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Governor's Letter

February is World Understanding month in the Rotary world. And February 23rd is Rotary Day, the day that Paul Harris first met with those who would join him in founding Rotary.

When RI President Sakuji Tanaka introduced his Rotary theme for this year, Peace Through Service, he said "A belief in the power of service lies at the heart of Rotary. By making service our priority, we put the needs of others above our own and transform our perspective.... Instead of trying to change others, we recognize that everyone and everything has something to teach us - and every day, there are new ways for us to grow. Through service, we become more tolerant of our differences and more grateful for the people in our lives. Our sense of gratitude drives us to better understand the good in everyone. Through better understanding, we learn to respect others. With mutual respect, we live with others in peace."

In support of this theme President Tanaka established three Global Peace Forums. The sites for the Peace Forums: Berlin, Honolulu, and Hiroshima, were selected because each was heavily affected by World War II and now represents the healing power of sustainable peace between nations. Both the Honolulu and Hiroshima forums were designed to include New Generations program participants.

In late January I attended the Honolulu Global Peace Forum. The theme of this forum was "The Green Path to Peace" and it included environmental conservation as a means to promoting

peace. Over 1800 Rotarians and friends of Rotary attended, including about 600 young people, primarily Interactors and Rotaractors.

During the Forum I learned much about Hawaiian culture. Peter Apo, a Trustee of the Office of Hawaiian Affairs, talked about "Aloha as a Blueprint for World Peace". He explained that "aloha" is made up of two parts: Alo, which means "to be in one's presence", and Ha, which means "breath of life". The traditional aloha greeting implies an unconditional extension of trust and friendship, accepts responsibility for the other's safety and personal comfort, and extends to strangers the benefit of the doubt as to their being a good person and worthy of the gift of aloha. He also talked about how the Hawaiian culture, like that of many other native or indigenous peoples, believes in the importance of maintaining a long term balance in the natural order of all things.

In another workshop, Herb Lee talked about "Peace through Aloha" in another context: fish ponds. He spoke about how a centuries old Hawaiian tradition of fish ponds was almost lost and how restoring a 400 year old fish pond on Oahu has reconnected participants (many of them youths) with their culture, history, and sense of place. And, this restoration has reintroduced a sustainable fishing technique in an area where the ocean is getting "fished out".

The Forum offered the opportunity to hear from a number of people of a variety of ages who are working towards peace. Two

standouts were Peace Fellow alumni Marios Antoniou and Cherine Badawi. Marios grew up in Cyprus, an island that was split into Greek and Turkish areas in 1974. At the time of the split, people were relocated to their ethnic part of the island. It was not until 2003 that some checkpoints were opened to permit some travel between the two areas. A changing point in his life was when, as a teenager, he participated in a Seeds of Peace camp that brought 20 Greek and 20 Turkish teens from Cyprus to a camp in Maine where they lived, participated in activities, and learned about conflict management together. When they returned home they were able to continue their relationships via the Internet. Today, Marios is working on his Ph.D. with a focus on how formal education can best promote conflict resolution and reconciliation in conflicted countries. He congratulated Rotary for including all of the island of Cyprus in the same District.

Cherine, whose Egyptian parents immigrated to North Carolina before she was born, experienced being only one of three people of color in her school and feeling like an outsider in both the U.S. and Egypt. She has focused her efforts on developing experiences that bring diverse individuals and communities together for meaningful exchanges. Along the way she has come to believe that social justice and environmental actions are intertwined. She is currently working for Generations Waking Up, an organization whose mission is "igniting a generation of young people to bring forth a thriving, just, sustainable world".

Governor's Letter cont'd

Perhaps the highlight of the Forum was the opportunity to hear Daw Aung San Sun Kyi, a Nobel Peace Laureate from the Union of Burma. In 1988 she was a founding member of the National League for Democracy. After winning the election by popular vote, she was placed under house arrest until 1995 and again during 2000-2002 and 2003-2010. Today she is a member of Parliament of the Union of Burma. She spoke about her non-violent efforts to bring democracy and human justice to her country, the challenges of moving away from a military dictatorship, and efforts towards a Burma built on peace and prosperity. She said "Every kindness I received, big or small, convinced me that there can never be enough of this in the world". You can hear her entire speech via a link on www.rotary.org.

2013 District Conference of Clubs

Start making your plans now to attend this year's District Conference of Clubs being held April 12-14 at Quail Hollow Resort and Conference Center near Painesville. It will be filled with fellowship, celebration, and education. Bring your spouse/partner and make this a getaway weekend. Plan to come on Friday for lunch and leave after Brunch on Sunday. Registration will be available soon on the District website.

Friday, April 12th: At lunch we will be honoring long-time Rotarians in our District and hearing from a top-notch speaker. The afternoon will include our annual District Meeting and then a variety of fun activities including a 9-hole shotgun golf event at the outstanding Quail Hollow Country Club. A casual BBQ dinner will be followed by a Rotarian talent show.

Saturday, April 13th: The day

The Peace Forum is just one of the many ways Rotary enables us to experience and learn about different people and cultures. Some of us have had opportunities to travel to other countries for Rotary events or to work on service projects. But there are also opportunities right here in our District, through local service projects and through our Inbound Youth Exchange students and Group Study Exchange team.

Getting to know a person or persons from a different culture or background is the first step to creating understanding and understanding is a cornerstone of peace.

will offer a number of informative workshops, including a Future Vision Grants Management Seminar, outstanding speakers, possibly a service project and of course, more fun activities. You'll have an opportunity to meet our Inbound Group Study Exchange team from Seoul, Korea, as well as our Inbound Youth Exchange Students. At lunch we will hear the 4-Way Test Speech Contest winners and be joined by a number of Rotary youth program participants who are there as part of a New Generations mini-Conference. In the evening we will have our gala celebration dinner followed by Hospitality Suites.

Sunday, April 14th: A Memorial Service honoring fellow Rotarians who have passed during the Rotary year will be followed by Brunch.

Rotarians Travel to El Salvador

By Carol Crimi

Two members of District 6630, Larry Lohman and Virginia Goodell, are joining Rotarians from District 6400 and Calgary Canada in a delegation trip to El Salvador January 27-February. Larry is a member of the Rotary Club of Kent and serves on the District 6630 Grant Committee. Virginia is a member and past president of the Mantua Rotary Club who just celebrated her 90th (yes 90th!) birthday. While in El Salvador, Larry and Virginia will have the opportunity to visit the sites of three completed Rotary water projects. Several clubs from District 6630 including Kent, Aurora, Stow-Munroe Falls and Ravenna participated in the most recently completed project (Zacamil II) which utilizes solar power to bring fresh clean water to about 50 families. This project is the first solar powered water project in the country. In addition, Larry and Virginia will have the opportunity to meet with villagers of El Roble and Palo Alto, where it is hoped

the next water project will be built. The delegation will also attend the meetings of several local Rotary clubs.

The Rotary Club of Kent is currently looking for other clubs in District 6630 to participate in the El Roble and Palo Alto project. You may view more information about this project through the following website: www.cocoda.org. Click on the link "Learn More About Projects" then on the photo of the water tap. The Rotarian narrating these films is Wayne Titus who is Governor Elect for District 6400 in Michigan who has been involved with these projects for many years.

Any individuals who would like to go on a future delegation trip or any clubs that would like to participate in the current El Roble and Palo Alto project should contact Carol Crimi (Rotary Club of Kent) at (330) 607-5105 or cjcrimi@sbcglobal.net.

Peace Through Service

Today, tomorrow, forever

2013 Annual Rotary District 6630 Conference of Clubs

Quail Hollow Resort - Painesville, Ohio

Made to suit your schedule! More details to follow, including specific time frames, on this officially fun District event.

April 12

April 13

April 14

4-Way Test Speech Contest One Month Away

We are now just a little over one month away from the annual 4 Way Test Speech Competition! By the time this Newsletter has been released, some of the Clubs will have already held their local speech competitions and the excitement will be building to get to this District event!

Now would be a great time to make sure the students from your Clubs have reviewed the videos from past years to learn from the previous winners' presentations. It may sound a bit redundant to keep mentioning this, but each year there are a number of speeches that do not seem to flow as they should. This is not necessarily due to the lack of trying on the student's part, but it is due more to a lack of understanding as to how this speech should be approached.

Rotary's Four Way Test is very precise in the order of the questions:

Is It The Truth?
Is It Fair To All Concerned?
Will It Build Good Will
And Better Friendships?
Will It Be Beneficial To All
Concerned?

These questions must be asked and answered in the Speech as effectively and creatively as possible. In other words, each speech should ask the question first as part of the delivery and then attempt to answer it. Speeches that do not actually ask the question as part of the speech do not work as well and may result in mark downs. This was the case with a couple of excellent speeches last year where the questions were assumed and not directly posed and the end result was a lower score for the contestants.

I am looking forward once again to hosting this event in Aurora at the High School on Saturday, March 23rd. Registration will

start promptly at 8:30 a.m. If you should arrive early with your student, forms will be available to be filled out but the actual registration process begins at 8:30. After registering, there will be an opportunity for the students to pre-view the rooms in which they will be presenting in an effort to let the student become acquainted with their surroundings.

A continental breakfast will be served in the school cafeteria and beverages will be available as well.

Upon arriving at the High School, please watch for a Rotarian who will be acting as the parking lot attendant and who will be happy to direct you to the appropriate parking area and entrance to the building.

It would be appreciated if your Club could let me know via phone or email if you will not have a student entering the event this year. We have had a very consistent turn out year to year of approximately 30-35 students but for planning purposes I'd like to know if you are not able to attend.

REMINDER: Every Club has the opportunity to provide information about your Club's events in the packets for this event. The information can be submitted on an 8.5x11 flyer (limited to 150 flyers) which should be shipped to: Scott Pease - 165 Harmon Road - Aurora, OH 44202 by MARCH 15TH.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing all of you on Saturday, March 23rd!

Scott Pease

Clubs Work Together For Pakistani Education

By Laurel Wirtanen-Siloy

The Rotary Club of Strongsville is leading efforts to raise at least \$10,000 for new and improved educational efforts for young women in Pakistan through their first-ever "Reach Within" campaign. The fund raising efforts coincide with two of six Rotary focus areas: education and peace. Educa-

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ging? The possibilities are infinite. Funds raised will help to achieve universal education, introduce a curriculum based on academic basics and service, form the first parent teacher associations, and devise new teacher training workshops in the Swat district of Pakistan. Malala Yousafzai inspired club members to take action. Malala, age 14, was shot in the head by Taliban gunman for advocating for education of girls in Pakistan. She was named the National Peace Award Winner of Pakistan in 2011, an award presented by the government of Pakistan.

humanitarian organization in Pakistan, along with Rotary Clubs in the Swat district of Pakistan.

Leading efforts to raise funds and pledging \$1,000 for the project, the Rotary Club of Strongsville emphasizes that Rotarians, along with Northeast Ohio citizens, can participate in the campaign in a multitude of creative ways. This includes, but is not limited to, making a personal cash contribution to the efforts, making a club contribution, promoting the "Reach Within" campaign through social networks, or asking others to give (friends, family, co-workers). Bake sales! Concerts? Tip jars? Rummage sale? Plain old beg-

"We challenge all Rotarians and Rotary clubs to contribute something to this special project," said Laurel Wirtanen-Siloy, Director, International Avenue of Service. "Each gift or action, regardless of size, is significant and important."

Currently, the Rotary Club of North Royalton, and the Rotary Club of Chagrin Highlands, have pledged support. We need more help to successfully reach our goal. Join them, to be a part of such a cool project! For more information on the "Reach Within" campaign, visit <http://bit.ly/W2RH1O> or contact Laurel at lwirtanen-siloy@yahoo.com

Bedford Rotary is having its annual Rotary Rib Fest May 31, June 1 and 2nd. It is a large festival and we are looking for Rotarians who wish to market goods or services. Space rents are very reasonable. For information call Mike Guyer at 440-773-2835 or email Mguyer@msn.com

Doing Good in the World, Doing Good in District 6630

The Foundation report for the month of December is in. I am pleased to announce that our district has increased its giving to \$75,628.31. I congratulate and thank you as you continue to work toward our goal of \$160,000 for Our Rotary Foundation. In addition to this, we have now 39 clubs that have contributed to Our Foundation. As you know, it is Governor Julie's goal that each member contributes something each year to the Foundation.

I encourage you to continue to strive for 100% participation.

At the Foundation event on Saturday, our Foundation Chair, Rick Pollak, announced that that district will once again sponsor an incentive for contributing to the foundation. Any club that contributes an average of \$100 per member and that every member contributes something to the foundation will receive a Paul Harris to bestow upon a person of that club's choice. There will be another incentive to enroll in Rotary direct. Anyone who is or does enroll in Rotary direct this year will be placed in a drawing to receive a Paul Harris. Please see the details in this newsletter.

Why contribute? (from the RI Website)

By [donating to The Rotary Foundation](#), you support Rotary's six [areas of focus](#), which help advance world understanding,

goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Contributions to the [Every Rotarian, Every Year](#) (EREY) initiative, are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs. By giving US\$100 a year through EREY, you become a Rotary Foundation Sustaining Member.

Here are a two more ways your contributions are changing lives around the world. (This is continued from last month's).

1. Promoting peace and conflict resolution

As the policy director for Latin America and the Caribbean for the International Centre for Missing and Exploited Children in Brasilia, Brazil, former Rotary Peace Fellow [Katia de Mello Dantas](#) is helping to stop sexual abuse of children, including pornography, human trafficking, and abduction. Every day, at least 22,000 children worldwide are reported missing, and 5,000 are victimized through commercial sexual exploitation, according to the center.

[Rotary Peace Fellows](#) are leaders in promoting national and international cooperation, peace, and conflict resolution. [Help support the Rotary Peace Centers.](#)

Rotary is also promoting peace through three upcoming [Rotary Global Peace Forums](#).

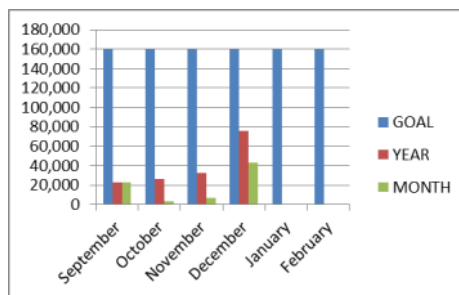
2. Basic education and literacy

A literacy project sponsored by Rotarians in South Africa and Rhode Island, USA, in conjunction with the International

Reading Association and Operation Upgrade, is teaching adults in the rural community of KwaNibela, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa, to read and write. These skills will help them fight poverty in their community.

Through the effort, nearly 600 adults are attending literacy classes taught by instructors trained with help from Operation Upgrade, which specializes in adult basic education. Funding from The Rotary Foundation provided classroom books. [Read more about the project](#), which supports the basic education and literacy area of focus.

Michael P. Davanzo, PH.D.
Annual Giving Chair



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PORT-SUMMIT ROTARY CLUB

ANNUAL BASS TOURNAMENT

Only \$75 per boat entry fee!
Extra Big Bass Prize! \$10,000!
Boat: 100% for Absolut!

\$2,000 TO BE WON!

+ Door Prizes donated by generosity and local merchants

1st Place	\$1,000.00
2nd Place	\$500.00
3rd Place	\$250.00
4th Place	\$175.00
5th Place	\$125.00
6th Place	\$100.00
7th Place	\$75.00

For information contact Tom Brandt at (303) 919-9999 or (303) 961-0269

NEW STATE PARK RAMP, PORTAGE LAKES

Visit our website for more information and on line registration.

www.porsumro.org

With your support, the Port-Summit Rotary Club will continue to provide charitable services and donations to our community.

BASS TOURNAMENT

Saturday, May 11, 2013

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION

Entry Fee: \$75.00 per Boat (Must be 18+ and 21+)

Boat Entry Fee: \$75.00

*Big Bass Prize (100% Payback) \$10,000 per Boat

TOTAL ENCLOSED

All tournament profits will be used to support Portage Lakes Rotary Club

Name _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Return Name (if any) _____

Make check or money order payable to "Port-Summit Rotary Club." Enclose your payment and entry form in both forms if you have a partner and to Tom Brandt, Port-Summit Rotary Club, P.O. Box 3012, Topanga, CA 90260

BROADVIEW HTS. - NORTH ROYALTON INTERACT CLUB'S DODGEBALL TOURNAMENT

Saturday March 16th
12 p.m. - 4 p.m. @ the North Royalton NS gym!

5 members per team, and just \$5 per person!

Registration on back! ---->

Please Pass the Syrup

Burton-Middlefield Rotary will be flipping pancakes again this March for the 61st year. Starting Sunday March 3rd and every Sunday thereafter in March except Easter the Burton-Middlefield Rotary will be serving their delicious pancake breakfasts that include real Geauga County Maple Syrup at the Berkshire High School in Burton, Ohio from 8:00 am to 1:30 pm. The High School is located at 14510 N. Cheshire St. in Burton, Ohio aka Pancake Town USA . In 2012 the Rotary Pancake Breakfast in Northeast Ohio by the readers of the Sun Newspapers. Customers will also have the opportunity to purchase the Rotarians world renowned Omelets to go along with their pancake breakfast. The Rotary Club has served over 250,000 pancake breakfasts since its inception in 1952. For more information please e-mail BMRpancakes@roadrunner.com or on-line at www.burtonmiddlefieldrotary.com. The proceeds from these breakfasts go back to our community and internationally with many projects that include Rotary's initiative Polio Plus to eradicate Polio throughout the world. This year's prices are adults \$8.00 for the Pancake Breakfasts, children 4 to 10 are \$5.00 and you can add a world renowned Omelet with your Pancake breakfast for an additional \$3.00. For more information please contact: Tracy A. Jemison Cell: 440-476-8486 E-mail: bmrpancakes@roadrunner.com

Casting a Wide Shadow

On February 2nd Rotarians and their guests braved snowy weather to celebrate our ability to "Cast a Wide Shadow" through our donations to The Rotary Foundation. They enjoyed fine food and Rotary fellowship while learning more about the projects our donations are supporting. Three current projects were highlighted. Ken Graham, RC Willoughby, explained that they are raising funds to purchase iPads which have been shown to significantly enhance the learning and social development of children with Autism. Laurel Wirtenan-Siloy, RC Strongsville, discussed how the health and education of women and children will be helped through their project which will bring safe drinking water to several villages in the Philippines. And PDG Steve Zabor, RC Mantua, discussed the health and community development benefits that seven remote villages in Bolivia will experience with the implementation of community health promoters.

Past District Governor Steve Zabor, 2011-2012, assisted by District Foundation Chair Rick Pollak, and Punxsutawney Phil (aka Kevin Chartrand) presented banners to the top three per capita giving Clubs: Mantua (\$288), Chardon (\$227), and Medina Sunrise (\$213) and to Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) clubs with per capita giving of \$100 or more: Aurora, Burton-Middlefield, Chagrin Highlands, Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Lakewood/

Rocky River Sunrise, Mantau, Medina Sunrise, Mentor, and Nordonias Hills. He also presented certificates for meeting the End Polio \$200 Million Challenge to Chagrin Highlands, Chardon, Cleveland, Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise, Medina Sunrise, Strongsville, and Willoughby. Congratulations to all these clubs for their 2011-2012 achievements.

Each of the EREY clubs also was given a Paul Harris Fellow by the District for the person of their choice. Congratulations to awardees Larry Mormino (Aurora), Jim Eldridge (Burton-Middlefield), Marlene Herman-Helm (Chagrin Highlands), Richard Brown (Cuyahoga Falls), Jason Milczewski (Fairlawn), Jeff Broestl (Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise), Helen Hazlett (Mantua), Mark Simak (Medina Sunrise), Curt Jones (Mentor), and Ron Nixon (Nordonias Hills).

Thanks to Committee members Dave Clements and Kathy Berkshire, RC Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise, and Robert Johnson, RC Cleveland East, whose efforts made this event possible. Thanks also to our Corporate sponsors, Kaiser Permanente and Books-A-Million.

Through Rotarian and sponsor donations, over \$3000 was raised for The Rotary Foundation, split almost equally between Annual Programs Fund and Polio Plus.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

The Rotary Foundation's Future Vision Plan: Purpose and Benefits

We would like to give you a big picture perspective of The Rotary Foundation's future. You may call this "the new 100:500 plan." We will take you to the Future Vision Plan, but it is bigger than that! The Rotary Foundation's plan is a part of a strategic approach to help us meet our goals. It is a plan that will help us to meet our goals in the future. It is a plan that will help us to meet our goals in the future. It is a plan that will help us to meet our goals in the future.

The idea of an integrated Rotary vision is to help us to meet our goals in the future. It is a plan that will help us to meet our goals in the future. It is a plan that will help us to meet our goals in the future. It is a plan that will help us to meet our goals in the future.

But first, a brief look back at how it all started. In the early days of the Rotary Foundation, the Foundation supported an exclusive of Rotary clubs. Rotarians had realized the value of our humanitarian programs. The club was a strong organization. They had become the center of our own societies. Under the leadership of Paul Harris, the Foundation was organized. The worldwide accounting and consulting firm PwC was selected to conduct an assessment of our humanitarian programs.

The initial reaction to the report was enthusiastic, although somewhat tentative. As the business recognized that the existing business model would not be successful in the long term, it was the impetus for the creation of the Future Vision Planning process. The PwC assessment reported several important findings. I want to highlight two of them.

1. The Foundation was processing smaller marketing grants at an approximate cost of \$100 per grant. The average cost exceeded the size of many grants at that point in time. The business recognized that a cost of doing business had to be established.
2. The assessment also revealed the need to have a more targeted strategy on the areas of charitable focus. The business recognized a need to satisfy our Rotarians better in a way that improved the use of their funds for greater impact in the communities we serve. The Foundation could no longer be all things to all people.

Based on the PwC assessment of our humanitarian programs, the business agreed to take a holistic review of our grant-making model and the future of our Foundation. This included a strategic review of the Foundation's programs. The business and Future Vision Committee evaluated all of our programs and services. They identified areas of focus and areas of least interest to Rotarians. Using program evaluations and surveys of Rotarians, the business reviewed the Future Vision Committee and the areas of focus which are the purpose of this planning process. The business recognized that the business model had to be reviewed by the Board of Directors of Rotary International and by the Council on Legislation.

So we are coming today seeking your help. We need your help to provide the means for change. We need your help to provide the means for change. We need your help to provide the means for change. We need your help to provide the means for change.

And, finally, we look for all of you to be "transformational" of the change. Change is not easy, but we believe that the change will be for the long-term goodness of our organization. Provide the business that the past decade has already achieved. Set the bar, and right your vision. And there are plenty of good stories to tell. Please be sure of consistent involvement and resources for nonprofit districts.

So, let's look at some of the fundamental principles of the Future Vision Plan.

The substantial majority of Rotary projects are conducted by clubs and districts without financial support from The Rotary Foundation. The Foundation only funds about \$100 million to support these activities annually — just the tip of the iceberg.

Thousands of local and international projects are implemented without support from the Foundation. The scale of projects that have been submitted to be funded, \$200 million per year, is \$200 million annually — but this is almost certainly underestimated.

COME CELEBRATE

8TH ANNUAL LUNAR NEW YEAR

"THE YEAR OF THE SNAKE"

Sponsored by
THE ROTARY CLUB OF NORTH ROYALTON - BROADVIEW HEIGHTS

When:
Sunday, MARCH 10, 2013
4:00 - 6:00 PM

Place:
Kumo Japanese Seafood Buffet
1975 SNOW ROAD
(Giant Eagle Shopping Center)

TICKETS:
\$30.00 ADULT
\$12.00 CHILDREN (10 and under)

INCLUDES:
AUTHENTIC LION DANCE
BUFFET, BEVERAGE, SILENT AUCTION, CHINESE RAFFLE
ENTERTAINMENT & SOUVENIR

FOR INFORMATION AND TICKETS
440-526-6594 OR 440-526-7315

District Governor 2015-16

Our District Nominating Committee, chaired by Past District Governor Steve Zabor, has nominated Cheryl Warren, Rotary Club of Akron, for District Governor 2015-2016. Having received no challenges to this nomination, I am pleased to announce that Cheryl Warren will be our District Governor for 2015-2016. Cheryl has been active at the District level as our Webmaster and as a member of the PR Committee. This year she is also serving on the District Conference Committee. Look for more information about Cheryl on our District website and in next month's newsletter. Congratulations Cheryl! Thanks for your willingness to serve.

Akron Chili Open Cooks Up Support for Camp

Annual winter golf outing creates summer camp opportunities for children with special needs

Akron, Ohio – January 28, 2013 – On Saturday, February 2, 2013, more than 500 hearty souls showed up at Hale Farm and Village to support the Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs. The Akron Rotary Club's Chili Open, presented by Wayne Homes, is a one-of-a-kind winter golf experience. The historic grounds of Hale Farm and Village were transformed into four golf courses. Indoors, Whitey's Chili was served and guests enjoyed the music provided by the Beach Boyz. The event raised more than \$150,000, which will provide assistance for more than 400 campers to experience summer camp.



"The amount of support and generosity we received this year was amazing," said Akron Rotary Camp Executive Director Dan Reynolds. "An event like this really shows what a great community we're a part of. It's always humbling to see how many people are dedicated to providing campers with memories and experiences that last a lifetime."

On Tuesday, February 5, 2013 the Rotary Club of Akron honored Willoughby Supply Company President Al Romanini as its 2013 Ambassador of Service. This award is given to those who provide ongoing service to the greater community and exemplify the spirit of Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." The award is given in conjunction with the Rotary Club of Akron's Chili Open each year.

Romanini has been a supporter of the Akron Rotary Camp through support of the Wayne Homes Chili Open for many years. His effort has helped the Rotary Club of Akron provide financial assistance to families of children with special needs the opportunity to have typical camping experiences and to grow and learn in the outdoors at the Akron Rotary Camp.

After his first visit to camp three years ago, Romanini offered support to the capital campaign, pledging through Willoughby Supply, to donate all of the roofing materials for the new cabins, bathhouse and Great Hall. This significant contribution to the camp's transformation is making a real difference for the campers.

This is Romanini's first humanitarian

Each summer for 89 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. While there, 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. When campers leave the Akron Rotary Camp at the end of each session, they not only leave with lifelong memories and friends, but also show more independence and a greater understanding of themselves and their abilities. For more information about the Akron Rotary Camp, please call the camp offices at 330- 644-4512 or visit gotcamp.org.



award, and he is very proud to be honored by such a fantastic organization. When asked why he donates, he simply said, "It's for kids, and more importantly children with special needs. Furthermore, not only do they help these children, but they also have a respite program for their parents. It's an awesome place!"

Al Romanini and his wife Lisa live in Bainbridge with their children Allisa, Anthony, Abigail and Allison.



Come celebrate the first Event of Spring with us on Tuesday **March 19, 2013**. We promise that you will not be disappointed with the fresh spring time themed dinner buffet, excellent silent auction items and the chance to win **\$3000.00**.

This years event is at:
Ravenna Elks Lodge #1076
776 North Freedom St., Ravenna, OH 44266
 Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with cash bar, dinner served at 7:00 p.m., Raffle 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

One Raffle Ticket / One Dinner - \$80.00
One Raffle Ticket / Two Dinners - \$100.00
ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD
(Note: Last year we sold out before the event)

For more info and your tickets call:
(330) 296-3628 or (330) 298-2020
All proceeds benefit Ravenna Rotary Community Projects.

Message From DGE Bob Johnson

District Governor Julie West's year is moving along rapidly. Hard to believe it has been 7 ½ months since she began her year. Harder yet to believe that I will assume the District Governor position in only 4 ½ months! As busy as it has been for us, we are moving ahead with our Rotary business. I want to thank all of the dedicated Rotarians that have given up countless hours of research, committee meetings and e-mails to make our Rotary mission a success. We are moving closer to having our Future Vision model in place to begin grant work 7/1/2013. Not to say that it is complete. Much information has to be disseminated and training provided, but we are on track. Initial presentations on grants from incoming Foundation Chair Jim Lechko at PETS 1 in Beachwood on Jan. 26th, and more training to come at the District Assembly on Feb. 16th at Lakeland College and All Ohio PETS in Columbus on March 8/9 are geared to get incoming club presidents and committee chairs to start thinking about the new process and how they want to get their clubs involved.

We are addressing membership and foundation giving challenges with training at these same events. The additional break-out sessions at the District Assembly on secretary training, club runner and WEB support, treasurer training, youth programs and general sessions on Rotary 101 will be followed by a 40 minute panel question and answer session. This should provide excellent opportunities for our present and incoming club officers and new members to obtain valuable

information on club operations.

From here we move to the All Ohio PETS event at the Renaissance in Columbus. All incoming club presidents and their spouse/partners are required to attend this valuable training. We will all get to hear the incoming RI President Ron Burton speak at the club president's commissioning dinner on Saturday night. This event will be filled with training sessions, training for spouse/partners and much socializing and good times. On Friday night all 54 incoming club presidents in district 6630 and I will have a one hour session so we can begin to plan our year together. I look forward to spending this time with you. If you have not already done so, be sure to go on line at: allohiopets.org and sign up today. I would point out that the costs for these events should be part of every club's regular expenses as they are aimed at providing a better and more productive year for all clubs and Rotarians in district 6630.

In April, from the 11th to 14th, District Governor Julie West will present her District Conference of Clubs at the Quail Hollow Hotel and Conference Center in Concord Township. I don't have DG Julie's agenda yet but it will be guaranteed to be informative, exciting and fun. You can watch on line at: rotarydistrict6630.org to see when registration is open and review the program.

PETS 1 Held January 26th

On Sat. 1/26 the first presidents elect training seminar was held at the Cleveland Hilton East in Beachwood. The event was well attended by 52 of the 54 club presidents for 2013/2014 attending in spite of some typical Cleveland weather. DGN Mike Davanzo acted as Master of Ceremonies and kept the day moving and on schedule. DG Julie West spoke first via SKYPE from Hawaii where she was attending a World Peace Initiative Seminar. Not much sympathy in the crowd for Julie being in Hawaii, but most chuckled when they realized it was 3:30 AM there. DGE Bob Johnson spoke on the districts challenges and goals for 2013/2014 and outlined how the district 6630 team can help build a stronger Rotary together by employing the new Rotary theme for 2013/2014 "Engage Rotary/Change Lives". Morning sessions were presented by district trainer Dick Farkas who talked about club leadership and responsibilities and district foundation chair for 2013/2016, Jim Lechko presented on the new Rotary grants model. These presentations were followed by break-out sessions where PEs were able to exchange and discuss ideas with their fellow cluster presidents and their Assistant Governors.

During lunch we were all entertained by a former Ambassadorial Scholar from district 6630, Laura Ban who spoke about her studies and post-study educational work in Argentina and how her experiences there changed her career focus from law to education where she now works in the Kent City Schools and continues to be active in international service. Her energy and enthusiasm impressed all who were in attendance and I'm sure impressed her boss, Kent Rotary Club President Elect and schools superintendent Joe Giancola who was there for his training.

After lunch, plenary sessions were presented on giving and the Rotary Foundation by outgoing foundation chair Rick Pollak and mem-

bership by district membership coordinator, Tony Corrao.

A final Q & A session was held for all PEs to question the panel of; Steve Zabor, Immediate Past District Governor; Jim Lechko, District Foundation Chair 2013/2016; Shelia Hedrick, Assistant Governor Coordinator; Rick Pollak, District Foundation Chair 2010/2012; and Cheryl Warren, District Webmaster.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM after some closing comments by District Governor Elect Bob Johnson. All Presidents Elect for 2013/2014 were reminded to register for District Assembly on Feb. 16th at Lakeland College Community Center and to bring their fellow club officers for this important ½ day of training. PEs at the District Assembly will also be presented the 2013/2014 district budget for their approval.

The second training session geared specifically to the Presidents Elect is the All Ohio Presidents Elect Training Seminar (AO PETS) that will be held March 8/9 at the Renaissance Hotel and Conference Center in Columbus. This event is for all PEs and their spouse/partners with registration from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM Friday followed by dinner and district meetings, with plenary and breakout sessions all day Saturday ending with the Presidents Elect Commissioning Banquet and a special presentation by Rotary International President Elect Ron Burton. This event should end by 8:00 PM. Please register at: allohiopets.org All of these expenses should be covered by your club as all training is geared to benefit the PEs and their club for the 2013/2014 Rotary year.



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL®

Myths Regarding Future Visions Dispelled

Below, the major concerns highlighted in the Rotarians Matter Most website and the associated mailing are summarized here along with talking points for responding to these concerns.

Myth...The Future Vision Pilot has not collected enough feedback from club Rotarians and/or has not been long enough to address all of the problems with Future Vision.

Rotary leaders and grassroots Rotarians have been surveyed as part of the planning phase in developing the Future Vision Plan (over 8,000 Rotarians responded).

The evaluation of the pilot—100+ pilot districts or roughly 20% of the Rotary world—included feedback from pilot participants and grant sponsors through many surveys, focus groups, and other tools. Experts have also been consulted in evaluating the pilot.

There have been many lessons learned in the pilot that have caused direct changes to the new grant model, including expanded eligibility within the areas of focus, funding for international travel to implement a global grant project, easing team member composition in VTTs and allowing a contingency fund of up to 20% within district grants.

The evaluation of the pilot has addressed and measured many aspects of the plan, including Rotarian participation in the Foundation's activities, level of giving, club and district engagement, and overall satisfaction levels of our Rotarians, donors, and grant recipients and beneficiaries.

Pilot districts have reported general satisfaction with the

new model: 92% find it to be excellent or good and 91% agree that the process has been simplified.

Myth... Future Vision will hurt giving to TRF as Rotarians will choose to donate to their own foundations so they can continue to do the smaller projects they want to do.

In the first two years of the pilot, per capita giving in the pilot districts increased by 11% as compared to 9% in non-pilot districts while total giving also increased at a greater rate in pilot districts.

Many clubs and districts have local foundations which do not appear to be impacting giving to The Rotary Foundation.

Excitement about the enhanced opportunities in the new grant model has generated a renewed interest in giving and a greater sense of ownership among pilot districts.

When developing the Future Vision Plan, the Trustees recognized a need to satisfy our Rotarian donors but in a way that improved the use of donor funds for greater impact in the communities served.

There are now more donor options for giving to the Annual Fund through Area of Focus giving.

Myth... Under Future Vision, clubs will not have enough money to fund GSE-like activities or scholarships and will be unable to pursue these projects that promote international goodwill.

District grants now offer districts 50% of their District Designated Funds (DDF) given through APF three years prior as compared with 20%

with District Simplified Grants. This additional DDF can be used to fund scholarships in fields outside of the areas of focus and GSE-style exchanges, but without the age restrictions and mandatory travel times required in the GSE program.

District grant scholarships are funded using DDF, much as Ambassadorial Scholarships were. However, a scholarship can receive a World Fund match if the scholar is eligible for a global grant, making this a very cost-effective option.

Vocational Training Teams can also receive a World Fund match through a global grant. These training teams mark a return to the original vocational objectives of the Group Study Exchange program, while achieving more focused, measurable and sustainable outcomes and retaining the opportunities to build lasting personal relationships and promote cross-cultural understanding.

Myth... Medical missions and life-saving surgeries should be covered under Future Vision although it is very difficult to make these projects sustainable, especially because advanced medical training cannot be transferred in a short period of time.

The Trustees have waived the sustainability requirement for lifesaving surgeries and surgeries to address congenital problems provided they are supported by the local health infrastructure and include appropriate follow-up care.

Other medical missions/surgical team trips must provide educational outreach programs or significant capaci-

ty building in the project country.

Sustainability remains an important part the Foundation's focus going forward as sustainable projects are better for communities and offer enduring value and a greater return on Rotary's investment of money and volunteer hours.

Myth... Clubs will no longer be able to pursue small projects previously funded by matching grants mainly because they will not be able to reach the global grant minimum.

Small projects that do not meet the eligibility requirements of global grants can be funded by district grants.

The Future Vision pilot has seen greater collaboration among clubs. With more partners and more funding, expertise, and advocacy, global grants can address greater needs and have larger impact. The median project size in the pilot is approximately \$45,000.

Pilot districts report that more clubs are participating in international projects and starting multi-club and multi-district projects.

Rotary is working to provide more partnering resources for clubs including Rotary Showcase, Rotary Club Central, a new rotary.org website, and the new online grant management system.

Myth... Future Vision is a top-down program being forced into implementation by RI and district leaders. Club-level Rotarians have not been consulted and are not being heard.

Pilot districts report that the sense of ownership of grants

Myths cont'd

and grant projects has increased at both district and club levels.

Future Vision is designed to make clubs stronger, more innovative, and flexible.

Grassroots Rotarians have been consulted and surveyed throughout the planning and pilot phases. Their feedback has resulted in changes and improvements to the plan.

The Foundation has been listening to clubs and, as a result, many changes have been made, including allowing infrastructure projects and waiving the sustainability requirement for life-saving surgeries.

Myth... Future Vision will negatively affect membership, giving, and Rotarian relationships.

Better, more focused, more impactful projects will bring more interest in joining the efforts of Rotary clubs through membership, contributions, and collaboration.

Pilot districts are reporting increased involvement of clubs in Foundation-sponsored projects due to the clarity and simplification of district grants.

90% of pilot districts say the new grant model is excellent or good.

For additional resources for responding to the above concerns, see the [Good News Folder](#) and the most up-to-date [Future Vision Presentation](#).

TRC Fairlawn Speakeasy Fundraiser Mar.2nd

By Dennis Kleidon

The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will host its third annual Speakeasy Charity Casino Fundraiser on March 2nd, from 6:00 -10:30, at Portage Country Club.

The Rotary Club of Fairlawn has raised over \$1 million for children in this community and around the world since 1964. This year's proceeds will help local organizations that support children's education, health and welfare.

Revere High School teacher Jason Milczewski will be recognized at the event as an honorary Paul Harris Fellow for his work in connecting Revere's International Club with Rotary's Interact Club. A \$1,000 donation to the Rotary International Foundation will be made in his name.

The Speakeasy Charity Casino will be a fun-filled evening of games where everyone's a winner. Guests at Portage Country Club will enjoy a nostalgic 1930 speakeasy atmosphere with professionally run poker, blackjack, craps, roulette and slot machines. Visits to gourmet food stations, raffle entries for fabulous prizes, a cash

bar, a "best-dressed" costume contest and fun at the gaming tables are included in the ticket price of \$75 per person. Of course, the real winners will be the charities and children of our community.

The spring fundraiser is one of the ways Fairlawn Rotary Foundation raises money for local organizations and schools. The club's efforts to support local charities and build goodwill throughout the

community stem from Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." Rotary's compassion stretches well beyond the Akron community as it

works to combat polio, poverty and illiteracy on national and international levels.

To order tickets to the Speakeasy Charity Casino, please contact Nancy Kropko at 330-658-8201 or Andy Troutman at andy@wolfcreekwinery.com. Corporate and table sponsorships are also available. If you are unable to attend the event, but would like to help, please send checks to the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, Inc. at P.O. Box 13063, Fairlawn, Ohio 44334. The Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3).



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This Space Available... What's Your Club Been Up To?

In Memory of Betsy Demaray RI Director Zones 28-29

On January 25th, the Rotary International Director from our Zone, Elizabeth "Betsy" Demaray, died peacefully in her sleep after a lengthy battle with cancer. Her dedication to Rotary is well chronicled in this excerpt from her obituary: "Betsy's service to the world community began in 1988 when she joined the Rotary Club of Sault Ste. Marie, which led her on a humanitarian journey to serve people worldwide through Rotary International. She became a Rotarian shortly after women were permitted membership and served as club president in 1994 and again in 2007. Betsy helped spearhead an effort to place a bronze statue in Sault Ste. Marie, honoring Pickford, Michigan born, Rotary International's 1954 president and Sault High graduate, Herbert J. Taylor, author of the "Four Way Test" used by Rotarians worldwide. Betsy served Rotary on many local and regional committees, and in 2000, was elected District Governor for some 60 Rotary clubs across Michigan and Ontario,

Canada. She and her husband Ken, also a Rotarian, have traveled extensively for Rotary worldwide and have been involved in humanitarian projects in many countries, as well as being host parents to six Rotary foreign exchange students. For her many efforts, Betsy was recognized by Rotary with the rare "Service Above Self" Award. Most recently, she was chosen to represent hundreds of Rotary clubs in the northern U.S. by joining the 19 member Board of Directors of Rotary International for 2011-13. In 2012, Betsy was appointed as the Treasurer of Rotary International, the first woman to ever serve as an officer of the organization in its 107 year history. One of the highlights of her Rotary life was this past April, when she gave a speech at the White House. Her hard work, thoughtful nature, and positive attitude will be sadly missed by her family, coworkers, neighbors, fellow Rotarians, and her thousands of friends around the world."

Paul Harris Award Presented

By: Larry Faulhaber

At the recent Rotary International Foundation "Casting a Wide Shadow" event, The Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club presented non Rotarian Jeff Broestl, owner of Broestl & Wallis Fine Jewelers of Lakewood, with a Paul Harris Fellow Award. Jeff has crafted a beautiful jewelry item, and donated it for a Sunrise Club fund raising raffle each year for the past 6 years. Over \$10,000 has been raised through the raffles, and used for support of the Club's many Community and International service. The Paul Harris Fellowship was made available to the Sunrise Club by the District Governor for being one of six Clubs in the District to qualify for the Annual Fund Banner Recognition from The Rotary Foundation by attaining "Every Rotarian Every Year" status, with 100% participation, and \$100 per capital being gifted by its members to the Rotary Foundation during the 2011/2012 Rotary year.

Akron Children's Hospital and the 'Gift of Life' for Haitian Children

Whenever it seems the problems in Haiti are too massive to overcome, a team of physicians and nurses from Akron Children's Hospital simply remember the sweet faces of boys named Elie and Kurtis.

Elie Pierre and Kurtis Petion were both born with congenital heart defects, which, if left untreated, would have led to premature death. In Haiti, as with many developing countries, there is no access to pediatric cardiac care. Children who we can readily fix with just one surgery, die from lack of access. But these boys were identified by Akron Children's pediatric cardiologists as good candidates for surgery and were brought to Akron Children's last spring. They and their families were the lucky ones.

Elie and Kurtis, ages 4 and 1 at the time of their surgeries, spent six weeks in Akron, both at the hospital and recuperat-

ing at the Fairlawn home of Drs. Jeff and Ellen Kempf. Jeff Kempf is director of Akron Children's Center for Global Health and Ellen Kempf is director of the hospital's Oak Adoptive Health Center.

The Kempfs will return to Haiti again this March with a team of some returning and some new colleagues from Akron Children's. The team will include pediatric surgeons, cardiologists, intensivists and support staff.

"[Pediatric cardiologist] Dr. John Clark is down there now with an echo tech evaluating kids who could benefit from surgery," said Dr. Ellen Kempf. "We plan to bring two more children home again this

year. We wish we could help every child, but we can't. So we base our decision on the ones who offer the least risk and the most benefit - situations in which one surgery will make all the difference and very little follow up care is needed once they return home."

Gift of Life North East Ohio Inc., a Rotary District 6630's program associated with Rotary International, paid \$5,000 per child to fix Elie's and Kurtis' hearts and has committed to supporting more children. That's a fraction of the tens of thousands of dollars the hospital typically bills for such complex care but it's a win win for all.



The physicians, nurses, medical residents and support staff who have traveled to Haiti on numerous occasions are moved beyond measure by the experience and the work they do at Haiti's St. Damien's Children's Hospital will have lasting effect.

"They are not just donating their time for a few days or weeks here and there," said Dr. Jeff Kempf. "They are teaching new skills, bringing certification courses to the staff and helping the St. Damien's clinicians address issues like long waits and flow in the emergency department. This will have an impact on local care long after we are gone."

Tax-deductible donations can be sent to Gift of Life North East Ohio, 31 Louise Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022. For more information, visit www.golneo.org. St. Damien's

TRC Hudson Benefit Auction

By George Snider

The Rotary Club of Hudson and its charitable foundation have announced plans for their 28th annual auction and dinner, Friday, May 17, at the Twinsburg Hilton Garden Inn

This year's theme is "Fostering a Generation of Healthy Hearts, Minds and Bodies." Proceeds will be used to support Gift of Life (helping third-world children with heart disease), the Hattie Larlham Foundation and Hudson Special Olympics. Over the years, the auction has been a major source of funding for the Hudson Rotary Foundation, which has distributed hundreds of thousands of dollars to worthy organizations both in northeast Ohio and as far away as Africa.

Individuals and organizations wanting to support the auction and its beneficiaries can do so in a number of ways - by purchasing tickets, donating auction items, advertising in the auction program or becoming an official sponsor. Tickets cost \$75 per person and include the full cost of dinner and cocktails. They can be purchased from any member of the morning Rotary Club, by calling auction co-chair Ron Strobl at 234-380-5440, or by sending a check payable to Hudson Rotary Foundation at Post Office Box 323, Hudson, OH 44236.

"The Rotary auction has become one of the area's premier social events," Strobl said. "This year's event has the added plus of focusing solely on children who need our assistance and support."

The May 17 gala will begin with cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and a silent auction before guests proceed to the main dining room for a three-course dinner. An oral auction of high-value items follows, capped off by a reverse raffle. Auction items in previous years have included train rides, dinners, jewelry, art, sports tickets and use of a vacation condo.

The Rotary Club of Hudson has over 65 members from business and various professions and is devoted to Rotary's worldwide motto of "Service Above Self." The club meets every Wednesday morning in the auditorium at Laurel Lake Retirement Community for breakfast and a program. Meetings can be viewed on Hudson Cable Television.

Finemeister Takes Pie in Face

By: Connie Mroczkowski

Rotary Club Fine Days are traditions with clubs around the world and are generally humorous moments during meetings that raise money to use within the Clubs. Through the efforts of current Finemeister Jim McKay, The Rotary Club of Hudson has extended the reach of its Fine Day funds beyond the Club to benefit worthy causes near and far.

On a recent Fine Day, Finemeister McKay managed to fulfill the light-hearted wish of 5-year-old Madison Kahrl while raising a record amount to benefit The Newton Rotary Sandy Hook School Fund.



Madison saw her grandmother, Finemeister Assistant Alison Pfeister, on HCTV throw a pie in McKay's face during some previous Fine Day hijinks. "My daughter told me Madison was rolling on the floor laughing," Pfeister said. Ever since, Madison has wanted to enjoy some pie-in-the-face fun. At the suggestion of Pfeister, McKay gave Madison that chance.

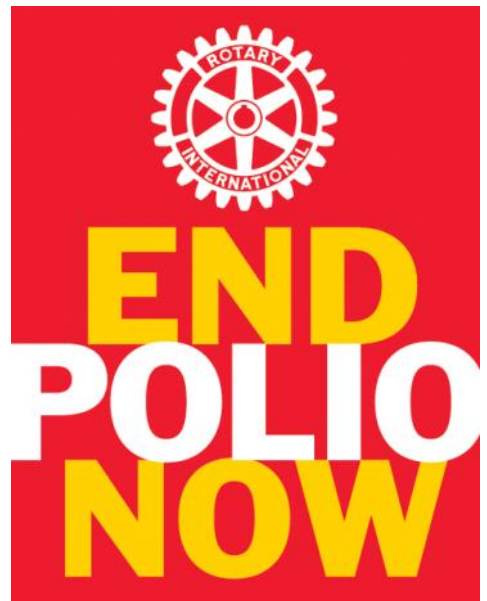
On the day of the event, McKay gave a poignant presentation of the Fund's mission. The Sandy Hook School Fund, founded by the Newton Rotary Foundation, a 501(c)(3), will help the families, faculty, administration and first responders with many expenses, including counseling, medical and funeral costs. Any residual money will go to memorial scholarships. Visit newtownctrotary.org for more information and to assist this fund.

During the Fine Day proceedings, Madison, her sister, Brooke, (4), Alison and grandfather Kent Pfeister roamed the room plucking \$1s, \$5s and \$10s from the upraised hands of the meeting's attendees and collected \$1,061 in a matter

of minutes. As with past Fine Days, McKay asked Club members to volunteer to match one-third of the amount collected. McKay and fellow Rotarians Phil Warburton, Rich Warfield, Tom Page, Art LaFountain and Kathryn Sines lived Rotary's Service Above Service motto and gave \$100 each.

Afterwards, Madison got her wish. "It was a lemon meringue pie, Jim's favorite," Alison said, "and it was so heavy, I had to help Madison with putting it in Jim's face."

Previous Fine Days have benefited Actors' Summit, Hudson Players, Hudson Special Olympics, Hudson Job Search, Toys for Tots, Chardon Schools, the American Red Cross and Team Red White & Blue. For the past two summers, Brooke and Madison have helped the Club sell hot dogs at its Art on the Green booth. Visit rotaryhudson.org for more information about The Rotary Club of Hudson, its humanitarian projects and enjoyable fellowship and the benefits of Rotary membership.



District 6630---Section One---Through The Lens Photo Contest

The results are in for Section 1 and we have three exceptional winners:

Congratulations to:

First Place:

Brandon Linton, formerly of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and now a member of the Rotary Club Number 1, Chicago.



His first place photograph is of the Inbound Youth Exchange Students 2012-2013 visiting the West Side Market during their tour of Cleveland on Rotary Cleveland Day.

A quote from Rick Pollak, International Service Committee Chair and District Foundation Chair-----

“Cleveland Day 2012 was held on a sunny November 10, 2012. On that day, the Rotary Club of Cleveland’s International Service Committee hosted 13 Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students to a glorious tour of Downtown Cleveland. Stops included The West Side Market, 25th Street Rapid Site, Public Square, Soldiers and Sailors Monument, Old Stone Church, East 4th Street, The Cleveland Public Library and More.

This year’s Inbound Students hail from Germany, Japan, Brazil, Spain, France, Russia, Ecuador and Slovakia.

These high school students arrive in August and stay for the academic school year. We look forward to continuing our efforts to showcase Cleveland to the young Ambassadors.”

From PDG James Harris, judging the Rotary concept of the photographs.

“The judges were pleased with the expressions of confidence and enthusiasm on the faces of the exchange students from different cultures. It is also interesting that the setting is at the century-old West Side Market in Cleveland [our symbol of cultural

diversity.”

Second Place:

Kitty O’Neil, wife of Rotarian, Howard Lichtig of the Rotary Club of Cleveland



A quote from Kitty O’Neil-----

“The young people in this photo were participants in the Project Yess leadership program. They had spent a week aboard this ship--the SS Niagara. This picture was taken on August 15, 2012, the day the ship arrived in Cleveland and the students rejoined their families.

The action in the photo shows the students and crew members readying the ship for disembarkation.

Since the sails had just been used to propel the ship into Cleveland, the crew and students needed to ‘furl the sails’-roll them up and secure them in place. Everyone fanned out to their assigned position, climbed the mast and manually hauled up the yards and yards of fabric that compose each sail. The regular crew members coordinated the efforts of each team by counting and directing as the sails were drawn up, rolled and secured into a ‘closed’ position.

Shortly afterwards, the Project Yess participants disembarked and returned to their regular lives”

Third Place:

Gary Neuman, partner of DG Julie West



A quote from Governor Julie-----

“Prior to my Official Visit to the Rotary Club of Rock Creek-Grand Valley, Club President Dave Morrow and I discovered that we shared an interest in birds and he offered to take Gary and me to one of the local birding areas after my Club visit. That was an offer we could not refuse, so after the meeting and a change of clothes we headed to the Rock Creek Rotary Park which the Club maintains and where this photo was taken. This park is also the place where they hold their annual rubber ducky race. Not only do Rotarians share a commitment to Service Above Self, but also we often find that we share other interests as well”

Congratulations---Brandon Linton, Kitty O’Neil and Gary Neuman

We are now in Section 2 of the District Photo Contest. Closing date, April 1, 2013.

Please send your event photos to Zack Hoon along with the paper work..

All is available on the District web site www.rotarydistrict6630.org

Aim-Focus-Click the Shutter -----Join the contest

Fran Bayless PDG Zack Hoon

Berea Rotary Sponsors Great Gatsby Extravaganza

By Linda Kramer

As Berea High School students were reading the F. Scott Fitzgerald novel, "The Great Gatsby," school librarian Laurie Scriven decided to transform the entire library into a replica of the 1920s era. Underwritten by the Rotary Club of Berea, the project included a faux speakeasy, serving root beer and other soft drinks; an old-fashioned silent movie theatre with a continuous loop of such films as "Casey at the Bat" and Disney's "Steamboat Willie;" live jazz; dancing; and displays of 1920s memorabilia donated by Rotarians and other community members. Students and faculty even dressed the part. Rotarians served as docents for the various displays



and helped serve refreshments in the speakeasy, which was "raided" by the feds on several occasions throughout the day-long exhibit.

The Great Gatsby Extravaganza on Jan. 30 was open to the public and enjoyed a steady stream of visitors. It exposed students to an unusual learning environment, allowed residents to experience the school in a new light and gave kudos to Rotary for backing an innovative education venture.

The day went so well, that the school is considering another such project next school year.

LOCAL AUTHOR: Patricia Mote, an Indiana native who has lived in Berea for more than 35 years, has published her latest book, "Legendary Locals of Berea." Mote spoke about her career as a writer at the Berea Rotary meeting on Feb. 5. The book contains photos and brief biographies of many notable residents from the past and present. Rotarians included in the 200 listings include Jack Kafer, Judy Stull, Dr. Ed White, Bill Beyer, Rudi Kamper and the late Lou "The Toe" Groza. The book is available at local

bookstores and on Amazon.com. List price is \$21.95.

This is Mote's 20th book. Her first was a biography of local television news legend Dorothy Fuldheim, published in 1997. Now, she says, she devotes most of her time to her own publishing and consulting business, helping other authors get their work into print.



Valentine's Day

By Chris Miller

The Jefferson Rotary Club has picked the winner in its annual Valentine's Day fundraiser raffle. Rock Creek resident Donna Yan is the winner of the grand prize. Her prize is a 14-karat, white gold diamond bracelet featuring 3.00 ct. of round and baguette diamonds. It's called the Penny Raffle because the cost of each ticket is determined by the ticket number multiplied by \$.01. A ticket can cost anywhere from a penny to a maximum of \$10. J.R. Hofstetter, of J.R. Hofstetter, the Family Jeweler, in Jefferson, drew the winning ticket at the Rotary Club meeting on Thursday, January 31st. Yan, who is the Ashtabula County Dog warden, said she was thrilled and honored to receive the grand prize in this year's drawing.

Wine and Roses Benefit Raises Money for Medina Youth

By David Lariviere

Medina Sunrise Rotary hosted its 14th Annual Wine & Roses Benefit Dinner Dance and Auction at Weymouth Country Club on Saturday night to support the club's mission, "Committed to making a difference in the lives of children in our community and beyond through our time, talents and treasures," announced Rotary club president Vance Truman. "We are grateful for our generous sponsors and contributors, and welcome all our guests and this year's two major charities - The Children's Center of Medina County and Feeding Medina County."

The nearly 300 who were in attendance at one of Medina's most elegant annual charity

events were treated to a patriotic opening ceremony from the U.S. Navy Color Guard sent by the Navy Operational Support Center in Akron, a cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres, a 3-course gourmet meal with select wines, music and dancing by Midnight Blue, silent & live auction items, a raffle, and everyone received delicious McJak Candy Company fudge and a beautiful long-stemmed red rose.

Becky Shotwell, president of Stop n' Go, one of the three major event sponsors, which included Medina Auto Parts/Carquest and RICO Manufacturing, said "This was a wonderful evening of coming together as friends to help others in our own community. Medi-

na is a special place and without all of you and your generosity, this evening would not have been possible."

New Performing Arts Scholarship in Chesterland

By Jim Bohinc

Jim Kisicki, his wonderful wife, Debbie and two daughters, Kate and Rebecca have been residents of Chesterland Township since 1989. They love the area and its charming and neighborly residents.

Jim has been a member of the Chesterland Rotary Club since 1991. He says he is "... both proud and humbled" to have the latest of the Rotary Scholarships for "The Performing Arts" linked to his name. West Geauga Interact Club and Chesterland Rotary could not think of anyone more deserving to name the scholarship for. Kisicki has been working with the young men and women of West Geauga High School in the staging of their annual spring musical for the last 13 years. He is most grateful to Beth Singer for starting it all and now Paul Stewart for continuing to allow him to collaborate in the wonderful shows the talented West G students present each year.

Jim brings with him in his work with the students a lot of experience. He received his MFA in acting from Wayne State University. He has been a professional actor for 36 years. He is a member of Actor's Equity, AFTRA and SAG.

Kisicki has appeared on stage at the Cincinnati Playhouse in the Park, The Muse Theater in Miami, Florida and The Hillberry Theater in Detroit and, here in Cleveland, at the Do-bama, the Ensemble, The Halle, the Cleveland Stage Company and the Cleveland Play House where he was a member of the resident acting company for nine years beginning in 1 9 7 7 .

The "Detroit Free Press" Theater Critic, Larry DeVine, created the "James Kisicki" award in 1975 and it has been given annually to the "Most Versatile Actor" of the year in the greater Detroit area. They still award it.

Jim has been heard and seen doing both local and national commercials

on radio and TV. He also does narrations, both on and off camera, for industrial and corporate video programs. He has narrated shows for the "Discovery" and "Travel" channels. He has also appeared in 11 major motion pictures (the most memorable being "The Shawshank Redemption" and "Milk Money") and three movies made for TV. For detailed information and samples of Jim's work log on to his website at www.kisicki.com. For more information about his movies go to www.IMDb.com and type in his name.

Kisicki says that in working with the young men and women of West G he finds in them a tremendous amount of talent and eagerness to learn. He says, "I can't tell you how exciting it is to see the growth that occurs in so many of the kids between their Freshman and Senior year. It is a privilege for me to pass on to them a lot of what I learned in my own professional career. I am well aware of the impact some great teachers and directors made in my own life. It is my

hope to repay that influence by passing it on to some of the best kids I know. The residents of this area should be proud of the young men and women of West G. and do all they can to support their work. By the way...this year the musical is CAM-ELOT. It will be performed on the 15th, 16th and 17th of March. Come and see the kids do a wonderful job."

He finally adds, "To the Rotary Club and the West Geauga Interact Club (student arm of Rotary), I can only say 'Thank you! Thank you! And again I thank you!' The words may

come from the Bard's pen but they come from my heart."

James Kisicki Scholarship for the Performing Arts. To raise funds for the planned \$1000 annual scholarship the WG Interact Club has donated a prize for a Grand raffle. The Grand Prize will be a once in a lifetime 3day/2 night package for two at the world renowned Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island where the couple will experience glamour, elegance, and pampering. The \$1600 package includes 5 course gourmet dinners, magnificent breakfasts, formal teas, and horse drawn carriage tours, magnificent gardens, and more. The Grand Hotel has been the location for hit movies, has hosted Presidents and Royalty in its rich 117 year history.



March is Literacy Month

By Beth Shriver

This coming month hopefully your club will be devoting some time to literacy activities. Perhaps you will have a speaker on the new Common Core Standards, honor a teacher/student, or have the local librarian share the services available or best new books. There are many activities that can be easily and quickly completed.

It is a time to raise awareness about literacy issues and organize projects at home and abroad. This is an area of the new global grant structure - basic education and literacy.

It is also time to be thinking about completion of 5 literacy activities needed to earn District 6630's Literacy Award. The application, suggested activities and Rotary Literacy resources can be found on the

District website.

If you have any questions or thoughts on Literacy or literacy projects or would like someone to speak about various aspects of literacy, please contact Beth Shriver, District 6630 coordinator at

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