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ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

Julie West District Governor

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Governor's Letter

It's July and that means new leadership across the Rotary world - in over 34000 Clubs, 538 Rotary Districts, and at Rotary International as well. Congratulations to all our new Club Presidents as they start a yearlong journey of putting into practice all the things they have learned and the plans they have made. Thank you to Immediate Past District Governor Steve Zabor, the 2011-2012 Club Presidents, and the many who have walked this path before and who have laid the groundwork on which we all will build. And especially thank you to all the committed Rotarians, who give so generously of their time, their talents, and their treasure year after year - for you are the ones who make what we achieve possible.

As I have prepared for my year as District Governor, I have had the opportunity to work with this year's Club Presidents and my fellow Ohio District Governors during Presidents-Elect training, and to meet and share ideas with many of my District Governor counterparts from around the world during the International Assembly in San Diego. I have even been able to visit some of the clubs in our District. Throughout this process, I have been inspired by Rotary International leadership, by my fellow incoming District Governors, by current and past leadership in our District, and especially by what is going on in the Clubs in our District.

It was at the International Assembly in January that Rotary International President Sakuji Tanaka introduced his theme for 2012-2013: Peace Through Service. In introducing this theme he said "The concept of peace is one that differs among people and cultures. It may mean personal tranquility, happiness in the family, and a sense of inner contentment - or it may mean a situation of safety where basic human needs are met. However we define peace, it is a goal that can be achieved through service...." For me, this three word theme embodies much of what Rotary is and can be. (For more information on this year's theme and associated opportunities, please see the adjoining article).

In preparing for my year as District Governor I chose as my focus "Building Sustainable Rotary Communities". So what does this mean? It means insuring that we have strong clubs and a strong district so that we can continue to make a difference in our communities and across the world. How do we do that? There are a number of ways. By increasing our membership, we gain additional hands to make the load lighter, skills to improve our efforts, and resources to fund our projects. By attracting younger members we insure the future of Rotary. By having strategic plans and succession plans in place we insure the continuity and sustainability of our efforts. By continuing to support The Rotary Foundation we insure our ability to do more with less.

By taking time for fellowship and to celebrate our accomplishments, we strengthen our ties. And while we are doing all these things, we need to also be spreading the word about how our Rotary clubs specifically and Rotary clubs collectively are "Doing Good in the World".

So what can you do personally? Here are a just a few suggestions. Wear your pin and take advantage of every opportunity to talk about Rotary. Invite those you think might be interested and/or who have something to offer to a Rotary meeting or to a fellowship or service event. Find out about the many Rotary New Generations programs such as Youth Exchange, Interact, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), Four-Way Test Speech Contest, and Rotaract. Explore the opportunities to get involved with youth at the Club or District level. Encourage these youth to continue their association with Rotary as they go on for further education or to careers. Volunteer for Club or District committees or leadership positions; then identify and work with those who will follow you. Make an annual donation to the annual fund of The Rotary Foundation. Learn about and/or share your experiences with Rotary Foundation programs such as local and international service project grants, Group Study Exchange, and Ambassadorial and Peace Scholars. Donate or raise funds for PolioPlus. Participate in District programs and events. Identify ways to get your Club's

Governor's Letter cont'd

efforts recognized in the Community.

One of the advantages of participating in District events is the opportunity to meet and share ideas with fellow Rotarians from other Clubs. It is also a way to meet District leaders and Committee members. I encourage each of you to attend at least one District event this year. The first one is our District Night at Progressive Field on Friday, August 31st with pregame picnic and the raffle winner throwing out the first pitch. Details are available on the District website or through your Club President or Assistant Governor. Look for an announcement soon about a District Photo Contest. And it's not too soon to mark your calendar for the District Conference April 12-14, 2013 at Quail Hollow.

I am excited about this Rotary year. I know there will be many opportunities for learning from one another, pooling our resources (working together), sharing Rotary fellowship, and making a difference. Let's make the most of them all.

The District Leadership Team and our Committees look forward to working with you this Rotary year as we work on "Building Sustainable Rotary Communities" and furthering "Peace Through Service".



ShelterBox News

By Jack Young

ShelterBox is mobilizing a ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) following a request from communities affected by severe flooding and landslides in southern Russia. Shelter box will work with Rotary and on the ground to assess their needs. The SRT team is still in the early stages of arranging their transportation, and cannot confirm details at this time.

A ShelterBox Response Team (SRT) recently traveled to South Sudan to discuss the distribution of emergency shelter with other aid agencies. The meeting is in response to the continuing conflict in this African Country. living in Yida, a refugee camp in Unity State close to the contested boarder. Approximately 1,000 more refugees arrive each day. 1,152 ShelterBox disaster relief tents are en route to the affected areas. You may also be interested to know about the ongoing efforts of ShelterBox to assist families in Uganda affected by landsides. For further information, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young and ShelterBox Board member at 440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com.

District Picnic

Governor Zabor hosted his year end picnic at Turkey Ridge pavilion at The West Woods in Geauga county. He recognized those who assisted him during his year as Governor and was presented a beautifully framed certificate of appreciation to recognize his service to District 6630. Attendees enjoyed great fellowship and food in a lovely setting.



3 Things To Know About Your District Grants Committee

By Dave Skrzynski

As Rotary begins another year with new leaders and new ideas so does the District Grants Committee. Here are three things that you should know about:

1) The Grants Committee has a new meeting place for the 2012-2013 Rotary year. On the first Monday of each month, beginning at 7:00 p.m., the committee will meet at the Twinsburg Public Library located at 10050 Ravenna Road, Twinsburg, OH 44087. Everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, however, if you are planning to submit a grant request please submit a completed Grant Inquiry Form via email at least 30 days before the meeting. Instructions and Forms may be obtained from the District website - click on District Grants.

2) On August 6, 2012 (at Twinsburg Public Library our first meeting of the new year) the Grants Committee will present a training session on the process for submitting a grant application for both District Simplified Grants and Humanitarian Matching Grants. This session, lead by Jim Lechko, 2013-2014 District Foundation Chair, will be most helpful for District Grants Committee members, Assistant Governors and any Rotarian who may be interested in pursuing a Matching Grant.

3) The Committee is always looking for new members, especially additional representation from Medina County, Cuyahoga County NE, and Portage County. Anyone interested in becoming a member of the District Grants Committee may email Chair PDG D a v i d S k r z y n s k i a t DNB9899@aol.com for more information.

The District Grants Committee looks forward to supporting the clubs in District 6630 in all of their Grant endeavors.

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A Word From DGE Bob Johnson

Amazingly, another Rotary year is upon us and we renew our energy to build another successful year of projects and service in the name of Rotary. Since accepting the nomination to serve as district governor in the 2013/2014 year, it just seems to get busier by the day. I have been working closely with your new district governor Julie West and district governor nominee Mike Davanzo, along with many committee chairs and PDG's to re-strengthen our efforts in many areas. The Youth Exchange program lost several of its long time past administrators, but several new people have stepped forward, including the new Youth Exchange committee chair Tim Snell from the Lodi club. I have been impressed with Tim's strong desire to get up to speed as quickly as possible and build a new team to address the YE challenges going Jim Lechko from forward. Lakewood/Rocky River has stepped in as the upcoming foundation chair beginning in my year of 2013/2014. He is working hard with this year's foundation chair Rick Pollak from the Cleveland Club to try to get our district familiar with Future Vision and the new grants model that begins There is a vast 7/1/2013. amount of work and time to be invested in these programs but the new people seem eager to tackle it. There are many other new faces on board in many capacities and we will present these as the year moves forward. All in all, I have found this pre -district governor time to be very challenging but at the same time very rewarding. Many people; often working unknown behind the

scenes: make the district 6630 organization successful. I am amazed at how many of these people share the devotion to Rotary's principles and goals and put in incredible amounts of time to make all of our programs а success. My goal this year is to try to visit as

many clubs as I can in an unofficial FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT... MANY capacity and to try to get to know you, and let you get to

know me better and understand what we share in Rotary. I will also do everything I can to support new DG Julie as she works through her year. As a side note to all members of district 6630, as many of you do, Julie and I share a common situation in having an elderly parent that is reliant solely on us for their care. As is often the case in these situations, problems arise that require our immediate attention and are obviously bevond our control. Please bear with us if this occurs as we all follow the Rotary framework of family/career/Rotary in that order.

Robert "Bob" Johnson Elect Dist. Governor District 6630

Please welcome Tracy Jemison, Rotary Club of Bur ton Middlefield, as our new District Treasurer. Tracy is his Club's Treasurer and has served for a number of years on the District Finance Committee. At the same time, we thank outgoing District Treasurer Lynda Rossiter for her years of service.

Peace Through Service - R I Theme for '12-'13

By Julie West

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In preparing for his year as Rotary International President, Sakuji Tanaka chose as his theme for 2012-2013, Peace Through Service. In introducing this theme he said "The concept of peace is one that differs among people and

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tentment - or it may mean a situation of safety where basic human needs are met. However we define peace, it is a goal that can be achieved through service....Through service, we become more tolerant of our

differences, more grateful for the people in our lives. Our sense of gratitude drives us to understand others better and to see the good in everyone. Through better understanding, we learn to re-

spect others. With mutual respect, we live with others in peace....In our clubs and our districts we work to bring health, safety, and human dignity to communities around the world. As individuals we are inspired to value cooperation over competition and the common good over personal gain. Through selfreflection, we recognize that none of us is perfect and that each of us has something to learn from others When we embrace Peace Through Service, we strive for greater peace for ourselves and for our world."

To further this theme, President Tanaka has asked each Club or District to consider planning a peace activity in conjunction with World Understanding and Peace Day, February 23rd, which is Rotary's Anniversary. This could be in the form of a peace forum or a service project which addresses the root causes of conflict or sponsoring a Rotary Peace Scholar or forming an international sister city relationship. If your Club decides to undertake one of these projects or has an idea for a District activity, please contact District Governor Julie West, jwest@ameritech.net.

RI President Tanaka also announced three Global Peace Forums that will be held dur-



ing this Rotary year: Berlin, Germany: Peace Without Borders, November 30-December 2, 2012

Honolulu, Hawaii: The Green Path to Peace, January 25-27, 2013

Hiroshima, Japan: Peace Begins with You, May 17-19, 2013

The Honolulu and Hiroshima Forums will focus on young people, including New Generations program participants (Rotaractors, Interactors, Youth Exchange Students and RYLArians), Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows, alumni, and young Rotarian leaders. Additional information can be found via a link on the District website, www.rotarydistrict6630.com.

Berea Rotary Recycles Over 33,000 Pounds of Electronics

By Linda Kramer

The Rotary Club of Berea again partnered with the City of Berea to conduct a Computer & Electronics Roundup on June 2. Rotarians and student volunteers from Baldwin-Wallace College, including members of Rotaract, helped load the semitruck with more than 33,000 pounds of monitors, keyboards, batteries, cameras, electronic games, adaptors, and even one microwave oven. Volunteers helped unload vehicles as residents pulled into the parking lot at Berea High School. The event was free but donations were accepted to support Rotary projects. Part of the proceeds was donated to B-W's Rotaract chapter, which is supported by the Rotary Club of Berea. The outdated and nonfunctioning electronics were taken to a Columbus recycling facility.

PRESIDENT'S DINNER: Consolina Templeman was installed as the new president of Berea Rotary at the annual President's Dinner on June 26. Other new officers for 2012-13 include Matthew G. Lombardi, president-elect; Linda Kramer, vice president; Mary Ann Walter, secretary; Allyn R. Adams, treasurer; Jo Ann Solnick, assistant secretary and assistant treasurer; and Jeremy Rexroad, sergeant at arms.

Paul Harris awards were given to Mary Ann Walter and Matt Lombardi. Linda Kramer was named Rotarian of the Year.

CAMP RYLA: Baldwin-Wallace College and the Rotary Club of Berea hosted this year's Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Academy). High school students from throughout the district came to the campus to learn how to become effective leaders, not only in their schools but in the community. Rotarians shared a picnic dinner with the students and also shared their career and life experiences. Berea Rotarian Marc West, who is an administrator at B-W, was in charge of the camp.

GRINDSTONE FESTIVAL: Rotarians volunteered at Berea's annual Grindstone Festival over the Fourth of July holiday. During the three-day festival, Berea Rotarians staffed the Welcome Tent, helped with the paddle boat rides on Coe Lake and assisted with the overnight family campout. We also marched in the Grindstone parade on July 5, which was filmed by an independent film company as part of a new movie, "Toy's House," being shot in northeast Ohio. Maybe you'll see some of us as extras when the film is released in September.

Berea Rotary is a sponsor of the Grindstone Festival.

GUEST SPEAKER: Erica Gordon of Greater Cleveland's Regional Transit Authority told us that state funding for public transportation has decreased 75 percent over the past 12 years with more cuts in sight. Despite that, RTA saw ridership increase in 2011 along with revenues.

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That trend should continue this year. RTA is busy renovating several of the Rapid stations and that includes the Brook Park station, where construction began and then stopped several years ago. Gordon said RTA has joined the digital age offering NextConnect - real time information on when the next train or bus is due. Riders can access that online on Smart Phones. RTA also can text commuters if the train is running late.

Gordon encourages seniors to apply for the Senior Rate Card, which entitles seniors to ride for \$3 round-trip. Riders must apply for the card in person at RTA headquarters, 1240 W. Sixth St., Cleveland, (216) 566-5100.

KIVA: Berea Rotary has approved 291 Kiva loans to entrepreneurs around the world. The latest \$25 loans have gone to projects in Indonesia (pigs), Mexico (flowers), Samoa (farming), Mali (agriculture), Costa Rica (poultry), Pakistan (agriculture), Cambodia (agriculture), Peru (agriculture and animal sales) and Rwanda (agriculture). Ken Weber is in charge of Berea Rotary's Kiva program.



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Why Rotary Clubs Need to Chronicle a Continuous History

By Barry A. Becker

It is said we are doomed to repeat the past if we are not students of history. I believe that all clubs would benefit from having their own history. Please consider the benefits and I explain the process , and offer an outline. Making it an internal document for the club's use only could benefit from the privacy, and diminish the tendency to gloss over items from outsider's eyes.

Some benefits of a history include:

It records the who, what, when, where, why, and how of the club for each year.

The written record becomes a resource material for the club and its membership.

It maintains important information in writing, rather than its collective memory.

It shows how each leader and their team faced issues that rose during a particular year.

Knowing the outline of what transpired and why will help the leadership to get up to speed more quickly. New leaders can review the history and develop who might be contacted to see how a past leader faced a problem and what transpired.

New members will be able to learn in depth how the club functions and documents the processes. Established members memory will be refreshed. Knowing details of the past can help in establishing what approaches have worked, not worked, and maybe how it might work making adjustments. Conditions change

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such as membership size, group dynamics, and fiscal/financial matters. An idea might have developed that the club could not handle financially. In review, maybe alternatives could have been used to make it happen.

Steps needed in establishing the history:

1) Each club needs to establish the methodology to capture the data. (I will suggest a format for the club to consider, and modify, as it deems appropriate.)

2) Each club needs to establish a repository of its important documents. (Possibly a bank deposit box or public storage) Getting it out of a member's home and into a more secure space is essential. People pass and accidents such as fires do occur. I know of a club where the club historian became aged and left the club. On his passing the club did not contact the family and over 30 years of history and mementos were thrown out and lost to the club.

3) Each club needs its own web site (such as ClubRunner) which is backed up by the physical file. Having an electronic file assures ready access. The physical file is needed as the official record.

4) Once the format is established, it needs to be completed by the club president and his/her officers and chairpersons. The outline is run at the beginning of a Rotary year and annotated covering important issues during the year. At the end of a year an official summary of the year is made and preserved for future reference both on the web site, and the official written physical file.

5) For years prior to starting a history, the club creates a committee to establish a year to year record of each past prior Rotary year. The makeup of the committee to be determined by a committee of all past presidents with each past president to establish a record for his/her year in a format similar to the club's chosen format. Each past president will produce that year's history and reviewed and approved by the committee of past presidents. This review will assure accuracy and integrity.

6) When a Past President for a particular year is passed, not available, or no longer a member. Then the committee of past presidents will be charged to fill in the blanks.

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Thank You For Your Service

I have been most privileged and honored to have served as the Governor of District 6630 during the 2011/2012 Rotary year. I have gained tremendous respect for the work of district clubs in their communities. I owe a great debt to everyone who devoted their time, talent and treasure to Reach Within to Embrace Humanity in order to build stronger and more sustainable communities. Thank you for your Service above Self.

As I looked back on my years of preparation and my year of service there are many individuals I should personally thank. First I would like to thank each of the club presidents who provided leadership for their clubs and who helped me understand how I could help fulfill your goals for the year. Then I would like to thank those clubs that distinguished themselves by qualifying for the Presidential Citation or the A.Z. Baker Award. This was a particularly difficult year to qualify for Kalyan Banerjee's Presidential Citation and Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise, Aurora, and Fairlawn deserve special congratulations for meeting the standards for the award. Many clubs qualified for the A.Z. Baker Award which requires a broad range of service activities in each of the five Avenues of Service. I will be distributing the A.Z. Baker patch to the clubs during the coming weeks.

I would like to thank Beth Shriver for her leadership of the District Conference book/games/toys drive for domestic violence shelters throughout our district and every club and Rotarian who contributed to the drive. We ended up with about three quarters of a truck load and the recipients of the material were positively overwhelmed by the quality and quantity. The legacy of this service project will last for a long time benefiting women and children who must suddenly leave their homes and their possessions.

There are a few individuals I would like to mention for their sacrifice and service. I have directly benefited from the Youth Exchange program both through the many students hosted by my own club of Mantua and through the lasting relationship my family has with the exchange student from Germany we were fortunate to host. John Kanieski has provided superb leadership for this program as general chair and country representative. He, along with Jack Young, Marsha Poppalardo, Bob Huge, Judy Stull and Patrick Kelley have given of themselves to promote and administer this valuable program. All but Patrick will be stepping down and we will be developing new leadership. In honor of the service provided by John Kanieski I have given him the District 6630 Service Above Self Award and have provided the other retiring leaders a special token of the district's thanks for their service.

Three Assistant Governors (Jackie Minotas, Joy Black and Ron Bryski) are completing their terms of service and I have donated \$500 to The Rotary Foundation in each of their names in appreciation for their service and leadership. The work of Assistant



Governors is critical to the success of Rotarians, Clubs and the District.

During my preparation to serve and during my year as Governor a number of individuals stand out as having gone well beyond the call of duty and I hesitate to identify one person in particular or to provide a short list. However, as I thought about it my mind kept coming back to Shelia Hedrick, member of the Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls and Assistant District Governor. Whenever I expressed an interest in a new endeavor and indicated a need for volunteers Shelia was one of the first to step up to volunteer her own time and to organize others to help me achieve my goals. In addition, her work in her cluster to motivate the clubs and Rotarians in innovative ways deserves special recognition. While I may be doing a disservice to others by signaling her out I have given her my District Rotarian of the Year Award. Thank you Shelia.

Finally, I would like to thank every Rotarian who contributed to the Rotary Foundation. I believe it is a responsibility of every Rotarian to support the foundation because, as I mentioned in my address to clubs last Fall, I believe the Foundation is the fuel that enables us to provide service communities. in our Through local grants and international matching grants we can multiply our funds to build stronger communities. But this can happen only if we provide the funds to the Foundation to make it happen. Fourteen clubs averaged over \$100 per member of donations to the Annual Fund (Mantua, Chardon, Medina Sunrise, Aurora, Mentor, Chagrin Highlands, Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise, Cuyahoga Falls, Nordonia Hills, Fairlawn, Barberton, Medina, Burton-Middlefield and Akron). Most of these clubs also had one hundred percent participation in the Annual Fund. Congratulations and Thanks! Another fourteen clubs averaged between \$50 and \$100 per member.

So, thank you to everyone for making my year as District Governor fun, educational, and successful. I look forward to working with you in the coming years.

Yours in Rotary Service Steve

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Buy PGA Tickets & Support TRC Strongsville

By Dan Cricks

The Strongsville Rotary has partnered with the PGA and can now offer YOU tickets to The Bridgestone Invitational Golf Championship event where the top golfers from around the world attend at Firestone Country Club in Akron on August 1-5th!

Buy tickets through our link and you save big time on the price of the ticket and the dreaded Ticketmaster fees. The regular price of a one day pass is \$35. If you buy your tickets using our code (BUNKER) all caps, the cost is only \$20, almost half off, plus you save on the Ticketmaster fees.

If you buy an all week pass the regular price is \$95 using code BUNKER it's only \$70, you save \$25 per ticket and again you'll save on the Ticketmaster fee. Remember it's all capital letters --BUNKER

The easiest way is to click on this link www.strongsvillerotary.org/golf If you don't care to order online you can still click on the link above and download a form to order them by mail if you do it soon.

Everybody wins! The PGA gives back 100% of ticket price!!! If you buy through our link the PGA will donate 75% of the ticket price to our foundation and the other 25% will go to the local chapter of First Tee. Everybody wins, including YOU! You can buy as many tickets as you like b y going t o www.strongsvillerotary.org/golf and using the promo code BUNKER to order them. The Strongsville Rotary foundation is the beneficiary; we'd appreciate your support. Dan Cricks, Strongsville Rotary Foundation Director 440-842-8938



By Al Conners

It's the beginning of a new Rotary year. I hope your club has thought through a Membership strategy that will bring new members and ideas to your club. These in turn, can be the building blocks for an uptick in the service provided by your club.

So where should we start? A handy place is with a measurable goal-I suggest an increase based on your July 1, 2013 SAR report compared to the July 1, 2012 SAR report. This will measure your REAL progress, if any. Recruiting 3 new members while losing 4 members from your existing roster is not progress. A boast that you gained three new members is an empty one-because your net gain was minus 1! By the way, Rotary International is sponsoring three webinars

aimed at improving retention. All three will be recorded and made available on the RI website. Bottom line--retention is the 1000 pound gorilla in the closet! Ignore him at your peril.

Let's assume you have an established goal-one that is embraced by the President and endorsed by the club's membership. But is there a plan to make it happen? If not, you will not get it done. Success means you have a plan and have selected a person or persons who will lead the plan's execution. This is not a job for just anyone available-you need a "go getter/follow upper" type of person to lead the effort.

Your plan will no doubt include the development of a prospect list. How do you develop that list? A few possible sources-the yellow pages of your community's phone book; friends, relatives, associates of your existing members; Social networking contacts; community alumni from the activities your club sponsors such as Interact, Rotaract, RYLA, 4 Way Test Speech Contest, Youth Exchange, winners of scholarships awarded by your club, and local speakers at your club's meetings; host families for Youth Exchange and GSE. The prospects are out there; you need not be a witch doctor to conjure a respectable list.

Have you assessed your club's assets or service strong points? If so, have you publicized them? Are they in the newspapers, on the social websites, and well known to your community? I received a phone call recently from a former president of another service club in another community. He was coming to our community and received a recommendation to



consider joining our club. This could not have happened without area recognition earned by publicizing what we do!

A final thought-there is help available should you so desire. You can reach out for District help by calling me or the Assistant governor assigned to your club. Think of it this way-if you are serious about boosting membership and retaining your existing ones, help is a phone call or Email away! My phone number i s 330/995/6142 and the Email is "alconners@gmail.com". Go "get 'em, and make sure you keep 'em".

A Tribute to Independence Day

By Lee Quiñones

It was actually on July 2nd when America broke from Great Britain. Two days later the Declaration of Independence was signed, which is why we celebrate the occasion on the 4th of July. I always commemorate the day by re-reading the lyrics from the "Star-Spangled Banner" in honor of our forefathers' courage. While most citizens know the first stanza of said anthem, few know the other three. Nor do they know the history leading up to the crafting of its words.

The year was 1812 and the United States was at war with England over freedom of the seas. It was a tumultuous time as Great Britain was struggling with Napoleon's invasion of Russia. In 1814, however, Napoleon was beaten and England turned its attention to the United States. While many naval battles were fought, the fight eventually centered on the central part of the U.S. as the British attempted to split this country in half. Washington, D.C. was taken and then the Brits "marched" toward Baltimore, where a mere 1,000 patriots manned the cannons at Fort McHenry, whose guns controlled the harbor. If Baltimore was to "fall," the British would have to take Fort McHenry.

The attack commenced on the morning of September 13, 1814, as 19 British ships began pounding the fort with rockets and mortar shells. After an initial exchange of fire, the Brits withdrew to just outside the range of Fort McHenry's cannons and continued their bombardment for the next 25 hours. Surprisingly, on board one of the British ships was 35-year-old poetlawyer Francis Scott Key, who was there arguing for the release of Dr. William Beanes, a prisoner of the British. Even though the captain agreed to the release, the two Americans were required to stay aboard until the attack on Baltimore was over. It was now the night of September

13th as the bombardment continued.

As twilight deepened, Key and Beanes saw the American flag flying over Fort McHenry. And, as reprised by famed author Isaac Asimov:

"Through the night, they heard bombs bursting and saw the red glare of rockets. They knew the fort was resisting and the American flag was still flying. But toward morning the bombardment ceased, and a dread silence fell. Either Fort McHenry had surrendered and the British flag flew above it, or the bombardment had failed and the American flag still flew.

As dawn began to brighten the eastern sky, Key and Beanes stared out at the fort, trying to see which flag flew over it. He and the physician must have asked each other over and over, 'Can you see the flag?'

After it was all finished, Key wrote a four stanza poem telling the events of the night. Called 'The Defense of Fort McHenry,' it was published in newspapers and swept the nation. Someone noted that the words fit an old English tune called, 'To Anacreon in Heaven' – a difficult melody with an uncomfortably large vocal range. For obvious reasons, Key's work became known as 'The Star Spangled Banner,' and in 1931 Congress declared it the official anthem of the United States.

Now that you know the story, here are the words. Presumably, the old doctor is speaking. This is what he asks Key:

Oh! say, can you see, by the dawn's early light, What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming? Whose broad stripes and bright stars, through the perilous fight, O'er the ramparts we watched were so gallantly streaming?

And the rocket's red glare, the bombs bursting in air,

Gave proof thro' the night that our flag was still there. Oh! say, does that star-spangled banner yet wave,

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?

('Ramparts,' in case you don't know, are the protective walls or other elevations that surround a fort.) The first stanza asks a question. The second gives an answer:

On the shore, dimly seen thro' the mist of the deep Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes, What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?

Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,

In full glory reflected, now shines on the stream.

'Tis the star-spangled banner. Oh! long may it wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!

'The towering steep' is again, the ramparts. The bombardment has failed, and the British can do nothing more but sail away, their mission a failure. In the third stanza I feel Key allows himself to gloat over the American triumph. In the aftermath of the bombardment, Key probably was in no mood to act otherwise? During World War I when the British were our staunchest allies, this third stanza was not sung. However, I know it, so here it is:

And where is that band who so vauntingly swore That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion A home and a country should leave us no more?

Their blood has washed out their foul footstep's pollution.

No refuge could save the hireling and slave

From the terror of flight, or the gloom of the grave,

And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

(The fourth stanza, a pious hope for the future, should be sung more slowly than the other three and with even deeper feeling):

Oh! thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand Between their loved homes and the war's desolation,

Blest with victory and peace, may the Heaven - rescued land

Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation. Then conquer we must, for our cause is just,

And this be our motto ~"In God is our trust."

And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth wave

O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave.

I hope you will look at the national anthem with new eyes. Listen to it, the next time you have a chance, with new ears. Pay attention to the words. And don't let them ever take it away... not even one."

"There is nothing wrong in America that can't be fixed with what is right in America" . . . President Bill Clinton

What, You May Ask, is a Briefcase Brigade?

By Reena Kanner

Chesterland Rotary AGAIN took 1st place in the Chesterland 4th of July Parade. We are not sure how they keep doing it and knowing the routines' so well! All the practice of 4 hours makes them the best synchronized brief case brigade around. For many years Derek Taylor (leader) and Ben Pintabona (cadence caller) have mustered together unknowing members and those whom may have forgotten to be the highlight of the parade. The Jones girls pull the wagon and disperse candy to the throng of cheering bystanders. This is something not to be missed



Now What??



The jig is up

Lkwd/RR Sunrise & Interact Partner to Tutor

By Larry Faulhaber

LRR Sunrise Club New Generations Committee Chair, Jean Vahue and committee member, Barb Sabal worked with the Interact Club at Lakewood High School to establish a Tutoring Program for students in the school's, English as a Second Language Program and others with academic problems. The Club members selected math as the area to work on in the 2011/2012 school year. It proved to be a challenge because of language differences and the students varied level of learning in the country that they came from. The Interact Club President, Ingrid Vatamanu led the effort and other members enjoyed the experience.



Ingrid assisting in math

Typical of the success of the first year of the project was a student who has been is the Lakewood Schools system for years. She is now maintaining a C average in math, up from an F, partly do to the tutoring she received and partly due



Mary Beth Gifford and Jean Vahue

renewed her own desire to to Jean Vahue believes that the achieve. positive attitude of the Interact Club members toward the success of this and other students has been helpful in their progress. Even though many of the Interact members have graduated, the New Generation Committee is already planning for next year to expand the program to additional academic areas and involve more of the Interact Club members.



Keep Practicing



The Lovely Jones Girls

Advertising Opportunity

As in recent years, we once again would like to include some advertising in the District Directory to both subsidize the cost of the Directory and to promote the work of Rotarians and friends of Rotary. The cost for the ads are:

\$100 for a business card (approximately 1/3 page)

\$250 for 1/2 page

\$500 for full inside page

Please talk with members of your Club and encourage them to place an ad. Ask the place where you meet if they would be interested in placing an ad. And I encourage you to consider having your own ad in the Directory.

All ads placed will allow us to spend District funds in other ways. Those wishing to place an ad should contact District Secretary Dave Harper, rotarydharper@gmail.com or 216-313-0534. He will need artwork and a check made payable to District 6630.

We would like to have all of the ads by July 25th.



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with bright hopes of longer lives after Akron Children's Hospital surgical team repairs heart defects

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Federal program fails to meet goals

Some states struggling to move elderly, disabled from long-term care facilities into community

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