teach, inform, entertain and inspire....all the while enjoying the camaraderie and friendship of one another. These are the enrichments Rotary brings to our lives. I want to encourage everyone to share that enrichment with others in our community. Only in that way can we grow our club

and grow the number of other lives that we can touch.

I feel very blessed to be able to serve as the president of this club and add my name to a list of the special people who have served before me. This is a club of wonderful people...wonderful families...wonderful events...wonderful projects and wonderful results. As we head into another year, I feel that only by making our club bigger, can we continue to make the club better. I hope that as we proceed through the coming year, we are able to share our story, share our enrichment and continue to better our community...Be it in Fairlawn or around the world.

Thank you all!

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News from Cuyahoga Falls

By Jill Kolesar

The Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls delivers support to residents of a low income housing area. In an ongoing effort to support residents of this housing area our club members have been collecting toiletry items for residents. When club members return upon missing a meeting they are to bring an item for the box. Toothpaste, shaving cream, razors are among the many items needed. Joe McNamee, our Past President, has been instrumental in continuing this project and he recently delivered boxes for 19 residents. We will continue his efforts to serve the Cuyahoga Falls community.

Rotaract Honors Rotarian

Congratulations to Medina Sunrise Rotary Club's Dr. Andres Bello for having received honors at the Rotaract Convention in South America. "For his 14 years as Rotaract member, club president and Governor General! Proud to be our partner... someone with leadership, a great track record and awards! "[translation]

Dr. Andres Bello

Rotary Youth Exchange Student
Medina High School Graduate
President Rotaract Portoviejo, Ecuador
Governor General Rotaract South America
Distinguished Guest of Rotary International
HQ in Chicago, IL
Doctor of Internal Medicine and Orthopedic Surgery
Honorary Rotarian - Medina Sunrise
McClintock Award Recipient
Paul Harris Fellow
MedWish International Partner

Meet "Rotar"


Meet "Rotar," one of the newest canines to join the Geauga County Sheriff's Office. The Chardon, Burton-Middlefield, Chesterland & Chagrin Valley Clubs along with a district grant donated the funds to purchase & train him.



TRC Mentor Sponsors Run

By Ronald M. Traub


The Rotary Club of Mentor will again be hosting a 5 mile run & 2 mile walk as part of the annual City festival. The event will be Sunday, September 23rd with registration & bib pick-up from 7:30 am until 8:30 am at the Mentor Senior Center (8484 Munson Rd), the run will begin at 8:30 am with the walk beginning 15 minutes later. The run offers a challenging, but scenic route along residential streets, bike paths and trails. Awards will be given to the top three male & female finishers in both the run & walk, with awards also presented to the top three finishers by age group (five year increments). Bagels, water and a banana to all who participate and a shirt. The registration form is available at: www.achillesrunning.us and can be completed online, by mail or at the event. Preregistration is \$18 and race day registration is \$20. Questions? Traub@cityofmentor.com or (440)974-5736. Please introduce yourself to me at the race (look for my red headband emblazon with Rocketron).

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Rotary Showcase

Every day, Rotarians are working on service projects that make a positive impact around the world. Through Rotary Showcase, you can promote your club's achievements to other Rotarians and Facebook friends. Add your project today or browse the site to see the good work other clubs are doing.

- [Go to Rotary Showcase](#)
- [Read about service projects on Rotary Voices](#)

In other news

[See tips for recruiting new members in honor of Membership Month](#)
Rotarians in Benin and Brazil increase membership and charter new clubs.

[New traditions bring in younger Rotarians](#)
Rotary Club of South Metro Minneapolis Evenings, Minnesota, USA, succeeds in attracting young members.

[Enhancing Rotary's image through service](#)
Be visible with your service projects. It's a great way to create interest in your club.

Announcements

[Join us for a RotaryMoment Tweet Day 14 August](#)
Tweet about your favorite Rotary memory or event, talk about your club's activities, or share your community service project by using the hashtag #RotaryMoment.

[Learn how to qualify for new Foundation grants in the latest issue of Rotary Leader](#)

[See what you said about Rotaractors and Rotary in our social media survey](#)

[Science magazine spotlights polio eradication, Rotary's contributions](#)

Business leaders are newest members of the Rotary Club of Twinsburg

Article submitted by Rhoda Soclof
THE NEWEST Twinsburg Rotary Club members are Matthew Despoth and

Scott Rafuse, recent inductees into the international service organization. The induction ceremony was conducted by Philip Weiss, assistant govern-

nor for the local Rotary district. Preceding the ceremony, the 4-way test of what Rotarians think, say, and do was introduced: "Is it the truth?" "Is it fair to all

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concerned?" "Will it build good-will and better friendships?" and "Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

Despoth is the new head of the Twinsburg branch of Liberty Bank on Darrow Road. He brings expertise in new business development and mortgage, commercial and small business development to his post. Previously, he served with the bank's Solon branch. Liberty Bank's mission is to provide financial services and resources to empower under-served populations.

A graduate of John Carroll University, Despoth holds a degree in finance, business administration and financial administration services.

Rafuse, a long-time Twinsburg restaurateur, operates the popular Brewster's Cafe, Bistro and Pub

on Creekside Drive. Previously, he served at the helm of the Arabica Coffee House on Route 82. Rafuse expanded his services at Brewster's Restaurant, with a new enterprise named BICA. Featuring an upscale menu for "on-the-go" diners, BICA will also offer off-premise catering and delivery.

Rafuse grew up in Northfield Center, attended college as a marketing major and resides in Sagamore Hills with his wife, Paula, his partner in the restaurant enterprises. The Rafuses are parents of four grown children: Todd, Courtney, Brooke, and Colin.

The Rotary Club of Twinsburg is "on-the-grow," with membership expansion as one of its themes for the 2012-13 Rotary year. The club meets weekly to hear noteworthy

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PHOTO COURTESY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF TWINSBURG
New Rotary Club of Twinsburg inductee Scott Rafuse displays his membership certificate.

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speakers and engage in educational and humanitarian projects. With the motto of "service above self,"

Rotary business and professional men and women address issues of illiteracy, hunger, disease, and poverty, both locally and globally. For information about activities and membership, contact Weiss at 216-536-1737.

Twinsburg library director Leonard leads Rotary Club into 2013

Article submitted by Rotarian Rhoda Soclof

THE ROTARY CLUB of Twinsburg recently welcomed new officers at an installation luncheon, with District Gov. Julie West conducting the ceremony.

Laura Leonard, director of the Twinsburg Public Library, accepted the presidential gavel for the 2012-13 Rotary year.

Leonard emphasized her determination to further the international service

organization's theme of "peace through service."

The club's new leader affirmed the words of Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka: "By making service our priority, we put the needs of others above our own. We empathize more deeply with the difficulties of other people; we become more generous with our time and resources, and more open to new ways of thinking ... with mutual respect, we live with others in peace."

A Twinsburg native, Leonard is executive director of the Twinsburg Public Library, which has achieved numerous national and state and library organization awards, including No. 1 in its class by Hennen's American Public Library Rating agency.

The Twinsburg Education Association in May presented Leonard with its first "Friend of Education" award, given for outstand-



COURTESY OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF TWINSBURG

New Rotary Club of Twinsburg President Laura Leonard, left, is inducted into office by Rotary District Gov. Julie West.

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ing service to local education.

The district governor also installed President-elect Gary Sorace; Secre-

tary/Treasurer Cindy Leonard; International Service Chairperson Dave Harper; Rotary Foundation Chairperson Andy Richner; New Generations Chairperson Beth Shriver; Public Relations Chairperson Rhoda Soclof; and Membership

Chairperson Philip Weiss.

In 1945, when the community was a village of 5,000, the Rotary Club of Twinsburg was founded. Through the years it has forged meaningful relationships with area youth and schools. Each year, the

group awards scholarships to Twinsburg High School students. This year's winners were Erika Hegrat, Jessica Mach and Chelsey Poole.

Twinsburg teachers are also spotlighted with a Teacher of the Year selec-

tion, and in May, Dodge Intermediate School fourth-grade teacher Elizabeth Brindley was the worthy selection.

For more information about the Rotary Club of Twinsburg, contact Weiss at 216-536-1737.