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My year as District Governor got to be too much work stepped up and helped prepare which is sometimes felt w our 40 member club for another group of young never get here has not reached out to our Inter people to take advantage of a gotten here, but is almos Club, high school seniors t life changing opportunity. Even months gone! That old sa needed community serv though the group is small this U V c i h ' [h] a Y ' Z hours and, yes, the local K year, the work has been just a \ U j] b [' Z i b I ' a i n i s Club. They all supply so extensive. Our incoming youth thoroughly enjoying my c of the manpower to staff will attend an orientation on visits. I have completed 2 fundraiser and we help August 24th. at Rex Lake at the of them and have all but 1C Kiwanis at their fish fries in Akron Rotary Camp. Here to schedule for the cor fall. The Interact memb they will get to interact with months. It is truly enjoyabl learn some money for tr and develop relationships with g Y Y ' h \ Y ' X] Z Z Y f activities and the high sc host families, counselors and of the various clubs. Som seniors get a great exposu Youth Exchange officers and loud and boisterous and otl community service and m prepare for their year in the are very calm and easy g of the ideals of Rotary. USA.

just like the many great Rc also have fun and get to sp Rick Pollak our new District ans I meet along the way a little Rotary image arou Secretary is working diligently continue to be amazed at the community. Creativ c b ' h \] g ' m Y U f D g ' variety and sheer numbers must be part of the proces: feels it will be ready next projects and activities goin month if all goes well. It goes in District 6630. We are ; We are planning an excitimonth without saying that developing and well! The only probl and different Foundati Event for Nov. 9th this y the directory takes a great dea that I have observed is Event for Nov. 9th this y the directory takes a great dea Information should be o of time and effort. I appreciate some of the smaller clubs Information should be o of time and effort. I appreciate within the month but ple all District 6630 Rotarians that sort of bogged down. Wi within the month but ple all District 6630 Rotarians that set that date aside. Our r have responded in a timely small work force, it is sc set that date aside. Our r have responded in a timely bership and foundation se Z U g \] c b ' h c ' F] W _ times difficult to plan large bership and foundation se Z U g \] c b ' h c ' F] W _ nars are now scheduled (information. If you have not effective fund raisers and t nars are now scheduled (information. If you have not the next 10 weeks. Al ,C responded, you may find incor- Z c f Y ' h \ Y ' g] n Y et restricts their spending ners, Tony Corrao, c h a i r s of rect, incomplete or missing activities. I wish we could the membership commit information about your club in and Cheryl Warren, our DGI the directory that could cause them with a large club fc and Cheryl Warren, our DGI the directory that could cause and annual fund chair, h a p r o b l e m s down the road. We month we two, and tran: put in many hours and wor are making every effort to keep some of the energy I see very hard to make these these situations to a minimum. larger club with many com sions informative and proc Please do him the courtesy of tees and projects going tive. Please make sure yo responding as quickly as possi- This is not an easy questio someone in your club ta ble for all requests for infor- address but I would like advantage and attends t mation. suggest something that Y j Y b h g " ' = h D g ' U worked for my home club, Y j Y b h g " ' = h D g ' U

of Burto Middlefield wher As I did in July/August I have planning fund raisers. Wh I could not be more proud prepared a district calendar of our new staff on Youth club events and fund raisers for our Pancakes in March ev change. These people h. September/October. Hopeful-

ly Mike Johns Jr., our District Newsletter publisher, can format it and include it in the issue of the newsletter. If we will get it out to you to the clubs some other way. have included information on all events that were submitted to me, so if I missed something. Attending a neighboring W i V D g Y j Y b h c other great way to meet and interact with other Rotarians that share your interest in our organization and, inevitably have a lot of fun at the same time! To add some excitement and incentive to attending

Rotary PDG Jack Young and Board member of the Board member of Shelter Box USA an affiliate of the International Shelter Box Disaster Relief Organization, spent 10 days representing the organization at the 2013 Scouting Jamboree. This m Y U f D g > U a V c f Y types of merit badges 40,000 youth and adult leaders from throughout the United States and a number of foreign countries.

In addition to being a participant, the 2013 Jamboree was set up to allow registered participants the opportunity to try a little bit of everything. Scouts were automatically slotted for the Messengers of Peace

Day of Service, a full day trek to Garden Mountain and some time at Technology Quest. Along with this, Scouts participated in a number of community improvement projects in and around neighboring towns.



at its new permanent home in the beautiful mountains of West Virginia. During the week and one half event, participants had the opportunity to experience high adventure like they have never seen before. According to Wayne Brock, Chief Scout executive of the new home of the Jamboree boasts world class cross country bike trails (27 miles worth) and mountain bike tracks that will challenge bikers of all skill levels. There are more than 28,000 feet of zip lines, an X Games skate park, a set of breathtaking canopy tours and the Rocks, a system of made



Prayers Sought for Injured Rotarian

All Rotarians District Governor Bob Johnson is asking for prayers from our Rotary family. Please do not send any correspondence to their home as they have no children and live alone and obviously will not be home for a while. Any contact can be made through me or the District Treasurer Tracy Jemison at P. O. Box 578-Burton, OH-44021 or: jemison@adelphia.net Bob Johnson District Governor Dist. 6630 2013/2014

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Christina Paschyn, Former Ambassadorial Scholar Visits TRC Parma

By Ron Bryski, PADG from June through August, 2007.

As Parma Rotary's ambassadorial scholarship chairman, I first had contact with Christina Paschyn in late February 2007, when she sent me an email and expressed an interest in becoming a Rotary "ambassador of goodwill"; an interest in pursuing graduate studies abroad.

Christina Paschyn, of Ukrainian descent, was a 2003 graduate of Parma Senior High School and resides locally in Parma with her parents. Her twin sister, Larissa, is a former Fulbright Scholar who studied in the Ukraine, got a job there, married an Australian man, and then moved to China to teach English to the Chinese.

In December, 2007, Christina received her Master of Science degree, after receiving a journalism degree from the Northwestern school of journalism at Northwestern, she studied abroad at the American University in Cairo, Egypt in 2005. She also was a busy reporter and webcaster for Medill news service and member of the kappa tau journalism honor society. Christina was also president of the northwestern society of professional journalists in 2007.

Her journalism experience included:

- serving as a broadcast reporter for e news in Johannesburg, South Africa from March through June in 2007.

- working as a Washington D.C. correspondent for KVRV TV in Fargo, North Dakota

from June through August, 2007. She obtained experience as a reporter and video editor for time magazine in London, England from September 2007 through January, 2008, functioning as a war correspondent in Israel for Cleveland, Ohio WEWS news channel during the month of December 2009. She also worked as a war reporter in Israel for CNN, Atlanta Georgia during January 2009.

Christina was given a Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship for 2008 in the amount of \$23,000 to study abroad. This was the 50th anniversary year. The Rotary Club of Parma and Iron Bryski, past assistant district governor and two-time president of the Parma Rotary club, was her Rotary advisor and mentor. Parma Rotary club never had an ambassadorial scholarship winner before and they were very proud of Christina and of their club.

However, there was one big concern. Christina had chosen to study abroad in Israel.

Christina in Israel
In 2009, Christina received international masters of art Middle East studies degree from the Ben-Gurion University in Beer Sheva.

va, Israel. She lived locally, but then it suddenly ended with a tenuous cease fire. Classes resumed ... Christina was safe. She also was an international project website video producer and English tutor to Bedouin children for NGO Step Forward. She joined a local English speaking theater group called the light opera group of the Negev and landed the lead role of the war years by running and hiding among family friends.

made an honorary member of the Rotary Club. Ron had given her one of their experiences during the holocaust. The documentary is in Hebrew but includes Dutch subtitles, which was funded by a Rotary Club in the Netherlands. Since Christina only had a basic comprehension of Hebrew, Nathan and Ruth orally translated the documentary for her. She found it so moving that she became determined to help Nathan in his efforts to add English subtitles to the film. To achieve this, Christina contacted her sponsor.

The Parma club feared for her safety. What can we do from so many

miles away? Her parents who lived locally were, of course, deeply concerned. But then it suddenly ended with a tenuous cease fire. Classes resumed ... Christina was safe. She also was an international project website video producer and English tutor to Bedouin children for NGO Step Forward. She joined a local English speaking theater group called the light opera group of the Negev and landed the lead role of the war years by running and hiding among family friends.

Nathan is a survivor of the Auschwitz concentration camp. Ruth was a survivor of the war years by running and hiding among family friends.



A few years ago, a local high school in Parma produced an excellent documentary, titled 'Pain & Gain: A Chronicle of the Holocaust'. The documentary is in Hebrew but includes Dutch subtitles, which was funded by a Rotary Club in the Netherlands. Since Christina only had a basic comprehension of Hebrew, Nathan and Ruth orally translated the documentary for her. She found it so moving that she became determined to help Nathan in his efforts to add English subtitles to the film. To achieve this, Christina contacted her sponsor.

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son club advisor and mentor, Ron Briskin. Together they were able to persuade the rotary club of Parma to fund the English translation of the documentary as an international project for their club. Once completed, it was sent to the Holocaust Institute in Washington, D.C. and then distributed to high schools across the United States.

Ultimately, the purpose of this International Project was to educate people about what actually happened in the holocaust through the stories and recollections of individuals who experienced it first hand, and to challenge the misconception that mostly eastern European Jews were affected. In fact, for instance, few know that in Holland more than 100,000 Jews were killed in the holocaust, making it second only to Poland to have had the most Jews murdered by the Nazis.

Christina after Israel

In August, 2009, Christina graduated with an international Master of Arts degree in Middle East studies from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem. She spent the next 6 months in Edinburgh, Scotland, visiting her boyfriend, Alex, a Ukrainian Scotsman, who she had met 3 years previously, back in Parma, at a Ukrainian festival, while Alex was visiting the country

Christina returned to the US in late 2009. She visited Washington, D.C. that was followed by a trip to the Pulitzer Center on crisis reporting in Washington. She and Alex became engaged and they were married in September, 2011, in a castle in Scotland.

To the chagrin of her parents, with her daughter now living in China, Christina and Alex presently live in Dohar, Qatar where she is a journalism professor at the Northwestern University Extension in Qatar.

Christina, joined by her husband, Alex, visited the Parma Rotary Club in early August as a guest speaker. She spoke about her new life in Dohar, Qatar. Some of her comments are:

Doha is the capital of Qatar. There are 2 million people in the country and only 15% are citizens. It is very multicultural. Oil and gas is the biggest industry with education being the second. Doha is the home of Education City, where Christina resides. They are trying to be the educational hub of the Middle East. There are 6 universities in Qatar and Harvard Law School will have an extension in a couple of years. 85% of the students at the universities are women. There is free insurance and low crime. But there are Human Rights issues with South African migrant workers in construction di-

rect exploitation and forced labor. The country is very wealthy. McDonalds, KFC, and other fast food franchises deliver!"

Christina concluded her visit by announcing that she recently signed a new 3 year extension to continue teaching at Northwestern University in Dohar and that she now intends to pursue a PhD. Degree.

Although the Ambassadorial Scholarship is no longer offered by RI, this scholarship represented Rotary's faith that promising students would become tomorrow's leaders and would make substantial contributions both to their communities and to the world by serving as "ambassadors of goodwill". Thus this Ambassadorial Scholarship Program really did support the mission of the Rotary Foundation to further international understanding and world peace.

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TRC Kent

It is a pleasure to announce that the District Tornado Disaster Fund. These funds were from a special collection during our annual Rotary Auction, chaired by Rebekah Wright. Pictured in the attachment is John Ryan, Pres. Kent Rotary Foundation, Dan Smith 2013 Past Club President, Joe Giancola, Present Club President and Rebekah Wright.

Thank you,
Nelson W. Burns



Former Medina Sunrise Rotarian Brings Service to Ecuador

Dear Rotarians and Friends,
This email conveys the wonderful news that Dr. Michael Medgyessy (past Medina Sunrise Rotarian) and his wife Marlene will leave Tuesday for their new home and new lives in Ecuador!

Following Mike and Marlene's visit to Dr. Andres Bello* in Ecuador earlier this summer, in which they donated medical supplies from MEDWIS and personal supplies for children from MEDWALMART (thanks to our Rotaract Club in Portoviejo, Mike's medical practice in Canada and Strongsville and bought a home and rural medical clinic in Crucita, Ecuador.

Please join me in extending our blessings, personal regards and support for Mike and Marlene in Ecuador as they "Engage Rotary and Change Lives."

Sincerely yours in the Family of Rotary International,

David

*Dr. Andres Bello, M.D., was a Rotary International Youth Exchange Student who graduated from Medina High School and became president of the Rotaract Club of Portoviejo, ECUADOR and then Rotaract Governor General. He is an Honorary Medina Sunrise Rotarian, a Paul Harris Fellow and a recipient of the McClintock Award for Service Above Self.



Medina Sunrise Welcomes Eli

"Welcome home, Eli!" greeted John Ross, president of the Medina Sunrise Rotary Club, to Elijah Turk who had spent a year in Norway living with host families attending school as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student.

Eli, a Senior at Medina High School



spoke about his changing experiences during his exchange year in Molde, Norway, a city with about the same population as Medina. Accompanied by his parents Brian and Jami Turk, Eli thanked Ralph Waite, John Kanieski, Jeff D'Amolnolfo and Medina Sunrise Rotary for helping him to learn a new way of living, a new culture and language, and a great deal about himself while making some good friends in the process.

Crucita is located just 20 miles east of Santa, where Andres is a surgeon at Hospital Rodriguez Zambrano, and 20 miles north of Portoviejo, where Andres is a professor at Medicina y Cirugia at UTM.

TRC Jefferson Poker Run / TRC Shaker Hts Garage Sale

On Sept 14th the Rotary Club of Jefferson will host a bike/skate/run/walk poker run on the Western Reserve Greenway (bike trail). The event will start at 9 am and entries must be finished by 12 noon. The cost of entry is \$10.00. 40 % of the purse will be paid in prize money with a guaranteed amount of \$100 for high hand and \$50 for low hand. Entrant may start at any one of 5 points along the trail: Herzog Rotary Park in Ashtabula, Old Austinburg Rd, Austinburg Rt 307, Lampson Rd, and Eagleville Jefferson Rd. Parking is available at all locations. Distances of 26 miles can be covered. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary scholarship fund and the Greenway Tail Bike Patrol. For details contact jstevenson121@yahoo.com.

The Shaker Heights is having a garage sale / fund raiser on Saturday September 7th at 2178 South Overlook Road.

We are targeting the normal stuff but with an emphasis of items that College students may need as they set up apartments. Items can be dropped off at Maria Kaiser's home, 2178 S Overlook, but you must call first, her number is 229 4130, or you can call me, John Sobotincic at 321 1443 or 330 416 9383. I can also pick up any items you may have.

Our deadline for items is by noon on Friday September 6th as we will be setting up for the sale then.

Our goal is to raise funds for our International project in Honduras.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and assistance with this effort,

John Sobotincic

Pig Roast in Brunswick

TRC Solon Sponsors Backyard Games

As seasons transition from summer into fall, it is once again time for Brunswick's Second Annual Backyard Games. Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Solon, the event was held at the Solon Community Park on Saturday, July 20 and was a great success. Morning rain hampered setup but the games were underway within minutes of schedule, and all events were completed before the skies opened again (heavily!) in the late afternoon. The event was a success and all events were completed before the skies opened again (heavily!) in the late afternoon. The event was a success and all events were completed before the skies opened again (heavily!) in the late afternoon.

The expert grilling techniques were demonstrated by Brian (Chip) Rogers who will be on full display at the Pig Roast on Saturday, July 20 and were a great success. Morning rain hampered setup but the games were underway within minutes of schedule, and all events were completed before the skies opened again (heavily!) in the late afternoon.



The Rotary Club will serve guests with a variety of delicious dishes including corn bread, kielbasa, noodle cabbage, watermelon, baked beans, on-the-cob, desserts and more. All fixings will be home made. Drinks included (soda, wine and beer). Along with the meal and drinks, the ticket price includes a guest one board entry. The grand prize for the main board is \$1,000! All that, along with music and dancing, laughter and good camaraderie, for only \$30. Please consider attending this worthy event. To get further information, please contact Bill Wilkinson at 330.205.5494.

The event benefits the Brunswick Rotary Club. The club donates to Feeding Medina County, Medina Hospice, college scholarships for Brunswick high school seniors, Brunswick Dictionary Project, Rotary Field at Brunswick High School, and Brunswick Relay for Life. The Brunswick Rotary also supports the Rotary Shelter Box, a program providing shelter to victims of war and natural disasters.

The Brunswick Rotary club meets in the Community Room at 7:15 in the morning. You are invited to join us at the Pig Roast.



Sixteen teams including corporate sponsored teams as well as groups of individuals, from Solon and the surrounding area and from as far away as Orville and even Minnesota competed in six sports (bocce, kan jam, badminton, and basketball, cornhole, and golf). The day was enjoyed with music played by a DJ and a performance by the Sandarea band Pop Rocks, as well as lunch and dinner prepared by The Taft Community Park parking lot. Team Swagelok 1 defended its overall championship from last year's inaugural game with Minnesota Gold taking second place after travelling from Minnesota to participate and Walkers (of Orville) taking the bronze medal. Individual event champions were also crowned. Photos of the event are available on the club's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/RotaryClubofSolonOhio/425704984187755>.

Photos of the event are available on the club's Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/pages/RotaryClubofSolonOhio/425704984187755>. The Rotary Club of Solon looks forward to hosting a bigger and even better third annual Backyard Games next July. Watch www.solonbackyardgames.com for more information.



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Rotary International Revamps Website

Dear Rotary Club Officer, we are excited to announce that the new website will be unveiled to our members and the public on August 26th, 2014. We are set to launch our Access Portal (MAP) on August 26th, and anticipation of this exciting event is reaching out to the leaders of our organization asking you to join me in bringing champions and advocates for this wonderful new tool.

Each of you plays a key leadership role in your club and with its members. We want to highlight the many positive aspects of the new website and ease any initial concerns that may arise as you and the members of your club familiarize yourselves with the new site.

We want to draw attention to a few key features of the new website that we think you will find most helpful as you field questions from Rotarians in the coming weeks.

Two distinct versions of the website

- My Rotary (for members)

- All members will be encouraged to register and sign in when visiting the site. Members will be able to bet-

- ter engage through their customized experience based on their interests, and direct their Rotary business more easily than ever before. The new website will eliminate the need for the Member Access Portal (MAP). Those currently registered in MAP will simply be prompted to register when first visiting the site and will be able to access tools previously located in MAP, such as Rotary Club Central, etc.

a request online to learn more about a specific club and membership. The RI Board has requested that an email be automatically sent to the District Governor and Membership Chair to notify you of this request, they will then follow up as appropriate with the club.

- Rotary Foundation Grants. Many of you have already visited the Rotary Grants microsite and all it has to offer. That functionality will now be merged into the new site so everything you need will be in one place.

- Security. As part of the new launch, we are also adopting industry leading security measures to manage your IDs and passwords. To facilitate this transition, any MAP user who logged in within the last year will go through an abbreviated re-registration process.

- Browser. The new website uses some of the latest browser capabilities and because of that, visitors to the site will need to be on modern browsers. Whatever browser you prefer to use, we recommend you upgrade to the latest version to have the best experience possible.

As we head into the final days before the new website launches, I want to remind us all that with any major launch, we can anticipate a few minor issues early on as we make the transition, so I kindly ask for your patience and request that you encourage the same from those who

Nigerian Rotarian Alex Oakafor and Family Visit District 6630

Nordonia Hills Rotary Meeting of 8-13 was about Nigeria, Rotary and the Oakafor family. PDG Bob Prevette opened the meeting presentation with Highlights of Nigeria's Geography, History, and Current conditions along with the picture time line for Eight Years of Friendship with Alex and his family. Past RI Director Mike Johns Spoke Of RI Grant Generated Water Well In Cano, Nigeria Dedicated to His Past Wife Nickie who Mike and PDG Steve Zabor Visited for Its Dedication. Alex wrapped up the Meeting with the Status of Polio Plus

Nordonia Hills Meeting Special Attendees were Barb Frye Medina, Nancy Eisenhart (Barb Frye's Mother) PAG Stan Socha Brunswick Club, Penny Socha, PDG Jim Frame Mantua Club, PDG Stew Buchanan Akron Club, Cheryl Buchanan, PDG Steve Zabor Mantua Club, PDG Julie West Cleveland Club, Hudson Rotary Past President Jimmie "Inky" Sutphin, Past International Director Mike Johns Cleveland Club, Caroline Prevette, Alex Oakafor, Bertha Oakafor, Barbara Oakafor, & Joe Gambitta. PDG Al and Mary Connors were out of town and unable to attend.

PDG Bob Prevette Introduced The Guests. Many of the folks have known and met Alex and the Oakfors for several years.

It was a special time for Alex for all coming to be with him. Graduated from The University Of Prince Edward Island Charlottetown Prince Edward Island, Canada In 2012 with a

Degree in Business. Her tv = b h Y f b U h] c b U . HL .IT . IS .NICE . MEETING YOU. HOPING = b U g . n \ U h . ROTARY CLUB, Nordonia Hills Ohio 26 members, some 5,750 miles to Benin City Nigeria Rotary Club 30 Members, Imagine Two Rotary Clubs with in Rotary International 34,000 Clubs of Million Rotarians, and District 6630 leaders with 640 Worldwide Districts have come together again to be with Nigeria District re Alex and his family. So X Y Y X '] h D g ' [f Y U h h \ U h h \ Y C _ U Z c f D g ' U b X could once again be together

Alex is a Christian, family man, father, businessman, one of three remaining Chartered Members of the Rotary Club of Oregbeni, Benin City, Nigeria District 9140 Chartered in 1985. Currently this club has 28 Members. Alex a 28 year Rotarian, Club President 1997-98, A RI Foundation Major Donor and has attended 11 Rotary International Conventions from 2002

PDG Bob Prevette and Caroline McCormick Place with his family. Bob said to Caroline do you think his parents will care if I gave him a Rotary pin. That was the start of a life long lasting friendship. We later spent time in the House of Friendship with them.

First Email 7/10/2005:

SHALL ALWAYS BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU. WARM REGARD TO YOUR FAMILY AND THANKS. ROTARIAN ALEX OKAFOR. Endure It Did: July 2013 8 Years and Still Going. RI Conventions 6 Together Chicago 05, Copenhagen 06, Salt Lake City 07, Los Angeles 08, Montreal 10, & New Orleans 11. Zone Breakfasts & River Trips Mega Emails USA Visits May 2012 & August 2013 h \ Y X g



Alex Oakafor



Rear L to R: PDG Stew Buchanan Akron Club, Past President Jimmie Sutphin Hudson Club, Past President Robin Bugenske Nordonia Hills Club, PAG Stan Socha Brunswick Club, PDG Steve Zabor Mantua Club, Nancy Eisenhart, Alex Oakafor, PDG Bob Prevette Nordonia Hills Club. Front Row L to R: Penny Socha, Sylvia Hanneken President Nordonia Hills Rotary Club, PDG Julie West Cleveland Club, Mike Johns Past Rotary International Director Cleveland Club, Barbara Frye, Cheryl Buchanan, & Barbara Oakafor





Pictured are Ingrid and Irina Vatamanu and an elderly Romanian Farmer and her new cow which was purchased with money raised by the Lakewood High School Interact Club. Irina Vatamanu is the current president of the Interact Club at Lakewood High School. She went to Romania during the month of June with my sister, Ingrid Vatamanu, who founded the Lakewood High School Interact Club. She explained that she told our mother of an elderly lady in their village, whose cow had recently died. She depended on this cow to get her milk and cheese to sell, in order to make a living. After giving it some thought my mom, sister, and I decided that we would try to buy her a new one, even though the price of members contacted their sponsoring Lakewood Rocky River Rotary clubs. Their members donated money. With the help of Yann Hanson of Hanson Services, and Marty Harris, member of the Sunrise Club and the Rotarian responsible for starting the Interact Club at Lakewood High School the Club was able to raise enough money to buy a cow. When Ingrid and Irina went to Romania they bought a cow and delivered it to the lady. She said that she thought she would die before she witnessed this. She said she wakes up in the middle of the night and believe it. This is just a sample of the many service activities that are planned and organized by the dedicated and service oriented members of Interact clubs with the help of the local Rotary Clubs.

Here is a list of District events and fundraisers for Sept. and Oct. 2013 that were submitted upon request. As you can see we have a very active district with lots to do. If your club has nothing planned for the date, please take advantage of some of these other fun and exciting activities with your neighboring clubs and meet some great Rotarians at the same time!!

NFL FOOTBALL POOLS É Ongoing

1. Stow Munroe Falls É Bob Oborn
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 boborn@kentelastomer.com
2. Northampton Twp É wcdavis@att.net Walt Davis
- 8/31 GOLF BALL DROP É Summer Sunset Bluffs Stow Munroe Falls
 \$5. Per ball \$20. For 5 Balls dropped from 100 ft. crane to target. 1st. \$1000. 2nd. \$500. 3rd. \$250. for closest to target contact Annie Hanson 3307306424
- 9/14 LOU GROZA CHARITY GOLF OUTING É Berea Cherokee Hills G. C. Golf with Cleve. Browns Alumni 8:00 AM registration 9:00 AM start Contact Chuck Stankó chuckshero@aol.com or lougrozacharitygolf.com \$99. Includes start, breakfast, lunch at turn, dinner, and more
- 9/7 ROTARY GARAGE SALE É RC of Shaker Hts. Garage sale of a household items & much more. 2178 S. Overlook Rd. É Cleveland, OH
- 9/14 ANNUAL PIG ROAST É Bruns Wick É Eagles Club Pavilion Opens at 349 Pearl Rd. Brunswick Dinner at 6:00 music & dancing \$1000. Grand prize Contact Bill Wilkinson 22308494
- 9/15 BEDFORD ROTARY 10K RUN É Bedford É Amy DiMarco Amydan16@windstream.net

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9/26 18TH. GOLF OUTING CHALLENGE (THURS) É Westlake Bay Village

Sweetbriar Golf Club AVOR Registration/lunch É noon Dinner/awards 6:00 PM Sponsorship Opportunities

Contact: Jim Strunk 440588
 9/28 AKRON ROTARY CLUB REGATTA É A chance to see the beautiful new Akron Rotary Camp Great food & cocktails, boat rides, entertainment, Auction and finally FIREWORKS!! contact: Lance Chima 330674770 lance@chimatravel.net

9/29 DOCUMENTARY FILM FEST 5K RUN É Chagrin Valley Rotary

Through beautiful Chagrin Falls proceeds go to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society É Contact Mark Besand 5602397 bykrdad@gmail.com

10/5 CHAGRIN DOCUMENTARY FILM FESTIVAL É Chagrin Valley

Balls Gala Dinner & Awards Ceremony F c h U f m [c Y g < c ` ` m k c c El Porvenir water projects in Nicaragua @ c f] C D b Y]

10/6 CHARITY BALL É KIRTLAND COUNTRY CLUB -Willoughby

Contact Linda Wise
 wise@fineartsassociation.org 96918

10/13 SAVOR THE FLAVOR É Strongsville É Bart James 4405376739

Strongsville É Proceeds Benefit the local Food Bank and other Rotary projects Food from 25 Strongsville and surrounding area restaurants.

10/12 & 10/13 ASHTABULA COUNTY COVERED BRIDGE FESTIVAL - Jefferson

Ashtabula County Fairgrounds Jefferson, Ohio RC of Jefferson serving the best BEAN SOUP in America

10/16 STOW MUNROE FALLS REVERSE RAFFLE É i m D g ` D U f h m ` 7 Y

500 E. Waterloo Rd Akron É cocktails 6:30 dinner 7:45 cash bar \$125 per couple \$3000. Top cash prize: silent auction Contact: Bob Oborn boborn@kentelastomer.com 6890485

10/26 North Ridgeville Night at the Races É RC of No. Ridgeville

VFW Post 98716805 Lear Nagle Rd. N. Ridgeville 44039 Dinner 6:00 PM Races at 7:00 \$15./person dinner/beer/pop

News From TRC Berea

Oz Arey honored at annual Steak Roast



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 roast, longtime member Oz Arey was presented with Honorary Rotary Membership as he and his wife, Kathryn, prepare to move to Chicago. Oz joined Rotary in 1980 and is very proud of his perfect attendance. To make sure he h \ U h Ð g \ b Y j Y f \ U f
 dent Matthew Lombardi gave Oz his Honorary Rotary pin with a special attachment marking his 33 years of continuous membership. Oz, 86, is a retired salesman and a veteran of World War II. He also served on Berea City Council for many years.



Rotarian recognized on 60th anniversary of his business

Berea Mayor Cyril Kleem presented a proclamation to Rudi and Joan Kamper of Suburban Clock on the 60th anniversary of their business. The Kampers celebrated with

community event in downtown Berea with German music and food, a raffle of a grandfather clock and a vintage car show. Rudi Kamper is past president of Berea Rotary, a Paul Harris Fellow and a generous contributor to many Rotary projects. He is a native of Germany and helped found Suburban Clock with his uncle. The mayor named Saturday, Aug. 10

Clocktoberfest Day in Berea. Berea Rotary inducts two new members. Berea Rotary welcomes two new members. Bob Quayle was reinstated after serving a second stint in the Army. Bob, who lives in Olmsted Falls, owns the UPS Store West Valley Plaza in Berea. His original sponsor was Tadejch, who was representing Bob Hammer at the ceremony. Bob Quayle said his assignment with the Army was part of the team that helped hunt down Osama bin Laden.

Nick Kinasz of Parma is a graduate of Ashland University. He is a clinical systems analyst with The Cleveland Clinic and was sponsored by Jeremy Rexroad, who also works at The Clinic. Nick says his hobbies are football, basketball, fishing and cars.



Nick Kinasz



PDG Julie West presents awards to Berea Rotary Past District Governor Julie West

Club of Berea on Aug. 13 to present the A.Z. Baker Award as well as several other awards to club members.

She presented Bill Beyer with his 50-year pin. Bill joined Berea Rotary on Aug. 1, 1963. His sponsor was the late Leeland S. Asling, founder of the Asling-Hoffman Insurance Agency, now the Hoffman Group, from which Bill retired. He also is a Marine Corps veteran.

Julie also honored Bob Huge and Judy Stull for their many years working at the District 6630 level with Youth Exchange Students.

Receiving Certificates of Achievement were Marc West, for his work with RYLA; Linda Kramer, as district public image chair; and PDG Dave Skrzynski, for his help organizing the district conference and chairing the grants committee.



Membership Minute

Get ready for Membership Month

Last year's Membership and Extension Month was a big success. Rotarians from more than 400 districts in over 100 countries committed to membership goals. And members from every continent tweeted their favorite #RotaryMoment. So this year, we're going to challenge you to do even more.

Join the Membership Thunderclap and plug Rotary's goal of connecting leaders and creating change in communities around the world. Thunderclap is an online tool that lets you share a single message with a mass audience through Facebook and Twitter. It's a simple way to reach a wide group of people. [Learn](#) how you can be part of our Thunderclap.

We're also inviting you once again to participate in our Membership Challenge. Simply complete a brief [online form](#) and set your membership goal, and we'll send you tips and best practices to help you accomplish your objectives. Possible goals:

- refer a new member
- invite a family member to attend a club meeting or activity
- ask a friend or colleague to take part in a service project
- reconnect with alumni
- engage young leaders through Interact, Rotaract, or RYLA

Are you interested in a club makeover?

The Young Professionals Campaign is looking for clubs to participate. The campaign was created in 2012 to help Rotary clubs and districts learn strategies for attracting and engaging young professionals and sharing Rotary's message.

From working with Rotary districts during the first phase of the campaign, we learned that combining service and social activities is a great way to appeal to young professionals. We also learned that clubs can generate interest in their activities by promoting them through social media and word of mouth.

Now we want to see how the campaign can help at the club level. Clubs that join the campaign will choose one of three areas in which to work on appealing to young professionals:

1. A special event (service project or networking event)
2. Club meetings (club culture assessment)
3. Online presence (club website or Facebook page)

If selected for the program, your club will receive a number of benefits that support the option you've chosen:

- a grant
- access to webinars with experts on member engagement, public relations, social media outreach, and cross-generational communication
- templates for print and online advertising
- an online assessment tool to monitor your club's progress

Invitations including links for clubs to apply will be emailed to all US Rotary leaders in early fall.

Regional membership plans update

The regional membership plans initiative has kicked off its second year. Regions around the world are developing and submitting their plans for the 2013-14 Rotary year now. Last year, regions created a variety of strategies to attract new members, including creating an online "club health check" resource, developing partnerships with other organizations, and inviting alumni to join an e-club.

Once all of the regional membership plans are approved, they'll be made available to all Rotarians. In the meantime, a new [graphic](#) explains regional membership plans and how you can get involved.

Membership Resources

[Telling Your Story Resource Kit](#)

[Membership Development Resource Guide \(417\)](#)

[New Member Orientation: A How-to Guide for Clubs \(414\)](#)

[How to Propose a New Member \(254\)](#)

[Rotary Basics Online](#)

[Club Brochure Templates](#)

[Leadership Development: Your Guide to Starting a Program \(250\)](#)

[Be a Vibrant Club: Your Club Leadership Plan \(245\)](#)

[Club Membership Committee Manual \(228b\)](#)

[More Membership Resources](#)

Learning abroad cultivates growth in NR student, Brazilian counterpart

By Scott Patake
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Prior to this past school year, Evan Vargo and Vitor Sano were able to spend a couple weeks together. The two participants in the Broadview Heights/North Royalton Rotary Club Outbound Exchange Program were almost trading places, with Sano, from Brazil, living with Vargo's family in North Royalton, and Vargo headed to Brazil.

Now, 10 months later, they cross paths again, with Vargo returning home June 24 and Sano set to do the same July 13.

Both complete the exchange program different people than when they began.

"I learned many new ideas and new ways that people live, just a new perspective on my part," said Vargo, 16, who will be a senior at North Royalton High School this year. "I've made lots of friends from so many different countries."

Sano, 18, won't have to return to high school in Brazil. Instead, he will be looking for a college. He feels the exchange program experience made him grow up.

"(The Vargos) did a lot to make my experience the best possible. I faced all these challenges they imposed on me, and in the school. I met new people and I'm speaking a new language. I grew up a lot this year."

Vargo, who spoke Spanish before his time in Brazil, had hoped to be placed in Spain through the exchange program. However, he now feels



Sano



Vargo

he's close to being fluent in Portuguese, the language of Brazil.

While technology such as Skype and Facebook helped both students keep in touch with family and friends back home, Vargo admits he's still getting re-acclimated to the United States after 10 months away.

Sano, on the other hand, tried to keep his contact with family in Brazil to a minimum to stay focused on what he was learning in North Royalton.

"But it was hard not being in touch with them," Sano said. "I missed them a lot. It was really hard."

Both Vargo and Sano hope this isn't their last foray into international studies. Vargo said he would like to study abroad for a semester in college.

"I still don't know where," he said, "but I definitely want to go back to Brazil at some point. I made a lot of good friends."

Sano, meanwhile, has already started looking into scholarship opportunities, some even in the U.S.

"I had such a great experience here that I'd like to do it again," he said.

See more North Royalton news at cleveland.com/north-royalton.

G'Day from Sydney



Dear Zone 28 and 29 Leaders -

Sydney, 2014 will be upon us before we know it. We are fortunate that our own PDG Holly Callen is serving on the RI Promotions Committee for the Sydney Convention. She will not only be helping each of us promote the Convention, she has also agreed to chair our "Saturday Night Live in Sydney" fellowship event for ALL Zones 28-29 Convention-goers.

Holly and our Zones 28-29 team of PDGs Cathy Smith, Colleen Wood and George Wood are going to lead all of us on a wonderful adventure as we are "Engaging Rotary. . . Changing Lives" together in Sydney, Australia.

Please encourage every Rotarian you meet to join us in Sydney, June 1-4, 2014. Our Zones 28-29 evening will give all of us the chance to greet old friends and meet new friends—just prior to the opening of the Convention on Sunday. With Holly at the helm, we know that this is a convention that you won't want to miss.

We look forward to seeing you soon and seeing you again in Sydney in 2014.

RID Mary Beth and Alan



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Important Dates

June 1-4, 2014 —Rotary Sydney Convention

Dec. 16, 2013-Increase in registration price

Useful Links

Host Committee -

www.rotary2014.com.au

Tourism—www.australia.com

Facebook —

www.facebook.com/Ricon14

Registration Info—

www.rotary.org/RIdocuments/en.pdf

z14.registration.form.en.pdf

Zone Website Info -

www.zones28-29.org/sydney-ri-convention-information/



Sydney Opera House Concert

The fabulous Sydney Opera House is the site of the **Monday night Host Organizing Committee Event**—a Sydney Symphony Orchestra Concert!

Attendance is limited to 2,500 - so be sure to get your tickets early. Go to the Host Committee (HOC) website to register online or print a registration form.

Zones 28-29 Northland Event "Saturday Night Live in Sydney"



Be a "Wild & Crazy Guy" (or Gal) and kick off the Sydney Convention on May 31st, with the **Zones 28-29 Northland Event "Saturday Night Live in Sydney."** From 5 to 8:30 pm, we will gather at the Dockside, overlooking exciting **Darling Harbor**. We will eat, drink, celebrate Rotary and share a surprise or two!

Following our kickoff party, walk down to Darling Harbor to people watch, eat or drink at one of the many restaurants and bars, or just stroll along the boardwalk. To end the evening, enjoy a beautiful **fireworks display** over the harbor!

Cost—including beer, wine, sodas, food and FUN — only **\$75 per person**

Space is limited. Register online at <http://www.directory-online.com/Rotary/index.cfm?EventID=77209305> or print a registration form from the Zone website.

Travel Tips

Tipping is not customary in Australia. The advertised price for a product or service is usually inclusive of tip and tax. So, the price you see is the price you pay. You are welcome to tip if you like, but it is not expected. You might want to just round up your bill.

