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Governor's Letter

GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE

October 24 has been proclaimed **WORLD POLIO DAY**. Rotary has been engaged in the battle to eradicate polio for many years. I remember as a new Rotarian when they announced that eradication could be accomplished, I was skeptical that anyone had the means, funds or energy to accomplish this. But now, here we are, in 2013 and we are truly.... **THIS CLOSE!** We must finish this goal we have set for ourselves. We must not turn away and say it can't be done. I am asking all Rotarians to step up and put extra emphasis and effort into fund raising and giving to polio plus. The Gates Foundation has offered us another 2 to 1 match on our gifts. We can certainly accomplish this at his cap of \$35 million (to which he will add his foundation's \$70 million). RI will track the polio contributions and on May 15, 2014, the district will determine which clubs, small, medium and large have given the most per capita. Special recognition will be given to these clubs at the district awards event at the end of June. Ideally, every Rotarian should give something. I would suggest a **minimum** goal for each club member of \$26.50; the amount of the first donation to the Rotary Foundation by Arch Klumpf in 1917. That's \$.50 per week! When the work is done and polio is gone, we should all be able to look in the mirror and say; "I was part of that great effort!"

ALL DISTRICT 6630 ROTARIANS

We all need to celebrate October 24th as **WORLD POLIO DAY**. All Rotarians have a vested interest in eliminating polio from our planet. We have been working at this for a very long time. We are literally **"THIS CLOSE"** !! Please see my **GOVERNOR'S CHALLENGE** above. This will only happen with every Rotarian's participation. Please give as generously as possible but at least at the \$26.50 level. Funds can be contributed on-line at the Rotary International WEB site or can be sent by check including, "Polio Plus" and your Rotary ID number in the memo section of the check to:

The Rotary Foundation
14280 Collections Center Dr.
Chicago, IL 60693

Clubs can also contribute for all their members by completing a "Multiple Donor" form from Rotary with individual names and Rotary ID numbers filled in by the club Treasurer or Secretary and sent to the same address as above. Make sure that the form is clearly marked as Polio Plus contributions. Clubs can also contribute a lump sum in the name of the club by sending that check to the above address and be credited with club yearly Foundation giving.

News From Garretttsville/Hiram

Garrettsville/Hiram Rotary are hoping to be a catalyst in promoting the Headwaters Trail which runs from Garretttsville to Mantua in the decommissioned railroad right-of way. The Headwaters Trail could be an attraction and a boom to local businesses and activities at either end of the way. Boy Scout Eagle

project has enhanced the facility. Clean-up, QR codes, more use and participation will help to polish this gem.

The club is also gearing up for it's annual fund raiser, the Reverse Raffle, on November 7. If you would like tickets call 330-527-4415, or see club member.



4-Way Test Speech Contest

One for the Money!

Two for the Show!

Three to get Ready and....

Four for the 4 Way Speech Contest!

Rotarians! The trees are starting to show their autumn colors which means the year is winding down. What's right around the corner? The 4 Way Speech Contest! In a few short months this annual event will once again take place in Aurora.

Now is the time to give some serious thought for preparing your Clubs to host the competitions at the local level. I urge all of the Clubs in District 6630 to take the opportunity to plan a local competition even if it has never been done before. It is well worth the time and effort.

Last year we had 23 of the 55 Clubs in the District with representation at the Contest. This year, our goal is to exceed 50% participation and it shouldn't be hard since it is a fantastic event for the students in the different areas.

The first step is to contact the local high school in your area to explain what the competition is and what it represents. The teachers and the guidance staff are great resources for helping to find

the right person at the school to get the ball rolling. Now is the time to make the phone call or set an appointment to speak with someone to discuss the benefits of participation in this Contest. Remember.....there is also a pot of gold at the end of the rainbow for the students!

I can help! If you have never held this competition at your Club on the local level, I will gladly help you to organize and plan the event. It only takes one person to conduct the competition, so let's do it!!

My challenge to all of the Clubs in District 6630 is this: Let's make this year's Contest the BEST EVER by having as many Clubs represented as possible! All you need to do is ask yourselves four simple questions.....Is It The Truth?.....Is It Fair To All Concerned?.....Will It Build Goodwill and Better Friendships?.....Will It Be Beneficial To All Concerned?.....The answer is.....YES IT WILL!!!!

If you would like to discuss this opportunity for your Club, please contact me at 440-724-5510.

Thank you and I look forward to hearing from you very soon! Scott Pease, Chairman

How Do We Grow Our Rotary Club

By: Al Conners

Statistics compiled from Rotary International suggest that we are doing a good job of bringing new members into Rotary. As an organization, we number 1,200,000. Every year, we ADD approximately 120,000 new members. That's the good news! Unfortunately, we LOSE approximately 120,000 members every year, many who have been members for 3 years or less! This is "bad news" indeed!

No one in his right mind would advocate slowing down on the recruitment of new members. Nevertheless, we need to shut off the shuttle between the front and back door. I've previously stated that the "crown jewels" of Rotary are new members and urged that they be cherished. The new members we recruit represent the future of our organization and we cannot afford to let them walk out the back door.

You don't need to be clairvoyant to know that the answer is retention, retention, retention! Retention strategy focuses on the big picture. When recruiting, do we identify prospective members who appreciate the big picture, encompassing 5 avenues of service? Do we draw a picture for prospects that emphasizes the many ways Rotarians can-and do-make a difference in our world? Do they really have a picture of an organization that expects to contribute to the building of a better local, state, national and international world where "service above self" is more than a slogan?

Most of our new members have a partner. Do we try to involve them in Rotary from the "get go"? Are spouses and partners included in induction ceremonies and immediately invited and welcomed to participate in club socials? If not, why not?

Do we involve new members in the life of our club as soon as possible? This means immersing them in the fellowship and activities of our club. Do we break up into familiar and comfortable

cliques at club meetings or do we make a conscious effort to include them "in the group" and to draw them into our club activities; not as a neophyte to be "shown the ropes" but as a co-worker? If we fail to do this, the back door will beckon them.

How diligent are we in the care and nurture of new members? Do we employ a mentoring system or do we monitor meeting attendance statistics to make certain that new members are attending on a regular basis and participating in the life of the club? If our monitoring reveals that a new member is not getting involved, do we assign a member to find out why not and to become a part of the solution?

We should have a plan to activate new members, to extend a hand if that is not working, and to make certain that our new members are growing in Rotary knowledge, as well. We have a large multifaceted organization. Exposing new members to the complexity of Rotary helps ensure that they find service activities that appeal to them and offer the possibility of "making a difference" and experiencing the satisfaction that accompanies accomplishment. Above all, we need to listen to their ideas and to make certain that are truly accepted as valued members and co-workers.

We cannot grow and make bigger contributions to the world around us if we are satisfied with adding 10% new members and losing 10% of our current members every year. Of course we will lose members every year because of business transfers (these need not be lost to Rotary) and because of illness and death. The trick is to keep these losses well under 10%. Is this doable? Your club can do it

if you have a comprehensive strategy to recruit good prospects and to make certain they are welcomed, educated, listened to, and nurtured as the future of Rotary. After all, they are our "crown jewels"!

2013 Zone Institute

By: Stan Socha

I had the opportunity to attend the 2013 Zones 28-29 Institute in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. The institute offers a series of great speakers to help one learn more about Rotary and what Rotary does and can do for people around the world. It also has offered me the opportunity to meet with people whom I have had the privilege to work with on past polio immunization trips and other international trips.

Among the speakers were past Ambassadorial Scholars who reinforced the value of this program in what it offers to young people who want to make a difference in the world. Listening to these people relive their experiences and report on the future that is opened up to them reinforces the good we do as Rotarians in our programs. These scholars are a great pool for future Rotarians, but we do not follow up and ask them to join Rotary. One of the ladies stated that it took twenty years after her return from her scholarship for someone to invite her to join Rotary.

Other speakers are people who are motivated in their careers and impart information that can make us better understand what Rotary has done for them or their communities. It is very inspiring to hear what we as Rotarians have done for others and what we can learn about our impact on the world and the part we play in the lives of many people. One young man who is a student at Duquesne University spoke of his passion on water and sani-

tation projects in Central America. He is a Rotaract Club member at Duquesne University and who started a 501.c.3 organization which is working with Rotary Clubs, Rotaract Clubs, and Interact Clubs in Western Pennsylvania to move his vision of better water for people along. He received his introduction to Rotary when he attended RYLA training id D7280 in 2010. Here again is product of a Rotary program that motivates young people to be better citizens of the world.

Also I had the opportunity to meet people from other Districts who shared their experiences, goals, and enthusiasm for Rotary. One DGE from D7190 shared that while in the U.S. Air Force he worked on the original polio eradication project in the Philippines as a military volunteer. Here is someone who helped kick off our major project before becoming a Rotarian and now is helping to bring this project to completion as a Rotarian.

In closing I want to express what a great learning experience it is to attend the Zone Institute. It allows one to learn about what we do as Rotarians by listening to great motivated and inspiring speakers and the interacting with Rotarians from surrounding districts.



Rotary Trip to El Salvador

There is an opportunity for Rotarians from District 6630 to join with Rotarians from District 6400 (Michigan / Lower Canada) and from Calgary Canada to visit El Salvador January 25 through February 1, 2014. The purpose of the trip is to assist with overseeing the development of a large Rotary sponsored water/

sanitation project that is underway. Delegates will have an

opportunity to learn about the country of El Salvador and its people, to meet Rotarians from local partner clubs as well as community leaders and the villagers who will benefit from the project.

El Salvador is a small tropical Central American country with a population of about 6 million people. The current project is the fourth in a succession of projects completed by Rotary since 2005. These projects service villages in remote mountainous areas that otherwise would not have access to clean running water.

The delegation trip is planned and organized by Ivan Villasboa, Executive Director of Companion Community Development Alternatives (CoCoDA). For over twenty years, CCoDA has worked

works to link local villages in El Salvador with communities and organizations in the United States. Through these partnerships, very poor rural people have been able to achieve some educational and socioeconomic development goals. In 2004, CoCoDA began to partner with Rotary clubs in the U.S., and Canada to build sustainable water/sanitation projects for the villagers. Thus far, three projects have been completed since 2005, all of which are being effectively operated and maintained by local villagers. By engaging the villagers in the planning, development and maintenance stages of these projects, a model of sustainable this sustainability has been achieved that has been featured at the Rotary International Convention.

Mr. Villasboa will be in the Kent area November 10-12. He is available to speak to any Rotary clubs this model for solar powered sustainable water/sanitation systems. Any clubs desiring to schedule him as a speaker should contact Carol Crimi (330) 607-5105. Anyone interested in joining the delegation trip in January should contact Carol Crimi at cjcrimi@sbcglobal.net or Larry Lohman at lohman-consultants@gmail.com for more information. The cost of this trip is \$1,000 plus air fare. This cost covers all food, lodging, transportation, programs, and translation services while in El Salvador.

****EDITOR'S NOTE****

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Port-Summit Rotary is now meeting at the Wildcat Cafe, 3763 Mogadore Road, Mogadore, OH 44260. The meeting time and day, noon on Thursday, remains unchanged.

Akron Rotary Camp - Gratitude & Pride

By: Nick & Ruthie George, Jack & Vivian Harig

Honoring the Past – Driving the Future, the theme for The Rotary Club of Akron's 100th Anniversary Celebration April 5, 2014 sums up our feelings on



Saturday September 28th 2013 when 400 past, present, and future donors assembled at the Akron Rotary Camp Regatta. The event recognized the accomplishments of the Family of Akron Rotary as they pushed to close the funding gap and finalize a three year capital campaign. Your work has provided over \$3.5 million to transform the Akron Rotary Camp from a camp to a campus for kids. It has changed from a place for kids to go and



be kids to a place families can turn to as a resource center. A place where kids can be kids, families receive support, and lives changed forever.

Imagine the vision of the Akron Rotarians in 1924 to provide a place where kids with dreaded polio could find respite

from their daily routine of therapy and enjoy therapeutic camping, just being kids. Fast forward to 2010 when the Rotary Club of Akron and the Akron Rotary Foundation said "yes" to a proposal to honoring the past, and driving the future by committing to tackle a \$3.5 million renovation of "The Camp". Faith in yourselves and the greater Akron community made it happen. As the family of Rotary you attained a goal that most said was impossible. You did it because Rotarians always do what they promise to do. As the Saturday evening Regatta at the Camp unfolded, many donors and future donors



saw what you have done. They would say, "Congratulations, you must be very proud." The first thought that came to our minds was this is not about what the leadership team has done; it is about what the family of Rotary has accomplished. We feel a great sense of pride, not in ourselves, or the campaign committee; instead we feel proud of the family of Rotary and the greater Akron community. As co-couple chairs, Nick & Ruthie George, Vivian and Jack Harig are grateful that you caught the vision, took up the cause. You will be changing the lives of kids and their families for another 90 years and longer.

We are grateful for leaders like Rennick and Dee Andreoli and the RDA team who offered their skill, professionalism, and leadership to navigate an event that raised \$500,000 in one evening. We are thankful for Dan & Wendy Reynolds and the Camp staff, the family of Rotary throughout District 6630 and their friends, the Akron Rotary Foundation, the Akron Community Foundation, Wayne Homes & the Chili Open Committee, the Homebuilders of Greater Akron, Rotarian Bill Bennett, Bennett Construction Management Co. and the many

volunteers who have made a dream into a reality.

The job is not done. There is more, as your pledges are paid off, the camp board will continue to honor your trust by investing your money wisely, building the future. As your director, Mella Caster, working with the Akron Rotary Foundation will grow the endowment fund to insure the sustainability of the camp for the next 90 years. It is our hope that as



Rotarians and the family of Rotary you will consider the legacy you can leave as part of your estate planning to "Honor the Past and Drive the future."

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News From TRC Cuyahoga Falls

Recently, two dams were removed from the Cuyahoga River in Cuyahoga Falls that had been up for over 100 years. When the dams were removed, along with returning the river to its natural state, a great deal of relics and other items were discovered along the river banks. The City of Cuyahoga Falls partnered with a number of local communities and organiza-



tions, including our Rotary Club, on a 2013 National Public Lands Day Cuyahoga River Cleanup project. It turned out to be a beautiful day to wade in the mud, avoid poison ivy and pick up trash, but a bunch of hardy Falls Rotarians joined the volunteers who turned out to help with the annual public lands cleanup project. Fortunately, only two of us

needed to be rescued from the knee deep muck, as we picked up many items along the banks.



One of our pictured here, with our bounty of 4 truckloads of items that are no longer dotting our riverfront landscape. Although we didn't find much of value or archeological significance, we did pick out tires, bottles, trash bags, hub caps, barrels, beer cans, what was left of a cement mixer, and a washing machine along with a lot of other trash as you can see! Unfortunately, we were not able to free up the bathtub that was embedded, and had to leave that for another crew with better tools. Thanks to all for their participation in this worthy project!

Rotary and PBS

As part of our continuing efforts to highlight Rotary's work to end polio, we are pleased to share with you a story which aired this week on PBS, a major and highly influential U.S. television network. The segment highlights Rotary's work to end polio in Pakistan, as well as the challenges we continue to face in eradicating this disease. The story includes the voices of health workers, religious leaders, and Rotary Pakistan, including National Polio-Plus Chair Aziz Memon. In addition, many of the polio workers appearing in the segment are wearing hats and carrying gear clearly bearing Rotary's End Polio Now logo.

This story first aired on the network's Religion & Ethics Newsweekly program over the weekend. It was rebroadcast Monday on PBS NewsHour. You can view the segment online here: <http://www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/2013/10/04/october-4-2013-pakistan-polio-campaign/20506/>

As you may know, PBS is the United States' national Public Broadcasting Service, which has an immense reach throughout the country. According to PBS, nearly 90% of all U.S. television households - 220 million people - watch PBS in a given year. The Secretariat's communications team has been working closely with PBS on this project over the past year, and it is satisfying to see that their hard work has paid off.

We invite you to share this segment with your own Rotary networks. It's a great testament to our leadership in the fight to end polio, both in Pakistan and throughout the world.

Best,
John Hewko
General Secretary

Sydney – Here We Come

I am the District chair for the International Convention that will take place from June 1 to June 4 in Sydney, Australia. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask. I am distributing to the assistant governors some information about the convention for each club. Also, Cheryl is posting newsletters about the convention on the district web page.

We would like to get an idea of who is attending this year. When we are there, we try to get a time when we could meet for some refreshments or dinner. If you let me know if you are attending and what your cell phone number is or where you will be staying, I will keep track of it and will contact you in Australia. I will probably publish hotels where people are staying when I hear of them but will not indicate who.

Michael P. Davanzo

In Memoriam

Irving R. Ryan

President of Berea Rotary

1995-1996

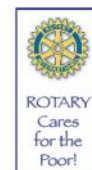
Paul Harris Fellow

Passed away Sept. 8, 2013

Memorial Contributions to

The Berea Rotary Foundation

P.O. Box 55, Berea, OH 44017



WE NEED 150 WHEELCHAIRS!



Wheelchairs for the poor!

Betania Medical Mission - Chinandega, Nicaragua

Packing and Shipping - November 2013

Goal:

We are on a mission to collect 150 wheelchairs and other medical equipment to ship to the Betania Medical Mission in Chinandega, Nicaragua. This equipment is desperately needed by the Betania Mission in order to help those people living in extreme poverty with their medical care.

Types of Equipment:

Used wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, bathing seats and other medical equipment, in gently used condition.

Packing Schedule:

Our plan is to begin collecting these important items in early November, organize a morning packing day, where we will fill a shipping container with all of our donated items. This container will then be delivered to Houston, TX where it will be shipped 'free of charge' to Central America. Upon arrival, it will be delivered to the Betania Medical Mission in Chinandega, Nicaragua.

How Can You Help?

Volunteers to go into your community to find and collect wheelchairs and other medical equipment. Once you have collected items, contact us so we can track our progress in order to properly prepare the shipment. Clean the equipment if necessary and then bring it to our Packing Day in November. If you have the time, stay and help load the shipping container on that day.

Lastly, spread the word to your friends, neighbors, club members and anyone who might be able to donate this equipment.

For more information and to sign up as a volunteer, please contact:

Marsha Pappalardo (Rotary Club of Brunswick) 218-410-4844 ... or email: CMPAPPAPA@aol.com

Ooh la la!!

The Aurora Rotary Club will be offering a French Crepes Spectacular and Wine Tasting on Sunday, November 3, 2013, from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm at Doogan's Restaurant in Barrington Square in Aurora, Ohio. Appetizer crepes, three entree crepes, desert crepes, salad and five wines to taste for each crepe will be furnished. In addition, presentations will be made on each wine, there will be table-side French singers, a mime, a French origami magician, crepes cooking demonstrations, and more. What a value!

Tickets are \$35 for each adult, \$20 for those under 21 years. Please call Roger Cram at 330-569-4912 or email rfcram@aol.com for tickets.

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TRICK-OR-TREAT AT CAMP!

How you can help

Camp will be holding its annual Halloween event on Thursday October 31st, 2013 from 6-8 P.M. We are looking for candy donations, as well as volunteers to help with the event. We will be collecting donations at the Akron Rotary Club luncheons on October 15th, 22nd, and 29th. The deadline for donations is Tuesday October 29th, 2013. If you would like to volunteer for the event please contact Mella at mella@akronymca.org or (330)-644-4512 ext. 3206.



AKRON ROTARY CAMP
 4450 Res Lake Drive
 Akron Ohio, 44319
 330-644-4512

News From TRC Berea

KIVA loans: Berea Rotary has made 397 loans through KIVA, which provides micro-funding for small business entrepreneurs around the world, especially in developing countries.

The latest loans were made to business groups in Mexico (animal sales & agriculture), Indonesia (pigs), Togo (two for agriculture), Cambodia (farming), Pakistan (livestock), Bolivia (cattle), Mali (farming), Peru (animal sales) and Ecuador (livestock).

To learn more about KIVA, go to www.kiva.org.

Berea Rotarians enjoy annual Clam Bake



Hilary Wilson and Shelly and Bob Quayle line up for the buffet of clams, clam chowder, chicken, baked potatoes and salad at the home of Bob Huge and Judy Stull on Oct. 1. Catering was by Flavor the Town. More than 50 Rotarians and guest attended the annual clam bake.



Beverly and Dave Skrzynski dig in to their dozen clams. Dave, who is Past District Governor, also won two tickets to Strongsville Rotary's Savor the Flavor during a special raffle at the clam bake.

Rotarians help out at Berea's Harvest Festival

Members of Berea Rotary took part in the city of Berea's annual Harvest Festival on Oct. 12 by staffing a Trick-or-Treat table in downtown Berea. Each year, Rotary hands out candy to children who attend the Festival. The children from Berea and surrounding communities are invited to dress in costume and trick-or-treat at downtown businesses. Rotarians also helped supervise games and crafts for the kids. Taking part in the festivities, which were held on a Saturday afternoon, were Marilyn Deucher, Kate and Tom O'Donnell and Elizabeth Burnett.



Berea Rotarians Marilyn Deucher, as a friendly witch, and Tom O'Donnell, vice president, and his wife, Kate, hand out candy to youngsters during Berea's Harvest Festival.

Rotary District 6630
GRAND FOUNDATION EVENT
2013/14
November 9, 2013
6:00 pm
SAVE THE DATE
 Join us for a great evening of Fun, Socializing and Dynamic Speakers.
 We will celebrate the strength of District 6630 through the strong support of many of our long term members.
Doubletree Hilton-Cleveland East
3663 Park East Drive
Beachwood, OH 44122
Event Details and Registration to Follow
Rotary District 6630
 Robert "Bob" Johnson
 District Governor 2013-2014
 Tel: 440-834-8447
 Email: goracerbob@aol.com



Readers Write In

Here are some interesting answers to some relevant questions. If you would like to send in your answer I'd be happy to publish it next month.

Question 1: Why did you become a Rotarian?

I happened upon our annual Christmas program for the mentally and physically challenged children in our area. Our club sponsored an event at the local Farmpark including some time with Jungle Terry and his animal friends, a trip to Santa's workshop to make a toy and then a visit from the Santa himself. I had no idea Rotary sponsored events like this all over or the impact it has for the children and families involved. I've been hooked ever since and involved in so much more locally and internationally.

Lee Quiñones, RFC

I was able to spend a year abroad in Brazil as a Rotary Youth Exchange Student way back in 1987. This experience changed and guided my entire adult life, indeed my very personality! I have LIVED the wonderfulness of what Rotary does for the human race—not the least of which is promote world peace. Serving as a Rotarian is the very least I can do to 'pay it forward and backward'.

Kelly Low, PhDc
Former Rotary Youth Exchange Student
Past President, 2009-2010
Secretary
3 x Paul Harris Fellow
Member, District Grants Committee
Medina Rotary Club

Visiting Camp Cheerful in Strongsville one Christmas season, I noticed a sign on one of the cabins- "This cabin being restored by the Strongsville Rotary Club." Having recently moved to Strongsville, I was looking for a way to get involved in the community. As luck would have it, I was asked as a Disaster Services volunteer with the American Red Cross, to speak to

the club about the Red Cross's role in disaster relief. One thing led to another and I was invited to join by then President-Elect Don Wolfcale.

That was 24 years ago and Rotary means more to me today than ever. I am truly blessed to belong to one of the most dynamic clubs in the district as well as an international organization helping people all over the world. I have made many friends through my membership in Rotary, and indeed, most of our friends are Rotarians.

Neal Klabunde

Question 2: Why do you enjoy Rotary?

I am often asked, what is Rotary? What does it Do?

I start my response by saying "Rotary does a wonderful thing...it brings like-minded people together".

Although club members have diversified backgrounds and range in age from their 20's to over 80, they all share the same commitment...to serve the less fortunate and those who are in need. Our goal is to make the world a better place, both on a global scale and at the local level.

They say that volunteering is the first step toward self – actualization. Now I can see why. It is most gratifying to see members taking the initiative and being pro – active in participating in various service projects and events. Our most valuable resource is our time. To give it in serving others is a priceless quality.

I enjoy listening to weekly speakers. They provide us with the opportunity to learn about a wide variety of subjects.

With regards to fellowship, getting to know members and their families has developed new friendships. My spouse and I have been fortunate for these new relationships. I am happy to say that our new friends have enriched our lives and we look forward to family oriented activities.

What I like the most is the camaraderie that we have...you can feel it. It is an atmosphere of trust and compatibility. This is what keeps us connected and we enjoy each other's company.

Lastly, joining Rotary is one of the best decisions I have ever made.

Tony Corrao – The Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise

Question 3: Why is Rotary Important to You?

Being a Rotarian pushes me to excel. Rotary motivates me to be a better person. What many of my fellow Rotarians accomplish in a day's time is remarkable—imagine what they achieve in a week, month or year! Their commitment to excellence shows through in their business activities, in their volunteerism, and in the dedication to their families.

I'm especially proud of the recent leadership in the Akron Rotary Club for their ability to find the best in those around them. They seem to have a great way of discovering talents and encouraging service.

Rotary leadership doesn't shy away from tackling huge goals. They find champions and then simply won't take no for an answer. I know that my years in Rotary have paved the way for me to accept challenges I never would have dreamed possible 15 years ago.

Sandy Naragon



ROTARY INTERNATIONAL®

Shoe Boxes Begin 3 Month Journey to Nicaragua

By: Jack Young

For the seventh consecutive year Ohio Rotary District 6630 combined its efforts with Rotary Districts in Michigan, Iowa and Texas to send shoe boxes to the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. Approximately 2500 boxes were sent this year to encourage children of the poorest of the poor to go to school, have good attendance and receive good grades.



The Shoe Boxes left Brunswick, Ohio last Saturday and were taken to Taylor Michigan, where they were combined with items from the Michigan Rotary District 6400 and loaded on a Wal-Mart truck. From there, they travel to Waterloo, Iowa and are combined with more shoe boxes from Rotary District in Iowa.



At that point, the Shoe Boxes and other supplies for the children and teachers are then combined with the Shoes Boxes collected by Rotary Districts in Texas, loaded on a Freightner under the direction of a Texas Rotarian and continue their journey to the Port of Honduras.

The shoe boxes filled with a dress for the girls and pants and shirt for the boys, along with school supplies, tooth paste and tooth brush, shampoo, soap, combs, a toy and other miscellaneous school items are given out to the children during the first week of December each year.

Again the children must earn this one gift by going to school, have good attendance and maintain good grades.

Rotarians and friends of the Rotarians from the participating districts go to Chinandega the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving to hand out this precious gift. For many children, it is the only Christmas gift they will receive. It should be noted that in addition to the Shoe Boxes, the Rotary Club of Hillcrest-Sunrise sends over 360 paperback Dictionaries translated from English to Spanish and Spanish to English. This helps the children to become more familiar with English.



North East Ohio Rotary District 6630 became involved in December 2006, when Past District Governor of North East Ohio, Jack A. Young, was asked by Past District Governor Larry Wright, of Michigan District 6400 to join him on a Rotary Mission trip to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua. According to PDG Young, seeing children living and eating from a garbage dump changed his whole perspective of helping the poorest of the poor who don't even have clean drinking water.

Corrections to District Directory

Here are some important updates for the recently published District Directory:

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Mike Guyer, Assistant Governor

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Auburn Township OH 44023

O: 440/ 543-8880 x 33

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Robert A. Kobak, PDG

3208 Themis Street, #3

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Rotary Club of Port Summit

Meeting Place: Wildcat Café – 3763 Mogadore Road, Mogadore OH 44312

Please contact Rick Pollak, District Executive Secretary,
(grantmakingservices@gmail.com) with any additional corrections.

Rotaract Club Closes

Unfortunately, Rotary Cleveland East's Rotaract Club, CWRU Engineers Without Borders, disbanded itself last year when the various engineering students began to graduate. Despite strong efforts on our part and others, no other CWRU students found an interest in sustaining a Rotaract Club from CWRU (even though we expanded the career focus beyond engineering).

Efforts are in our scope to form another Rotaract Club, but at this time it is in the visionary stage.

Respectfully,
Donna Dixon-Stovall, PHF, PP
Rotary Cleveland East Officer & Secretary

Hudson Elms Wants to Invite
Your Kids To Our
Haunted Walk For Candy
A Night Of Fun!

October 21
6 - 7:30

563 W. Strzelsboro Road
Hudson, OH 44236
330-650-0436



World Polio Day

By: Stan Socha

Thursday 24 October was World Polio Day. Carl Kurlander President/CEO of Steeltown Entertainment has produced a documentary film about Dr. Jonas Salk and his efforts to save the world from polio. This one hour documentary, "A Shot To Save The World", will debut on the Smithsonian Channel on October 24th at 8:00 PM. The film will be replayed again at 11:00 PM and again on Saturday 26 October at 3:00 PM. The film also has a clip with Bill Gates on his role in supporting Rotary's efforts to eradicate polio.

In conjunction with World Polio Day PDRD and Polio Pioneer Dr. Don Kwait challenge the Chagrin Highlands RC members to match or exceed his \$20 do-

nation to the Polio Plus Campaign. Two members exceeded the challenge by donating \$500 each. To Polio Plus. Don is passing this challenge on to District 6630 Rotarians and Rotary Clubs. Donations can be made direct on the RI website or by submitting a check or cash to your club's foundation chair. Also all donations to Polio Plus receive a 2X match from the Gates Foundation, and all donations by members are eligible for Paul Harris awards.

Remember to watch "A Shot To Save The World" on World Polio Day on OCT 24th and match or exceed Don's challenge. Also all clubs should have a fund raiser for Polio Plus to involve the public on this important project and not just Rotarians.

Attention all PEs

In about three months you will begin your training to become your club's president. We are finalizing the details for the event and as soon as I have them, I will share them with you. Please reserve January 25 for PETS (president elect training seminar). I will be meeting with the assistant governors on October 23 and will go over some information with them. They will be sharing that with you.

It is our goal to help and support you as you lead your clubs. My best to you.

Michael P. Davanzo, DGE

[Stephen Zabor posted in Rotary District 6630](#)



Stephen Zabor

12:33pm Oct 23

Rotary District 6630 has a new facebook page and this one's use will be discontinued. Please go either to our website, rotarydistrict6630.com, and click on the facebook link or go to <https://www.facebook.com/District6630>.

A Life Saving Challenge

By: Bruce Hitchcock

Jack Hopkins is a man with a mission. Jack is helping to rebuild a country destroyed by ten years of brutal civil war. He first went to Liberia as a short term missionary for the United Methodist Church. His job was to help re-establish the agricultural industry of the nation. While working on farms and gardens in Grand Bassa County, Jack met Dr. Dickriede, an emergency room surgeon employed by the Cleveland Clinic. Dr. Dickriede was volunteering at the Medical Clinic of Camphor Mission. He was overwhelmed with the health needs of the people in the area. In particular, there was a large population of children and babies dying due to polluted water. Dr. Dickriede asked Jack to help provide potable

water to save the lives of babies.

Jack participated in a project that provided 57 wells in Grand Bassa county. Jack was the project manager for 10 of those wells. Not only did the wells save lives, but they also acted as basic infrastructure for development. Jack is no stranger to Service Above Self. Jack is a member of the Geneva Rotary Club. He is also a member of, and missionary for, Geneva United Methodist Church. A few months ago, Jack received an urgent request to lead a project to put in 40 more wells. Sites for 20 new wells have been identified. Up to 20 more well sites are being investigated.

Recently, Jack attended a District Rotary gathering where the issue of recruiting new members took place. At one

point, a participant stated the need for a new and exciting project to attract new members. District 6630 needs a profound purpose. Jack spoke briefly about 40 new wells that will save lives and build basic infrastructure in Liberia.

Jack has spent time organizing and building a network of organizations, corporations, businesses, churches and individuals to see this project to completion. Jack keeps a busy schedule of speaking engagements concerning the work in Liberia. His stories and pictures are interesting and moving. Where else do we have the opportunity to literally save lives and build a nation out of devastation and poverty? The challenge we face is funding the project. The estimated cost for the three year project is \$107,000.

- ◆ 10 wells using a drilling rig at 5k ... \$50,000
- ◆ 30 wells dug by hand at 1.5k ... \$45,000
- ◆ Project management costs... \$12,000 (Travel, \$8,000 and Room and Board, \$4,000)
- ◆ Total Cost \$107,000

The challenge for District 6630 Rotary Clubs is to consider saving lives and building a nation with Jack Hopkins, and many others. Rotary participation with this project is important. Corporations, businesses, churches and individuals are working together in a project that embodies the highest ideals of Rotary. Please join us. Call Jack Hopkins to visit your club and share his mission and challenge, (440 415-3776).

Northwest Cluster Wine Train

Sixty Members & guests go on Northwest Cluster Wine Train

Doug Cooper of the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary and Shawn Mueller, Assistant Governor organized a very successful Wine Train Social for the Northwest Cluster Clubs, Lakewood Rocky River Lunch and Sunrise Clubs, North Ridgeville, and West Shore Rotary Clubs. The Cuyahoga



Sunrise Rotary members enjoy Cluster Wine Train

Valley Scenic Railroad reserved a car for the group and provided the wine and snacks. The group met at the Rocky River



Northwest AG, Shawn Mueller with Wine Train Passengers

Civic center for a bus ride to the Train. First Federal Investments sponsored the social and the North Ridgeville Club, The Railroad, Phil Ardussi of the Lakewood Rocky River Lunch Club, Geiger's Clothing and Sports, the Whistlestop Restaurant and Hospice of the Western Reserve donated raffle prizes. Nearly \$650 raised from the event Each Club will share

in the funds raised based on their participation. Club funds will be designated for its current service projects.

Etta Project in Bolivia

Last year the Rotary Club of Mantua sponsored a \$15,000 project to train and equip 21 health promoters in 7 rural villages of Bolivia. The project received financial support from 14 District 6630 clubs, one district Rotarian and the host club in Saavedra, Bolivia. In May I was privileged to participate in a service trip to Bolivia with 11 other volunteers from the Seattle, Washington area. My primary purposes were to observe the impact of our project and to do what I could to improve the quality of life of the residents outside Montero.



During our time in Bolivia the dentists on the trip pulled teeth and did restoration work, we fit residents with their first pair of glasses, and we built eco-latrines. While it was satisfying to see the results of the dental and vision work it was revealing and sad to witness the status of those who came for help. Young children would come in with major abscesses and with badly decayed teeth that could not be restored.

Men and women would come in barely able to see the eye chart that was only 18 feet from where they stood. One man, after we tried increasingly strong classes, broke out into a huge smile when he finally could see the top item on the chart. How rewarding was that. Very frequently we would get hugs from those we served.

While I did help with the vision project my primary job was building an eco-



latrine for a rural family. This was interesting for me as I was able to refresh my masonry skills, become acquainted with the day-to-day life of rural Bolivians, and could participate in a project that would improve hygiene, sanitation and food production. Once completed the eco-latrine would prevent human waste from polluting the sources of water used for drinking and cooking, and would produce compost that could safely be used to fertilize the family gardens.



The most important result of the trip was that I was able to see first hand the work of the Health Promoters supported by our project and the work of Etta Projects in Bolivia. The motto of Etta Projects is "Attainable, Sustainable Results." And I can now testify that that is exactly what they do. They work to empower the residents of rural villages to take responsibility for the improvement of their lives. The health promoters being trained through this project demonstrated commitment and engagement and, once fully trained, will be supported by the Bolivian government as they survey health needs in their community, provide basic health care, and connect those in need to clinics and hospitals.

I have spoken to six clubs about this trip and am ready to schedule a visit to your club.

Steve Zabor, DG 2011/12

What's Your Idea of Peace?

Express yourself through ROGEC (Rotary Global Essay Competition) by RC Pune Katraj, D3131, INDIA



Rotarians world over, are synthesis of intellectuals who come together to offer their expertise and resources for doing good to the World with a motto of "Service Above Self". Rotarians come from diverse cultures, unite for common goals through service projects, follow high ethical standards in their profession and use Rotary as a platform for advancement of international understanding, goodwill and peace.

Rotary Global Essay Competition (ROGEC) is a platform for Rotary family consisting of Rotarians, Anns, Annets, Rotaractors and Interactors to express themselves on a Global Canvas on range of subjects which will ultimately fulfill Rotary's objectives and make this world a better place to live.

ROGEC invites views and analysis from diverse and distinct cultures, fusing them together in a neatly woven bouquet. The issues like hunger, diseases, inequality, education, conflicts, etc. are common across cultures and countries, the magnitudes and perspectives however are different. ROGEC aims to provide every individual in the Rotary fraternity a global platform to convey a story about the issues, reasons and resolutions.

Rotary Global Essay Competition (ROGEC) is being organized by Rotary Club of Pune Katraj (R.I. District 3131,

India). Theme for ROGEC 2013 is "World Understanding & Peace". ROGEC shall reward the winning entries with attractive prizes including all paid trip to India and much more. As also, all participants get eCertificates and chance to win other prizes. For details visit www.rogec.org and like www.facebook.com/rogec2013.

HIGHLIGHTS of Rotary Global Essay Competition (ROGEC)

- Organized by : Rotary Club Of Pune Katraj (D3131, INDIA)
- A Global Essay Competition
- Theme for 2013 : "World Understanding & Peace"
- Submissions : Started from 30th July 2013
- For more details visit : www.rogec.org
- For latest updates : www.facebook.com/rogec2013

Ten "Simple" Steps to Revitalize Your Club

The Rotary Club of Conneaut is proud to announce its recent growth in membership and share some of the ideas that have contributed to it. As with many life experiences, this accomplishment was the direct result of a "desperate times call for desperate measures" situation. As of 2010, the club had declined in numbers from fifty to thirty-six members and showed no signs of recovering. A less than ideal meeting place, lack of organization and vision for the future, and a weak economy, among other things contributed to its sluggish state.

It was at that point that the current president and two president-elects began an informal mission to revitalize what appeared to be a dying club. They met with fifteen past presidents to gain insight, knowledge, and formulate a plan. Their first move was to establish a mission statement "to serve the local Conneaut community with an emphasis toward youth" and

act on it. Nine other goals followed. They included formalizing a succession and backup plan for officers, publicizing Rotary and activities through local media and reinstituting the publication of "SPOKE" and "Weekly Alert," computerizing both the Treasurer and Secretary's positions, revamping the Sargent's role with financial goals including meeting make-ups and work credits, focusing on new members with a "Hit List" that outlined specific goals, and improve fundraisers and communication with the district. The final goal was to visit all five clubs in the cluster to gain and lend much needed support. All ten of these goals were achieved by June 30, 2013.

In one way or another, these goals were chosen to ultimately increase active membership in the club. To support this, a survey was conducted among current members and visitors to identify strengths and weak-

nesses. The demographics of the club's members was also studied and a "Hit List" was created to actively search out members who would help to broaden membership in terms of occupation, gender, skill, connection, etc. To oversee this aggressive membership drive, an experienced and committed Membership Chair was appointed. Club Membership Options and Guidelines were established and approved to make membership more attractive to individuals in the community. One of the most successful attempts to increase membership comes in the Spring with March Membership Madness. Throughout the month of March, members are encouraged to bring a friend to a meeting. For each friend brought, a future fine is waived. Members who do not bring a friend are fined as a result. In preparation for this drive, meetings are sometimes moved to larger venues where they are

more visible and can accommodate more people. The most dynamic speakers are also usually reserved for this time of the year.

The result of this group effort has been very rewarding. The club now boasts a 15% increase in female membership, net membership has improved from 36 to 54 members, and occupational diversity has expanded greatly. Equally important is the fact that only six members have been lost over the last three years with five of the six being geographic relocations.

The Conneaut Rotary Club meets every Tuesday at noon in the University Hospitals community room on West Main Rd. We invite you to join us and share ideas and efforts that have worked for your club. We are always looking to improve!

Respectfully Submitted By:

Chris and Jody Brecht

West Shore & Alzheimer's

The West Shore Rotary Walker Team (from left to right- Luisa Heimburger, Jan Dawson, Eric Wagner, Amy Reaser and Judy Wagner (not pictured)), walked in the pouring rain on Saturday, Sept 21, 2013 to end Alzheimer's. Donations can still be made till the end of the year by going to: <http://act.alz.org/goto/Westshore>



Together we can make a difference to end Alzheimer's!

Take Me Out to the Ballgame!

District # 6630 Rotarians, families, and friends, enjoyed an evening of good food, baseball, and fireworks on August 23, 2013. The annual Rotary baseball night raffle once again raised \$ 1350.00 for Polio Plus and gave a Paul Harris fellow to Pat Myers, president of TRC of Hudson Clocktower.

Pat Myers also was the winner to throw out the first pitch at the Indians game that night. Pat had her granddaughter do the honors and had a great experience. Just ask her!

Second place in the raffle for 2 box seat tickets to an Indians game went to Sheila Hedrick. The third place autographed baseball was won by Bob Heydorn.

There were 141 people at the game with 60 at the pregame picnic at the Radisson

Inn. The picnic raffle had several big winners including an autographed Shin Soo Choo picture won by Guhyoun Nam, exchange student from Korea sponsored by the Rotary Club of Akron. Several other very excited winners were Dave Diffendahl, Julie West and Bob Prevette's grandson Rob.

Next year plan your individual club outings for the Indians to be a part of a very special night for Polio. Increase the number of people attending and increase the amount of fun and fellowship. What a great way to make Rotary visible.