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Governor's Letter

Are you ready for some fun, new and renewed friendships, inspiration, new ideas and understanding, an expanded appreciation of your fellow Rotarians and Rotary as a whole? Look no farther than the upcoming District Conference of Clubs, April 12th-14th, at Quail Hollow Resort. Bring your spouse/partner and make it a get-away weekend. Registration is now open on the District website, www.rotarydistrict6630.com, which also includes the agenda, workshop descriptions, and activity details. Registration for both the Conference and hotel rooms closes April 4th, so don't delay. Make your reservations now! Read-on for some of the highlights.

Our Conference will be interwoven with inspiration, celebration, education, fun and fellowship, and remembrance. The inspiration will come from our invited speakers and guests and from each other. Friday at lunch, Michael Angelo Caruso, Rotarian, communications consultant, and author, will share how we can sharpen our communications to get results. Saturday at lunch, Marilyn Fitzgerald, Rotarian, humanitarian, and author, will share her journey from providing humanitarian support to poverty-stricken villages to enabling the villagers to support them-

selves. PDG Dick Cuttle, our 2006 Inbound GSE Team Leader from Australia, will share his restoration work following Australia's brush fires. RI President Tanaka's Representative, PDG Dick Drukker, will share some of his Rotary experiences and bring us up to date on what is happening at Rotary International.

The celebration will kick-off at Friday's luncheon as we recognize Rotarians who have served for 50 years or more! It will continue at Saturday's luncheon when we hear from our District's 4-Way Test Speech Contest winners. At Saturday's dinner, we will recognize both our Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange students and present a few awards.

Following Friday's lunch learn more about our District by attending our Annual District Business meeting. At Friday's dinner, our Inbound Group Study Exchange team from Seoul, South Korea will tell us about themselves, their country and their culture. Saturday during the day, Rotarians can attend the Grant Management Seminar (required for Club Certification for the new grants model) or up to six of the eleven workshops being offered. Included in the offerings is an international project fair, where Clubs will be able to

briefly describe international projects for which they are seeking participation from other Clubs. The local project fair will provide a similar opportunity for Clubs seeking local participation from other Clubs or to share unique projects that other clubs might like to replicate. Throughout the weekend, the House of Friendship will provide another venue to learn about Club and RI projects and programs, including youth programs.

There will be fun and fellowship throughout the Conference. On Friday afternoon choose one of the offered activities: 9 hole golf scramble at Quail Hollow CC, service project at Lake Metroparks Farm-park, wine tour and tasting, or historical tour of Garfield's Lawnfield. Friday dinner will be a cookout (inside seating if weather is inclement) followed by "Rotarians Got Talent" and Hospitality Suites. Saturday, spouse/partners can explore the sites or parks in the area, visit the near-by Spa, or just relax at Quail Hollow. Saturday at lunch, meet some of the youth (Interact, Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange, Project YESS, and RYLA students) who are attending the New Generations mini-Conference that day. During Saturday's reception, learn more about our Inbound

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Youth Exchange students and their countries. After dinner, party with fellow Rotarians and guests at Saturday's Hospitality Suites. All weekend, take advantage of the opportunity to meet Rotarians from other clubs.

On Sunday morning, we will pause to remember those Rotarians who have passed away since we were together last April.

So make your plans now to join us for District Conference. Help us meet our goal of having every club represented! Register for the Conference on the District website, www.rotarydistrict6630.com. Reserve your hotel room (at a reduced price) directly with Quail Hollow, mentioning Rotary District 6630. Remember, registration for both the Conference and hotel close on April 4th. I look forward to seeing you there!



TRC Strongsville Duck Race

On June 1st The Rotary Club of Strongsville will be holding a KidsFest and Duck Race at the Cleveland Metroparks Chalet. From 11am to 3pm there will be fun for kids of all ages, including the Cleveland Metroparks NatureTracks exhibit, Pony Rides, Touch-a-Truck, Face Painting, Food and much more.

At 2pm the rubber ducks will be launched into the river for a duck race, with a first place prize of \$2,000 and prizes for the top 10 finishers.

Ducks are available for adoption for \$10 a duck or a flock of 3 for \$20. Proceeds of the event will benefit the Cleveland Metroparks Wintergreen Cabin Renovation project and other Rotary projects.

In addition we are partnering with various groups in the area to help sell duck adoptions, including scouts, athletic

boosters, bands and other Rotary clubs. 20-30% of the sales generated by each group will be donated back to the selling group.

If you are interested in adopting a duck or selling ducks in your club or group please visit www.StrongsvilleDuckRace.com Groups are also invited to an informational meeting Thursday March 21 at 7pm in the Strongsville Senior Center, or email groups@strongvilleduckrace.com for more information.



TRC West Shore Asks for Help

Greetings from the West Shore Rotary Club. I am writing concerning my club's international project, the OMNI \$46,420.00 truck project that is needed in Zambia, Africa (Grant Number 78108). Over the last year my committee and I have visited many of our clubs.

This project has had some bumps in the road but overall we have met our objectives. We had assistance from the following clubs: Andover, Aurora, Ashtabula, Bedford, Berea, Brunswick, Burton Middlefield, Chagrin Highland, Chagrin Valley, Chardon, Conneaut, Cuyahoga Falls, Euclid, Fairlawn, Hillcrest, Jefferson, Kent, Lakewood/Rocky River PM, Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise, Mentor, Nardon, North Ridgeville, Painesville, Ravenna, Rock Creek/Grand Valley, Shaker Heights, Solon, Strongsville, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, Westlake/Bay Village, Willoughby.

Approximately 63% of the clubs in our district (33 clubs) have rallied behind us and helped. I am very proud of our district and its unification. We are still short \$223.00 of our final goal. However our club gladly put that in, along with our original \$2000.00 pledge.

The checks have been sent to

Rotary International and our sister host club in Ndola, Africa has also sent their money and paperwork in. Now comes the next step. We are in the waiting mode. However in the near future the truck will be purchased, delivered, and lives will start to be saved.

I will be keeping our district and individual clubs up to date concerning the delivery of the truck and personal stories about lives being saved that I'm sure will come out of this.

Rotarians, this is service above self, friends helping friends, brotherhood, sisterhood. However at the end of the day it is putting our money where our mouth is. District 6630, thank you and be proud!

On a special note - for those 23 clubs that have not participated please consider giving \$10-20.00. It would be historical if we could get 100% participation from our district. Checks can be made out to West Shore Rotary Club and mailed to my office at 21135 Lorain Rd., Fairview Park, OH 44126. If you have any questions please call me at 440-221-6411.

Sincerely,
Dan Fronczak,
President
West Shore Rotary Club

Polio Plus

The following quote comes from Brad Robinson of the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills, which appeared in the Wall Street Journal, March 5, 2013. "Rotary has been at the forefront of fighting polio since 1985 when it established its PolioPlus program. Rotary's leadership encouraged the World Health Organization to pass a resolution to eradicate polio, which paved the way for the foundation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. Rotary's financial contributions to the global polio-eradication effort will reach nearly \$1.2 billion by the time

the world is certified polio-free. Through its PolioPlus program, more than one million Rotary Club members have volunteered their time and personal resources to protect more than two billion children in 122 countries from polio. In 2007, Rotary entered into a partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which has extended grants of \$405 million and, as part of the partnership, Rotary raised over \$200 million in matching funds." Thanks to all of the Rotarians in District 6630 for your continuing support of PolioPlus.

12 Reasons to Attend YOUR District Conference

Rotary and The Rotary Foundation 101 –

Fun and interactive discussion of Rotary and Rotary Foundation basics, including possibly little known facts

Future Vision Overview –

Highlights of the new Grants Model which will become effective July 1, 2013 and for which we are currently preparing. Topics will include changes to grants program, and introduction of global scholars and vocational training teams.

Gaining and Retaining Members –

Panel of representatives from Clubs who are growing will share their approaches and answer questions.

Using Social Media to Build our Public Image –

Discussion and demonstration of how to effectively use electronic media – Facebook, twitter, websites, linked-in - to build Rotary's and our public image

New Generations Local Programs –

Learn about Interact, Rotaract, and RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), Rotary programs for youths in our communities, and how you and your Club can become involved.

New Generations International Programs –

Learn about Rotary Youth Exchange programs that provide opportunities for high school students to study abroad or come to U.S. to study, and how you and your Club can become involved.

International Project Fair –

Forum for Clubs to share brief description of International projects for which they are seeking partners and then talk in more detail with those who want additional information

Local Project Fair –

Forum for Clubs to share effective local projects and then talk in more detail with those who want additional information

Addressing Bullying Discussion –

Forum for clubs which have bullying or related projects to share their efforts with each other and other interested clubs, and to explore other approaches.

Addressing Local Poverty/Hunger Discussion –

Forum for clubs which have projects poverty/hunger projects for their communities to share what they are doing with each other and other interested clubs, and to explore other approaches.

Dialogue, Q&A with District Leadership –

Provides Club members the opportunity to find out what happens at the District level and opportunities for involvement; to learn about District Strategic Plan; and/or to ask questions of current and future District Leadership.

New Generations mini-Conference Readout –

Hear about the activities and outcomes of the New Generations mini-Conference which is being held concurrently on Saturday at Quail Hollow.

Doing Good in the World

January is in. Our district is making progress in reaching our goal of \$160,000. As of this report we have contributed \$89,653. On behalf of the district and all the people in our district and world community who will benefit from these donations, I do want to thank you for your generosity and continuing generosity.

As you probably have heard already,

the district has offered another incentive for contributing to the Foundation. The

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incentives are:

PHF Drawing: Every D6630 Rotarian who is signed up for Rotary Direct will be eligible. If you are not signed up as of now, please do so. Visit our district web site, click on Foundation under the site pages and then click on TRF direct. If you have any question, please contact Mike Davanzo mdavanzo@zoominternet.net

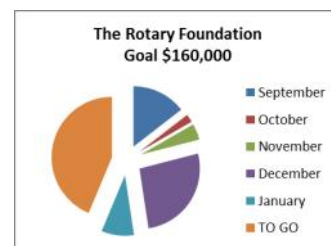
EREY Clubs: Each Club that has 100% participation AND AN AVERAGE OF \$100 PER MEMBER, at the end of June, will have the opportunity to present a PHF to a recipient of their choice. That

can be a member of the club or someone from the community that they feel is deserving.

There is also a third incentive. This incentive is a requirement for a club to apply for a grant during the 2013-2014 Rotary Year. Any club that wishes to obtain a grant needs to average at least \$10 per member to the Rotary Foundation.

By giving to the Rotary Foundation, a Rotarian becomes part of and contributes to the good works of Rotary International. A Rotarian may never go on a work mission to a foreign country, but by donating even \$10, there is a \$5 return to our district to help with local projects and a \$5 donation to the Rotary Foundation which is used to help fund an international project. Thus, by a \$10 donation, a Rotarian can take pride in the fact that he/she helped with an international project. Please make your contribution today. Thank you for your support of Our Foundation.

Michael P. Davanzo, Annual Giving Chair



District Conference Registration

District Conference Registration is open on District website, www.rotarydistrict6630.com! Hotel reservations should be made directly with Quail Hollow (800-792-0258); mention Rotary District 6630 to get special rate. Registration for both the Conference and hotel rooms closes on April 4th. Help us achieve participation from ALL clubs.

What: District 6630 Conference of Clubs

Celebration, Inspiration, Education, Fun and Fellowship, Remembrance

Conference Agenda and Workshop Details on District Website

Why: Help us Honor our Past, Celebrate our Present, Prepare for the Future

When: Friday, April 12th Lunch – Sunday April 14th Breakfast and Memorial Service

Where: Quail Hollow Resort, Painesville, OH

Who: All weekend: District Rotarians and Spouse/Partners

Saturday: Interact, Youth Exchange, RYLA, and Project YESS students

Hillcrest Sunrise Donates Time and Meals to the Ronald McDonald House

By Ryan Knotts

The Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland has been serving as a home away from home for families, whose children stay in area hospitals, since September of 1979. According to the Ronald McDonald House:

Families are stronger when they are together, and their presence helps a sick child heal faster and cope better. While we cannot make medicine taste better or take away painful treatments, we can help lessen the burden and ensure families have the stability and resources to get and keep their child healthy and happy.

The Ronald McDonald House provides the following amenities: guest rooms, handicapped facilities, a large kitchen, a sunroom, a children's play room, a club house, laundry facilities, a family resource center, family office, library, living rooms, garden, and a playground.

It is estimated that they will serve more than 1,200 families this year, and the demand for their resources is almost always greater than what they can provide. Expansion is currently underway at the Ronald McDonald House to accommodate the increased demand. In 2012, they had to turn away over 1,500 families, not for financial reasons, but due to the lack of available rooms. Currently, they are adding another wing to the Ronald McDonald House to add another 18 guest

rooms and grow to a total of 55 rooms for families to stay.

One of the ways your club can get involved is to provide a meal at the Ronald McDonald House. Meals can be prepared on-site, or they can be solicited or purchased from a licensed food vendor. The Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise has provided five meals since the fall of 2011, with the most recent one on Saturday, March 2, 2013. It is a great way for us to demonstrate service above self and to engage in fellowship by teaming up with the club, we enjoy our culinary talents to benefit others. There is something about creating a delicious and nutritious meal for others when the resulting and immediate effect is clearly visible. In addition to meals, we have provided two craft activities to engage kids and families before the meal. In January 2012, we provided over 50 dozen cookies and the materials to decorate cookies. The residents could choose an assortment of cookies for a loved one, or they could personally decorate some cookies and relieve stress. In March 2013, we provided 50 picture frames and the materials to decorate them for loved ones. If you



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A call to end polio

Rotarians joined Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and other supporters of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative on the steps of the U.S. Capitol 14 March to encourage continued support for the campaign to end polio. Find out how you can join the final push to end this crippling disease.

- Join the World's Biggest Commercial
- Download a guide to advocacy
- Contribute to End Polio Now
- Read blog posts from polio survivors

RACE FOR THE PLACE

Berea Rotary is fielding a team to take part in the Gathering Place's annual Race for the Place at Beachwood Place on June 2. All proceeds benefit The Gathering Place, which offers free support for cancer patients and their families. The organization has offices in Westlake and Beachwood. Race for the Place includes a 5k race and a 1-mile walk. Step off time is 9 a.m. To register, go to www.touchedbycancer.org.

would like to get your club involved, contact the Ronald McDonald House. <http://www.rmhcleveland.org/group-volunteer-opportunities>

If your Rotary Club would like to support the Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland, there are a myriad of ways beyond meal preparation or crafts. You can make a donation, host a fundraiser, donate needed supplies, gather pull tabs, or volunteer at the house or at one of their events. Over 96% of their operating budget comes from the donations of individuals, groups, corporations, and foundations. Consider this: It costs about \$75 per day for a family to stay at the Ronald McDonald House. They ask for a nominal donation of \$20 per day, but they will never turn a family away for the inability to pay. The Ronald McDonald House of Cleveland needs our support to help families, so that families can concentrate on the health and recovery of their kids. Consider getting involved today.

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Social Media & Your Club

Shon Christy of Christy Creative in Fairlawn explained to Berea Rotary members how social media, like Facebook and Twitter, can boost interest in Rotary and local businesses and organizations. Shon, who is a member of the Akron Rotary Club and the District 6630 Public Relations Committee, said 67 percent of Internet users are in the 18-64 year age range. The fastest growing group of Internet users are in the 30-49 year range. They use Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram, YouTube, Google + and LinkedIn. Older online users use e-mail to communicate. A younger crowd, those 18-29, are on Twitter. "Twitter is powerful," Shon said, "because you can reach decision-makers directly." No need to pass through layers of bureaucracy. It gets action and attention fast.

But whatever medium is used, the Web site is the "flag ship," Shon said. "You want to steer people from Twitter or Facebook to the Web site."

That Web site should have four key factors:

- Send a clear message.
- Make a very good first impression.
- Be consistent.
- Have a purpose.

To reach Shon, go to christycreative.com or call (330) 315-2011.

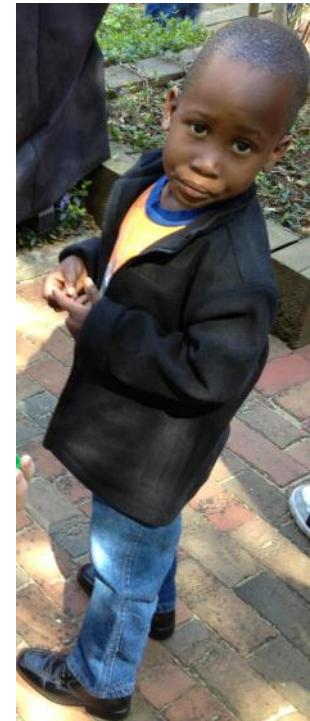
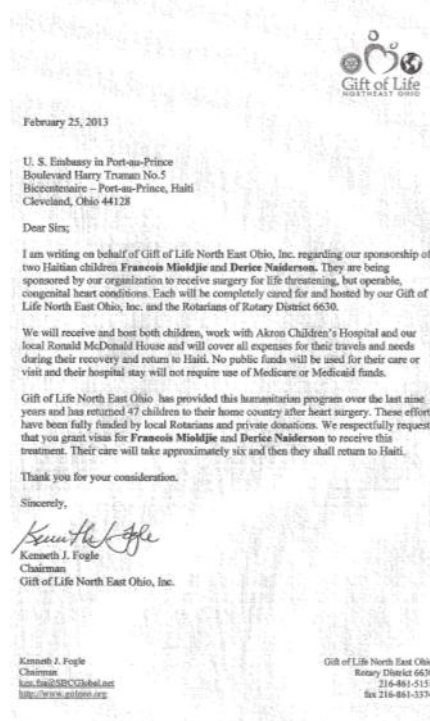
Gift of Life Northeast Ohio

By Ken Fogle

Rotary District 6630 "Gift of Life Northeast Ohio" is sponsoring 2 children from Haiti to come to Akron Children's Hospital for open heart surgery this spring. Both children are under 2 years old and have life threatening congenital heart defects that can be fixed here with just one surgery. Rotary Clubs around the district are helping to raise the \$5,000 per child that

we donate to Akron Children's for these surgeries.

Contact PDG Jim Frame 330-274-2482 or Ken Fogle 216-861-5151 for more information for a presentation on how your club can help or join Hudson Rotary Clubs on May 17th fund raiser at the Twinsburg Hilton Garden Inn to help us help these children.



TRC Medina Sunrise Stays in Touch with Technology

By David Lariviere
With the help of an Apple iPad, WiFi - FaceTime and a tablet projector, Medina Sunrise Rotary President Elect John Ross established an instant and clear video-call to Elijah Turk, our Medina High School Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Molde, Norway, six time zones away. Elijah's parents, Brian and Jami Turk, joined Medina Sunrise Rotarians to greet Elijah, who was taking a half hour break from his Tuesday afternoon Spanish class to speak with us about his exciting adventures as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student in Norway. Elijah spoke warmly about his Norwegian host family and all his new friends. He is enjoying his school courses, filmography, skiing, boating, hiking and the healthy Norwegian lifestyle. He said that he was looking forward to his family's coming to Norway to visit him in two weeks and showing them the awesome

scenic beauty of Norway. Our FaceTime video-call concluded with Eli commenting, "If this Rotary Youth Exchange Program has taught me anything, it's to live in a way where you're always looking forward to something, while still enjoying the present. Thank you Rotary and 'Ha det bra!'"



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Additional Activities at DisCon

- Golf - 9 hole scramble at outstanding Quail Hollow CC. Greens fee and cart \$29. Prizes. Limited to 24 golfers.
- Wine Tour - Tour the vineyards of the nationally acclaimed Grand River Valley. Enjoy a variety of wines along with light snacks at selected wineries. Price includes transportation, samples, and snacks, \$25. Additional wine may be purchased separately.
- James Garfield National Historic Site featuring a tour of President Garfield's home, grounds, and historical displays. Price includes transportation and admission, \$20.

Service Project - We will be helping with the grounds, most likely planting so dress accordingly, at Lake Metroparks Farm-park. Transportation via carpool. No cost.

Medical YATRA-2013 Gets More Innovative

By Jaya & Ramesh Shah

More innovative & creative ideas, along with health care were introduced in YATRA-2013

HPV Cancer Testing



Dr. Giat Gidwani & our host-Dr. Adhiakry teamed up together to do HPV cervical tests for Adivasis women. "Asha workers" from Chittaranjan Cancer Institute, Kolkata were available for motivating & educating tribal women for the procedure. 240 specimens have been taken and they are being analyzed in the lab. Dr. Adhiakry, Ob/Gyn will follow up for treatment if needed. But this can save some lives! AIPNO-Medical YATRA celebrated world cancer day on Feb.4.

Dr. Sunita Giyanani, & Dr. Hansa Kothari also trained lot of women with manikin in self examining their breasts regularly.



CPR Training

5 manikins were purchased for the camp to teach CPR to Adivasis. Lot of patients while standing in the line took advantage by trying CPR under supervision. Maureen, nurse from Cleveland Clinic, along with Dave Diffendal, Rotarian led the project.



Fluoride Treatment

To reduce cavities and to prevent tartar, Dr. Cohen & Dr. Neetu Sinha recommended fluoride treatment with gel. Hundreds of children were treated with gel and advised to repeat every 6 months. Local social worker Mitha Das from Mohondeep medicine center was trained and she took gel treatment to quite a few local schools.

Most importantly, Saija, 8yr. old girl from Shaker Heights along with her friends, donated most of the gel as a part of her birthday celebration.



Mobile Blood Testing Lab

Abbott lab was kind to donate 500 iSAT cartridges with Hand Held blood analyzer. University Hospitals system trained nurse, Marilyn Boros, did tests on about 50 patients with instant reports on hb, hct, bun, calcium, electrolytes etc.



Cardiology & Heart Patients

Dr. Pakrashi-Cardiologist and Dr. Subha Sen recruited local medical students to take EKG of coronary patients, and advised how to modify life style- exercise, low cholesterol diet, meditation etc.- Hundreds of patients were benefited.



Yatra-2013 conducted 14 clinics in various villages treating about 9,000 patients with FREE medicines. Intas Pharmaceutical from Amdavad donated Rs 1.5 lacs worth of medicines, PDM health care donated Blood/Sugar machines with testing strips and rest of the medicines were purchased. Three-3-Rotary clubs from N. Ohio were represented at the camp.

We have requests for 4 camps in 2014; one of Yatra-2014 will be in Nagpur, Mah. We encourage all AIPNO members to give us more new 'doable' ideas for our motherland.



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Friday April 12, 2013

2:00-5:00 pm during the Conference of Clubs! 2 Hole Scramble, Shotgun Start
2:00 P.M. - ASSEMBLE AT THE TEE WEATHER PERMITTING
(Singles or pairs of golfers are encouraged to register.
You will be added to a team of friends or similar skilled Rotarians.
RESERVE YOUR SPOT NOW. (limited to 24 golfers)

Great price! \$29 (includes cart)
PAY AT THE PRO SHOP APRIL 12. (Don't send payment now)
Best team score, Second best team score. Other prizes to be announced

REGISTRATION & Information
For information and to register please contact PDG Tim Wright Sr.
Text or call 440-799-0075, or email timwrightsr@aol.com
Please include all golfers. Thank you.

QUAIL HOLLOW COUNTRY CLUB, 11295 Quail Hollow Drive, CONCORD TWP., OH 44077. Note: This is the NEW CLUBHOUSE LOCATION.

Introduction to the Rotary Foundation Grant Model Changes For 2013-2014

By Bob Johnson

There have been several changes (based on future vision pilot studies) that have been made to the Rotary Grants Model. Since district 6630 was not involved in the Future Vision Pilot program most of this is new to us. Many of us at the District Level have been studying these changes at planning meetings and have been exposed to these changes in the past year. It is important to note that most of the basic grants model remains in place with individual clubs or club/partners developing a project and applying to the District Grants Committee for approval and allocation of matching funds. If this step is successful, then these applications for a matching grant for district and district international projects can be submitted to RI for approval and further matching funds. Some names have changed, but this is still the basic process. We know that unless you have looked for and read information on the new grants model, you may not be aware of the changes that were made. The following will give you a basic idea of the changes that may affect your club if you decide to do a grant project for the 2013/2014 Rotary year.

1. Both the district and the clubs that are taking part in grant requests must be certified. District 6630 has already gone through this certification process and is certified, but any clubs wishing to apply for a grant must become certified. This will be done at Grant Management Seminars (GMS). The first of these will be held on Sat., 4/13, at the District Conference at Quail Hollow. Additional GMS(s) will be held (one definitely with more if necessary) around the district at dates and locations to be determined. Clubs wishing to participate in the grant process will be required to send at least 2 representatives to a seminar.

2. Potential District (local) grants must be determined ahead of time. A rough idea of your project and what you hope to accomplish along with an estimated budget will suffice to get the project on the list, with an official application on-line to follow. A list of potential district grants will be compiled by the district and submitted to RI for approval before our grant funds are released to the district. For the

2013/2014 Rotary year the grants committee has established July 15th as the deadline for this list of potential district projects to be submitted by the clubs. The grants committee encourages and will gladly accept inquiries prior to the deadline. The committee intends to finalize the list and apply for the grant money by approximately Aug. 15th. Approval of the District 6630 spending plan should take approximately 2 weeks. Once the approval is received from RI, the district projects can begin. Clubs that have been certified may submit international matching grants throughout the year. As in the past no expenses can take place before approval of the project and funding. There is some flexibility in the system so the grants committee hopes to accommodate all clubs who come up with a project and have been certified.

3. In the past it has not been necessary for a club to have any track record of foundation giving to apply for a grant. Most districts who took part in the Future Vision Pilot program felt this was unfair, and changed their Memoranda of Understanding to reflect that clubs participating in the grant process and receiving foundation money to do a project should have had foundation giving history. It was decided by district leadership to adopt an MoU that reflects this philosophy. Any club wishing to take part in the grants process in 2013/2014 will have to have had a \$10. per capita giving history during the 2012/2013 Rotary year. This figure may change as we move forward. This would apply to clubs applying for district (local) grants and global (international) grants.

4. The size of global (international) grants has changed with a minimum size of \$30,000. (instead of the old \$12,500. figure) or \$30,000. if club money is used (which the grants committee mandates)

5. There are other programs within the Foundation Grant Model that have changed. The Group Study Exchange (GSE) program that has been around for years has changed in that it is no longer partially funded by RI. We can still do GSE teams, but the entire cost of the exchange would have to be borne by the

district. Rotary has suggested these be replaced by Vocational Training Teams (VTTs) which are not an exchange and are funded through grants. District 6630 intends to do a VTT on a trial basis during the 2013/2014 Rotary year. Additional information on this program to come.

6. The Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar program will be replaced by the Global Scholar program which allows some flexibility in the application and approval times and also in being funded for one year or multiple years. Additional information on this program to come.

7. Packaged Grants is another new part of the grants program. This is a cooperative venture between Rotary and 4 selected world peace and health organizations. Additional information on this program to come.

Interact Dodge-ball

The Interact District Dodge-ball Tournament held on March 16, 2013 was a big success with Interact clubs fielding 11 Dodge-ball Teams!

Congratulations to the winning team, the "Slendermen", from North Royalton Broadview Heights! As the winners they got to choose an International charity to receive all the proceeds from the event. They chose to send the proceeds to **Polio Plus** to help immunize hundreds of children against polio! Everyone had a great time playing dodge-ball, eating pizza, and socializing.

Having a great time, raising funds, and completing an International project... **Another stroke of genius, put together by the Interact Club of North Royalton Broadview Heights** - they deserve congratulations too!

Arne van der Heyde
Interact Chair
District 6630





TALL SHIPS TO VISIT CLEVELAND IN JULY — OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND FOR DISTRICT 6630 CLUBS

By Edward G. Thomas
Past President, Rotary Club of Cleveland

The Tall Ships are coming again, and there are numerous opportunities for District 6630 clubs to participate. Presented once again by the Rotary Club of Cleveland and featuring the Cleveland-Cuyahoga County Port Authority as the Title Sponsor, the *Port of Cleveland 2013 Tall Ships Festival* will feature five days of family-oriented fun. Beginning on Wednesday, July 3, with the Parade of Sail (viewing is only available from Voinovich Park), the event will officially open on Thursday, July 4 and run until Sunday, July 7, on Cleveland's lakefront, just north of First Energy Stadium, Home of the Cleveland Browns.



"On behalf of the members of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, let me say how proud and thrilled we are to be able to bring the Tall Ships back to Cleveland," said Mikel B. Harding, a past president of the club and chair of the 2013 Tall Ships Festival. The Tall Ships last visited Cleveland in 2010 when the Rotary Club of Cleveland organized the festival to celebrate the Club's centennial year. Serving as honorary co-chair of the 2013 festival is Charles (Arnie) de la Porte, who is a past honorary president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and the Honorary Consul for the Consulate of the Netherlands.

From July 4-7 in Cleveland, festival attendees of all ages will be able to climb aboard the ships and relive their colorful histories through the wonderful stories told by the onboard hosts. Special exhibits, a Maritime Market Place, and "sailaway" cruise opportunities will also be featured.

If your club is still interested in sponsoring a student for the Project YESS program (Youth Empowered to Succeed through Sailing) don't forget the deadline for receipt of applications is March 23! Links to our 2013 YESS application, 2013 Fact Sheet, and our Sponsor and Student videos can be found on our Tall Ships Festival website: <http://www.clevelandtallships.com/festivalinfo/project-yess/> Youth coming together to develop courage, confidence and a sense of community!



So, what about those opportunities for Rotary clubs in District 6630? Well, there are several ways for clubs and their members to participate. First, clubs could arrange to host events in the festival's Hospitality Village. These after-hours events provide the opportunity for sharing food, fun, and fellowship after the daytime crowds have gone home. On the evening of the 4th of July, the festival site will be on the front row for the City of Cleveland's fireworks display on the lakefront. You can also reserve a ship for a private sailaway or do a dockside reception which some clubs did in 2010!

Another way to participate is to become a sponsor for one or more of the activities associated with the festival. Available sponsorships packages can be found on the Cleveland Tall Ships website at www.clevelandtallships.com by clicking on the Sponsorship button on the home page. You can even sponsor a Tall Ship!



Finally, your club members can get involved as festival volunteers, either individually or as part of a club grouping. Volunteers must be 18 years old, available to work a minimum of two shifts from July 3-8, 2013, and willing to attend a mandatory training session. If you are interested in volunteering or want more information you can also visit the website and click on the Get Involved button and then on Volunteers.



Before and after the visit to Cleveland, the ships will be participating in the Tall Ships Challenge® Great Lakes 2013 race series, which has been organized as part of the celebration this summer of the 200th anniversary of the major military events of the War of 1812 that took place in the Great Lakes. Dedicated to promoting awareness of the Great Lakes' ecosystems and fresh water conservation, the race series will sail to all five Great Lakes and the St. Lawrence Seaway, according to Tall Ships America® (formerly the American Sail Training Association), which is the organizer of the tall ships race series. The Cleveland stop in the race series will be the first one in the United States. Among other cities on the race itinerary are Toronto, Ontario; Bay City, Michigan; Duluth, Minnesota; Chicago, Illinois; Green Bay, Wisconsin; and Erie, Pennsylvania.

Further information on the Tall Ships Festival 2013 can be obtained at www.clevelandtallships.com. If your club is interested in becoming a sponsor or hosting an event at the festival, please contact the Rotary Club of Cleveland office via email (put the name of your Rotary Club in the subject line) or fill out the "Contact Us" form on the web site as soon as possible.





Milton C. Robinson 60th Anniversary Recognition

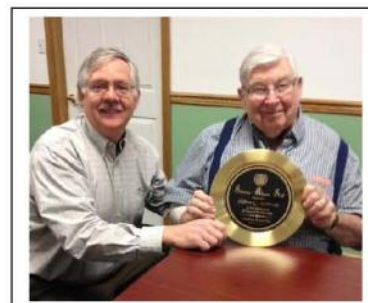
We recognized Milt Robinson for his 60 years of "Service above Self" as a dedicated member of the Ashtabula Rotary. The Robinson family of Rotarians dates back to Milt's grandfather M.C. Robinson was a charter member when our Club was formed in 1921. His father Russell "Rusty" became a member in 1926 and his brother John joined in 1951. Milt's twin sister, Mary Robinson was a member of the Bellingham, WA Rotary Club for about 15 years. She is now retired and has relocated near their brother John in North Carolina.

Milt, twice a Paul Harris Fellow, continues to be an outstanding member of the Ashtabula club and served as the Editor of *The Signpost* for decades. He was honored during a surprise recognition and presented with an engraved 60th anniversary plate by President Steve Schoneman during the February 27 club meeting.



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Milt has many fond memories of his Rotary years back to when club meetings were held at the Ashtabula Hotel. He and his wife Elaine took part in many outreach programs from rebuilding a Boy Scout cabin, cleaning floors prior to opening a new community hospital, to hosting Foreign Exchange Students. Milt also served as Ashtabula club secretary and program chair, as well as, newsletter editor.

He said there have been many changes over the years especially in Rotary project emphasis. "Years past, the members were professionals and heads of industry and business who provided financial support for civic projects. There were no fundraising events. Later, the emphasis changed to taking a more active role in both local and international projects," Milt explained.

Milt likes many of the changes especially the improvements to the Rotarian magazine and believes that the international projects and promoting the concept of Rotary sustainability will make a big difference. "Rotary is always evolving and changing to better serve. I am proud to be a Rotarian," he stated. Milt is very proud of Rotary's leadership and involvement in eradicating polio throughout the world. "We are this close!," he remarked.

Congratulations Milt on 60 great years as a Rotarian!