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DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

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Rotary Greetings from Bangkok

As I write this I am sitting in the Conference Center in Bangkok waiting for a breakout session on Future Vision to start. Monday has been a wonderful plenary session.

Gillian Soerson, Senior Advisor at the United Nations Foundation, spoke about RI's connection with the UN. It started in 1942 when Rotary clubs from 21 nations developed a vision for advancing education, science, and culture after World War II. That event later led to the creation of UNESCO. Rotary and the UN have been close partners since 1945 when 49 Rotarians helped draft the UN Charter. She emphasized that the relationship has been strengthened by the effort to eradicate polio, an effort that is more than ninety nine percent complete, but with the most difficult work yet to be done.

Hugh Evans, spoke about his introduction to poverty when, as a 14 year old, he lived with his host Filipino family sleeping with them on the floor of a tent with cockroaches crawling all over him. He described that as a transformational moment when he committed himself to working to end global poverty. He is currently head of the Global Poverty Project. His work with youth in Australia has led to a major increase in Australia's financial commitment to "Make Poverty History." he spoke about his recent efforts to raise aware-

ness of the need to complete the effort to eradicate polio due to its close affiliation with poverty. He quoted Dr. Milton Friedman, Noble Prize winning economist from the University of Chicago, who wrote that "the poor stay poor not because they are lazy, but due to a lack of access to capital." This provided a good link to the final presentation I attended that day.

I was very privileged to hear Dr. Muhammad Yunus, founder of the Grameen Bank in Bangladesh and considered the father of microcredit. He spoke eloquently about his efforts to provide access to financial capital to the poor. Grameen Bank does not require collateral, in fact he indicated that if you have wealth you will not receive a loan through microcredit since you will have access to what he called "the banks of the rich." Since its founding Grameen Bank has lent over \$7 billion to the poor with a repayment rate of nearly 100 percent. His most recent endeavors include the creation of social enterprises designed to build social and economic capital in impoverished areas of the world. Most recently Grameen Trust has extended its work to the United States with branches in New York City and several others. Perhaps we could start one in Cleveland. Anyone interested?

One of the workshops I have attended had to do with the new grants process that will be initiated

ed July 1, 2013 with Future Vision; this is an exciting change that will require some preparation in our district and most others around the world. One change is a greater emphasis on sustainability; the question is what will happen when your current project is 'done' and we move on to the next project? Too often Rotarians have identified a need and responded with talent, time, and financial resources without thinking about the long term impact on the affected community. We must ask ourselves whether the community has the skills and resources to maintain the project and to build on its success. Sustainability requires us to respond to these questions when we design our projects and to include the responses in the grant application. We should also ask the question "What next?" After putting in a water well could we work on sanitation, child and maternal health, literacy, or economic development designed to reduce abject poverty and to enable the community members to provide for themselves. When we heard from Pennye Nixon-West at the recent District 6630 conference we learned about a wonderful example of work that is being done to lay a foundation for sustainable community development. As we prepare for 2013/14 when Future Vision becomes a reality for all we should think carefully about committing to a long term relationship with a community in need.

Governor's Letter cont'd

Awards picnic - please be thinking about the awards picnic that will be June 24th at West Woods in the Geauga Park District. We will be celebrating the good work of district Rotarians and clubs. Details will be forthcoming when I return from Thailand on the 21st of May.

Foundation giving - we have slightly more than six weeks to provide support for the Rotary Foundation. It is due to our support that we are enabled to do the good work in our local and international communities. Through the matching process using funds donated by us to the Foundation clubs can double the size of their projects with a local grant up to \$2,500 and can increase their available funds for an international project by 3.5 times. \$10,000 quickly becomes \$35,000 through the magic of the matching grant process. But if we do

not give now we only limit what we can do in the future. Remember that 100% of what we give goes to support the good work of Rotary. Finally, remember that every club in our district that averages \$100 per member and has every club member providing some level of support will receive 1,000 foundation recognition points to be used as they wish. These points might be used as a challenge to club members to contribute. Perhaps anyone who increases their giving from the previous year will have the increase matched. Be creative!

Please let me know if there is anything I can do to help you and your club in the coming months and years.

Yours in Rotary Service

Steve Zabor

Shelter Box Recognized by RI President

By Jack A. Young, PDG

Shelter Box representatives from the US, Denmark, Germany, Philippines, Australia, Indonesia, UK and Belgium are in Thailand at the Rotary International Convention in Bangkok staffing the Shelter Box Display.

This is the first convention since Rotary announced that Shelter Box was its first project partner.

"We Rotarians pride ourselves in being the first to arrive when help is needed - and the last to leave" said RI President Kaylan Banerjee at the opening plenary session. "By partnering with Shelter Box, we'll be able to do even more."

It is interesting to note that John Rodolphe Fila Debrosse, a Rotarian from Hattie actually sought out the Shelter Box

Team. to give his thanks for all that the response team did in delivering Shelter Boxes following the earthquake in 2010 in Haiti Julian manages healthcare programs and has seen the differences that Shelter boxes equipment continues to make two and one half years later.

Shelter box continues to make a positive difference in countries such as the Philippines, Indonesia, Thailand and Madagascar. The Rotarians in the United States continue to be a major factor in the success of sending tents and boxes throughout the world. For more information, please feel free to contact District 6630 PDG Jack a. Young, Shelter Box USA Board member. (Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000)

RYLA

RYLA Reminder- Still lots of room available for RYLA 2012

The District 6630 Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) Committee encourages your club's involvement in sponsoring local high school juniors (who will be seniors in September 2012) for the upcoming leadership camp at Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, Ohio.

The RYLA Committee has planned a five-day leadership conference for high school juniors who are aspiring young leaders. The conference will be held June 10-14, 2012 at Baldwin Wallace College. The program will enhance the student's leadership skills through lectures, hands on participation and recreation.

The cost to the sponsoring Rotary Club is \$425.00 per student. This fee includes room, board, staff fees, supplies and recreational costs. There will be a 10:1 student to staff ratio and a professional conference director on campus the entire week.

To assist you in the selection process, I have attached an application form, a medical release and a tentative schedule of activities. Please duplicate the application form, as needed, and use these forms

to assist your local schools and youth groups.

This year's program will be limited to 50 students. There is no limit to the number of students your club may sponsor, however, we ask that you sponsor no more than 3 students from the same school.

Completed applications should be sent to: RYLA c/o Marc West SLC Strosacker Union, Baldwin Wallace College 275 Eastland Rd, Berea, OH 44017-2088 Or E-mailed to stulife@bw.edu Make checks payable to: Rotary District 6630-RYLA Applications due by May 31, 2012. Applications accepted after 5-31-12, if limits are not exceeded.

If you have questions feel free to call Marc West 440-826-3483, (cell) 440-532-8651 or myself at 330-657-2944 or 330-715-5909 (cell), or e-mail dsveda@aol.com

Sincerely,

Dan E. Sveda

RYLA Chair- Rotary District 6630

This information is also available on the internet at

<http://www.rotarydistrict6630.com/ryla>



Ambassadorial Scholar's Blog

Click here to visit Ambassadorial Scholar Alexander Hoffman's Blog

News From TRC Chagrin Highlands

By Marlene Herman

Service Project

MedWish is a non-profit organization that collects medical supplies and equipment. It is then repackaged, weighed, and put into containers to be shipped out to 90 different countries. The supplies needed are endless. Some remote areas have no doctors or hospitals and sometimes people walk miles just to get to these supplies or maybe a visiting doctor.

They need simple things from needles, bandages, diabetic supplies, various medicines, all the way to beds and wheelchairs. The supplies are mostly donated by doctors offices, hospitals, etc. If any supplies have expired expiration dates, it is discarded.

Simply said, MedWish bridges the gap between our abundance and their absence, our surplus and their scarcity. They need volunteers to sort the supplies into different bins. Our club has volunteered in the past and agreed to continue every other month for a couple of hours. It's amazing how many boxes can be sorted by 6-10 people in that little time. They are always looking for volunteers year round and are accommodating to your schedule.

New Members

We have looked high and low for new members. We meet for lunch on Fridays and it is difficult to find individuals who can take time out of their busy schedules. The last couple of months we were happy to have Scott Behmer, Campus President of South University and Joshua Berger, a prac-

ticing attorney in Beachwood join our Club. We are very happy to have them and hope they have many years of friendship with us.

Sports Challenge

Every year we volunteer our time to men and women who have mild to severe disabilities. We meet at the Developmental Center where games are set up for them to enjoy. We are blessed with so many things that we take for granted. When you see them smile from ear to ear because they pushed a ball from one side of the room to the other or they threw a bean bag through a hoop 4 feet away, you count those blessings again and again. We serve them lunch and give them something to remember, like a hat or a shirt. They escape the daily grind for just a brief shining moment and we smile.

Progressive Dinner

We are planning a progressive dinner for July 24th in either Chagrin Falls, Twinsburg, or a yet to be named city. Our own Bob Slanina did a fabulous job last year in taking us through three different restaurants in Tremont. We started with appetizers, then main course, followed by dessert. It was a crisp fall evening, but worth every sniffle.

District Grants Committee Report

On Monday, 5/7/2012 the District 6630 Grants Committee met at the Bedford/Southeast Library. In the absence of Grants Chair Dave Skrzynski who is attending the RI Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, the meeting was called to order and chaired by Foundation Chair Rick Pollak. International Humanitarian

dug and piped in six towns around Pampanga, Philippines. Needs more detailed information and descriptions on supplies and work to be done. Will try to be ready for June meeting.

West Shore - Medical supply truck for OMNI Hospital in Zambia. Still short on some funding. They are working on having a fund raiser to generate the additional needed funds.

Burton-Middlefield - New project to complete the educational infrastructure of rural schools in Rio Negro province in Argentina. This will be the fourth in a series of projects that has brought over 25 schools up to modern standards by the Project Patagonia Team of former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholars. Some signatures still needed but should be ready to vote on at June meeting.

Some other ongoing committee business was discussed and meeting adjourned at 8:30 PM.

*Next Meeting will be at the Twinsburg Public Library, 10050 Ravenna Rd., Twinsburg, OH 44087

on Monday, June 4th. at 7:00 PM and any Rotarian is welcome.

We hope that this will be the Grant Committee's new permanent home for all future meetings.

By Bob Johnson
Dist. 6630 Grants Committee
Grants Coordinator

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Grants information was updated and the committee discussed the formation of the new Stewardship Committee which will take affect with Future vision in 2013.

The status of District Simplified Grants was discussed with Mentor's landscaping at the senior center and Ashtabula's grading upgrades and prep. work for their gazebo at the Hike & Bike trail, and others seem to be underway or well into the planning stages. All funds for simplified grants appear to have been dispersed at this point.

The Humanitarian Matching Grants that are underway were discussed:

Cleveland - India water and sanitation project for five villages including Sonkatch, India. Needs signatures but should be ready to be voted on at June meeting.

Strongsville - Philippines water project. Total of 20 wells to be

D6630 Golf Outing CANCELLED
The June 18 District 6630 Golf Outing at Quail Hollow Country Club in Concord Twp. has been cancelled. Please post on your club websites or newsletters. Thank you.

Taking Your Skills and Interests to the Next Level

By Julie West

Just as your Rotary Club needs members to participate in Club committees and take on leadership roles to insure its success, the District needs committee members and leaders to insure we can be successful in fulfilling our roles. Those roles are to provide support and assistance for our District Rotary clubs and to represent Rotary International on the local level. In an earlier newsletter article I encouraged you to think about ways you could become (more) involved at the Club level. This month's focus is on opportunities for you to become (more) involved at the District level.

Benefits of serving at the District level are many and varied and differ somewhat from committee to committee. However, most include gaining an understanding of Rotary on a broader level, meeting and working with Rotarians from other Clubs and perhaps even other Districts, the potential to have a greater impact, learning new skills and gaining new knowledge and/or sharing your skills and knowledge with others, and helping insure a strong support system for our Rotary Clubs. So take a few minutes to look at the District level opportunities below.

There are several Committees focused on District events. The District Conference Committee plans and puts on the District Conference which is a combination of

educational, fellowship, and celebratory events. One of my objectives for 2012-2013 is to increase Club and Rotarian participation in the District Conference. The District Foundation Event Committee plans and puts on the District Foundation event whose purpose in 2012-2013 will be to celebrate the impact of our donations to The Rotary Foundation, recognize those who are currently supporting the Rotary Foundation, and raise funds for Polio Eradication. A new committee for 2012-2013 will be the Family of Rotary Event Committee which will plan and implement at least one new family event for the District.

The New Generations Committee and its sub committees include Youth Exchange (inbound and outbound international exchanges for High School students), Rotaract (ages 18-30), Interact (High School students), RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards for incoming High School seniors - a one week experience at a local university) and the 4-Way Test Speech Contest. All of these sub-committees not only provide incredible learning experiences for our youth, but can also provide pipelines for future Rotary members.

The PR Committee is responsible for developing and implementing a plan to build Rotary's public image in our District. Doing so will help generate new

members and new partnerships for our Rotary Clubs.

The Training Committee develops and provides training for Club officers, Committee chairs, and members. The 2012-2013 Committee will work to integrate our training efforts across disciplines (membership, Foundation, leadership development).

The Grants Committee assists clubs with developing their service projects in preparation for seeking matching funds and allocates the District's available grant money among the projects submitted. In 2012-2013 we will be preparing to implement Future Vision in 2013-2014. This revised approach to Grant and Scholarship funding using Rotary Foundation funds will emphasize six broad areas of focus and project sustainability.

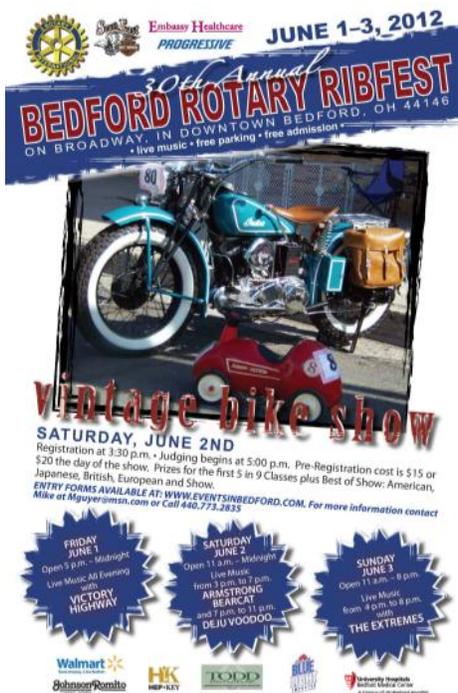
These are just some of the key committees at the District level. There are also many internationally focused opportunities to serve, which were covered in my November newsletter article.

If you are interested in finding out more about any of these opportunities or about other opportunities at the District level, please contact me at jwest@ameritech.net.

Bedford Rotary Ribfest

All are welcome to the 30th Annual Rotary Rib Fest and Vintage Motorcycle Show. We have 8 great ribbers who also are at the Berea Rib Fest and Marc's downtown. The big difference is that there is no admission or parking fees and Bedford is easily accessible by I-271 or I-480. During the Vintage Motorcycle Show the entire downtown of Bedford is blocked off and the contestants park on the street. There is also parking available for bikes on the street.

Four great bands also appear, Victory Highway Friday night. Armstrong Bearcat 3-7 Saturday followed by Dejuvoodoo, Sunday The Extremes play from 4-8. The hours of the fest are 5-12 Friday, 11-12 Saturday, and 11-8 Sunday.



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Presidents' Corner

By Al Conners

Congratulations to the President-Elects who will soon lead their respective clubs.

I don't have to tell you that being a Club President is a big job that requires shouldering a lot of responsibility.

I hope that all of our "soon to be club presidents" are dedicated to growing the membership of their clubs. The impetus to grow must come from the top! Yes, you can delegate the responsibility for identifying, recruiting, and developing new members but it's vital that YOU emphasize the importance of growing the membership of your club. If membership is perceived to be unimportant to you, your club will not grow.

As with all meaningful activities, planning is essential. You will need a goal—a number of net new members that you want to induct. Goals should not be "easy", nor "impossible", but should involve some stretch. Remember, your club will experience some turnover because of relocations, death, serious illness, new job responsibilities, etc. It is NOT unusual to experience a turnover of 10%. If your club has 50 members, and you want to increase your membership by 3 persons, a realistic goal would

be 8 new members. If you achieved 8 new members last year, a stretch goal might be 9 or 10 this year. This could result in an increase of 5 members.

District 6630 provides resources to assist you in growing your membership.

These resources include the Assistant Governors and the District Membership Team. Do you need a speaker to help spark the interest of your members? The District Membership team can help. Are you interested in newer approaches to membership growth? We now have some useful experience with corporate membership and social networking, for example. Don't know who to call? Ask your AG for help in making useful contacts.

Remember, if YOU don't let your members know that membership growth is very important to you, good results will not be achieved. It does not hurt to rebroadcast the importance of membership growth frequently and forcefully. It's also essential that you recognize those members who sponsor or mentor new members. "There's no telling how many new members you can recruit and retain if you are generous in sharing the credit".

The Classification Principle

By Al Conners

Recently, I was asked about the relevance of Rotary's classification system. The answer, of course, is "it depends upon the club". The enforcement, or non-enforcement of classification rules, is up to the club.

Listing the occupations or classifications of your club members can be a useful tool for planning new member recruitment. Suppose your club developed the listing suggested above. You may find that your list does NOT indicate that a Doctor, Lawyer, Veterinarian, Nurse, Law Enforcement officer, or Clergy is a member. Reference to the phone book or Chamber of Commerce Member listing should provide the names of people in your community who qualify as practitioners of the unfilled classifications. Perhaps you have members who are neighbors or friends of these "prospects" and are in a position to invite them to a meeting or to participate in a project that would be of interest to

the prospect.

In short, compiling a listing of the occupations or classifications represented in your club could bring unrepresented or "open" classifications into focus.

Paul Harris and the original four Rotarians each represented a different occupation and each brought unique skills and interests to the club meetings and activities. Your classification list might reveal that certain occupations are well represented in your membership roles and point the way to recruit a more diverse

and more effective group of members. Again, it's a question of emphasis. Qualified individuals should be able to join Rotary clubs so long as they have occupations which provide useful services to others. Nevertheless, perhaps your club's focus needs to target occupations not represented or underrepresented in your membership so that your club's activities are more effectively planned.

TRC Strongsville Run 4 Fun

By Nick Gerogosian

This June 16th the Rotary Club of Strongsville is hosting the 4th annual Run 4 Fun in Strongsville. This year's beneficiary is The John Owens Adventure (JOA), a local charity that is dedicated to discovering a treatment, improving research and establishing education and awareness programs about Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD).



Runners of all ages and abilities are encouraged to participate. The 5K run will start at 8:30am and a 1 mile walk at 8:45am at Pathway Church in Strongsville. Over 300 runners are expected to participate, and registration can take place online at www.RotaryRun4Fun.com. Over 100 door prizes will be randomly handed to runners completing the race, and free spot massages will be available to all registered runners.

Sponsors Wanted! If you would like to sponsor the race, provide items for the participant goody bag or door prizes or with any other questions please contact Nick Gerogosian ngerogosian@yahoo.com

A logo for the Rotary Club of Akron celebrating its 100th anniversary. It features a globe, a gear, and the text "A CENTURY OF SERVICE" and "100 Years ROTARY CLUB OF AKRON".

The University of Akron
Come join the Rotary Club of Akron for a special presentation

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Tuesday May 22 @ Noon \$12/each
Site Field House
RSVP by May 17
Presented by the Rotary Club of Akron
All are WELCOME

All are WELCOME to this event - Rotarians, Rotarian Guests, & Non-Rotarians.
Lunch will be catered and the cost will be \$12 / each per person.
There will be no refunds if you are unable to attend. All attendees will pay at the door.
A short tour of the Athletic Facilities will be conducted following the presentation.

RSVP By Thursday, May 17 @ 4 PM to Kevin McGee 330.819.4403 or ngerogosian@rotaryclubofakron.com

Directions to Site Field House: Follow West 16th to end and make a right on S. Union Street. The Athletic Field House will be on your right. Parking is available in lot 30 directly behind the building.

5/22/2012 @ Noon in the Football Room at the Stilo Athletic Field House, U of A

Gift of Life and GSE

By Rand Rininger

What do two little boys from Haiti in need of life-saving heart surgery via the Gift of Life and a GSE Team from India have in common? Northeast Ohio Rotarians from District 6630. As the Group Study Exchange Team from India District 3202 spent four weeks in NE Ohio for their vocational and cultural exchange, two small boys were here as well, as part of the NE Ohio Rotary District 6630 Gift of Life program receiving necessary life-saving heart operations. Rotarians from District 6630 opened their homes to GSE Team members from India and their hearts and support to “the boys” from Haiti all in the last several weeks.

Each District Governor selects a counterpart in another part of the world paring up with that country to complete a Group Study Exchange. Each country & District goes about selecting a team of young professionals (usually four persons ages 24-40 and a Rotarian team leader) that will complete a four week cultural and vocational exchange in the other country while staying with host families. After the exchange many of these young professionals are asked, and do, go on to become a Rotarian.



In-bound GSE Team

I am sure anyone who has ever been involved with the GSE Team will attest, that it is an eye-opening cultural and vocational exchange that enables both parties to learn about each other and develop a better understanding of how very much alike we all are, even with our differences. You come away from the exchange not only with the feelings of having made new friends but that you too have learned from these young professionals. However this time the exchange had an added twist, “the boys” from Haiti, via NE Ohio Rotary Gift of Life were here for their

heart surgery. The GSE Team was given information about Elie and Kurtis, two little boys from Haiti in need of life-saving heart surgery thru our Rotary Gift of Life North East Ohio. The GSE team was not versed in this program; however, team leader Chandreleka Nambiar was well acquainted with children in need of life-saving heart surgeries as her District 3202 program will complete a total of 57 surgeries this year. It was meant to be, the GSE Team and “the boys” along with their guardian from Haiti, Denso, met at Drs. Jeff & Ellen Kemp's home where the boys and their guardian were staying. It was moving to say the least. Here were two little boys without their parents, and mothers that have been away from their small children for four weeks. There were hugs, more hugs, kisses, tears and a special meeting that will forever resonate within the adults that were present that day. Haiti would not allow a parent to come with either boy so a guardian, was assigned to accompany the boys from Haiti and to continue communications with each family in Haiti. This is the first time for our Gift of Life program that a country would not allow at least one parent to accompany the child.



GSE Team , Haitian Boys and Guardian with Rotarian Randy Rininger

Dr Jeff Kempf had been to Haiti assessing children but needed to find someone that would help the children receive the necessary life-saving heart surgery. Through a contact he had, he was asked if he had ever heard of Gift of Life, he had never heard of the Rotary Gift of Life let alone our own, Jim Frame (TRC Mantua) and Ken Fogle (TRC Chagrin Valley). That was quickly remedied, he was given Jim's name, the contact was made and the plan

put into place. If that wasn't exciting enough, NE Ohio Rotary Gift of Life began a new partnership with Akron Children's Hospital. The Gift of Life program enables children in need of life-saving heart surgery to have the surgery completed at a hospital who will join Rotary at a contract rate of \$5,000 per surgery. Anyone knowing medical costs knows that \$5,000 is barely the cost of the operating suite and equipment. Akron Children's Hospital has partnered for the very first time with NE Ohio Rotary Gift of Life and completed their first and second heart surgeries on Elie, who just turned 4 while here and Kurtis an adorable 17 month old. The boys who were tired, slow moving and unsure at first, have since their surgeries, become typical playful boys and will play till exhausted as seen in the photo below of two boys who played hard and have earned this nap.



Drs. Kempf , napping boys, Denso, Jim Frame and Randy Rininger

Our new friends in India District 3202 have returned home, one of whom has already become a Rotarian (Subha) and before this article is posted “the boys” and Denso will be back home in Haiti. Inquiries about the boys' conditions and well wishes have continued since the GSE Team returned to home to India.

We can all help by informing others and asking for help, because there are more children awaiting..... the Gift of Life

A gentle reminder if you don't ask for someone's help/donation, you've taken away that person's opportunity to contribute to something they may have otherwise known nothing about but strongly desire the chance to become involved. Just ask, they can always say no, but people are more likely to help, given the information and a chance.

Go Tribe!

Mark your calendars now for Rotary District 6630 Night at Progressive Field on Friday, August 31st. Bring your family and friends and join fellow Rotarians, their families and friends to see the Cleveland Indians play the Texas Rangers. The



game starts at 7:05 and is followed by fireworks. Details, including how to make your reservations, will soon be available on the District website, www.rotarydistrict6630.com.

The World of Rotary

By Julie West

Attending an International Convention is, I believe, the best way to truly realize the internationality of Rotary. In addition to outstanding speakers at the Plenary Sessions, there are many opportunities to meet Rotarians from around the world. In a breakout session on Regional Membership Plans during this year's Convention in Bangkok, Thailand, I heard speakers from Russia, Norway, India, and Korea talk about the membership trends in their region and how they were addressing them. In a breakout session about Vocational Training Teams, I learned how Rotarians in Future Vision Pilot Districts in California, Australia, and South Africa had pulled together and sent successful Vocational Training Teams to East Africa, Timor-Leste, South Africa, and Connecticut. As a member of the Fellowship of Bird Watching Rotarians, I worked an hour or more each day in our booth in the House of Friendship. There I talked with fellow Rotarians and bird watchers from India, Malaysia, Hawaii, Canada, Taiwan, and Nigeria.

Think about broadening your Rotary horizons. The 2013 Rotary International Convention will be held June 23-26 in Lisbon, Portugal. Registration information is available on the RI website, www.rotary.org.

News From TRC Berea

By Linda Kramer

Members of the Rotary Club of Berea attended the annual Silent Auction hosted by



the Rotaract Club of Baldwin-Wallace College. This year, proceeds benefited Doctors Without Borders, an international independent medical humanitarian organization that delivers emergency aid to people throughout the world who are affected by wars, epidemics, malnutrition, natural disasters or have no access to health care. The students presented a multi-media program explaining Doctors Without Borders and also detailing the activities of Rotaract. Rotarians and their guests bid on such auction



items as Lake Erie Captains tickets, baskets of cat and dog accessories, children's toys and candy. There also was a 50/50 raffle.

ROTARY DONATES STOVE TO SENIOR CENTER: Berea Rotary Foundation has donated an electric GE range to Berea's Active Senior Network Room at the Berea Recreation Center. This will allow the agency to prepare and serve food at special senior programs. Retired director of the Active Senior Network, Consolina Templeman is

president of Berea Rotary and suggested the donation, which was accepted by Mayor Cyril Kleem, who founded the senior network.

SHRED FEST - The Shred Fest sponsored by TRC Berea on May 5 collected a record amount of documents and papers to be recycled. Prescription medicines also were collected to be disposed of by Southwest General Health Center. Eyeglasses and eyeglass parts were donated to Lions International. Rotarians collected 23,000 pounds of paper, 175 pounds of medications and 550 pounds of eyeglasses. The Shred Fest was co-sponsored by the City of Berea, Southwest General Health Center and Cintas Corp.

COMPUTER ROUND-UP: Next on the agenda is a Computer & Electronics Disposal set for Saturday, June 2 in the parking lot of Berea High School, corner of Bagley and Eastland roads. This project is also co-sponsored by TRC Berea and the City of Berea. The round-up will run 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until the truck is full. The following items will be accepted: computers, servers, monitors, keyboards, mice, speakers, printers, fax machines, copiers, scanners, stereo equipment, cameras, camcorders, cell phones, Palm equipment, video games, DVD players, CD players, floppy discs, video game systems, microwaves, Li-ion batteries, computer parts, power supply cords, AC adapters, computer cables, any phone system, CRT monitors, flat screen monitors. NO Television sets will be accepted. The service is free but donations to Rotary projects will be accepted.

FOOD PANTRY - Each month, Berea Rotarians donate to the local food pantry. In May, members donated more than 66 pounds of non-perishables, including jelly, soup and paper products. So far this year, Berea Rotary has donated 187 pounds of food. Chair of this project is Matthew Lombardi.

KIVA LOANS - Ken Weber, Berea Rotary Kiva chair, has made 268 loans to entrepreneurs around the world. The latest \$25 loans went to businesses in Mexico (poultry), Rwanda (agriculture), Uganda (farming), Peru (pigs), Honduras (agriculture), Armenia (farming & agriculture), and The Philippines (farming).

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

TRC Medina-Sunrise & Kiwanis

By David Lariviere

Medina Sunrise Rotary News "What if you could save a baby's life?" asked Cindy Champer, Ohio District Coordinator of the Kiwanis ELIMINATE project to eliminate Maternal/Neonatal Tetanus (MNT) worldwide. "Did you know that MNT kills one baby every nine minutes? There is little hope of survival and tetanus kills mothers too."

Under the leadership of Kiwanis International President Alan Penn (Medina, OH), the 600,000 Kiwanians world-wide have partnered with UNICEF in a global campaign to educate, immunize and mobilize community outreach programs to 40 of the world's poorest and most remote regions.

For more of this story, click on or type the URL below:

<http://www.medinacountylife.com/articles/2012/05/08/writers/behavior-guest/doc4fa953e4c9ef3826697461.txt>

News From Akron Rotary Camp

By Dan Reynolds

Greetings from the beautiful shores of Rex Lake!

Camp is only a few short weeks away! Before we know it nearly 90 staff will be on site for training. We have a few exciting things in store for our campers this summer. First, every cabin at Rex Lake has been completely renovated. Through donations, in-kind materials, and volunteers Akron Rotary Camp has a completely new look. Our new buildings are inviting, spacious, and air conditioned! If you haven't stopped by camp recently please feel free to come by and see this transformation for yourself.



staff training ensuring that everyone has a quality Rotary Camp experience.



We have also purchased a new water trampoline for our recently expanded swimming area. This new trampoline will more accessible making it easier for every camper to experience.



We are so excited to see our campers this summer and it's not too late to sign up for summer camp programs. If you haven't signed up yet please download a registration form by [clicking here](#) or call the camp office at 330.644.4512.

The Akron Rotary Camp is committed to providing quality camping experiences to children and adults with disabilities regardless of personal ability to pay. Please contact the camp office to find out more about our financial assistance program at 330.644.4512.

See you this summer!

In the Spirit of Camping,

Dan Reynolds

Director of Endless Possibilities



Solon Backyard Games Come Out And Play!

Sunday, July 22nd
At the Solon Community Park
Route 91 and Portz Parkway

Join teams from all around North America in an all-day fun sporting event to raise money for the many worthy causes supported by the Rotary Club of Solon!

- Participating is easy. Form a team with minimum of 7 people, ages 18 and over.
- Register your team and decide who plays what events. Events consist of 2 to 7 players participating, as a team trying to earn points towards an overall team score. Need 7 people in the morning and 7 in the afternoon for a team, but you can substitute team members.
- Since events are staggered throughout the morning & afternoon, each person will participate in one event in the morning and one in the afternoon earning points toward an overall team score.

The Backyard Games Events

- Cornhole
- Booe Ball
- Golf Chipping
- Kan-Jam (aka frisbee)
- Over the Line (aka softball hitting)
- Around The World (aka basketball)



Event Details

7:00 - 8:15 am Sign in & Practice
8:15 - 8:30 am Introduction & Rules
8:30 - 12:00 pm Booe Ball, Around the World & Golf Chipping
12:00 - 1:00 pm Lunch
1:15 - 4:45 pm Cornhole, Kan-Jam & Over the Line
4:00 - 5:30 pm Refreshments & Social Hour (Beer Garden Opens)*
5:30 - 6:30 pm Dinner, Results & Awards
6:30 - 8:30 pm Live Musical Entertainment by Ron Avril Kim

The Winners

Winning teams earn Individual Gold, Silver or Bronze Medals. The Gold Medalist team also receives the Backyard Games Team Trophy with all trademarks engraved on it and newspaper and internet recognition!

The Cost

Early Bird: \$250 per team of 7 players or \$75 per player before June 22nd
Late Sign-up: \$700 per team of 7 players or \$100 per player before July 6th
Spectators: Welcome and may purchase lunch or dinner in advance or use designated food vendors
Designated kids area with activities to be provided! *Beer is sold at additional cost.

To participate, donate or sponsor this event, visit www.solonbackyardgames.com or call Rob Previte at 440-725-6020.



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Summer Opportunities For Youth

By Thuy Ai Nguyen

Attached, please find the NASA SEMAA Summer Session application. Program applications and updates are available 24/7 at: <https://sites.google.com/site/nasasemaa3c/>.

SEMAA (Science, Engineering, Mathematics, and Aerospace Academy) at Cuyahoga Community College, Metro Campus, is a national, innovative project designed to increase participation and retention of historically underrepresented K-12 youth in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics, or STEM. SEMAA is open to students in grades K-12 and is not limited by academic progress, school district or county. Enrollment is offered at no cost!

SEMAA is conducted in three seven week Saturday sessions during the academic year (fall, winter and spring) and in a weeklong ½ day summer camp. K-12 students are allowed to participate once

during the academic year and again during the summer session.

The session will take place Monday June 11th, 2012 - Friday June 15th, 2012. Applicants must choose a session, either 9:00AM - noon or 1:00PM - 4:00PM.

Applications must be returned by Friday May 25th, 2012, please note, no faxed or emailed applications will be accepted.

Applications should be returned to: Cuyahoga Community College
2900 Community College Avenue, MCC -22
Cleveland, OH 44115.

Should you have questions, please contact our office at 216.987.6301.

Additional summer opportunities - the following opportunities are not sponsored by NASA SEMAA. All inquiries should be directed to the organization or program sponsoring activities.

Progressive Arts Alliance - Summer of Rhapsody Hip-Hop Summer Arts Camp - open to students ages 11 & up - early

registration deadline June 4th, 2012 For more information - <http://www.paalive.org/hiphopcamp.html>

International Women's Air and Space Museum opportunities -Nikki Kukwa Memorial Aviation Camp - Kent State University (application attached) deadline - Friday May 18th, 2012 - contact 216.623.1111 for additional information

Engineering Exploration Camp - Ohio University (application attached) deadline - Friday May 18th, 2012 - contact 216.623.1111 for additional information

Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals - Aviation Career Education Academy - deadline- June 6th, 2012 For more information - <http://www.obap.org/Programs/programs-ace-camps.asp>

Tri-C Summer Camps Brochure - <http://www.tri-c.edu/enrichment/Camps/Pages/SummerCamp2012.aspx> - review brochure for registration

Practices to Increase Community Service

By Barry A. Becker

The number one reason given by members on why they joined Rotary is to give back. That generally means a desire to answer the needs of their community. The answers could be manual labor, tutoring, participating in school career days, letting students to shadow in a career, writing a check, serving as mentors, visiting/entertaining senior communities are just a few of the possibilities.

Each club should have an active Community Service Committee. The committee members should approach community leaders to see where they feel Rotary can be of assistance. These could be city government and services, clergy, school officials, other civic groups. Every member can keep their collective eyes and ears open to pass on to the committee for consideration.

From time to time the club will have outsiders ask to speak to the membership to voice their needs for club consideration.

The Community Service Committee should have a set amount in the budget so as to be able to function. If insufficient funds exist the committee might consider asking the club for contributions, consider a fundraiser, or postpone to the future. If the budgeted amount is not exhausted, then the funds transferred back to the treasury or donated to another committee for its use. The club should encourage meaningful involvement not necessarily money. Getting involved by way of labor or as an advocate, might spur others to get involved. Money is not always the best approach.

Sometimes joining with another Rotary club(s) is the most effective way to solving a re-

gional opportunity. Certainly joining with another service club fosters better vision and having a larger number of people can get the community together. This might also bring the club to the attention of the community that could encourage new members.

Each committee has a theme month in the Rotary calendar, and having a brainstorming meeting in that month will spur new ideas and consideration. The ideas developed from the brainstorming session should be written down for the committee's attention. There should be an inventory of such ideas maintained for the committee to consider. Possibly an idea raised could require greater funds than the club could afford at the time, but maybe it could be feasible in later years. Certainly some ideas can be deleted as times and perceived needs do

change.

Another resource every club should have is a written and illustrated club history. This will document past efforts and approaches implemented by the club. It's wise to record past efforts that were not successes. Maybe the approach was wrong, or some other reason for failure existed. The old saying is we are wise to review history so we are not destined to relive it!

A club with a real sense of community is more vibrant and attractive to its membership & city.

A club with few accomplishments suffers from too few ideas. Brainstorming forces the membership to consider all the possibilities. Remember that most people decided to join Rotary was to give back. Get creative, involved, and enjoy Rotary!