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Governor's Letter

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As you read this newsletter be thankful for all those who made that possible. Your family, your elementary teachers, librarians and so many others were probably partially responsible for your literacy. Strong families, strong communities and strong schools provide the support and stimulation needed for our youth to learn. According to Seeds of Literacy 69% of Cleveland residents cannot read at the 4th to 6th grade level. Another report indicates that 13% of Cuyahoga County residents are only at a literacy level 1 which means they are only able to locate one piece of information in a sports article, locate the expiration date on a driver's license and total a bank deposit entry.

Rotary International has designated March to be Literacy month. And it is figures like those above that led me to shape my year as District Governor to include an emphasis on New Generations, to choose Rotary District 3202 in India as our group study exchange, to have a literacy panel at the district conference of clubs and to ask all Rotarians in District 6630 to help with a literacy project to deliver books to the District's shelters for victims of domestic violence.

During my club presentations I congratulated the many clubs that provide dictionaries to the

third graders in their communities. And I asked how we can work to keep the learning spark created by that gift alive in these young students. What else can we do? We need to share our successes and I am hoping that clubs will submit their literacy projects to Beth Shriver so that we can compile a list of projects that work. And come to the panel Friday afternoon, April 13th and learn from your fellow Rotarians.

Some years ago I used a book by Bill McKibben, Hope Human and Wild, for a class I was teaching. In it was a chapter about Karela, India which spoke about their efforts to eradicate illiteracy. When I had the opportunity to choose our Group Study Exchange district I reached out to the district that includes Karela and they accepted. Our team, wonderfully led by Carol Dombrose from the Rotary Club of Strongsville, has returned from their visit to India and I am eager to learn of their experience. Perhaps by the time you read this the team from India will be in Northeast Ohio. I encourage you to interact with them as much as you can. The schedule for their time in our district will be posted on the website or call Stan Socha at 330-225-4170. There will be an opportunity Saturday afternoon of the District Conference of Clubs to

hear about the experiences of both the inbound and the outbound Group Study Exchange teams.

My two other emphases for the year are membership and support for the Rotary Foundation. This March 24th the District Membership Chair, Al Connors, will be conducting a workshop directed toward clubs with fewer than 20 members. Membership is critical to our successful contributions to sustainable community development. And it is not just an issue of numbers. We need members with a diversity of talents who are committed to "Service Above Self." The careful promotion of your club and a clear communication of its goals and commitments along with the Object of Rotary will ensure that those who are recruited to join will be contributing members who are truly engaged in the work of Rotary.

Finally, as I indicated in my presentations, the Rotary Foundation provides the financial support we need to successfully complete our projects locally and internationally. We have seen this year an increase in the number of clubs that have come to the District Grants Committee asking for matching funds up to \$2,500 for a local project or even more for an international project. This is wonderful for it indicates that we are committed

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to providing service. However, the funds requested come from our contributions to the Rotary Foundation. The funds to support our Group Study Exchange and our Ambassadorial Scholars also come from our contributions. To encourage more Rotarians to give, even \$10, to the Rotary Foundation we have initiated a challenge. Every club that averages \$100 per member, we had 16 last year, AND has every member contributing some amount, to the Rotary Foundation will receive 1,000 recognition points to be used as they wish. The club may designate someone to be a Paul Harris Fellow, or divide it up as an incentive for club members to support the Foundation.

As I have said in recent newsletters, this is a time of transition for the district and clubs. I hope current club presidents are providing support to their PEs as I am working to support the incoming district leadership. I

do hope to see all of the Presidents Elect at All Ohio PETS in Columbus March 9-10, 2012 and at the District Assembly April 14, 2012 at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls. District Governor Elect Julie West is doing a great job in getting prepared to lead our District in the next Rotary year. We need to work together to make the 2012-12 Rotary year the best one yet in District 6630, so please take advantage of the education and training being offered at these events. As I have talked with Julie West, Bob Johnson and Mike Davanzo I know that the district is in good hands and that the commitment is to provide each and every club the support they need to be successful. The diversity of clubs in this district is impressive to me and we have so much to learn from one another. Together we can be so much more to make District 6630 the envy of other districts.



By Carol Crimi
Since 2004 Rotary has been involved in implementing water projects in small villages in El Salvador. Thus far three projects for entire villages have been completed and a fourth project that will service two villages is underway. Several Rotary districts have been involved. Clubs from District 6630 that have participated in these projects include Kent, Aurora, Stow-Munroe Falls and Ravenna. These projects are self-sustaining and functioning well

under the supervision of local water boards comprised of representatives elected by the villagers. The most recent project is solar powered. It is the first project in Central America designed to use this alternative form of energy. You can have the opportunity to visit these projects this summer and see firsthand the wonderful work that Rotary is doing. Groundwater in El Salvador is so polluted that it is not safe for drinking or bathing. Nevertheless most people in this small

By Dan Reynolds

On February 4, 2012 over 350 golfers braved the arctic cold to help send children with disabilities to the Akron Rotary Camp this summer. This year's event raised a record breaking \$148,000 that will be used to subsidize every family's cost for services. This year was the 22nd Annual Chili Open hosted by the Rotary Club of Akron and presented by Wayne Homes.

After enjoying 9 holes of golf, golfers headed to the clubhouse to warm up with a bowl of Whitey's Chili and beverages. Door prizes, raffles, and a new chili eating contest kept the crowds entertained for hours. Congratulations to Damian Huising for winning the 1st Annual Chili Eating Contest and to Ronald McCaskey for winning the raffle grand prize of \$5,000.

Each year the Akron Rotary Camp serves over 1600 children and adults with disabilities through day and overnight camps and year round respite weekends. Akron Rotary Camp also provides family support services such as parent mentoring and support groups at no cost. Akron Rotary Camp has been a project of the Rotary Club of Akron since 1924 and

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is operated by the Akron Area YMCA.

The 2012 Chili Open Committee would like to thank all of those who made this year's Chili Open, presented by Wayne Homes so successful. The chairman of this year's event, Bill Manby, Jr. put the challenge out there to his committee to make this year's event a record breaker. In response to the success, Mr. Manby had this to say, "Our club has added many new members this year. I think the combination of this new blood and seasoned veterans combined to create tremendous energy around an event with a long history of success. It was an unbelievable experience for me to see how much people were willing to do when simply asked."

Special thanks to all of the sponsors who opened their hearts and gave so generously; OMNOVA Solutions Foundation, Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLP., Willoughby Supply, The Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, FirstMerit, Akron Children's Hospital, Crystal Clinic, WQMX, WONE, WAKR, and Whitey's Chili.

For more information about Akron Rotary Camp please visit www.rotarycamp.org or call 330.644.4512.

Opportunity to Visit El Salvador

Central American country have no choice. The implementation of the Rotary water projects has greatly enhanced public health and brought these villagers a quality of life never before realized.

This summer's delegation trip is scheduled July 22-29. The cost is approximately \$900 plus air fare. The fees are all inclusive. They cover all food, lodging, transportation, programs etc. Skilled interpreters accompany the group throughout the day.

This is an opportunity to meet the Salvadoran people, learn a little about their history and culture and support them in their efforts to improve their quality of life.

The delegation is not restricted to Rotarians, so you may bring family members or friends. Anyone interested in participating should contact Carol Crimi of the Kent club as soon as possible. Contact Carol at cjcrimi@sbcglobal.net or (330) 607-5105.

March: Literacy Month

By Richard S. Pollak,

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

Foundation programs. "One day we will awaken to a world where every mother will be able to write her child's name and that child will be able to grow up to write his or her own name. The world will be free of polio; every human being in the world will be able to reach out and drink a clean, clear, glass of water without fear of disease or contamination; we will all breathe-in the fresh, clean air of a world of peace." This can all be accomplished through the programs of The Rotary Foundation. But we must all give something, any amount, to The Rotary Foundation, every year. – Past District Governor Don Gregory

Foundation programs. "Never forget that charitable giving is an emotional response. Emotion is evident when we are telling the polio eradication story. Telling the Annual Programs Fund story can be equally emotional when we emphasize how lives have been changed through The Rotary Foundation's Ambassadorial Scholarships program, Matching Grants, District Simplified Grants, and Group Study Exchange. Real-life examples are critical to success." – Past RRFC Joe LaGuess

Celebrating our Foundation. "The Rotary Foundation is recognized as one of the most respected private foundations in the world. Through the Foundation, we as Rotarians have an unprecedented opportunity to use our global grassroots strength and international prominence to help solve major problems such as food and water security – if the

Foundation's financial resources keep pace. The twin pillars of Foundation support – the Annual Programs Fund and the Permanent Fund – are crucial to meeting world needs." – 2003-04 RI President Jonathan Majiyagbe

Supporting the Foundation. "Most Rotarians have humani-

tarian goals they want to achieve. And they know that giving to the Foundation allows Rotarians

to do extraordinary things worldwide that they normally couldn't do themselves. Those extraordinary things are what make our Rotary Foundation so critical in today's troubled world, and your support is what makes it possible to continue this vital work." – 2004-05 RI President Glenn E. Estess Sr.

Foundation programs. Assistant RRFC Harry Henderson says: "The Rotary Foundation has allowed me to be part of things that I never could have done without the help of Rotary. The two weeks I spent in volunteer service with District 3160 in India certainly changed my life. Rotary gave me the chance to help provide a mobile dental clinic and to actually use it to provide dental care. Without the help of our Rotary Foundation, a small town dentist from Southern Illinois like myself could never have had this opportunity. Our Rotary Foundation cannot only change the lives of those we help, but it can also change the lives of Rotarians."

District Conference of Clubs

Building Sustainable Communities Through Rotary Come Celebrate Our Clubs, Our District, and Our Rotary. April 13-15 at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls

Learn about successful and sustainable projects from your fellow District Rotarians: Lo-

cal, International and Literacy.

Listen to and learn from exciting speakers about issues in our local communities, including Jim Rokakis from the Thriving Communities Institute.

Celebrate the successful Group Study Exchange with a district in India as we host both the incoming and outgoing teams.

Experience a little of Indian culture.

Celebrate a year without polio in India.

Hear the Four-Way Test Speech Contest winners.

Be inspired by the creator of Etta Projects, Pennye Nixon-West, and learn about how it all began and the commitment to building a sustainable community in Bolivia.

Explore with experts the future of key sectors of our communities: education, transpor-

tation, health and the arts.

Be moved by the testimony of participants in Y.E.S.S.

Meet our Ambassadorial Scholars and our World Peace Scholar.

Meet and interact with our inbound and outbound Youth Exchange Students.

Celebrate Rotary Heroes who Reach Within to Embrace Humanity.

Join the Family of District 6630 at the Akron Aeros on Sunday the 15th.

And, perhaps most importantly, share in the community of Rotary. This past year, as I prepared for my year as District Governor and have travelled throughout the District, my wife and I have been most fortunate to meet the wonderful Rotarians of District 6630 and to learn about their commitment to Service Above Self in their local and international communities. I have been most lucky to interact with our inbound and outbound youth exchange students, our Ambassadorial Scholars and our newest Peace Scholars. A Detailed Agenda is available and registration is live at the District Website. **Click Image Below**



Presidents-Elect training will conclude with the District Assembly on April 14th. The District Assembly includes training for All Club Officers and Committee Chairs and is part of the District Conference. Incoming Presidents please be sure your Leadership Team will be in attendance for this wonderful opportunity for training and interaction with other Committee Chairs and Officers from Clubs across the District.

District Incentive Offered to Reach EREY Goal

As we work together to make the push towards our club Foundation goals for Rotary Year 2011/2012, Governor Steve has added an incentive.

At PETS-1 Governor Steve announced that special recognition will be given to every club achieving an average of \$100 per member and with every member making a contribution (EREY) to The Rotary Foundation. The incentive is a Paul Harris Fellow for your club to use in any way that it sees fit. If your club attains that level by March 30th, your club will be recognized at the Conference of Clubs. All clubs achieving this goal by the end of the Rotary year will be awarded a Paul Harris Fellow they can designate to any recipient of their club.

Last February/March your current president was required to submit a club Foundation Goal Form for this Rotary year. The Every Rotarian Every Year form suggests that your club contribute \$100 for every member in your club. I know that every club has a different makeup, but this goal should be a priority for all of the clubs in District 6630. Your contributions ensure that Rotarians can continue promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, saving mothers and children, supporting education, and nurturing local economies. Without the help of every club, none of this is possible.



- 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.



In order for your club to have EREY recognition, every member of your club must donate something, and the club's average contribution must be \$100 per member. In simple terms if you have 20 members in your club, your EREY goal would be \$2,000. A member that donated more than \$100 could be counted towards a member that gave less than \$100. The important point is that every member of your club makes the effort to contribute what they feel they can afford every year to The Rotary Foundation.

It's up to each and every one of us to lead the campaign to reach the goal and achieve for your club Every Rotarian Every Year recognition. TRF Direct is the easiest and most efficient way to accomplish the goal for this year and beyond. TRF Direct forms are available on the District's Website by clicking on the Rotary Foundation tab listed under Site Pages. We will never know what we can accomplish unless we try.

Please feel free to ask me how I can help you reach your goal.

Rick Cooper
Annual Giving Chair
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• PDG 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, JHUGLU, DGG708, RCHANG, HODG, CUNKD, KFOUJ, LUVRTY, INTRACT, KJUSID, MAKEUP, 8MYTST, DISTRI, 4 TRF, 4 GIG, USA QP, and 49506. Other examples can be seen on our web site www.ohio.gov/plates or our Rotary License Plates Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/rotary.ohio>

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News From TRC West Shore

By Luisa Heimburger

The West Shore Rotary Club is supporting the Fairview Park community by presenting a check for \$1000 to the Caring Continues Fund at Fairview Hospital. Dr. Timothy Spiro, MD graciously accepted the donation and spoke to the club about the Caring Continues Fund at Fairview Hospital. The reality of a cancer diagnosis is worrisome enough, but many patients find themselves facing financial hardships at the same time. The Caring Continues Fund was created as a way to reach out to assist patients who face financial hardships as a result of their cancer diagnosis. Donations can be made through the Community West Foundation, 20545 Center Ridge Road, #448, Cleveland, OH 44116.

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2012 GSE

By Stan Socha

The District 6630 Group Study Exchange Team (GSE) has returned from their visit to D3202 in Southwest India. The Team arrived home safely with a lot stories to tell. This would be a good opportunity for clubs in the District to learn more about GSE and Southwest India. If your club would be interested in having the Team visit your club for a presentation, contact Team Leader Carol Dombrose at 440-846-1789 or carollar2juno.com and set up a presentation. The Team will also be at the District Conference for a presentation and question secession. The Team members are excited about their experiences and would like to share them with the Rotarians in our District.

Also the GSE Team from District 3202 will be arriving in our District March 17th for a thirty day visit. They will be traveling the District to learn about their professions in our area as well as learning about our culture. The D3202 Team will beat the District conference along with our Team. Here again is another good reason to attend the District Conference. This is a good time to see your Foundation dollars at work and a chance to help build good will and world peace.

Four Way Test Speech Contest Update

SAVE THE DATE: MARCH 31, 2012!

Since this will be the last newsletter update regarding the Four Way Test Speech Competition scheduled for Saturday March 31st in Aurora, OH., I thought that I would let you know the schedule for the event day.

The day will begin with the check in and registration of your student speaker at 8 a.m. at the Aurora High School. All Rotarians and students are encouraged to arrive early for registration and enjoy a continental breakfast and drinks in the cafeteria. At approximately 8:50 a.m., I will give a brief overview of the contest and explain how the day will proceed. Upon completion of the announcements everyone with the exception of the student speakers will be excused to head to their respective classrooms.

I anticipate that the first round of speeches will end roughly around 10:30 a.m. At that point everyone will be given a few minutes to relax and make their way to the large auditorium for the final presentations.

After the final speaker has given their speech, lunch will be served. The judges

A Letter FROM the Editor

By Mike Johns, Jr.

Where to start? By way of review, how many Rotarians in the District recognize the purpose of *The District Newsletter*? Best as I can tell, about 25% at best. How many Club Secretaries in the District don't bother to forward the Newsletter to your members? If you are a ClubRunner Club and you keep your members' email addresses current on your website, then they get a copy direct from me. For those Clubs who do not use ClubRunner, the only members of your Clubs that receive it are those officers whose contact information you have supplied by completing the Club Executive Information on the District's Website. In those cases it is the Club Secretaries' responsibility to forward the email to your members.

The primary focus of *The District Newsletter* since I began publishing it three District Governors ago, is communication; communication **Between Clubs** in the District but more precisely **Rotarians communicating with Rotarians**. In addition it also brings information from Rotarians who serve on District Committees to over 2,000 other Rotarians in the District. And here's a little secret... The District isn't really any different than your own Club's Board of Directors. By that I mean, it's just a group of individu-

al Rotarians from individual Rotary Clubs who support us all, not just the Clubs, but all Rotarians in the manner we advise them to. Every committee at the District level is made up of Rotarians from the 56 clubs in the District, not some far away land. Every Rotarian has the opportunity to steer the direction The District will take and how it will be of benefit to Rotarians and our objectives by participating in those committees. There are two basic reasons for not being involved in committees at the District level and they are the same reasons that are present at the Club level: Lack of interest and lack of information.

In the near future you will be learning more about these District Committees. You will find out about the role and responsibilities of each committee. You will understand the time commitment required, and the opportunities open to every Rotarian to serve on District Committees. Finally as these committees function and fulfill our expectations you will get information through *The District Newsletter* explaining what is happening on an on-going basis.

So in short, spread the word, share what you are doing, and get involved where you can.

News From TRC Wadsworth

By Deborah Stephenson

The Wadsworth Rotary Club has been hosting two high school students each month. We started in October and invite their parents to attend the first meeting with their students. The other weeks of the month the students join us. We enjoy their fresh ideas and participation. We believe this to be a double plus. Our high school Rotaract is growing and we believe that these meetings will also help Rotary grow in the future. To date, we have hosted 10 students and 5 parents.

will be asked to go first since they will be moving to their conference room to finalize the scoring. Winners will be announced by 1 p.m. Following that announcement, we will be taking photos and handing out the Four Way Test T-shirts. One for everyone!

It is important that if your Club has a flyer that they intend to have circulated in the student packets, please remember to have your flyers delivered to me by Saturday March 24th. Any flyers received after that date will not be included in the packets.

Finally, please remember that one Rotarian must accompany the student selected by your Club when registering, no exceptions.

I'm looking forward to another great year of speeches and I'm sure we will have some excellent ones.

See you all there!

Regards,
Scott Pease
District 6630

Four Way Test Speech Competition
Chairman

Lkwd/RR Work Ethic Awards

By Larry Faulhaber

The 6th Annual Work Ethic Awards program co-sponsored between the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Club and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce was held on February 24. It recognizes the outstanding students in West Shore Career and Technical Institute housed at Lakewood High School. Eighteen students were honored for their work and studies as part of this program of workforce development. Many work in local business as part of their overall training and education. They have demonstrated outstanding efforts in the academic part of the program as well as dedication and hard work in their part time jobs in areas such as office skills, electronic technology, business management, health careers, accounting and finance, automotive technology, culinary arts, early childhood education, construction trades, and biotechnology. Several local business cooperate with the program and offer lower skill positions to handicapped or developmentally disabled students. Cooperating companies include Bonne Bell, Lakewood Hospital, Marriott Hotels, and Rae Ann Nursing Homes. The outstanding participants in this program are recognized as well. The Vocation Service Committee of the Sunrise Club works with the Institute and the Lakewood Chamber on this activity. The Institute covers not only Lakewood and Rocky River, but Westlake, and Bay Village as well.

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Painesville Rotarian Donates Kidney

From an article by Bill DeBus

Maureen Kelly's Christmas gift last year to her first cousin, Kevin Walsh, isn't anything she'd wrap up and put under a tree. The gift would actually come two weeks early, and be exchanged with the help of highly skilled surgeons at University Hospitals of Cleveland. Kelly, of Mentor, who serves as Lake County's clerk of courts, and is a member of The Rotary Club of Painesville donated her left kidney to Walsh, who has been on dialysis since 2008. "We both had own surgical teams," Kelly said.

Walsh said his kidney problems began at birth. Although his kidneys didn't fail immediately, doctors told him he would likely need a transplant by the time he was a young man. He underwent his initial kidney transplant on Dec. 13, 1980 – 31 years to the day of Tuesday's procedure. "We think it's destiny," Kelly said of the coincidence.

The quest to find a second kidney donor was a trying time for Walsh and his loved ones. A total of six members from his family and three from Kelly's family all went through rigorous testing in hope of finding a medically compatible match. Kelly said the procedure of being screened as a prospective live donor included everything from a telephone interview to tissue typing and significant blood testing.

Upon learning she was a match, Kelly said she had no reservations about giving her cousin a kidney. "There was absolutely no difficulty at all because once I agreed to be tested I knew if I was a match, I would go forward," she said. "I had absolutely not a moment's worth of hesitation. Anyone would do it."

Walsh said if there are no complications with receiving the kidney, he expects to stay in the hospital for five days and follow that with a six- to eight-week recovery at home. He was optimistic that the transplant would go well and change his life for the better.

"In the long run, you could consider it life-saving; certainly (in the near future) my quality of life will be enhanced," he said. "My freedom to be able to go out and do different things and not be tied to a schedule of dialysis will be a tremendous upgrade in the quality of life I have right now." Kelly said she's projected to have a two- to five-day hospital stay and six to eight weeks of recovery, although she's hoping to mend faster.



"Although I can hardly believe it, my surgery is being done laparoscopically, so they will remove my kidney with just a few incisions," she said. "I go up to the hospital floor that night and I will be up walking the next day, so I'll be visiting Kevin in intensive care." Walsh said it's fitting to have Kelly as a donor because she's displayed a commitment to helping family members ever since childhood. "If you can count on anyone, it's Maureen," he said. "She's been a true leader of this family."

er of this family."

On Sunday, members of the Walsh and Kelly families gathered spiritual strength for Tuesday's surgeries by attending Mass together at St. John Vianney Catholic Church in Mentor. After Mass, the Rev. Thomas Johns, St. John Vianney pastor, presided over a family prayer service during which he blessed Walsh and Kelly. "I feel better already," Kelly said as the prayer service concluded. "You're in good hands," Johns replied. Follow this link to watch a video interview:

http://www.news-herald.com/video/?va_id=3095498&pl_id=21437&ref=synd

By Jack A. Young, PDG

ShelterBox USA Board Member

I have had a number of inquiries from Rotarians asking "what has been our response in the United States regarding the tornado outbreak in the country's Midwest and parts of the south. In talking to our home office, I have been told the following:

Shelter Box USA has been in contact with the most affected areas of each state and local emergency operations centers/managers to talk with them about Shelter Box and offered help if needed. We have encouraged them to contact local Rotary leaders to ask for help and utilize other contacts as needed.

The Shelter Box USA office focused on impacted communities in Indiana and Kentucky. At this point the feedback we are receiving is that shelter needs are being met by local community organizations and governments. This is a reminder that we are blessed to live in a country that has sound infrastructure, a philanthropic nature and prepared volunteers.. However, we as a Board of Directors and Disaster Relief organization will continue to monitor the situation as needs may change and overlooked communities may avail themselves.

These storms are a good reminder that disasters can occur anywhere in the world and we need to be ready to respond. This is one of the many reasons your support of Shelter Box is so critical to our mission. Thank you for support our efforts.

For further information, please contact PDG Jack A. Young, Board member of Shelter Box USA at the following address. (3303 Twain Circle, Brunswick, Ohio or email Jack1vil-la@aol.com)

Mission of the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club: WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

Vision: We will be the service organization of choice with dynamic, action-oriented members whose contributions improve lives in our local and worldwide communities. All of our club activities provide a visible example of integrity demonstrated through our fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders.

Core values:

Service - We believe in a culture of service that puts service above self in all our endeavors.

Fellowship - We believe that individual efforts focus on individual needs, but combined efforts serve humanity.

Diversity - We believe in a club that is accessible and embraces diversity of vocations, cultures, gender, religion, socioeconomic backgrounds.

Integrity - We adhere to high ethical and professional standards in our work and personal relationships, embracing diversity, honor and mutual respect as paramount in all activities and personal interactions.

Leadership - We believe in the importance of leadership development and in leadership as a quality of our members. As Rotarians, we are leaders in implementing our core values.

Personal Growth -All of our work includes a conscious and committed effort toward increasing self awareness and knowledge, developing strengths and fulfilling lofty aspirations.

Collaboration - We believe in

active cooperation, collaboration and team within our club and throughout the community.

Innovation - Striving to implement creative and innovative approaches and solutions to the services we commit to.

Accountability - Ensuring wise and efficient use of resources and committed to consistent, open, transparent communications with our stakeholders

Strategic Planning Committee

Public Relations - Bruce Corson

CVRC Foundation - Roger Kallock

Membership - Linda Hein

Club Administration - Joyce Piteo

Rotary Foundation - Mark Besand

Club Service - Jeff Griff

Strategic Goals

Increase the number and diversity of our club membership.

Strengthen recruiting program with a net gain of 10 new members

Enhance orientation program

Increase diversity in membership

Review and make appropriate changes to the organization structure

Enhance member understanding and involvement in Rotary International goals and programs

Provide written information

regarding district, RI business and opportunities

More speakers from district and RI

Support member involvement and training with district and RI

Establish an Assistant District Governor from our club

Expand RI information in newsletter

Increase member and community awareness of Rotary opportunities and achievements

Create PR calendar

Advertise for major fund raisers

Regularly send press releases

Website enhancement including social media

Create an email database for community outreach

Expand member social and networking opportunities

Develop a club vocational guide

Maintain a welcoming atmosphere

Develop more social events such as the 5th Tuesday

Combine our service outreach with more socializing opportunities

Expand participation and impact in club projects

Increase our financial commitment and split funding evenly between local and international projects

Focus on Education, Youth, Water and Emergency human needs



Gift of Life Honors PDG Jim Frame

Jim Frame, a long-time member and officer of the Mantua Rotary Club, and Past District Governor of Rotary District 6630 was presented the 2012 Gift of Life International Humanitarian of the Year Award at its annual fund raising event on Saturday, February 18 "for the generosity, caring and love that he has shown to children around the world regardless of their race, color, creed, religion or national origin." The event raised more than \$20,000 to fund life-saving heart surgeries for children from countries around the world.

Gift of Life International works with Rotary clubs and other organizations worldwide to provide life-saving surgeries to children born with congenital heart defects. Jim Frame became a champion of Gift of Life in 2003 when he was asked to help bring a child to the Cleveland area for heart surgery. Since then, Jim has been instrumental in bringing 49 children and their families to Northeast Ohio for surgeries performed at University Hospitals' Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, coordinating free housing for their families at Ronald McDonald House, as well as providing transportation and support to the families and children while they are in town.

But he didn't stop there. Jim has also helped to arrange donations of medical equipment to establish a pediatric cardiac intensive care unit at Assiut University Hospital in Egypt, and set up a similar operation at a hospital in Kenya, traveling there to personally work with medical professionals and local leaders to set up the unit and begin saving children's lives. Jim and the Gift of Life NEO team have expanded the program from bringing one child at a time to the US for surgery to establishing cardiac surgical suites in countries like Egypt and Kenya where they have now treated over 600 children.

After Jim's first trip to Kenya, the hospital there was able to perform 20 surgeries on local children; it has since established a permanent program at Mater Hospital in

Nairobi to serve many more children. He has also traveled to El Salvador, and the Dominican Republic on Gift of Life missions, helping establish pediatric cardiac surgery capabilities in these countries as well.

Since founding Gift of Life Northeast Ohio in 2003, Jim and his fellow Rotarians have helped provide 286 life-saving surgeries here in the US for children from 20 countries, including Ecuador, Egypt, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Honduras, Trinidad, Iraq, Syria, Jordan, Morocco, Kenya, Panama, Dominican Republic, Bosnia, Serbia, St. Kitt's, Uganda, Haiti, Cote and Jamaica.

Recently, Jim and the Gift of Life team have established a relationship with Akron Children's Hospital, which will provide heart surgery to two children who will travel here from Haiti in April.

Gift of Life and its affiliates have saved more than 10,000 children's lives since

its founding by Rotarian Robbie Donno in 1975.

Jim Frame and his wife Joanne (deceased) have lived in Mantua for more than 40 years and raised their four daughters there. Jim worked for two area companies in plant management and sales. Jim joined the Mantua Rotary Club in 1993 and has held virtually every office in the club as well as contributing to Rotary International in various positions over the years.

Chagrin Valley Rotary Club: The mission of Rotary International is to provide service to others, promote integrity, and advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through its fellowship of business, professional, and community leaders. The Chagrin Valley Rotary Club meets at the Kenston Middle School Betty Patton Room, at 17425 Snyder Road, Chagrin Falls, Ohio 44023 each Tuesday from 7:15 a.m. until 8:30 a.m. For more information, please visit www.chagrinvalleyrotary.com.



ShelterBox Honors PDG Young

Jack A. Young, District 6630 PDG and Shelter Box USA Board member was recognized at last month's Board meeting by the President Obama and the Board of Directors of Shelter Box USA with the Presidential Volunteer Service Award for his efforts during 2011 to provide shelter, warmth and dignity for survivors of natural and other disasters worldwide.

In the aftermath of disasters such as the Japan earthquake and tsunami last month many watched on TV wishing they could make a difference. The Ambassadors knew Shelter Box, an international relief organization, could make a difference. Through their efforts of raising awareness and funds for Shelter Box, the organization was able to provide more than 17,000 Shelter Boxes to families throughout the world.

According to Emily Sperling, "SB Board USA President, it is our volunteers who work hard Year round to support Shelter Box and our efforts to help families rebuild their lives across the globe."

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a special recognition program created by President Barack Obama. The award is part of a national recognition program created in 2003 through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for individuals of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer time to volunteer activities.

There are 3 levels of recognition and this is the second consecutive year that PDG Jack Young has received the Bronze Level Award.

Reaching for the Future!
2012-20150

A Special District Conference Forum
Saturday, April 14

2:00 pm to 3:30 pm

90 minute Forum with (4) presentations including written question and answers.
Followed by (6) separate 45 minute sessions for those interested to receive detailed information. Sessions conclude at approximately 5:30 pm.

The Presenters:

Health
Eric A. Stiles, MD
System Chief Medical Officer, University Hospital
President, UH Accountable Care Organization

Education
Suzan C. Williams
Ohio State Board of Education (District 4)

Transportation
Andrew R. Thomas, Ph.D.
Author, *The Final Journey of the Saturn V*
Asst. Professor of International Business, Univ. of Akron

The Arts
Karen Oehl Mills
Executive Director of Cuyahoga Arts and Culture

How do we, as Rotarians, prepare to meet the critical needs of our local and global communities?
What does the future hold in terms of access and availability of these key components in our society?
How will future generations value these areas which make life enjoyable, sustainable and progressive?
Join us for thought-provoking conversation!

Reservations! Please make your reservation in advance for this forum. There is **no charge** for participation, however, reservations will allow for the preparation of material for forum participants.

District 6630 Annual Conference
Shelton on Shaker, 1989 Prout St., Cuyahoga Falls, Friday, April 13 - Sunday, April 15, 2012
Please visit www.rotarydistrict6630.org for registration.

News From TRC Brunswick

On January 28th Brunswick Rotarian, Bill Wilkinson sported swimwear and jumped into Chippewa Lake!! The money the club raised for him to do such a stunt went to Feeding Medina County! Next year Bill hopes other Rotarians will join him. In the meantime many of us were there to cheer him on!



On February 16th the Brunswick Rotary went offsite to help "Feeding Medina County". We have many children and families going hungry due to situational poverty! So many are without jobs. Once a month Feeding Medina County offers fresh food at the Medina Fairgrounds. We met there at 6:45 to break down pal-

lets of food into family size portions before the doors opened at 8:00 AM. Then we proceeded to help with the distribution of food. Feeding Medina County also provides "weekenders" which are backpacks of food given to elementary children who would not have food at home for the weekends!



Burton/Middlefield Pancakes

Burton-Middlefield Rotary will be flipping pancakes again this March for the 60th year. Starting Sunday March 4th and every Sunday thereafter in March the Burton-Middlefield Rotary will be serving their delicious pancake breakfasts that include real Geauga County Maple Syrup at the Berkshire High School in Burton, Ohio from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. The High School is located at 14510 N. Cheshire St. in Burton, Ohio aka Pancake Town USA. Customers will also have the opportunity to purchase the Rotarians world renowned Omelets to go along with their pancake breakfast. The Rotary Club has served over 250,000 pancake breakfasts since its inception in 1952. For more information please email BMR-pancakes@roadrunner.com or on-line at www.burtonmiddlefieldrotary.com. The proceeds from these breakfasts go back to our community and internationally with many projects that include Rotary's initiative Polio Plus to eradicate Polio throughout the world. This year's prices are adults \$8.00 for the Pancake Breakfasts, children 4 to 10 are \$5.00 and you can add a world renowned Omelet with your Pancake breakfast for an additional \$3.00. For more information please contact:

Tracy A. Jemison
14470 Rider Rd.
Burton, Ohio 44021
Cell: 440-476-8486
Email: bmrpancakes@roadrunner.com

TRC Berea's Major Fundraiser is at Browns Facility on March 31st

By Linda Kramer

The Rotary Club of Berea's major fundraiser, the annual Reverse Raffle and Silent Auction, will be March 31 at the Cleveland Browns Training Facility, 76 Lou Groza Blvd. in Berea. Guests will park in the players' parking lot. The event will be on the Browns indoor practice field. Cocktails with an open bar begin at 6 p.m. with a catered dinner at 7 p.m. There will be sideboards and a chance to win the grand prize of \$2,500. Items to be auctioned include a week at a vacation condo, Cavs, Browns and Indians tickets and memorabilia and wine. Tickets are \$100. Contact Mike Orr, (440) 382-6283, mikeorr@berearotary@gmail.com or President-elect Consolina Templeman, (440) 781-1370, consolinatempleman@att.net.

For more information, go the club's Web site at www.berearotary.org.

Directions: From the south - Take I-71 North to Bagley Road/

Middleburg Heights exit; head west on Bagley to Front Street; turn north on Front to Lou Groza Boulevard; turn right on to Lou Groza Boulevard; the training facility will be on the right.

From the east - Take I480 to Airport/Berea exit; take Route 237 to Front Street; jog slight left onto Front; turn left onto Lou Groza Boulevard.

SHRED FEST - TRC Berea is once again partnering with the City of Berea to sponsor a Shred Fest, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, May 5, in the parking lot of Roehm Middle School, corner of Bagley Road and Pleasant Street. Trucks from Cintas Corp. will be on site to collect any unwanted documents. Rotarians also will collect unwanted eyeglasses, eyeglass parts, cases and sunglasses to be recycled by Lions International. Expired and unwanted prescription medicines will be collected for disposal by Southwest General Health Center. These services are free to individ-

uals but donations will be accepted to benefit Rotary projects. There will be a \$5 charge per box for businesses.

COMPUTER ROUNDUP - Save the date, June 2, for the Rotary Club of Berea's next Computer & Electronics Disposal. The collection will run from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until the truck is full, in the parking lot of Berea High School, corner of Bagley and Eastland Roads.

GUEST SPEAKERS - Guest speakers in the past month have included exchange student Alexia Klein-Neville, who has studied in Japan and Brazil; Brian Zimmerman, the new executive director of the Cleveland Metroparks; and Ken McCarthy, who detailed the renovations to the Little Red Schoolhouse on Bagley Road, which now houses art classes. The Rotary Club of Berea helped finance some the rehab on this historical building. For Valentine's Day, the club hosted a special dinner and evening for

Rotarians and guests. The buffet included a standing rib roast and special Valentine desserts.

FOOD PANTRIES - On the last Tuesday of each month, the club collects food items for the local SCAN Hunger Pantry. In January, Rotarians donated 51 pounds of food and in February, another 39 pounds of food and household items. The most needed items are peanut butter, jelly, canned fruits and vegetables and soups.

KIVA LOANS: Ken Weber, Berea Rotary Kiva chair, has made 249 loans to entrepreneurs around the world. The latest \$25 loans went to businesses in Tanzania (livestock), Senegal (animal sales), Ecuador (pigs and animal sales), Ukraine (farming), Philippines (animal sales) and Samoa (farming).

To learn more about Kiva loans, go to www.kiva.org.

Another Shelter Box Deployment

By Jack A. Young, PDG

Shelter Box USA, Board Member

A Shelter Box Response Team (SRT) has been distributing emergency shelter on the Filipino Island of Visaya to families displaced from their homes by a 6.9 magnitude earthquake that struck in February.

Initial reports following the quake stated there was no need for humanitarian assistance. However, a Filipino Congress woman had heard about Shelter box's recent deployment in Mindanao following floods that hit the island last December. She alerted the deployment SRT there and through her Rotarian Contacts saying there was a need a need for emergency shelter in Visaya's southern province of Negros Oriental near Dumaguete City.

Shelter Box was able to mobilize a Response Team immediately using its global network of SRT members. The earthquake caused giant waves that not only destroyed fishing villages along the coast but also caused two major landslides that resulted in another two villages being buried killing at least 65 people. Mayor roads and bridges have also been destroyed and after shocks are being felt on a daily basis.

Local Rotarians from Dumaguete, Dumaguete South and Dumaguete North traveled almost three hours to help the Shelter Box Response team put up tents.

"The help that Shelter Box has given to the people of my district is tremendous", said Congress woman Joselyn. "We really appreciate the SRT members giving their valuable time to help us - thank you."

IN A SECOND RESPONSE TO A EMERGENCY SITUATION Shelter Box has sent emergency Shelter to Madagascar for families who have been made homeless by Cyclone Glovanna that struck also in February.

A Shelter Box Response team (SRT) has been working with the National Bureau of Risk and Disaster Management, the national disaster relief agency, to carry out a needs assessment in the most devastated areas of the island in Madagascar. It is very important that Rotary Clubs continue to support the disaster relieve efforts of Shelter Box. One never knows when the next disaster will happen.

Last week PDG Jack and Marsha Pappalardo were guest of the Rotary Club of Canton, Ohio Rotary district 6650 where a presentation was made to its members regarding the efforts of Shelter Box. The club is committed to support its relief efforts. For further information please call PDG Jack Young (440-759-4000) or email him at Jack1Villa@aol.com.

Literacy Award for 2011-2012

By Beth Shriver

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

Applications for the Award must be sent to Beth Shriver, Literacy Coordinator, at 2597 Columbia Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141 or bethee10@roadrunner.com by April 1, 2012.

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

Suggested Activities for Literacy Award:

Club Service

Recruit a new club member with a literacy classification.

Promote International Literacy Day and/or Literacy Month.

Invite a literacy speaker to a club meeting.

Devote a club meeting to creating awareness of literacy project opportunities.

Conduct Rotary theme of the month projects creating awareness of the literacy aspects of the theme of the month. E.g. December – Family Literacy

Vocational Service

Conduct a 4-Way Test project or make the test part of other projects such as book gifts

or of other character literacy projects.

Conduct a literacy book project by gifting books such as Elmer and Andy's Apple Dumpling Adventure or the Jonas Salk Polio comic book. Both of these have been developed by Rotary members. The first book is based on the 4-Way Test.

Recognize a community leader who is a vocational service role model; use the occasion to create public awareness of Rotary's vocational service values.

International Service

Participate in an International book shipping project, a mini-library project, or school or family book or supplies or equipment project. You can connect to the International Reading Association who has partnered with Rotary for this purpose.

Participate in a literacy and education-focused International project that is connected to health, hunger, and water concerns.

Find an International partner and support their proposed project (Project Link can help you find a partner – Go to www.rotary.org)

Community Service

Support an adult literacy group such as ESL.

Provide books for children to the waiting rooms of dentists, doctors, or hospitals. Think also of Battered Women's Shelters, and other centers servicing children.

Provide Books for Babies – a book packet for newborns given to the mothers while in the hospital.

Tuck a book in Easter, Thanksgiving, and/or Christmas food baskets for the needy.

Join or support a local project to raise funds for a school or other literacy organization.

Engage in a school partnership such as providing reading mentors, tutors, financial support, gifts-in-kind, scholarships, or other needs identified by the school.

RI Literacy Resource Group: AWARDS FOR CLUBS – 2011-2012

2009-10 Literacy Resource Group

The resource group provides information and support to Rotary clubs and districts to encourage participation in programs and projects that promote universal literacy and educational opportunities for all. The resource group encourages clubs to undertake projects in each of Rotary's Four Avenues of Service and plan projects supportive of the RI Strategic Plan. The Literacy Resource Group promotes the connection of literacy projects to those involving health, hunger and water through those particular resource groups.

Suggested Goals for Clubs

- Celebrate International Literacy Day on 8 September
- Celebrate Literacy Month in March
- Conduct a dictionary project or other book project
- Share information about its literacy activities with the District Literacy Chair or the District Governor
- Earn a district literacy award
- Conduct a vocational Service literacy project

Suggested Goals for Districts and Zones

- Conduct a district literacy workshop or area literacy workshop
- Incorporate a literacy component into all district training functions, the district conference, and the Zone Institute
- Encourage all clubs to earn the district literacy award

Criteria for Awards

District Award

Club must complete five literacy projects. Projects that are the same but in different locations (e.g. books, dictionaries to schools) count as only one project.

Suggested Activities for Literacy Awards

- Recruit a new club member with a literacy classification
- Promote International Literacy Day and/or Literacy Month
- Invite a literacy speaker to a club meeting
- Share a club meeting with a representative of literacy project opportunities
- Identify a club meeting to promote literacy awareness and discuss a literacy project opportunity that represents the service
- Conduct a dictionary project or other book project
- Share information about its literacy activities with the District Literacy Chair or the District Governor
- Earn a district literacy award
- Conduct a vocational Service literacy project
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Literacy Certification Form

1. Name of the District _____

2. Name of the Club _____

3. District Literacy Chair _____

4. District Literacy Chair (Signature) _____

5. District Literacy Chair (Date) _____

6. District Literacy Chair (Address) _____

7. District Literacy Chair (Phone) _____

8. District Literacy Chair (Fax) _____

9. District Literacy Chair (E-mail) _____

10. District Literacy Chair (Signature) _____

11. District Literacy Chair (Date) _____

12. District Literacy Chair (Address) _____

13. District Literacy Chair (Phone) _____

14. District Literacy Chair (Fax) _____

15. District Literacy Chair (E-mail) _____

Please send this form to your District Literacy Chair at litresg@rotary.org by 15 April 2012

Come to Learn & Share Ideas: District Assembly

By Julie West

On Saturday morning, April 14th, as part of the District Conference, there will be a series of programs and learning experiences focused toward Club officers, committee chairs and all Rotarians who would like to learn more about Rotary. More details will be forthcoming on the District website, www.rotarydistrict6630.com, but general topics to be covered will include Leadership, Membership, New Generations (youth) programs, Rotary Foundation Programs, Club Meetings and Administration, Service Projects, and Public Relations/Public Image. Participants will have choices from among specific topics being determined based on Club input. Topics will be presented as workshops led

by experts with time for questions and interaction. The Assembly will begin with registration and continental breakfast at 7:15 and conclude with lunch. Cost of \$25 includes lunch. Most Clubs pick up the tab for their members (especially officers and committee chairs). Location is the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls.

****ROTARY RADIO****

**BE SURE TO TUNE IN TO ROTARY
RADIO EVERY MONDAY @ 5PM**

ON WELW 1330 AM

[CLICK HERE FOR BROADCAST ARCHIVES](#)

Is There Anybody Out There?

By Mike Johns, Jr

Before you say it... let me say it, I've been publishing the District Newsletter for over two and a half years, this is the 33rd edition in case you haven't been keeping track, and this is the first edition I have written an article for!

But what you're really probably thinking is why two articles in the same month after all that silence? The answer is simple... Rotary is important to me and so is this Newsletter, **and I need a favor.**

If you've read this month's edition please click on this link to send me an email. Just click "[I read the Newsletter](#)" (The subject line should automatically say I read the Newsletter, if not just type that in and hit send. Thank for your support.

A Word From District Governor Nominee Elect Michael Davanzo.

Although the Rotary year 2014-2015 is a number of years away, it is nonetheless just around the corner for me. I am pleased, honored, and thankful to have been chosen your district governor for that year. In the months leading up to that year I plan to be a diligent student of the district and Rotary. My training has already begun as I am attending various meetings of the district.

My experiences with Rotary have been very positive and I have found that Rotarians are special people who time after time are willing to share what they have and what they can do with not only their communities, but also with their world community. In addition to being altruistic, they are also very warm and inviting as I have discovered in my travels around our great country.

I know that I have a lot to learn and a challenge ahead to keep our district moving in the right direction. The positive here, is that we currently have a great leadership team in

place and there is a commitment on the part of our current leadership team of Steve, Julie, and Bob to work together and include me in the planning and discussions of the district. With such an emphasis on working together, I plan for a very smooth transition.

Rudimentary ideas are beginning to form for our Foundation Activity and Conference. My wife, Judy, is eager to help with those. I also look forward to traveling to all the clubs in the district and getting to meet all of you. Returning to the present, I look forward to meeting as many of you as possible and hope to see you at the district assembly/conference this April.

A little bit about myself -

I was born in Youngstown, Ohio and raised in Boardman, Ohio. I attended Kent State University and majored in Latin. After my graduation I

secured a teaching position at Medina High School. While there I became the chair of the language department and with the help of a Spanish teacher started the school's soccer program. From that, I became the head coach and served in that capacity until I resigned from coaching to complete my residency requirement for my doctorate studies in administration.

Before I finished my dissertation, I became the director of athletics for the school district. In 1991, I successfully defended my dissertation and spent the next 12 years at the athletic director for Medina City Schools. It was during that time that I became a Rotarian. Unfortunately, my job consume all my time and I did not have much time for Rotary. I attended the meetings, but every night was at an athletic event or a meeting. In 2003 I was able to retire and

then became more involved in Rotary.

I am a member of the Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise. I have been a member since 1996 and have held a number of offices in the club and have volunteered to work on many of our projects.

My district involvement began in 2010-2011 when Governor Stew asked me to be an assistant governor. I am currently in my second term as AG. I have been on a number of district committees and served as a facilitator at All Ohio PETS.

Now in retirement, I do some part time work and pursue interests in our community. I am very active in our historical society and friends of the library. I enjoy working in my garden and working in my woodshop. Both my wife, Judy, and I have similar interest in travel, and we spend quite a bit of time on the road visiting historical sites and homes.

Judy and I currently reside in Medina.



Tentative District Conference Schedule of Events (check website for updates)

Thursday, April 12, 2012

Rotary International President's Representative

Diana Reed, PDG District 6000, RRIMC

6:00 - Reception and Cash Bar

6:45 - Dinner - Falls Library, Sheraton Suites

Friday, April 13, 2012

Registration starts at 10:00

8:00 - 11:00 House of Friendship Setup

12 noon - Luncheon - Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls Presiding

What does it take to revitalize struggling urban communities from the ground up?

Jim Rokakis, Thriving Communities Institute Director

1:30 - Community Development - Hear about club sponsored projects contributing to community

development locally and around the world and learn how to identify, plan, organize and fund

sustainable club projects.

Breakout 1 - Local Projects

Breakout 2 - International Projects - Larry Lallo, facilitator

Breakout 3 - Literacy Projects - Beth Shriver, facilitator

Breakout 4 - Ambassadorial and World Peace Scholars - Deb Boerger, facilitator

3:30 - Group Study Exchange - Stan Socha facilitator

Outbound Team and Inbound Team

5:00 - Reception, Cascade Overlook

6:15 - Proceed to dinner - Medina and Summit County South Clusters presiding

"How has tragedy led to a model of sustainable community development in Bolivia?"

Pennye Nixon-West, Executive Director of Etta Projects

Rotary International President's Representative - Diana Reed

Recognition of Supporters of the Rotary Foundation

9:00 - Dance to the Music - Band provided by Brenda Farrell

Hospitality Suites Open

Saturday, April 14, 2012

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. - Continental Breakfast

8:00 - 11:50 a.m. - District Assembly - DGE Julie West Presiding

12:00 noon - Luncheon - Bill Gaydos MC

Scott Pease, District Four Way Test Chair

Diana Reed - R.I. President's Representative - "Membership, Is it the Truth?"

2:00 - Join us as we embark on a spectacular vocational journey into the years 2012 to 2050 of

health, education, transportation and the arts. Timothy Wright Presiding

Eric J. Bieber, MD, MSHCM is System Chief Medical Officer for University Hospitals and UH

Case Medical Center and President, UH Accountable Care Organization.

Karen Gahl-Mills, Executive Director Cuyahoga Arts and Culture

Bryan Williams, Education

Andrew R. Thomas, Assistant Professor of International Business, Founding Editor-in-Chief of

the Journal of Transportation Security,

3:45 - Facilitated Discussions of Health Care, Transportation, Education and the Arts

All Afternoon - Tour sights in the area.

5:30 - General Reception, Cascade Overlook

6:30 - Proceed to dinner - Ashtabula and Lake County Clusters Presiding

Parade of Nations - John Kanieski, PDG Jack Young, Marsha Papalardo, Patrick Kelley

7:00 - Dinner

7:45 - Diana Reed - R.I. President's Representative

8:00 - Eileen Smotzer and two participants, Youth Empowered to Succeed through Sailing

8:30 - Celebration of our District's Rotary Heroes

9:00 - Hospitality Suites Open

Sunday, April 15, 2012

7:00 - 8:30 - Breakfast

9:00 - Memorial Service

1:00 p.m. - Akron Aeros - The Family of Rotary