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Governor's Letter

As I continue my Club visits, I am even more convinced that we need to take advantage of every opportunity to share with each other what our Clubs are doing in the way of service projects, fundraisers, club activities such as membership development and retention, and fellowship. Every club is doing something, probably several things, which one or more other clubs could adopt or adapt for their own use, if they only knew about them. This can also be a good way to find partners for service projects and other activities.

So how can we accomplish this? Look at the options below and do at least one of them this month.

Through the Lens, our District Photo Contest: It is said that a picture is worth a thousand words. Many of us take pictures of our Rotary activities. Pick out the best of yours and submit them to our District photo contest. Then look for random photo selections to be posted on our District website and Facebook page. Details are available on our District website, www.rotarydistrict6630.com. And don't forget to take ad-

vantage of the photo tips newsletter provided each month by photography experts from Dodd's Photo.

District newsletters, website, and Facebook page: Share what your Club is doing by writing articles for our District newsletter and posting on our District Facebook page. Make the time to read our monthly newsletter and regularly check out our District website and Facebook page. Encourage others in your Club to do the same. Share information you find that may be of interest to them to get them started. If you are not currently receiving our District newsletter, you can subscribe via our District website; see address above. Newsletter articles should be submitted to Mike Johns, Jr., our Newsletter editor, at stonecut@sbcglobal.net . Information for the District website should be sent to Cheryl Warren, our webmaster, at cawarren@neo.rr.com.

Club Make-ups: Plan to attend a meeting of a different Rotary club each month. You can find out a lot about what a Club is doing through the day's announcements and talking with Club members as

you enjoy your meal. A listing of the club meeting times and locations for our District are on the District website. If you are traveling outside our District, you can find club meeting times and locations on the Rotary International website, www.rotary.org , by clicking on "Club Locator".

District Calendar: Get your Club's events on our District calendar on our website by sending information to our District Webmaster, Cheryl Warren; see address above. Check the calendar to see what other clubs are doing. You may find an event you want to find out more about, either by attending or contacting the sponsoring club.

Club Websites: Check out the websites of other clubs in our District and elsewhere to see what they are doing. Don't forget to look at their Club newsletters or bulletins as well – often reached via links on their websites. Website links are available via our District website.

How Does Your Club Compare?

By Mike Johns, Jr Have you ever wondered how the size of your club compares to others in the District? Based on the current information reported to the Dis-

5 Clubs with 15 or fewer members 7 Clubs with 16-20 members 6 Clubs with 21-25 members 4 Clubs with 26-30 members 10 Clubs with 31-35 members 5 Clubs with 36-40 members

trict by Clubs there are...

5 Clubs with 41-50 members 1 Club in the 51-60 range 3 Clubs with 61-70 members 4 Clubs with 71-100 members & 4 Clubs over 100 members Of the Clubs reporting, 8 are showing growth and 10 report a loss of members. Unfortunately there are 37 Clubs whose membership data is not up to date. There are 33 Clubs in the District using ClubRunner.



"Betting on the Future" Nov. 10th

By Lori A. O'Neill

The Chagrin Valley Rotary Club will be hosting its 2nd "Betting on the Future" fundraiser. The event will be held on Saturday, November 10th at the Federated Church's Family Life Center located at 16349 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls from 6:00 PM to 10:30 PM. "Betting on the Future", an evening of over 200 guests enjoying casino gambling and silent auction with dinner provided by Blazin' Bills Barbecue. Kinetico and The Chagrin Valley Times are sponsoring the event.

Each year, the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club raises funds and provides support for worthy programs that improve the health and futures of children and adolescents – around the corner and around the world. This year's gala event benefits established programs and organizations that bring measurable improvement to the lives of the young people they serve. El Porvenir is a non-profit organi-

zation that provides sustaining water, sanitation and reforestation projects in rural Nicaragua. At Fieldstone Farm Therapeutic Riding Center in Bainbridge Township, horses help students of all ages with all types of disabilities. The recreational, educational and therapy programs are unique, motivating and nurture lifetime achievements. The Gift of Life program is a Rotary program that provides life saving heart surgeries to children from developing countries.

Tickets are available for \$50 per person (and includes dinner and \$10 in gaming chips) from any Chagrin Valley Rotarian, Blazin' Bills Restaurant, 12891 Main Market Road, Troy Township; Lowe's Greenhouse, 16540 Chillicothe Rd., Chagrin Falls or The Chagrin Valley Times. 525 East Washington Street, Chagrin Falls. Tickets may also be ordered by calling Joyce Piteo at 440/543-5487 or 440/543-4999.

News From TRC West Shore

By Luisa Heimburger

The West Shore Rotary Club that services the communities of Fairview Park, West Park and N. Olmsted, sponsored a Youth Challenge participant, Blake age 10, for one year of programs. The sponsorship of \$1500 enables Blake to participate in adapted ice (sled) hockey, basketball, fencing and indoor soccer and includes transportation to and from all programs. Youth Challenge brings together children with physical disabilities and youth volunteers who enrich each other's lives through one-onone participation in adapted sports and recreational activities.

Blake and his family joined the Rotary club members at

their lunch meeting on Aug. 14th. Blake loves sports and is thrilled to be able to participate in them despite his disability. The Rotary motto of Service Above Self was alive and well on that day and every day when Rotarians come together to help those in their communities.



GSE 2013

By Stan Socha

The District GSE Committee selected David R. Diffendal of the RC Cleveland to be the Team Leader for the 2013 GSE Team. David will be leading a team of four young business/professional people to Seoul, South Korea for the period of 4 MAY to 2 JUNE. The District GSE Committee is looking for candidates to make up the Team. Candidates will be between the ages of 25 to 40 years of age, currently employed in their field for two years and be available to travel for the 30 days. This is a great opportunity for young people to learn about Rotary here in D6630 and Rotary internationally. This is also the opportunity for clubs to recruit new members that now have an understanding about the internationality of Rotary and have something to pay back to Rotary.

The deadline for submission of applications is 9 NOV and the interviews will be conducted on Saturday 17 NOV. Applications can be downloaded from the Rotary International website under the GSE section. Completed applications should be forwarded to the GSE Chair, Stan Socha, at Sparents@aol.com.

The D3640 Seoul, South Korea Team will be arriving in D6630 on 22 MAR and departing on 2 JUNE. Club presidents should be contacting the Sector Captains or their AG to help with hosting Team Members and/or having the Team visit their club. The more clubs the Team can visit mean s that more Rotarians can meet and greet the visitors and learn more about the internationality of Rotary and see the RI Foundation at work.

Rachel's Challenge

By Lynn Donaldson

"I have this theory that if one person will go out of their way to show compassion, then it will start a chain reaction of the same," Rachel Joy Scott wrote in a class essay a month before she was killed on April 20, 1999 at age 17 in the tragic shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, CO.

Established by Rachel's father and stepmother, Darrell and Sandy Scott, Rachel's Challenge is an organization that exists "to inspire, equip and empower every person to create a permanent positive culture change...by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion." A project of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, Rachel's Challenge was sponsored on behalf of the Rocky River City Schools. A \$2,500 District Simplified Grant provided half the funding, with the club contributing the balance.

Two presentations on September 26, one for middle school and one for high school students, were followed by a training session where student leaders from both schools and Rotarians gathered to consider how to start a chain reaction in their schools and the commu-Frank Simmons, a Rachel's Challenge program presenter, shared Rachel's life story with the students. His presentations included surveillance video from within the school and news footage of the unforgettable events the day that Rachel, 11 of her classmates and one teacher, were killed by two troubled students. Recorded commentary focused on the ways Rachel touched others, including total strangers and her siblings.

Students were given an actionable set of goals intended to reduce bullying and promote tolerance and understanding in their schools and community. Many students and educators were moved to tears. Afterwards, the students were invited to sign banners to indicate their willingness to accept the challenge. Parents and commu-

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about the
program at
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EDITOR'S NOTE

Julie West attended the meeting and stated afterwards, "I am so glad I was able to attend. This is an outstanding project. It truly reflects this year's Rotary theme, Peace Through Service."

Jean Rounds, a member of the Rotary club and of the Rocky River School Board, said, "There is such a wonderful connection between Rotary's mission and the message of Rachel's Challenge. It's a wonderful way to have interaction between Rotarians and the Rocky River youth." Student clubs have been formed in both schools to determine how to change the culture through positive encouragement of their peers. The Rotary club is committed to the project longterm, and members are attending the school club meetings, assisting in the students' planning and offering support.

To date, nearly 19 million students, educators and parents worldwide have been reached by Rachel's Challenge.

Have You looked At Your Club's Leaders Lately?

By Al Conners

If you have, these leaders are probably over the age of 40. In fact, according to an article in the September issue of "The Rotarian", only 11 percent of our members are under 40 (this is a global statistic).

No one questions the dedication and effectiveness of "over

40" men and women. But who will take their places as the advancing years exact their toll? Lead-

ership succession is a legitimate and, in some cases, a pressing concern for some, perhaps many, of our clubs.

The September issue of the Rotarian contains an article by Kim Lisagor entitled "Family Friendly". One of the requirements of vounger members may be the need to "park" young children while attending a Rotary meeting. One club handles this situation by stating "Just bring them". Some clubs have hired sitters to help with the youngsters. Other clubs host membership events at venues attractive to children, i.e. ski resorts, swimming pools, amusement parks, etc. and encourage members to bring the kids. The bottom line-younger members

likely to have young children but this can be handled with a little ingenuity.

Another article in the September issue is entitled "Learning from the masters" by Kate Nolan. She describes the activities of Seattle's Rotary club #4, the largest club in the world with 600 members. The club, determined to change the average age of membership, established a new 5 year membership status for those 35 and younger.

Dues were reduced and these members were expected to progress to regular membership status within 5 years. The club established a "Young Rotary Leaders" committee to unite younger members to learn together how to become Rotarians. Crucially, the club DID NOT segregate younger members to the "kids table".

Some new clubs have been chartered that attempt to link Rotaract and Rotary. Like the Seattle club, membership costs are adjusted to suit the financial needs of younger members.

The two articles I mentioned may well supply some of the answers you club needs in order to downsize the average age of your members. I urge all Presidents, Presidents-Elect, and Club Membership chairs to read the two articles mentioned above.

A Word From an Ambassadorial Scholar

How are you all doing? I hope all is well.

I am very fine, and it seems another month just flew by. Summer is over and there is only 2.5 month left for me here. Again it was a very interesting month with a lot of fun. Take a look: http://ambassadorial-scholar-alex.wikispaces.com/September+2012 Take care and hopefully see you soon, Alex

Alexander Hoffmann

Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar 2011/12

Berea Rotarians Mourn

By Linda Kramer

The Berea Rotary Club mourns the loss of Rotarian Allyn R. Adams, who passed away suddenly on Sept. 30.

Allyn joined Rotary in 2005 and served as treasurer of the Berea club. He was a Paul Harris Fellow. A CPA, Allyn was a retired partner of Deloitte LLP and managed the Growth Company Services practice in the Cleveland office.

A native of Cleveland, he graduated from St. Ignatius High School and from John Carroll University. He earned a master's degree from the University of Wisconsin. He served in Vietnam as a captain with the Army Finance Corps.

Allyn was active in many local organizations. He was chair of The Education Foundation of the Berea Schools; trustee of Southwest General Health Center; treasurer, Berea City Club; board member, Cuyahoga County Public Library System; board member, Eliza Jennings Senior Health System; member, Berea Civil Service Commission. He also served with the Berea Arts Fest, North End Foundation, Cleveland Metroparks and Atwood Yacht Club. He was very active with John Carroll and served as a member of the board of trustees.

Allyn is survived by his wife of 46 years, Susan (nee Jerman); children, Allyn Jr. and Katherine; and six grandchildren.

Services were Oct. 4 at St. Angela Merici Catholic Church in Fairview Park with the Rev. Robert L. Niehoff, S.J., president of John Carroll University, officiating. Entombment was in Sunset Memorial Park.

Memorial donations may be made to the Berea Youth Works program of the North End Foundation, 631 N. Rocky River Drive, Berea, OH 44017. Chambers Funeral Home, Berea, handled arrangements. Condolences may be left at legacv.com.

Click Here to find an easy way to contribute to the Rotary Foundation and to learn the difference between contributing to the Annual Fund, The Polio Plus Fund and the Permanent Fund. You can also contrib ute to specific Projects currently funded by a Foundation Grant. This link will also provide information about the different ways to give.

A Word From Across the Pond

Hi all,

Hope everyone is enjoying the fall in Ohio. I just arrived in London this week and have nearly settled in. The school is amazing; the diversity is rich and the students are interesting. I joined a few of the clubs (soccer, rugby, & meditation) on campus, too.

I just returned from "The Link Weekend" where I spent the weekend in Exeter meeting with other Ambassadorial Scholars in the UK. This was the first opportunity that I had to meet fellow scholars in this year's program, so it was a great way to start the year. I also was hosted by a lovely Rotarian in Exeter that I believe used the word "marvelous", "lovely", or "fantastic" in nearly every sentence. It was great!



I've attached a few photos from the weekend. One of the pictures is of the "Lord Major of Exeter". This week I am meeting with my host counselor which I am really looking forward to.

Thanks so much for your support. I feel so incredibly lucky for this opportunity. Rest assured that good stuff will come of it. More updates soon!

Katie Spotz



News From TRC Nordonia Hills

By Peggy Spraggins

In July, Rotary Club of Nordonia Hills sponsored Safety Town for 150 youngsters entering Kindergarten at Ledgeveiw Elementary School in Macedonia, Ohio. The purpose of safety town is to teach children basic safety awareness and preventive procedures through hands-on learning in their own environment. A miniature town is created with houses, buildings, roadways, stop lights and crosswalks. The children ride big wheels through the town while learning traffic safety. The full curriculum, provided by National Safety Town, focused on home, fire, transportation and playground safety as well as stranger danger awareness.

As part of the project, a candidate for the Boy Scout Eagle Award, Matt Newrones, constructed new "buildings" for our safety town. To pay for the material, he offered sponsorships from our rotary members and local businesses.

The Safety Town Program has been a great example of partnership between our Rotary Club, the YMCA and the Nordonia Hills Schools.



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District Photo Contest

Photographers,

Are you photographing your Club, Cluster and other Rotary events and entering them into the photography contest?

All of the entry information is on the district website: www. rotarydistrict6630.org To read the first article by Eric Wethington, click here to see his first publication and be informed.

Please photograph and send your District events for all to see.

Just--Aim-Focus-Click the Shutter

Fran Bayless PDG & Zack Hoon Co-Chairs



You Can Lead a Horse to Water

By Mike Johns, Jr

It has come to my attention that many of you readers may have only been enjoying a small portion of the contents of the District Newsletter each month. All of the images in the Newsletter including the photographs, Rotary emblems, event fliers etc. open up to either a larger more visible copy of the original image, an order form of some kind or a link to Rotary articles and videos or maybe even an entire Rotary Manual. In case you are one of those readers who were unaware of these added bonuses, I have included some of the more recent links (except for those whose events have already taken place). If you have not already done so, please visit some of these when you have a chance. I especially recommend the first one on the

One of the Most Moving Videos I Have Ever Seen

Community Service Ideas

District Photo Contest Application

TRF Direct Enrollment Form

Rotary Peace Fellow Defends Children

Rotary Global History Fellowship & The Code of Ethics

Brunswick Rotary Inflatable Wheel Order Form

Willoughby Rotary Autism Program Website

Rotary International Doing Good in the World YouTube Video

Order Your Rotary License Plates Here

Rotary International Grants Management Manual

Rotarians Carry Olympic Torch Article

Resources For Club Officers

Rotary International Foundation Grants

Signup Here for Rotary International's Weekly Update

Youth Exchange Student Speaks at RI Convention in Bangkok

Bill Gates Addresses RI Convention

Interaction 2012

Requested by Interactors in our district who determined the goals and schedule, INTERACTION 2012 is everyone involved or interested in Interact. The primary goal is to provide a forum for existing and nascent Interact Clubs to learn, share, and socialize about Interact and Rotary. Interested Rotarians are welcome as well.

We are asking attendees to bring dish(es) from a country of interest, perhaps the location of a past or present project, for the pot luck dinner.

Saturday, 10 Nov 2012 Broadview Heights Recreation Center

9543 Broadview Road

Broadview Heights, OH 441473 PM for 3:30 PM to 7:30 PM Cost: FREE! - Send name(s) of attendee(s) to: interact6630@gmail.com by 30 Oct. To encourage maximum participation, this is a FREE event

While we are working hard to keep costs down we would appreciate donations from Rotary Clubs that have an Interact Club. One suggestion is to announce at the beginning of your next Rotary Club meeting that all happy buck, fines, the clubs portion of a game for the day and any donations will be send to support INTERACTION 2012. I tried this at my club and was amazed how generous they were.

Please make your donation check out to: Rotary District 6630 with Interact on the memo line and send it to our district treasurer:

Tracy Jemison

PO Box 578

Burton, Oh 44021

Any funds left over will be used for the District Interact project that Interactors have requested!

Click here to view the announcement flier See www.facebook.com/Interact6630 for Updates Questions? Email us at interact6630@gmail.com

Hoping you and your Interact team will be able to join us Interaction 2012,

Arne van der Heyde District 6630 Interact Chair

Foundation Seminar

By Michael Davanzo

We have now scheduled the Foundation Seminar in the Ashtabula Cluster. Oct 29 at the Geneva State Park Lodge. The actual meeting will begin about 6:45 There will be an optional (\$15) buffet starting at 6. We need a head count for the event.

Please respond by Oct 23 if you are planning to attend and what part of it. We need to know for food preparation and room size. Thank you for your patience, cooperation, and service. Click below for more information.



If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask.

Michael P. Davenzo Annual Giving Chair

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Ryan Knotts

Psst. Hey, some of you already know this through your great work and community engagement, but for those that do not, "October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month." Unfortunately, it's no secret that domestic violence affects a lot of people in our local and global communities. It would be easy to quote different statistics as to how many and who it affects, but that would minimize the issue and reduce domestic violence to just statistics, when it's people. The reality is that these are people within our communities and possibly within our clubs. Domestic violence is one of the most underreported crimes, and it will continue to be until we raise more awareness and create an environment where survivors can overcome any feelings of shame and break the cycle of violence. It does not discriminate against race/ethnicity, religion, sex, ability, socio-economic status, or sexual preference. With this article submission, I hope that you will learn more about domestic violence and how to positively impact our community.

According to the National Women's Health Information Center (2006):

Dating/domestic violence is when one person purposely causes physical or psychological harm to another person in an intimate relationship, including sexual assault, physical abuse, and psychological/emotional abuse. It is a serious crime that occurs in both casual and serious relationships, and in both heterosexual and samesex relationships. The use of these types of abuse by an abuser in an intimate relationship is to establish and maintain power and control over the other person.

Some of you will probably ask, "Why doesn't she (or he) just leave?" Well, some of the common reasons for not leaving, according to survivors, are: fear, feelings of helplessness, religion, the children, economic dependence, belief in traditional sex roles, low self-esteem, abused as a child, loyalty, shame, optimism, isolation, denial, love, hope, and the active perpetration of manipulation and coercion. Survivors may want to leave, but leaving can be a process. Throughout the process, survivors have to navigate safety issues, break isolation, fear of talking about the abuse

to others, access to resources, survival strategies, threats of retaliation, and batterer accountability. Again, leaving is a process. Survivors of domestic violence do leave. They leave when they are ready, they leave when it is safe to do so, and



they leave when we can support their process by providing institutional responses that affirm battered persons and their decision making ability. Our community's responsibility is to help propel the survivor forward on his or her journey to safety.

The Domestic Violence & Child Advocacy Center (DVCAC) is one of the more prominent resources within the greater Cleveland Community. Since the merger between the Domestic Violence Center and the Bellflower Center for Prevention of Child Abuse, the DVCAC has been able to expand services and provide prevention programs to a greater continuum of audiences. For a complete list, check out their website: www.dvcac.org. One of their awareness campaigns, that you can get involved in, and raise awareness of October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month, is the Purple Light Nights. Display a purple light at your home, office or organization to shine a light on the problem of domestic violence in our community all month long.

Since the beginning of 2011, our rotary club has provided five "Meals that Heal" at the Domestic Violence and Child Advocacy Center Shelter in Cleveland, with the most recent happening last August. The DVCAC Shelter houses up to 25 women and 25 children. They need breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday through Friday, and brunch and dinner on the weekends. We have alternated between making meals on site, to dropping off at the shelter. When we, or other groups, participate, we help the DVCAC save on their food budget, we nourish the residents, we send a message to the shelter residents that the community does care and responds when needed, and we help develop hope. If your club would like to learn more or schedule a meal, contact Laura Ross at 216-688-7295 lross@dvcac.rog. Feel free to get creative and do some crafts with the kids before dinner or organize a drive to solicit needed shelter items (http://www.dvcac.org/ Donation Information.html). Organize a cell phone drive. Used cell phones are given to DVCAC clients to be used in emergencies (contact Molly at 216-688-7230). If not at the shelter, there are events (www.dvcac.org/Calendar.html) in the community that you can support. As one example, several of our club members participated in the March 4 Marci at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo in August. http://www.cleveland.com/hillcrest/ i n d e x . s s f / 2 0 1 2 / 0 8 /march_4_marci_event_saturday_a.html or www.march4marci.org If you would like to learn more before you schedule a service project, schedule a speaker from the DVCAC for your Rotary Club, or another group (contact Carrie Joseph at 216-229-2420).

Stop whispering. Raise your voice and help bring attention to a problem that is often associated with silence and shame. Speak up. Get involved. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. What are you, and/or your Rotary Club doing about it?

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Clean Your Closet

By Rhoda Soclof

The Twinsburg Rotary Club partners with Dress for Success, Cleveland Center, to collect gently-worn women's clothing for its annual October drive. The Dress for Success program promotes the economic independence of disadvantaged women. The Center provides business attire, career development tools, and an ongoing support system to empower disadvantaged women to transition from unemployment to self-sufficiency. Upon her initial visit to the Center, a client receives a set of clothing and accessories suitable for the field in which she interviews. Once hired, she receives additional garments to create a basic business wardrobe.

Urgently needed is apparel appropriate for the office, and slacks and jeans that can be worn by industrial/skilled trades personnel. Other needed items include; coats, shoes, boots, jewelry, hats, slips, and unopened packages of hosiery.

The gently-used, clean clothing and accessories can be dropped off at the Edward Jones office in Twinsburg, 8972 Darrow Road – Suite A101, in the Giant Eagle plaza. For directions, contact Tim Edgington or Veronica Cifelli at 330-425-1269. Should a donation need to be picked up, call Beth at 216-570-3823. Items are tax-deductible. (Forms are available at the drop-off site; with the donor mailed a receipt from the Dress for Success Center.) The collection drive continues through October 31st.



CLICK HERE FOR ORDERING INFO

Retention Ideas For Clubs in District 6630

By Jack Miaskowski

RETAIN: to keep in one's service; to keep in mind or memory; to hold secure or intact.

PICK THE DEFINITION YOU LIKE. They came from Webster's Ninth Collegiate Dictionary. Make up your own if you don't like Mr. Webster's. How about these words: holding, tenacity, possession from Mr. Webster's Thesaurus. I like tenacity the best as a second definition for retain! More later on that word!

What are you and your Club doing to Retain your Members? As the President do you have your Troops excited about your Club? Are you pushing the Club Members to KEEP THE NUMBERS UP? If not you should be!

Here is my list of what it takes to retain good members and help grow your Club:

GOOD COMMUNICATION: Get the message to your members, use all of the current electronic media, Twitter, Facebook LinkedIn and all of the rest. Make good fliers, good emails, good posters, get friendly with your local newspaper, and send them PR items, visit the RI website, send postcards, YES POST CARDS.

GOOD PROJECTS: Polio Plus, Boy Scout Troop, Feed the Hungry, Senior Lunch, Chili Open, these are a few we have in our Club. Everyone knows about them as good causes. Promote them well!

GOOD PLACES TO MEET: Provide a good location and good food! We use our Senior Rec Center which is part of our Rec Center for the whole town.

GOOD PROGRAMS: This is probably the most important one as it gets people spreading the word about your Club. We have had the FBI, US Navy, Cleveland Council on World Affairs, the Mayor, and School Board President as well as local Charities that we help financially.

GOOD PEOPLE: Be selective with your invitations, pick good people, use recommendations from members, from friends, from Church, from other groups. Good people get involved with good projects and stay involved. Good people will bring other good people into the Club. It is a contagious thing that satisfied people want to make things even better.

GOOD PROSPECTING: Plan a new

member meeting, bring a guest to a special event, we use a happy hour setting in our Club, have a meeting at a new restaurant, we just did it and had 70 or so members and wives attended. Create an invite business card to give out and invite potential members to the meeting. Ours has the time and place we meet. We give out several hundred a year. Contact me and I will send you one.

GOOD FOLLOW-UP: Assign people to follow-up by e-mail, phone, texting, whatever way works for you. This is especially important to the new members. Make that new person feel needed. Reflect back to when you joined, what kept you in the Club?

GOOD PLANNING: Attend Board Meetings so you know what is going on in your Club. Pretty hard to get others excited if you don't know what your Club is doing! Review Weekly Events, Stay Involved and Get Involved if you aren't. You owe it to your Club.

GOOD: ???? Put your Idea here!

GOOD: ???? Put someone else's idea here!

GOOD: ???? Put both of your ideas here! SPREAD THE WORD!

NOW BACK TO MY WORD, TENACITY! WE ARE NOT ASKING YOU TO DO SOMETHING EASY. THIS IS A HARD THING AND YOU NEED TENACITY TO GET IT DONE AND FOLLOW THROUGH. REMEMBER YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS BY YOURSELF, GO BACK TO THE CLUB FOR HELP. ALL OF YOU KNOW WHAT A GREAT FEELING IT IS TO ACCOMPLISH SOMETHING GOOD! YOU ARE ALL SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE OR YOU WOULDN'T BE IN ROTARY.

SHARE THE SUCCESS OF YOUR CLUB WITH THAT POTENTIAL MEMBER, SHARE YOUR FEELINGS, TELL THEM WHY YOU BELONG AND SHARE THE ENTHUSIASM YOU GET FROM HELPING PEOPLE ALL OVER THE WORLD.

TENACITY IS A GREAT QUALITY TO HAVE AND YOU CAN USE IT IN A GENTLE WAY TO CONVINCE A POTENTIAL MEMBER THAT JOINING YOUR CLUB IS ONE OF THE THINGS THEY CAN DO FOR THEMSELVES. HANG IN THERE, BE TENACIOUS, SO YOU CAN HAVE THAT WONDERFUL FEEELING OF BRINGING A NEW MEMBER INTO YOUR CLUB.

Club and District Level Positions

Any Rotarian can tell you that we are about service. That's the common thread that binds our organization and members together. Unless we felt we had time to serve Rotary, we would not have joined. But for many, the feeling is that service is simply going to the meetings every week and helping out on local projects and perhaps fund raisers. But there is a much bigger picture of Rotary out there. To serve Rotary is to serve our clubs, communities, vocations, our youth and the world. With membership in Rotary comes a responsibility to serve all of these avenues. Paul Harris' vision never mentioned serving just Chicagoans or just Americans, but all his fellow men and women.

Don't misunderstand It's great to come to the meetings once a week and work at the club fund raiser. I'm not saying we should over look that. But we shouldn't lose focus on Rotary's larger vision. Please give this some thought. If all Rotary clubs just did service in their respective communities, we would be nothing more than a loosely knit scattering of clubs unknown outside our own communities and certainly our home country and definitely the world. How, I ask, would thousands of Rotarians worldwide been able to organize a project as large as helping to eradicate polio without a strong and committed worldwide organization? Could one club in India have eliminated this disease from their country alone? course not. Could we have an active Interact, RYLA or

Youth Exchange program that is the best in the world with just one club running any one of them? Ridiculous! Could one club have originated and built one of the largest and well run foundations in the world by themselves? The answers to these questions are obvious. But we are often hesitant to move outside our comfort zone and certainly outside our club. None of the Rotary programs I mentioned; and many more; could operate and be successful without district, zone and international levels of administration. Many of the jobs at the club level even go unfilled. Often as I train for my year as district governor, I see the same faces volunteering for these jobs. This is unfortunate because any of these people will tell you that there is plenty of room and opportunity for fresh energy and ideas to get on board. The people to fill these jobs in the future are already among us! They are already Rotarians! They just have to take a small step outside their comfort zone and their club and look at the bigger picture. We are a volunteer organization so don't look for the pay scales. The pay is the tremendous feeling of pride and satisfaction in helping Rotary stay strong and keep its stature as the best service organization in the world; and being proud to say, "I'm a Rotarian".

I am aware that our busy world puts more and more demands on us as time goes by. I understand that young and working Rotarians have less and less free time. I have children and grandchildren and see it every day. there are also retired, semiretired or "empty nesters" who are talented people who still possess the skills and experience to do any of these district level jobs, or perhaps an unfilled club level job. We would even consider a non-Rotarian if someone knows a retired school teacher or administrator who has spare time and could work under the direction of a district administrator in the youth exchange program. Their knowledge, experience and wisdom of an entire career working with youth, could be a tremendous help. Even if you don't fit in one of these categories and are still working, the secret is for many of us to step up and help a little instead of a few doing it all. We are all professionals and somewhere in our careers have seen the benefits of teamwork. It's the secret of taking on and completing big jobs that one person could not do alone. I am reminded of an old saying that many of our grandparents used, "many hands make light work" and I believe that says it best.

Many of our clubs still have openings for foundation reps., youth exchange reps., membership chairs and others. Our district currently has openings in many jobs in our youth exchange program. The grants committee could use new members as older ones cycle off their terms. And with future vision around the corner, several committees of our foundation need members. World peace fellows, ambassadorial

scholars and GSE teams always need interviewers and organizational people. We are always looking for people to spread the incredible story of the RI foundation; founded right here in Cleveland, Ohio; and the importance of keeping it fully funded and strong to power Rotary's worldwide work

Your District 6630 leadership urges you to think about stepping out of your comfort zone and stepping into a club position or up to a district position. Bring a fellow Rotarian along with you and cut your work in half! Let your club president or secretary know that you are interested and ask them to put you in touch with your District Governor, Julie West or myself, Bob Johnson, the District Governor elect, or any other district rep. and we will be glad to find the right position for you.

Yours in Rotary service; B o b J o h n s o n District Governor Elect-D i s t r i c t 6 6 3 0 440-834-8447 (C-440-384-7574)

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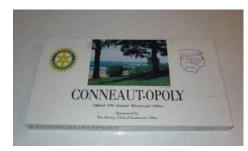
Conneaut-opoly

By Penny Armeni

This is a fundraiser for the Conneaut, Ohio Rotary Club. I have attached a picture of the same fundraiser in 1996. The new box and board is very modern and colors are vibrant. The paragraph below was written by Rotarian Chris Brecht who took on this project. As you can read it is a very lucrative fundraiser. This idea is fun and advertises our city.

Conneaut-opoly is a play on a famous family board game and a great opportunity as a community fundraiser. Local businesses and groups "sponsor" a property on the game. These sponsorships help pay for the construction and ordering of the games. The Rotary Club of Conneaut will then sell 1,000 games with the entire proceeds going towards philanthropic opportunities. This fundraiser will net the Rotary Club of Conneaut close to \$25,000. This is actually the second time the Rotary Club of Conneaut has created Conneaut-opoly. It was originally done in

1996 as part of the city's bicentennial celebration. For more information on Conneaut-opoly, contact Chris Brecht at chris@brechtinsurance.com or (440) 593-1191. We hope to have them for sale by November 2012.



Membership Seminars

By Al Conners

District 6630 will conduct two membership seminars in November. The first, November 10, is intended to serve the clubs in the following counties: Ashtabula, Lake, Geauga, Portage, and Cuyahoga County Northeast (Cleveland, Cleveland East, Euclid, Hillcrest-Sunrise, and Shaker Heights).

The second seminar, on November 17, is intended for Cuyahoga County Northwest, Lorain, Cuyahoga County Southeast, Cuyahoga County Southwest, Medina County, Summit County North and Summit County South.

The two seminars will be identical in content, but located so that travel time is minimized. We are targeting the Chardon area for November 10, the Strongsville area for November 17. Both will be AM only and will end by noon. Clubs are free to attend either seminar if one date is superior to the other. We suggest that, if possible, Presidents, Presidents-Elect and Membership Chairs plan to attend.

Nevertheless, all Rotarians who wish to attend will be welcomed.

Akron Rotary Camp

By Matthew Lewis

Big plans are in store for the Akron Rotary Camp this fall, as it plans to break ground on October 17th for the final installment of its \$3.5 million campus renovation, according to Akron Rotary Camp President Mike Wojno. "The camp is thrilled to begin the 'last leg' of our transformational remodeling of our 'Jewell on the lake," Wojno says. "The improvements to our camp will allow us to bring more blessing to a greater number of kids, while increasing the quality of their stay with us."

Each summer for the last 88 years the Rotary Club of Akron has sponsored the Akron Rotary Camp, where children with special needs throughout Ohio have been invited to spend a week at camp. Rotary Spokesperson Bonnie Wojno explains that while the children attend camp, they enjoy

many traditional activities including swimming, canoeing, arts and crafts, sports and games, team building and more in the "convenient and accessible natural setting," Bonnie says. "When campers leave Rotary Camp at the end of each session, they not only leave with lifelong memories and friends, but often show more independence as well as a greater understanding of themselves and their abilities," Bonnie says.

The Rotary camp has already raised \$2.8 million in its renovation campaign, and the funds have been used to already renovate seven cabins and a new bathhouse, with the addition of a new health facility coming soon. Camper parent and nurse Sur Burdicko is excited about the new health facility that will come with the renovation. She explains that her daughter Christie, 27,

started coming to Rotary Camp when she was only 6 years old. "This provided respite for our family when there were not any other options for getting a break from being 24/7 caregivers," Burdicko says. "The new health facility will make such a difference in helping to provide a safe environment for the campers."

Phil Maynard, a major financial contributor to the campus renovations, says "The Akron Rotary Camp is a very special place where they do so many wonderful things for very special children." Maynard explains that his foundation, the Maynard Family Foundation, feels so privileged to help support the Rotary's mission.

Other large contributors to the renovation include the Akron Rotary Foundation, Dick and Diane Wright, Roger and Judy Read, the Lehner Foundation, The Corbin Foundation, Medical Mutual's Community Investment Fund of the Akron Community Foundation, Rennick and Dee Andreoli, Akron Children's Hospital, the Crystal Arthritis Center, JM Smucker Company and many more.

The renovation campaign is co-chaired by Nick and Ruthie George and Jack and Vivian Harig.

For more information about the Akron Rotary Camp, please call the camp offices at (330) 664-4512 or visit them online at http://akronymca.org/RotaryCamp.aspx.

Gift of Life Northeast Ohio

Our District Gift of Life North East Ohio has started a partnership with Akron Children's Hospital and St. Damien's Hospital in Haiti. Attached is a copy of an email our local partner Dr. Jeff Kempf received from Father Rick who is the administrator for St. Damien's Hospital in Haiti after Hurricane Issac blew over Haiti on its way to the Gulf and Louisiana.

Gift of Life NEO along with Gift of Life Manhattan and Partners in Health has a surgical team going into Haiti at the end of the month. We hope 3 of the 10 children expected to have open heart surgery will be from our teams efforts at St. Damien's.

Hope to report results in November. Father Rick is a poet as well as an example of Service Above Self.

Ken Fogle Gift of Life North East Ohio, Inc. 216-861-5151

"Who are you, to talk like that, to a rainbow?"

These are strange words, of course, and I am the first to admit it. They might make a little bit of sense to you in a minute.

Storm clouds are never very good news for a country tottering on the edge of survival. Even the superpowers brace for super storms, and as we have seen, often do so in vain. How much can we do before the gigantic forces of nature?

Storms bring the obvious problems of floods, mud, and homelessness, trees that crush people and buildings, and objects that deliver their destruction by flying on the wings of savage winds. We saw this again yesterday.

Less obvious problems are the weakening of infrastructures, like our own hospitals when no one can get to work, when power is lost, when the sick are sopping wet and shivering cold because buildings made to protect from heat and sun above cannot protect against rain coming is sideways on high gusts of wind.

I am thinking at the moment of Fr. Francilome, who was brought to us in a coma yesterday after a terrible car accident in the drenching torrent. He came for a CT scan of his head, so we could send him to a private hospital with capacity for neurologists and neurosurgeons. It was pathetic to me, how in such a conditions as yesterday, we could not offer him much protection from the same storm that so hurt him.

"Let us pray." His signature words, far from

his silent lips now, are now our words for him. Let's use them full heartedly.

Less obvious still, brought by life's storms, is the inward journey of storm chaos. We human beings absorb it. We take it in. Some, sadly, welcome it as "home", as "how it is", never to be otherwise. Fate. The storm damage is also emotional and spiritual.

The nearby river rises and rises, fed afresh from the mountain rains, ripping wider canyons along its track, as it is forced to take more water than it was carved to handle. Storms dumps whole lakes worth of water on mountains, and these lakes seek the sea.

The river is so fast and furious that if you fall in, even if you are the best swimmer or super athlete, you are lost and taken to your death. On the river banks, hundreds of residents of a tent city, mouths wide open before yet another force of destruction, take the scene deep into themselves and try to make plans for escape, as they clutch their children: plans to go where? With whose help?

If there were such wheres and whos, they would not even be on this riverbank, almost three years after the earthquake robbed them of even subsistence wellbeing. What is the emotional and spiritual toll these tragedies take on them, in this storm?

Or, think of the children in our orphanages, and the hundreds of orphanages round the country. Young minds and hearts, with damaged feelings and spirits from so many tragedies already at such a tender age, safe in a building but hiding from another manifestation of doom.

And what do storms do to people like me and you? We are helpers, and often enough wounded helpers with our own problems and sorrows.

How many stresses and strains does it take before we become cynical, before we don't want to hear any more, before we don't care?

It is to be expected that that can happen.

But let's not say it is normal.

Let's never say it's normal.

It can never be normal for human beings not to care about each other.

I started making my rounds at 4am yesterday; to all our mission sites, winds and rains still railing. At 5am, some police approached St Damien Hospital just as I returned from St Luke Hospital and before heading to Cite Soleil. A police car approached, sputtering along, emergency lights barely flickering. Out came a screaming woman. She buckled over in the hospital lobby, dropped to her knees and lowered her head onto the chair.

I ran for the only help anywhere nearby, a clean white towel from my office, since I could see she was about to have a baby. I caught the baby from behind, into the towel, and cleaned off our newborn brother and stimulated his cry.

As I held him, aware that my arms where the first ever to hold him, I was on my knees behind the crouching mother, a woman from a poor tent city, who now had her baby in a bloody public scene, during a hurricane.

Neither of us could move, until we had help to cut the umbilical cord and untangle ourselves from this bizarre scene. It was one of those moments when life seems absurd, cruel, and random of meaning. I looked out at the storm, and knowing full well what life conditions awaited this baby within hours, I cynically said "Lots of luck, kiddo!"

Suddenly, I felt the presence of the kindly forces that guide those who allow such guidance in their lives. Those who deeply understand living faith know what I mean. I was led to understand immediately that my cynicism had no place, and was dangerous to me, to my own path, to the baby in my arms. The kindly forces asked me if I was sure of what I had said. It is not that I heard a voice. But I was challenged and I felt the question put straight to me, "Who are you, to talk that way to a rainbow?"

Noah was given the sign of a rainbow, the sign of contradiction to the destruction of the storm. I was given the sign of a child. Yes, who am I, to talk with such arrogance and cynicism?

So, correctly and gratefully chastened, I murmured this prayer to the little rainbow in my arms: "I wish you the blessing of even half the love and strength I have known in this life. Welcome to our world, a little rough around the edges, but it's a beautiful place."

That there are storms and clouds in life, there is no doubt. But that there are silver linings, there is no doubt either. Thankfully, the signs are everywhere, to encourage us and quicken us in the work God has given each of us to do. Fr. Rick Frechette Port au Prince August 26, 2012

Hope and Relief Trip to Nicaragua

It's now time to start planning our end of the year trip to visit our projects in Nicaragua. This will be an exciting trip, not only because we will be delivering Christmas boxes to the kids, but we will also get to celebrate the wedding of Maria Jose, who was our first college graduate from the school of the dump. We will get to see all our projects and have lots of fun. Please plan to join us and please share this information with your clubs and friends that you think might be interested in going with us. Attached is a "Trip Letter", an " Itinerary for the Trip", and a "Sign-up Sheet". You need to read ALL of these to get complete information. We are expecting a large group this year, so please let us know as soon as you can if you will be going so that we can know how many hotel rooms to reserve. See you in Novem-

We now have a new, revised, and updated web site for our Nicaragua projects. Please go visit it and tell all your friends about it. See it at www.hopeandrelief.org

It also has a section titled "TRIPS" which gives information about our next upcoming trip. If you are planning to go on the November-December 2012 Trip with us please let us know as soon as possible. We have 45-50 people who have indicated

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District Governor Nominating Committee

DG Julie West has appointed a wonderful committee representing every geographic region in the district and including a wide variety of Rotary experience from past club presidents to past district governors and with a wide variety of experiences in Rotary. As the Immediate Past District Governor I am privileged to work with this wonderful group of individuals who will be developing an excellent panel of potential applicants and who will be interviewing and recommending their choice to serve us during the 2015/2016 Rotary year. Yes, this person will follow Julie West (2012-2013), Bob Johnson (2013-2014), and Mike Davanzo (2014-2015).

Anyone who has read a District Governor's column in the newsletter has heard her/him at your club or taken part in one of the events planned by the District Governor during their year knows two things. One is how much fun and educational is the opportunity to serve as District Governor with the wonderful opportunity to get to know the clubs and Rotarians from around District 6630, and to develop friendships with your District Governor classmates from around the world. The

second is to learn more about the activities of Rotary Clubs and Districts around the world and to come to truly appreciate the power of Rotary.

Each District Governor brings something of themselves to the position and creates a unique and individualized feel to the District. We are, after all, a wonderfully diverse group of individuals with a shared passion for Service Above Self. The only two qualifications are that the individual must be a member in good standing of a district club and must have served as club president. Anyone with those two qualifications who has a passion for Rotary and an interest in contributing to this district's continued growth should be encouraged to apply.

I encourage everyone to think of Rotarians who can build on the recent success of the district and challenge us to do more to strengthen our clubs, increase our membership and to build on the efforts to create stronger and more sustainable communities locally and around the world. If you, or someone you suggest for District Governor, is concerned about the

time commitment or the cost of serving please contact me, Julie West or any of the Past District Governors. The district provides considerable financial support to cover the activities of the District Governor and the personal rewards from service are impossible to fully explain.

Yours in Rotary Service,

Steve Zabor, PDG (ZABORSL@gmail.com, 330-569-4936)

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