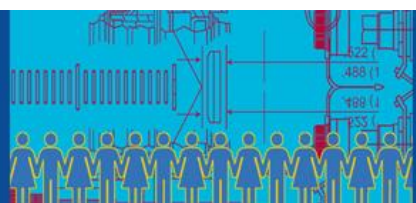
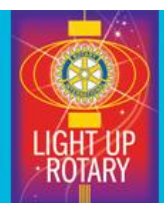




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Mike Davanzo

District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

Mike Johns, Jr

Editor

December 2014

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Governor's Letter

A Very Happy New Year to You All

I know many of you have been busy this month with different types of activities in your communities from helping needy families, decorating towns, to spreading the good works and cheer of Rotary along with many other fine activities. Again, I want to thank you for your dedication of service above self and for your sharing of time, talents, and treasure.

This month I would like to address the Avenue of Club Service. This area of Service is devoted to fellowship, management, and involvement in one's club. RI suggests that clubs put aside a meeting a month or every other month to discuss club affairs and Rotary itself. At a club assembly, the club is able to discuss among other topics, goals, mission, and planning.

For instance, do you know your club's mission? If a potential member asks you: What is the mission of your club - how would you answer? At a club assembly this could be defined and strengthened.

Another activity at a club assembly is to learn about Rotary. Some clubs have a Rotary Minute/Moment where a member shares a short fact or story about Rotary. This time could be used to share some information about our organization and its operation. As always, the district is more than willing to provide speakers to help with this. Please, keep in mind, this does not need to be a lecture type activity. There are a variety of ways to make learning about our organization fun and enjoyable.

A club assembly allows for the various Avenues of Service to meet and then report back to the club in general what each Avenue of Service is planning to do. In addition, this time could be used to do a club assessment or a club service. One of the many ways for a club to grow and get new ideas is to have members visit another club. If your club does this, then the members who made a club visit to another club could report on what they observed and learned from those visits.

In addition to these, the other aspect of club service is to be willing to assume a role in your club. This could be in a leadership position or on a committee. To be a Rotarian infers that the member will become very active and involved in the club activities and the club leadership roles.

This is also a perfect time to plan some club social activities and also socials with other clubs in your cluster.

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

Membership: How are we doing? Update:

From July 1 to November 30 this Rotary year:

77 active members added
47 members terminated

As you can see, we are adding our share of new members, but we are also losing a few. This is also an opportune time to survey those members who have left to find out why. It might be something that has nothing to do with your club; however, you may learn something about your club that you might find useful.

We are proud to welcome into our family of Rotary:

Rotary Club of Akron
Stephen Buie

Rotary Club of Aurora

Dean DePiero

Bruce Harris

Rita Scott

Rotary Club of Chagrin Valley

Will O'Brien

Rotary Club of Hillcrest

Mike Skoda

Foundation Update:

DISTRICT 6630 FUNDRAISING PROFILE

For July through November

Members (as of Oct) 2083

Goal to date \$174,427

Collected \$50,138

Per Capita (as of Nov 30) \$24.07

Sad News

Dear Rotarians and Friends of Rotary:

As many of you are just learning, it is with deepest sadness that I share with you the passing, on December 15th, 2014, of Dorothy A. Johnson, beloved mother of Past District Governor Bob Johnson (2013-2014).

Bob notified me of her passing and indicated that he was by her side when she was taken peacefully and serenely. As Bob stated, "It was a fitting end to wonderful 97 years."

In a loving family such as this it's difficult to know where to start. Dorothy's Obituary (below and at <http://www.burrservice.com/obituary/dorothy-marie-ann-johnson/>) adds color and substance to the facts that we know; that Bob and his wife, Cindy, were spending a tremendous amount of their time and loving care during these past months. Dorothy's love of her family was certainly returned toward her during her lifetime. She will be missed!

Please keep the entire Johnson family in your thoughts and prayers during this busy holiday season. Notes of condolence may be sent to Bob and Cindy Johnson at 14372 Broadwood Drive Burton OH 44021.

Yours in Rotary,
Rick Pollak
District 6630 Executive Secretary

Dorothy A. Johnson
January 31, 1918 - December 15, 2014

Dorothy A. Johnson (nee: Gilmore), Age 96 of Burton, died December 15, 2014 at UH Geauga Medical Center. Born January 31, 1918 in

Cleveland, to John and Frances (nee: Williams) Gilmore, raised in Cleveland Hts., she married Robert A. Johnson, Sr., December 31, 1941 and they raised their three children in Chagrin Falls. After her husband retired in 1969, they bought a cottage resort in New Hampshire and ran it for 15 years. While there, she had a passion for antiques and ran an antique store. In 1984, they decided to retire again, and moved back to Burton. Dorothy loved to sew, having made many of her daughters clothes, and was known for her apple pies. She was a long time member of the Burton Congregational Church and The Tuesday Club. Dorothy's favorite pastime was spending time with her family. Survivors include her children Jo-Ann Shapiro of Armonk, NY, Robert A. "Bob" (Cindy) Johnson, Jr. of Burton and Kathy Johnson of Schenectady, NY, grandchildren Debra (Matt) Weiss of Armonk, NY, David (Yolanda) Johnson of Bainbridge, Lori (Cree) Robertson of Bainbridge and Brian Johnson of Burton. Great grandchildren Jessica, Steven, Jamie Weiss, and Alexis, Emma and Kendall Robertson and nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by parents, her husband, Bob, sisters Florence McCombs, Jane Bandelow and twin sister Marge Cejka and son in law, Andrew Shapiro.

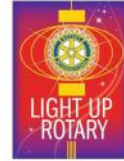
The family suggests donations to the Burton Congregational Church, P.O. Box 496, Burton, Ohio 44021 or Burton Public Library, P.O. Box 427, Burton, Ohio 44021.

Rick Pollak

Rotary International Foundation



Paul Harris Fellow Award Ceremony



November 25, 2014

Help Rotary Continue to Eradicate Polio And Provide For Other Wonderful Causes Such As:

- Promoting Peace
- Fighting Disease
- Providing Clean Water
- Saving Mothers and Children
- Supporting Education
- Growing Local Economies

Today's Paul Harris Fellow Award Recipients and All Rotarian Who Have Contributed to the Worldwide Needs of Rotary International Through Paul Harris Fellow

Paul Harris Fellow Lotto Participants & Winners

2013 Lotto	PHF	2012 Lotto	PHF	2011 Lotto	PHF
Alpeter, Hugh	PHF	Amer, Ham	PHF	Daly, John	PHF +1
Christy, Shon	PHF	Buchanan, Stew	PHF +2	Holcomb, Marcia	PHF
Hall, David	PHF	Chen, Lance	PHF	Manby, Sr., Bill J.	PHF +5
Hausknecht, Doug	PHF +1	Dutton, Terrence	PHF	Reyes, John	PHF +3
Lupica, Samuel	PHF	Farkas, Richard	PHF +1	Stewart, Harry	PHF
Ronke, Graham	PHF	Field, Frank	PHF +2		
Rooney, George	PHF	Hamilin, Earl	PHF		
Wojno, Bonnie L.	PHF	Hang, Jack	PHF +8		
		Hunsicker, Oscar	PHF		
		Kelly, Dave	PHF		
		Manby, Sr., Bill J.	PHF +5		
		Manby, Jr., Bill J.	PHF +1		
		Martin, Stan	PHF		
		O'Connell, Dan	PHF +1		
		Reynolds, Dan	PHF		
		Rogers, Bud	PHF +3		
		Romanowski, George	PHF		
		Soful, Mike	PHF		
		Sweida, Dan	PHF		
		Swartz, James F.	PHF		
		Williams, Janet	PHF		
		Wojno, Michael	PHF		



New Lotto Drawing Winners



Request Society

Only Those Who Have Informed Us of Their Request to Rotary International Are Listed:

- Jack Harig
- Cheryl Warren
- Stephen Warren
- Bill Manby, Jr.
- Bill Manby, Jr.

Anyone Who Has Not Been Listed Here and/or For More Information, Please Contact:
Bill Manby, Sr. (330) 475-8575 or
Marcia Holcomb (330) 475-1442

2015 Lotto Participants

- Bucigross, Sarah
- Krone, Mack
- Manby, Sr., Bill
- Wagner, Ed

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News From TRC Wadsworth

This week the Wadsworth Rotary club received a really sweet talk. Reverend Ann Cammarn also knows how to bake and she share a wonderful seasonal recipe. She demonstrated how to make a ginger



cake. She even explained why you always should check each egg in a cup prior to adding it to the mix to prevent contamination. She was assisted by

Bryan Laubaugh as her time to get the demonstration completed on time. She made a homemade frosting to a previously baked three tiers cake. Then she share the decorated scrumptious cake. While the Galaxy prepared a wonderful breakfast, Pastor Ann complemented it with a wonderful dessert. Dessert with breakfast! Who knew?

News From TRC Strongsville

Well here it is Almost Time for Santa and our Club has been as busy as those Elves. Last Thursday we had our Evening Christmas Member Party with Santa giving all members present, a Gold Medal for All the Club does for the Community! If you didn't bring your Gold Metal to the Friday Meeting you got fined.

The next day, after our morning meeting, we had our Annual Christmas Luncheon for the Seniors in Strongsville. We had over 400 seniors and it was a Great afternoon with the Strongsville High School Dancing troupe entertaining the folks with a song and dance routine that included some rather strenuous dancing! The students ended with a medley of Christmas tunes that included our guests joining in the singing

Now it is Saturday morning and we are at Breakfast with Santa co-sponsored by the City and our Club. This year's was another sellout; with Club Members serving over 400 meals. The kids really don't want to eat, THEY WANT TO SEE SANTA! The line starts for pictures with Santa at 9:30 am and it goes for 90 minutes. If you Club doesn't have an event like this think about starting one. YOUR CLUB WILL GET SO MUCH SATISFACTION OUT OF IT. This is a true Family Event. The Goodwill we get out of this activity is fantastic. We see folks all over town and it just starts conversations. I have gotten to know families just starting out and now they are part of my extended family. I see them after Christmas and we discuss how the kids are doing, theirs and mine.

We are working on our Big Event, THE CHILI OPEN, COMING THE LAST SATURDAY IN FEBRUARY 2015. Weekly meetings start soon to discuss all of the details to make it a success. I invite

all of the District Members to come visit this event one time and you will come back I guarantee! It is a Crazy Time and it will have 600-800 people there.

Election time is coming up and the candidates' speech writers are busy writing their speeches. We limit ours to 10 minutes. Only kidding!! This is a great opportunity for ALL OF YOU RINOS to get out of your chairs and add SOMETHING TO YOUR CLUBS! If you don't like the ways your Club is doing things, get up, run for office and change the way things are done.

There is still time in this Rotary Year to get involved with other Clubs to do some good in your Communities. If you can't find some idea for a project in your Club ask another Club. They may be looking for some help on a project. We just had a final report on a Water Project in the Philippines in which we combined with several Clubs to accomplish the task. I will keep you posted on the results of the project.

We wish all a Merry Christmas and invite you to our Annual Christmas Celebration on Dec 19 at our regular Meeting when our Club members show off their talents!

Finally, a BLESSED HAPPY NEW YEAR TO ALL AND THEIR FAMILIES!

Respectfully submitted,
Jack Miaskowski,
Rotary Club of Strongsville

Additional Message From Our DG

Dear Rotarians

As 2014 is coming to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your help, participation, and service during this year. Rotarians in District 6630 has made outstanding contributions to their communities and to their world. As I have met with the various clubs, boards, and

Rotarians in the district, I continue to be in awe of what each of you do. So again, I thank you

for everything.

As we close the year, I also would like to mention our Rotary Foundation. It is not too late to take advantage of a tax deduction for this year. As you know, it is the district's goal that each Rotarian contribute something to our Foundation. The more that we contribute, the more good we are able to continue to do.

Here are some of the projects that were carried on in our world thanks to donations to Our Foundation.

Mosquito Bed Net	\$10
Folding Walker/wheelchair	\$100
School Uniform	\$25
Sewing Machine	\$100
Water Filter	\$50
Ceramic Washbasin	\$250
Box of Purple Markers	\$ 8 5
(to indicate the child received the polio vaccination)	
Dairy Cow	\$500

In our district, clubs (since July 1) have requested over \$30,000 for local projects and \$28,290 of District Funds for global grants which was matched with \$48,485 from World Fund and supported projects worth \$132,665.

This is truly amazing. Please continue your generous giving, as this would be a perfect time to make that contribution for this calendar year (any amount is appreciated).

I also want to wish each of you a very happy, restful, and relaxing holiday season. As an international organization, we are comprised of members with many religions, beliefs, and customs. So to each of you, with your specials celebration and customs, I wish you the best. I also want to wish you a most prosperous and healthy 2015.

Our next district event is our conference on April 24 and 25 at the Double Tree Inn in Independence. Until we meet there to celebrate our year together, I wish you the best and do hope to see you at a meeting or an event before our conference.

Yours in Rotary

As we Light Up Rotary

Mike Davanzo, DG

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

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OVER THE GRAPHICS OR PICTURES
FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT... MANY
OF THEM ARE LINKS TO VIDEOS,
WEBSITES, PICTURES OR OTHER
GOODIES**

Help Fund RMcDH Expansion

With the holidays upon us, please think of the families who have loved ones in the hospital and have no place to stay. The Ronald McDonald House in Akron is doing a major expansion and building 40 more rooms for families to stay at. Our District has a fundraiser to raise \$50,000 to permanently fund a room. With checks and donations in, we are close to \$5,000 or 10% of our goal. Please go to the website below and watch the video. Donate what you can online or send checks to:

Akron Rotary Foundation
c/o Bob Oborn
381 Silver Valley Blvd.
Munroe Falls, Ohio 44262

<http://www.gofundme.com/rotarycares>

Thank you very much and Happy Holidays!



Silent Auction/Reverse Raffle Rotary Club of Berea

SAVE THE DATE!
March 21, 2015

Cleveland Browns Training Facility
Lou Groza Blvd., Berea

Catering by Bucci's - Cash Bar
Sideboards

Tickets: \$100

Contact Tom O'Donnell
(216) 712-6371

tomandkate@prodigy.net

TRC Ravenna Tours Local Business

On December 1, the Rotary Club of Ravenna took their weekly meeting "on the road" to tour a unique local business, Mongoose Motorsports. Mongoose builds and sells 1963 Grand Sport and GTP Corvette replicas including the Fast Five Silver Roadster from the Fast and Furious



movies. Mongoose built the original movie car as well as mockup copies for the filming of action scenes. Owner Gary Krause states that in addition to serving the movie industry, he has private clients throughout the U.S. and around the world.



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Dictionary Project is Family Affair

Gene Mills has been the chairman of the Ravenna Rotary Dictionary Project since 2006. Every year he makes sure the dictionaries are ordered and he enlists fellow Rotarians to help distribute the dictionaries to the students. This year he included family members as well.



L to R Gene Mills, Sarah Pastor, Nate Pastor, Diana Pastor and Superintendent Andrew Hawkins

Sarah Pastor is a Ravenna Rotarian and helped Gene distribute dictionaries at the Rootstown School District. Sarah was especially proud to give her son Nate his dictionary.



L to R Dale Korman, Gene Mills, students and Principal Harry Selner

Dale Korman is a police officer in Windham and the husband of Rotarian Debbie Korman. He assisted Gene at the Windham School District.

This year the Ravenna Rotary donated 541 dictionaries to Ravenna, Rootstown, Waterloo, Southeast, Windham and St. Joseph schools. Thanks to Gene Mills for his dedication to the cause ... his t-shirt says it all "A dictionary is a necessity!"



TRC Painesville Distributes Dictionaries

Here are some pictures from our dictionary project to pass out free dictionaries to all the 3rd graders in Painesville & Painesville Township:



Stu Lucker (President Elect - Kneeling in Front) at Clyde C. Hadden Elementary



Don Lucker and Tom Cofer (back left and right) at Our Sheppard Lutheran



Don Lucker, Tom Cofer & Stu Lucker at Summit Academy of Painesville

Painesville Rotary is proud to announce that we have been doing this project every year for more than 20 years!

-Stu Lucker

Rotary leaders Under 40 Exchange Ideas at Young Professionals Summit

Young Professionals Summit, held in Chicago in September, gave Rotary leaders ages 25 to 40 the chance to share their Rotary experiences, reflect on their stories, and exchange ideas.



The event, which included 32 Rotary and Rotaract members as well as Rotary program alumni, was organized and moderated by Rotary staff. During the discussions, a professional sketch artist illustrated the participants' ideas on whiteboards.

"The energy and ideas that have flowed in this room over the last two days are so refreshing," said Kathryn Fahy, governor of District 5970 and a member of the Rotary Club of Iowa Great Lakes, Iowa. "We've exchanged actual hands-on ideas

that we can take back to our clubs and really change momentum in Rotary."

[Read a blog post](#) from one Rotary member who attended the summit.

Want to hear more? Watch the [Young Professionals Summit video](#).

Register for upcoming webinars.

Our Membership Matters! webinar series continues in 2015 with three dynamic courses on club innovation, member engagement, and strengthening your Rotary club. Each webinar includes best practices, current trends, and actionable items that your club can start immediately. Register for upcoming webinars today!

[Simple Steps to Innovate Your Club: 4 February, 10:00 Chicago time \(UTC -6\)](#)

[Membership Engagement: The Key to Retention: 25 March, 10:00 Chicago time \(UTC -5\)](#)

[How to Recruit New Members and Strengthen Your Club: 6 May, 10:00 Chicago time \(UTC -5\)](#)

Reflections on Needs

The end of the year lends itself well to reflection: where we've been and what we've learned.

Simply put, I've found myself needing Rotary more and more. Candidly and somewhat ashamedly, I joined my first club in the mid-1990s for the sole purpose of networking for business. Rubbing shoulders with the captains of industry is a need in my line of work, and I'd been told there were few better places to do that than the local Rotary chapter. It didn't take long, however, to understand what this wonderful collection of men and women meant to their community and to each other. "Service Above Self" became more than a catchy phrase, and before long I found myself asking what I could do to address others' needs. The result, of course, is that I ended up addressing my needs . . . the ones that matter.

would be easy to hit the snooze button and grab another hour's sleep. But when I walk through Laurel Lake's doors to be greeted by people who genuinely care about me and the role I play, I feel really good. These folks get it, and find time in very busy lives to give back. From the financial and volunteer support we provide to worthy organizations to our involvement on boards, councils and projects to the genuine fellowship and camaraderie we experience, my need to belong and make a difference are one and the same.

The vast majority of you don't know me, but I'm still going to ask a favor. Take a moment and reflect on your needs and determine if Rotary addresses them. If the answer is yes, then try to make more meetings, join more committees, and connect with your community in as many ways as possible. Knowing what needs matter – and being needed – feels really, really good!

The Rotary Club of Hudson meets on Wednesday mornings at a time when it

Willoughby Rotary Foundation & Autism Speaks Launch Autism Fundraiser

Willoughby, OH—October 30, 2014 – The Willoughby Rotary Foundation and The Cleveland Chapter of Autism Speaks, the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization, are launching a dynamic event on January 25, 2015 to raise funds to reach their goal of providing iPads to children and young adults affected with autism. The event at Pine Ridge Country Club in Wickliffe, Ohio will be an evening of fun and history.

According to Linda Wise, president of the Willoughby Rotary Club, "We are very excited about this upcoming Famous & Infamous Women of Millionaires' Row Autism Fundraiser because it will be an opportunity for our community to come together for a tremendous cause and to hear an amazing presentation by Dan Ruminski, Cleveland's Storyteller."



Willoughby Rotary has been at the forefront of its commitment in having raised contributions continuously over the last four years with their iPad campaign in positively affecting the lives of hundreds of children and young adults.

"For a person with autism, the world is full of imagery, rather than words. By using this technology for education and communication, iPads can be used to create a sentence or even a story using a series of images to effectively communicate with parents, caretakers, and instructors without frustration," said Laura Hoffman, director, field development-Ohio for Autism Speaks.

Hoffman continued, "Older tools such as cards or even regular computer screens are limited in keeping the autistic user interested. The touch screen and layout make the iPad easier to use for individuals with coordination or learning difficulties. The iPad can help individuals with autism

improve basic social, fine motor, language and communication skills. It is wonderful that the rotary has taken an interest in our organization to help the autism community."

The January 25 event (which is open to everyone) will begin at 5:30 pm at Pine Ridge Country Club. Tickets are \$65 individual and \$125 for a couple, which includes dinner and the presentation.

Event organizers are recommending early registration at <http://bit.ly/WRAP2015>

One-hundred-percent of the proceeds will provide iPads to the autistic community in Northeast Ohio. Tickets and additional information on corporate sponsorship can be also be accessed by calling 440-951-1312. For additional information on the event, visit <http://www.WilloughbyRotary.org/autism/>

About Rotary Club & Foundation of Willoughby, OH

In 2010, the Rotary Club of Willoughby, Ohio established W.R.A.P., or the Willoughby Rotary Autism Project. This effort is dedicated to providing autistic children and young adults with iPads to significantly enhance their communication skills and learning ability. To

provide a unique way to generate awareness and revenue, Rotarian Dan Ruminski volunteered to lead our efforts. Dan is Cleveland's published Storyteller, educating people on the rarely known but spectacular history of Cleveland. His series of "W.R.A.P. Cleveland

History Talks" feature dinner and spell-binding stories, have attracted sponsors, and raised thousands for autism.

About Autism

Autism is a general term used to describe a group of complex developmental brain disorders – autism spectrum disorders – caused by a combination of genes and environmental influences. These disorders are characterized, in varying degrees, by communication difficulties, social and behavioral challenges, as well as repetitive behaviors. An estimated one in 68 children in the U.S. is on the autism spectrum – a 78 percent increase in six years that is only partly explained by improved diagnosis.

About Autism Speaks

Autism Speaks is the world's leading autism science and advocacy organization. It is dedicated to funding research into the causes, prevention, treatments and a cure for autism; increasing awareness of autism spectrum disorders; and advocating for the needs of individuals with autism and their families. Autism Speaks was founded in February 2005 by Suzanne and Bob Wright, the grandparents of a child with autism. Mr. Wright is the former vice chairman of General Electric and chief executive officer of NBC and NBC Universal. Since its inception, Autism Speaks has committed nearly \$200 million to research and developing innovative resources for families. On the global front, Autism Speaks has established partnerships in more than 40 countries on five continents to foster international research, services and awareness. To learn more about Autism Speaks, please visit AutismSpeaks.org.

For additional information and media interviews please contact Laura Hoffman 216.524.2842 laura.hoffman@autismspeaks.org or Nancy Valent, 216-513-8740, nancy@NMVstrategies.com

ROTARY AUTISM FUNDRAISER
"FAMOUS & INFAMOUS WOMEN OF MILLIONAIRES' ROW"
CLEVELAND STORYTELLER
DINNER & LIVE PRESENTATION BY DAN RUMINSKI

Sunday, January 25, 2015
At Pine Ridge Country Club
5:30 p.m.: Cocktails (cash bar)
6:00 p.m.: Dinner
7:00 p.m.: Live Presentation by Dan Ruminski, Cleveland's Storyteller
Tickets: \$65 individual, \$125 couple
(reservations required by January 23, 2015)

Individual & Corporate Sponsors Welcome!
100% of proceeds will provide iPads to autistic children. Checks should be made out to the Willoughby Rotary Foundation.
Order tickets from Dan at 440-951-1312 or online at www.willoughbyrotary.org/autism

The Cleveland Storyteller
Dan Ruminski discovered that his home's lot was originally part of a grand estate created by Walter White, founding brother of the White Motor Company. Drawn in by the fascinating history, Ruminski's investigation soon embraced the full legacy of Cleveland's history and the indomitable characters – John D. Rockefeller, Samuel Mather, Laura Mae Corrigan and other notable personalities.
Dan's book, *Cleveland in the Gilded Age: A Small Town Millionaire's Row*, provides a peek inside the lives of these millionaires and the once-grand mansions they called home.
Join us to hear The Cleveland Storyteller share his delightful stories that bring the past to life in an extraordinary return to this section of Euclid Avenue, which wasn't merely the most stunning show of wealth in Cleveland, but also in the entire country.
Contact us for more information:
www.clevelandhistorylessons.com
dan@clevelandhistorylessons.com
Telephone: 440-951-1312
Proceeds will be donated to the Willoughby Rotary Autism Project, raising funds to purchase iPads for children with autism.

Call To The Heart

At the Rotary Club of Chardon's Board meeting in July, it was decided to ask long time Chardon Rotarian and Hospital Albert Schweitzer supporter, Dr. Alan Cragg to be the featured speaker at our September 8th meeting. During Alan's research for his presentation, he was informed by Tran Doan, HAS Community Outreach Associate in Pittsburgh, of the urgent need for an incubator, which was estimated to be \$15,800.

The club's reaction to Dr. Cragg's Power-Point presentation was immediate, "We must do something". Each year the Chardon Rotary Club has an annual fundraiser the first Saturday in November. The Harvest Auction features appetizers, dinner and drinks along with Chinese, Silent and Live auctions. In the last few years, we have had a net profit between \$45,000 and \$55,000, which funds all of our local, regional, national and international outreach giving thru June of the following year. Last year, after the live auction was finished, we solicited donations that would go directly to Rotary Foundation's Polio Plus Program. It was named "Raise the Paddle". In 2013, The Rotary Club of Chardon raised an additional \$10,000

for Polio Plus.

The Harvest Auction Committee, led by Dick Depenbrock, recommended to our Board of Directors that we hold a fundraiser, as we did last year, after our regular auction, to raise funds toward the purchase of an incubator for Hospital Albert Schweitzer. The fundraiser was named "Call to the Heart". Jim McCaskey, Chardon Rotary Club's President, passionately supported this project which the Board of Directors unanimously approved.

Videos and pictures were provided to our club by HAS in Pittsburgh. Dr. Bob Faehnle provided the editing for a Power-Point showing during the presentation to the audience of the needs at Hospital Albert Schweitzer. The current International Service Director, Ron Croucher,



was asked to prepare a one to two minute presentation titled "Call to the Heart".

The audience was informed how this fundraiser came about. Next they were asked to compare four areas of their own lives with that of a Haitian: 1. Born in the US with all advantages available. 2. The only meal most of us have ever missed is the meal we choose to miss. 3. Not only do we have clean cold water to drink but clean hot water to bathe. 4. In the US, a hospital is almost always nearby.

The next section dealt with how high the anxiety a woman must experience with her first pregnancy and how that anxiety would increase exponentially if she delivers one to two months early. The question was then asked "Can you imagine then being told that the hospital was short of an incubator for your child"? Ron then revealed that he was an incubator baby and didn't know if he would have survived without one but the hospital had an incubator and his life was spared. The passionate presentation closed with the

statement "The real measure of a man or woman is not in their accumulation of wealth. The real measure of a person is what they have done with what they have for those they will never see nor from whom hear the words Thank You".

Scott Mihalic, a nationally recognized auctioneer and Honorary Chardon Rotarian, encouraged everyone in the audience to be a part of "Call to the Heart". The opening donations started at \$1,000 next \$500 followed by \$250. When Scott reached \$100 he let everyone know that for every \$100 pledged the McCaskey Foundation would provide a match up to \$2,500. The air was electric and the excitement palpable. When Scott finished, we had raised \$29,200. Not only did we reach our goal of \$15,800 for one incubator but we were close to our new goal of a possible second incubator. At the December 8, 2014 Chardon Rotary Board meeting we made an additional commitment of \$2,000 to fully fund two incubators for HAS.

As you can see from reading this article, the success of this fundraiser took the support of the entire club and the assistance of many. This teamwork was strengthened by our club member's belief in the Rotary Motto "Service above Self."

Should anyone wish to support the HAS neonatal program, please send donations to:

Hospital Albert Schweitzer, 2840 Liberty Ave., Ste 201, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Attn: Tran Doan. Reference either incubator or neonatal project. Charity Navigator rates Hospital Albert Schweitzer 4 star with an overall rating of 92.6. Their work is professional, compassionate and humanitarian. Their needs are great.

Polio This Week as of 17 December 2014

HEADLINES:

For the first time ever, no cases of wild poliovirus have been reported in Africa in the last 4 months. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 11 August in Somalia.

Benin starts 4th round of NIDs on 19 December for three days!

In the north of Madagascar, supplementary immunization activities are currently underway in response to the outbreak of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus type 1. National Immunization Days are planned for 19 – 23 January.

Number of cases Globally: 333

Cases in endemic countries: 314

Cases in non-endemic countries: 19

Regional situation:

Afghanistan

One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the past week from Garmser district of Hilmand province, which had not previously reported a case in 2014. The case, which is the country's most recent, had onset of paralysis on 17 November. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2014 in Afghanistan is now 25 compared to 11 at this time last year.

No cases of circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) have been reported in Afghanistan in 2014.

Given the growing wild poliovirus type 1 outbreak in neighboring Pakistan, Afghanistan continues to conduct supplementary immunization activities (SIAs) to limit the spread of imported polioviruses and to tackle residual endemic transmission. Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) are planned in high risk areas of the south and east using monovalent oral polio vaccine (OPV) type 1 on 21 – 23 December, and 11 – 13 January using bivalent OPV.

Nigeria

No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. Nigeria's total WPV1 case count for 2014 remains 6, compared to 50 at this time last year. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 24 July in Somalia Local Government Area (LGA), southern Kano state.

Over 4 months have passed since the last case of WPV1 was reported in Nigeria.

No new type 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) cases were reported in Nigeria in the last week. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 2 November in Ajingi district of Kano state. The total number of cVDPV2 cases for 2014 in Nigeria remains 28.

Large-scale Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) took place from 13 – 16 December across northern Nigeria. The national polio program is currently finalizing supplementary immunization activity (SIA) plans for the first half of 2015, in order to optimize the use of vaccine types to further boost immunity to type 1 and 3 polioviruses and also address the need to interrupt cVDPV2 circulation.

Pakistan

Seven new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. Four are from the Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA) 3 from Khyber Agency and 1 from South Waziristan; and 3 are from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) province (2 from Peshawar district and 1 from Swat). The total number of WPV1 cases in Pakistan in 2014 is now 283, compared to 75 at this time last year. The most recent WPV1 case had onset of paralysis on 25 November, from Peshawar, KP.

No cases of type 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) were reported in the past week. This most recent cVDPV2 case had onset of paralysis in Khyber Agency, FATA, on 16 September. The country has reported 20 cases of cVDPV2 in 2014.

Immunization activities are continuing with particular focus on known high-risk areas, in previously inaccessible areas of FATA. At exit and entry points of conflict-affected areas 100 permanent vaccination points are being used to reach internally displaced families as they move in and out of the inaccessible area. Over 1 million doses of vaccine have been used in the past few months to vaccinate people passing through transit points and in host communities, including over 850,000 children under 10 years old.

Central Africa

No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported this week. In 2014, 10 cases have been reported in central Africa: 5 in Cameroon and 5 in Equatorial Guinea.

Child Health Days including the use of trivalent oral polio vaccine (OPV) are planned for 17 – 21 December in the Central African Republic (CAR). National Immunization Days (NIDs) are taking place from 16 – 19 December in Gabon. In Cameroon, subnational immunization days (SNIDs) using inactivated polio vaccine (IPV) are planned in refugee camps near the border with the CAR and in some areas of the north on the same dates. National Immunization Days (NIDs) are planned in Cameroon and the Republic of Congo and Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) in CAR in January with dates to be confirmed.

Horn of Africa

No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases have been reported in the past week in countries of the Horn of Africa. The most recent case, which had onset of paralysis on 11 August, was from Hobyo district of Mudug province, central Somalia. The total number of cases that have been reported in the Horn of Africa in 2014 is six: 1 WPV1 in Ethiopia (date of onset of paralysis on 5 January) and 5 WPV1s in Somalia.

No cases of type 2 circulating vaccine derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) were reported in the past week. The most recent case of cVDPV2 had

onset of paralysis in South Sudan on 12 September.

Following confirmation at the beginning of November of two cases of cVDPV2 in a refugee camp area of Unity state, South Sudan, outbreak response plans are in place to hold rounds of supplementary immunization activities (SIAs). Subnational Immunization Days are taking place on 16 – 19 December and 20 – 23 January. The objective is to rapidly stop the transmission of cVDPV2 in the infected area, while further boosting immunity to type 1 wild poliovirus and to minimize the risk of renewed outbreaks following wild poliovirus re-introduction from any infected countries and areas.

National Immunization Days (NIDs) are taking place in Djibouti, Ethiopia and Somalia and Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) in Kenya and Sudan in December. SNIDs are scheduled in January in South Sudan, and NIDs in Somalia and Uganda.

Israel and West Bank and Gaza

Wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) has not been detected in environmental samples in Israel or the West Bank and Gaza Strip for more than 6 months.

Middle East

No new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week. Three cases of WPV1 have been reported in the Middle East in 2014 - two in Iraq and one in Syria.

It has been 8 months since the last reported cases of WPV1 in the Middle East.

West Africa

No wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases have been reported in West Africa in 2014. The most recent WPV1 case in the region occurred in Tahoua province, Niger, with onset of paralysis on 15 November 2012.

No case of type 2 circulating vaccine-derived poliovirus (cVDPV2) has been reported in 2014. The last case of cVDPV2 was reported in Niger on 11 July 2013.

The Ebola crisis in western Africa is impacting on the implementation of polio eradication activities in Liberia, Guinea and Sierra Leone. Supplementary immunization activities in these countries have been postponed and the quality of acute flaccid paralysis surveillance has markedly decreased this year.

Even as polio program staff across West Africa support efforts to control the Ebola outbreak affecting the region, efforts are being made in those countries not affected by Ebola to vaccinate children against polio.

Subnational Immunization Days (SNIDs) are planned in Niger and tentatively for Mali in January.

Happy festivities to those who celebrate them, and the same wishes to those who do not!

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Susan has moved on to a new career opportunity!

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Graduation of First Leadership 6630 Class

On Thursday, December 4, 2014, the first class of the LEADERSHIP 6630 program in District 6630 went through a graduation ceremony held at the Doubletree Inn, Independence. Six members of the original team completed the program and all were excited about their new understanding of district level activities, committees and events that they had been exposed to.

The goal of this unique program was twofold: To expose a select number of District Rotarians to an inside view of the District and to whet their appetites (and energize them) to want to participate actively in District activities. Project Coordinator Rick Pollak had hoped that each member of the Class of 2014 would step into some District Position by 2016.

As District Governor, I was interested in creating a program to simply expose Rotarians to Rotary outside of the Club. Working with District Executive Secretary Rick Pollak we developed the concept and put it into action in January of 2013. The focus of the program allowed the team to learn through their personal experiences as opposed to a classroom/instructor environment. During the year, the team members were asked to attend many district events and meetings of their choosing and to report on their visits at the next Leadership 6630 monthly meeting. Their reports involved both perceptions that they encountered and questions that they had about specifics of the meeting/function. PDG Bob Johnson and LEADERSHIP 6630 Project Coordinator Rick Pollak answered these questions and explained the operations of the various committees.

In addition, at several of the Leadership 6630 monthly meetings, a representative of various district avenues would visit and explain their Role, the committee's duties and their assignments. Among those meeting with the group were District Treasurer Tracy Jemison, District Foundation Chair Jim Lechko, RYLA Chair Marc West, District Membership Chair Tony Corrao, Youth Exchange Inbound Chair Bob Heydorn, and others. The team got to hear from and ask questions of these District level committee chairs and develop a clearer understanding of district operations and all the things Rotary is involved in beyond the club level.

One of the goals of the program was to hopefully identify an area of passion in these program participants and let them get involved at the district level. This happened on several levels and all of the Leadership 6630 team members have become involved in one of the district programs that they were exposed to.

Congratulations to Matt Liebson (Solon), Bob Oborn (Stow-Munroe Falls), Randy Rininger (Port Summit), Terri Speck (Nardon Hills), and Kevin Wermer (Medina), the 2014 Class of LEADERSHIP 6630!

Our goal of identifying potential district leadership was clearly met. Through a terrific evaluation process at the end of the event, conducted by District Trainer and DGN Dick Farkas, it was evident that the entire team had a much deeper and clearer understanding of Rotary district operations beyond their club and were prepared and eager to serve on many of the district committees.

Bob Johnson- District Governor 2013-2014



TRC Cleveland is a Finalist in Connectors Choice Awards

CLEVELAND (Dec. 23, 2014) - Executive Caterers, Greater Cleveland Food Bank, Lake Health, Rock the House, and Marigold Catering - with 29 nominations combined - head the list of finalists toward the eighth-annual Connectors Choice Awards.

Presented by Cleveland Business Connects magazine and parent company Contempo Communications, CCA annually honors organizations, individuals, and events within the local corporate event-planning industry and business networking community. The winners in 26 categories will be announced Feb. 25 at the CCA ceremony inside the State Theatre at Playhouse Square.

With 138 finalists overall, this again is the largest CCA field ever. Online public voting - a record 11,330 ballots were cast from Oct. 2 through Dec. 7 - determined the finalists (typically five) in each category. A panel of judges will select the winners upon reviewing written submissions by the finalists, all of whom are being recognized exclusively for their accomplishments in 2014.

Executive Caterers leads the way with seven nominations, including Offsite and Onsite Caterer of the Year. The company's Landerhaven facility is up for Event Production Company of the Year and Venue of the Year/Non-Hotel. Director of Business Development Melissa Marik (Networking Star), Special Event and Ca-

tering Consultant Cristina Lowenfeld (Networking Rising Star), and Senior Event Planner Kate Walter (Corporate Event Planner Rising Star) are also finalists.

The Greater Cleveland Food Bank, behind Special Events and Communications Coordinator Kevin Grissinger (Event Planner Rising Star), is nominated six times, including the category of Venue of the Year/Non-Hotel. The organization's networking arm, YP Pantry, is a Networking Organization finalist. And three Food Bank events - BrewHaHa, Taste of the Browns, and Market at the Food Bank - are up for Event of the Year/Fundraiser w/less than \$50K planning budget.

Lake Health Marketing Events Specialist Anne H. Doyle is represented in the Networking Star and Event Planner Star categories while one of her events - Relax and Renew: Ladies Night Out - is a Corporate Event of the Year finalist. The Lake Health Foundation also boasts three nominations. Special Events and Annual Giving Coordinator Tracy Dennis (Event Planner) organized Glitz 2014: Black Tie at the Ballpark (Event of the Year/Fundraiser w/greater than \$50K planning budget) and FORE! Wellness Classic (Corporate Golf Outing).

Rock the House is nominated in five categories, including Corporate Event Entertainer, Trade Show Exhibit Company, and Event Production Company. Market-

ing and Communications Director Nick Borelli (Networking Star) and Client Coordinator and Talent Director Travis Rose (Corporate Event Planner Rising Star) also are finalists.

Marigold Catering is a finalist in both the Offsite and Onsite Caterer categories. Event Planner Vicki Hlousek is an Event Planner of the Year finalist while Assistant Sales and Event Manager Jessica Mickley is a finalist in the networking and event planning Rising Star categories.

The Feb. 25 CCA ceremony, facilitated by WKYC-TV Senior Health Correspondent Monica Robins, will occur from 5-9 p.m. Following a networking cocktail hour and the awards ceremony, dinner will be served on the stage of the State Theatre. Presenting sponsors Driftwood Catering will cater the event while Event Source will provide rental equipment. Cedar Point will return as a signature sponsor.

For additional CCA information and to purchase tickets and VIP tables for the event, visit www.cbcmagazine.com/cca2015.

2014 BUSINESS NETWORKING ORGANIZATION OF THE YEAR FINALISTS:

Engage! Cleveland
Greater Cleveland Food Bank
International Special Events Society (ISES) Cleveland
Red Key Network
Rotary Club of Cleveland

Volunteers Sought for Meals on Wheels

The Lake County Council on Aging's "Meals on Wheels". Program is in urgent need of volunteer drivers to deliver meals in the Painesville/Fairport, Mentor, Wickliffe, Eastlake, Madison and Kirtland areas.

The routes within the cities of Painesville, Madison and Kirtland led the list in urgency. Every weekday, volunteer drivers deliver lunchtime meals to homebound seniors between 10:30 am and noon: Last year, volunteers helped deliver

more than 153,000 meals to those' older residents, in need throughout Lake County.

The home-delivered meal program is a

great opportunity to volunteer as an individual or duo, with a family member or a friend, and meet new people in the community. Delivering meals also allows for local businesses, community groups and churches to adopt a route and schedule group members to deliver on that day each week. Clients receive a healthy, well-balanced daily meal to prevent malnutrition and the regular contact with a volunteer driver helps monitor a person's well-being.

If you have 1 to 1-1/2 hours available during the week, please call Dienne Bottiggi at 440-205-8111, ext. 228 or email dienneb@iccoe.org for more information

ShelterBox Receives 4 Star Rating

PDG Jack Young and Board of Directors member for Shelter Box USA has received word that Shelter Box has received another 4 Star Charity rating that for the 2013-14 year. Each year Charity Navigator reviews all of the filings from the various charities and issues its finding.

A special thanks to all contributors for making contributions towards making us a top notch charity. Shelter Box is rated 100 per cent for accountability and transparency. Best wishes to all those Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and friends of Rotary for your continued support. If you have any questions, please feel to contact PDG Jack Young.

When Jon Reiss left military service, he knew he wanted to help fellow veterans. The former Army Signal Corps officer is now executive director of the Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission, which offers a wide range of programs for men and women who have served in all branches of the military.

"Many vets don't know about us," Reiss admits, "but we're here to help. If we can't do it, we'll get them in touch with someone who can."

Reiss was guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Berea on Dec. 2.

Veterans Service Commissions were started in each Ohio county more than 100 years ago. The Cuyahoga County office is funded by a 0.025-mill levy that raises about \$6.4 million a year. That money is used to provide veterans with everything from help with mortgage payments to help with Veterans Administration claims.

It is governed by a board of representatives from several veterans organizations, including the American Legion, VFW, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans and Vietnam Veterans of America.

Reiss said much of the commission's work involves social work. "Temporary financial assistance is just that - temporary," Reiss said. "It won't get you where you need to be. We provide long-term assistance. We do what needs to be done to help vets help themselves."

Some of that help is getting vets in touch with the right VA office or an employment agency. Many unemployed vets are referred to a new state agency, Ohio Needs Jobs.

He said the commission works with the court system, county and municipal, to help vets who need counseling and rehab rather than jail time. Social workers also meet with nursing home clients to see what veterans benefits might apply. And despite the nation-wide issue of poor care at VA hospitals, Reiss said the Wade Park VA medical center is one of the best in the nation. "If you're a vet, there is no better place to be than Cleveland," he said.

Reiss, who has been on the job for a little more than a year, said "nothing is off limits. We try to find help in ways we haven't even used yet."

In the future, that will mean locating satel-

lite offices in the suburbs to enable easy access. Right now the commission headquarters is at 1849 Prospect Ave. in downtown Cleveland. Reiss' staff does make visits to the Wade Park VA Hospital, but he says he's looking into meeting vets in local libraries, for example, and setting up a mobile office.

"We want to get into the community," he said. A mentoring program is also in the planning stages. "We want to identify those vets that are not adapting well to civilian life and link them up with vets who are," Reiss said.

The Cuyahoga County Veterans Service Commission can be contacted at (877) 835-1209 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. E-mail them at vscmail@cuyahogacounty.us or visit VSC.cuyahogacounty.us on the Web. On Facebook, visit Facebook.com/ccvsc.

International Visitor

Roma Puni of the Rotary Club of Accra Ring Road Central in Ghana paid a visit to the Rotary Club of Berea on Tuesday, Dec. 2. She exchanges banners with President Linda Kramer. Roma is in town visiting her brother. Roma also attended the Berea Rotary's annual Holiday Party on Dec. 9.

Life is a zoo for Ron Ciancutti

When Ron Ciancutti tells people he's the director of procurement for the Cleveland Metroparks, they may think paper clips and mulch. Well, yes, but it gets a bit more exotic.

"I buy everything you see at the Metroparks from animals to trucks," Ciancutti told Berea Rotarians on Nov. 18. That adds up to about \$118 million a year in supplies. Those include \$1,500 for an octopus and \$2,200 for a reindeer for a Christmas play. Then there was \$25,000 for a specially-designed crate to ship a rhino. "You've got to make sure the horn doesn't injure somebody."

Some of the more expensive items are \$105,000 to feed the koalas, who are very fussy about their eucalyptus. Ciancutti has it overnighted from Colorado and California. One day they prefer the Colorado leaves, another day it's California. If the 'wrong' one is in stock, he has to hurry up and get the alternative.

Hay and straw is also pricey - \$300,000 a

year to keep zoo denizens happy.

Keeping the animals contented and healthy can be a challenge, Ciancutti said. Elephants, for example, are "intensely dedicated to each other," he said. When the zoo's five elephants were sent to the Columbus zoo for two years while the Cleveland zoo's Elephant Crossing exhibit was constructed, the animals had to be moved together. Separating them would have caused emotional trauma within the herd. The keepers moved to Columbus with them to ensure their well-being.

"Even though I'm in finance and deal with numbers, these are the things that matter," Ciancutti said.

An employee of the Metroparks for 33 years come June 2015, Ciancutti said he's had his share of questions from Cleveland area residents: such as, "Three of your deer are in my backyard. Come and get them," insisted one caller. Or, this from a concerned mother, "Are those dinosaurs real?" The Metroparks Zoo hosts an animated dinosaur exhibit every two years.

With 23,000 acres of parkland to maintain, Ciancutti has a lot of responsibilities but says he enjoys the job "immensely." He said he owes his positive outlook on life to growing up in Berea. "This is a perfect place to live," he said. "My life in Berea shaped the man I became." Ciancutti attended the former Fairwood Elementary and Roehm Junior Highs, graduating from Berea High School in 1979. His first job was at the Berea Recreation Center. After football practice at the high school, Lou Groza, who was there giving pointers to the punter, gave him a ride home. "It's these kinds of things that make your life worthwhile and define you as an adult," he said.

Ciancutti went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University and a master's from Baldwin Wallace University. Ron's mother is Pat Ciancutti, long-time faculty member of BW's Conservatory and musical director at St. Mary's Catholic Church. He is married to wife Cindy. They have five children and 11 grandchildren, who all gather around the family's 15-foot-long dining room table on Sunday to share a meal and "talk things over."

"Life is cyclical," Ciancutti said. "You have to listen to people and find out what they need."

Lights on the Lake

On 11/30/14, members of the Ashtabula Club #3521 volunteered to greet visitors to Ashtabula County's Lights-on-the-Lake. In its ninth year, the 2014 driving tour features over 70 displays on Lakeshore Park's 54 acres of rolling hills with majestic Lake Erie as a backdrop. The large and small holiday light attractions are great for creating memories and fun making it an annual tradition for many families.

The event runs each Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. beginning Thanksgiving through New Year's Eve with special days and hours on Dec. 24th and Dec. 25th from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Ashtabula County's Lakeshore Park is located at the north terminus of Ohio Rt. 11. Turn east on Ohio Rt. 531 (Lake Road). In .6 mile, the tour entrance is on the north side at the intersection of State Rd. For more information, visit www.aclotl.com.

Yours in Safety,

Christopher T. Carraher

DECA Desperate for Judges

Competition date: *Wednesday, January 28th*. Judges need to arrive by 8:15 am for registration and orientation.

Who: DECA District XI teachers are in need of DECA judges for our annual regional competition. These judges can be from all types of business and organizational backgrounds. We are in need of approximately 60 judges for the DECA District XI competition.

When: *Arrive at 8:15 am and stay until approximately 1:00 pm* (many judges are able to leave earlier than these but there are always some competitions that have many competitors and require the judges to stay) Last year all judges were gone shortly after 1:00 pm. Bring your parking ticket in to get it stamped. Complimentary breakfast provided.

Where: *The University of Akron Student Center on the 3rd floor.*

[Click here to register](#) as a judge for DECA District XI's regional competition.

Email Questions to: Lisa S. Mowls at SMFHS at st_mowls@smfcsd.org

Please Remember TRF

From the Desk of:

Jim Lechko

Foundation Chair

Rotary International

District 6630

If you did not take advantage of "Giving Tuesday" for your 2014-15 Every Rotarian Every Year Annual Fund contribution, do so before December 31, 2014 and take advantage of a 2014 tax deduction.

Remember, 50% of your Annual Fund contributions this Rotary year (2014-15) will come back to our district in the 2017-18 Rotary year to provide matching dollars for your club's District or Global Grant projects.

Where else can you make a charitable contribution and then have direct input on how the funds are used? We ran out of money this year for District Grants. Don't let that happen again. The only way we can provide more dollars for your projects is to increase our contributions to the Annual Fund.

Thanks for your past support and thanks in advance for your future support.

A Milestone In Rotary History Approaches

Some of you who are familiar with Rotary history are aware that a major Rotary milestone is fast approaching. In 1917, then RI president Arch Klumph, who was a member of the RC of Cleveland, proposed to all Rotarians that an endowment be established by Rotary to fund future Rotary humanitarian work in the world. This endowment became the Rotary Foundation and now, almost 100 years later, we prepare to celebrate the century of good we have done through Rotary's worldwide reach and the power of our great foundation. Arch Klumph was truly a visionary, and during this period when Cleveland was a worldwide financial power house, he was able to see what the power of many in Rotary, contributing to the foundation, would be able to accomplish through their combined efforts

At the 2017 International Convention in Atlanta, the very city where Arch Klumph announced his endowment idea and the RC of Kansas City made the initial contri-

bution of \$26.50, Rotary International plans on celebrating this fantastic milestone. A committee has been formed in District 6630 to work with RI to make this event a memorable one and also to publicize to the Rotary world that Cleveland, Ohio was the place where the foundation was born 100 years ago. Discussions are also underway to hold an event in Cleveland, Arch's home town. This may occur sometime during or near Rotary Foundation month in November 2016. Arch Klumph was also a patron of the arts in Cleveland and an accomplished musician so we would like to tie all of these cultural fields, which have been such an important part of Cleveland history, together with Rotary, into a wonderful and memorable event that would showcase our Rotary organization. This event, hopefully, would not only draw a large number of District 6630 members, but Rotarians from around the world who want to be part of this once- every- 100-

years celebration. As you work through your succession of club presidents heading towards the 2016/2017 year, we urge you to keep this milestone in mind and plan to join with us in celebrating what great things have started right here in District 6630.

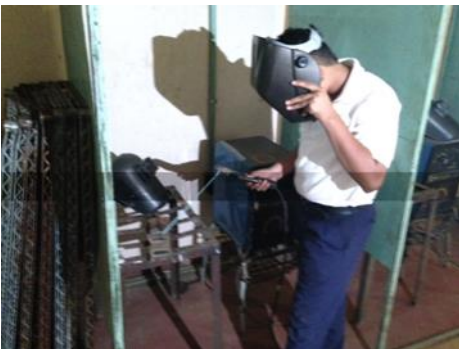
Robert Johnson - Chair

Foundation Centennial Celebration Committee

Highlights From District 6630 Visit to Chinandega



Rotary District 6630 visits the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. Pictured upon their arrival in Nicaragua on December 4th are Jack Young, PDG 2005-06 of the Rotary Club of Conneaut; Stan Socha of the Rotary Club of Brunswick; Cheryl Buchanan and Stew Buchanan, PDG 2010-11 of the RC of Akron. In total over 2200 shoe boxes were sent from Rotary Districts in Ohio, Michigan, Iowa and Texas.



District 6630 also sent Layette bags, wheel chairs, welding mask and other needed items to the children. Beth Melady of the RC of North Ridgeville obtained 4 welding mask donated from Lincoln Electric and the RC of Hillcrest sent 550 English/Spanish Dictionaries. Steve Iassac, son of Marsha Pappalardo donated a new 5,000 dollar



wheel chair to be used by the medical clinic at the school.

A special wall around the School at Betania constructed this year was dedicated in memory of the late Betsy Demaray who served as a Director on the American Nicaragua Hope and Relief Board of Directors.



During the Annual Board Meeting of the American Nicaragua Hope and Relief Board, PDG Young was elected to another 3 year term on the Board.

Rotarians who care give their time and talents to the children living in and around the dump in Chinandega. A special thank you to all District 6630 Rotarians, Youth and friends of Rotary who make it happen. A small gift like the shoe box can change a child's life forever. Thank you for all of you who made our eight year being involved successful.

If you want your club, youth group, your children, church or friends involved next year, please contact PDG Jack Young (Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000) or Marsha Pappalardo (cmpappa@aol.com or 216-410-4855).

There are two ways in which you can help, either with the Shoe Boxes or the Layettes for the House of Unwed mothers. Please contact Marsha or Jack by January 31, 2015 for further information. If you have an interest in joining next year's mission trip to Nicaragua please contact PDG Jack Young.

This is the actual picture of a truck bringing in garbage to the dump at Chinandega.



Pictured on top of the truck in the background are children wanting to be first to see what they can find for their families from the garbage that is being delivered. I took this picture last week from the small bus we were in because it is often dangerous to go out on the dump when garbage is being brought to this location.

Another thing that our district has done is to obtain fire equipment and ambulances from those in our rotary district and send them to the fire fighters in Nicaragua. So far we have sent 1 fire truck and 3 ambulances, Jaws of Life and different types of fire-fighting equipment to the fire fighters in Nicaragua. We also have actually sent 2



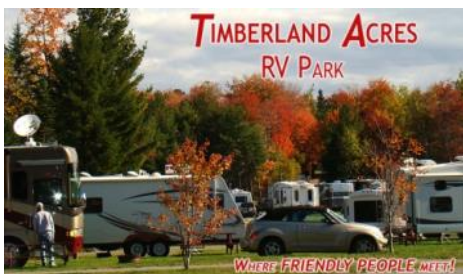
firefighters from Stow, Ohio to Nicaragua to help educate the fire fighters in operating the fire truck in Chinandega. These are perfectly good pieces of equipment. If you know or have contact with city officials or private companies who have good/operating fire or emergency equipment, please contact PDG Jack Young for further information.

Each year PDG Jack checks with the fire department to insure the equipment is still being used. Even with what we have sent to Nicaragua, there is still a need. Pictured this year with Jack is a fire fighter from Chinandega who is exchanging fire patches with him.

A Very Special Place with Very Special Friends

Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotarians, N.A Eastern Division RV Rally Trenton, ME. September 10 - 14, 2015

Ok you ask, what is the Recreational Vehicle Fellowship of Rotary? Rotary Fellowships are independent groups of Rotarians, their spouses, and Rotaractors who share a common passion. Being part of a fellowship is a fun way to make friends from around the world. Chances are if you have a strong interest in something, there are others in the Rotary family who share it. Forming a fellowship starts with finding members for your group. For those would like to know more about Fellowships in general her is a link: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/takeaction/empowerleaders/formrotaryfellowship> .



What about the RV Fellowship, The North American RVF was an idea by some Rotarians in Islamorada, Florida in 1971. Rotary International recognized them as a chartered fellowship in 1972. Today there are about 500 members organized into 4 zones, Pacific, Mountain, Central and Eastern. The group holds their Annual Conventions in conjunction with Rotary International Conventions when they are held in North America at that location.

The RVing Rotarians hold rallies where they socialize at dinners, breakfast and social hours. As good Rotarians they have

not allowed the strictly social aspects of the fellowship detract for their belief of "service above self". If there are any excess funds garnered from the registration at rallies they are contributed to local highway safety programs. These range from Emergency Medical Technicians, Hospital Emergency Wards to local Fire Departments. In a conscious effort to augment these funds, the Eastern zone added a raffle. The raffles are for items contributed by fellowship members. The items are many times of questionable value and the winning items may well be up for the raf-



fle at the next rally but the money raised is not. The annual contribution for highway safety has risen from several hundred dollars to several thousand. And the raffle has become an additional fun event and has extended to other zones.

The North American RV Fellowship has many regional rallies scheduled in each of their four designated areas each year. At these events the rallying Rotarians collect around a campfire to exchange tales. And they also gather for an attitude adjustment early evening social hour to discuss the past day's events and hear from the Wagon Master about the next day's schedule or where the next rally will be held. For more information In 2015 North American RV Fellowship has plans underway for rallies all over the country with more to be announced in the near future. Scheduled are [April 911, 2015, Galveston Island, TX](#), [April 1317, 2015 Jackson, CA](#), September 1014, 2015 Timber-

[land Acres RV Park, Trenton, ME Sep 13 17, 2015](#) [Barrie, Ontario, Canada, Nov 5 9 2015](#) [Death Valley.](#)

The RVF Eastern division has put together a fun filled program for September 2015. Base camp will be at Timberland Acres Campground in Trenton, ME.. The schedule of events is complete with some group activities and plenty of free time. Activities included : A lobster full dinner -with Rotary Clubs of Ellsworth, Ellsworth Noon Club & Bar Harbor. A Scenic Cruise aboard the Sea Princess & lunch in Northeast Harbor, a visit Sea Cove Auto Museum. Carriage Ride through Acadia National Park - Lunch at Jordan Pond House Downeast Acadia and Schoodic Peninsula - US Bells Shop - Lunch in Winter Harbor - Salmon Smoke House. Bring your passport for a day trip to Campobello Island, to include a tea with Eleanor. The final morning will have a break away blueberry pancakes, scrambled eggs, & toast breakfast served by campground. Some .of the gang are already making plans to arrive early and/or stay later so they can experience even more adventure. Our hosts at Timberland Acres, the Ehrlenbach family, Deb keeps the show on the road and has scheduled many of our group activates. Lincoln Ehrlenbach is an AG for District 7790, and their daughter Ashley Johnson will be president of our host club, The Rotary Club of Ellsworth, ME <http://www.ellsworthrotary.org/>

If you have an RV or are considering getting one call Jack or Vivian Harig 330-644 -9862 for more information on how you can be part of a fun filled week in "A Very Special Place". Additional details will soon be posted soon on the official WEB site for the RV fellowship <http://www.rvfweb.org/>

Opportunity to Participate in a Global Grant

I received this from our RI Director, Mary Beth Growney Selene. If you would like to be part of a global grant and do not have any ideas, here is an opportunity to become involved.

Thank you for allowing me to share this with you

Proposed Rotary Project:

CLEAN, SAFE WATER TO VILLAGES IN APAC

Background: Apac is a rural district in the Northern Region of Uganda, East Africa. The district has a population of approx. 371,900 that includes 714 villages, 26 landing sites, 156 schools, 2 town councils, 1 district referral hospital and 36 health centers. Most in the district earn their living through subsistence farming: simsim seed, sunflower, maize, cassava, beans, groundnuts and sorghum. In addition there are a few fishing communities located on the shores of Lakes Kyoga and Kwana.

147 communities do not have access to safe, clean water. An additional 114 communities have existing water sources that require rehabilitation (a major repair that is beyond the means of the community). There are also 83 communities where the only water sources available are shallow wells that provide water of dubious quality at high risk of contamination. Finally, three communities have non-functional protected springs.

The objective of this project is to begin universal coverage work in Apac District to meet the needs of a significant number of the communities involved. This project will:

Boreholes: Create twenty-two new deep boreholes (enclosed wells) and additionally rehabilitate ten more, benefiting between 15,000 and 18,000 people. Each community will own its borehole and will be required to participate by doing the following:

- Raising a 200,000 UGX village co-funding fee payable the district maintenance fund;
- Providing labor for geophysical siting, clearing a path for the drilling rig, slab casting, and pump testing;
- Donating the land for the borehole site;
- Assuring security of the drilling rig, equipment and supplies left on site;
- Planning for borehole operations and maintenance;
- Providing labor and supplies to construct the fence and soak pit;

g. Taking responsibility to maintain the borehole over time by collecting user fees to assure ongoing maintenance costs through formation of a Water User Committee;

2. Water Use Committees: Facilitate the formation of elected "Water User Committees" (WUCs) in each village. The Water User Committee will be responsible for upkeep of the borehole and the area around it; the collection, recording and safeguarding of fees to assure future operating costs of the borehole.

Community Health Clubs: Provide training for a Community Based Facilitator (CBF) to create Community Health Clubs (CHC) in each of the benefitting communities. The CHC is composed of volunteers representing every household in the village. The CBF holds classes on sanitation and hygiene to both educate and provide the tools for behavior change. A minimum of 20 weekly one hour meetings must be attended by each household representative who then earns a certificate of completion. Over the course of the initial 20 weeks the basic hygiene education is delivered. CHC's continue to meet weekly thereafter and participation in the club can gradually lead to economic growth and better agricultural practices. Although clean, safe drinking water is the first step toward improved sanitation and hygiene, behavior change is also an essential component to avoid fecal contamination of the water chain and to prevent avoidable waterborne diseases. The CHC approach has been proven to work in other communities in Apac District.

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Budget Estimate: Total cost of this project is initially estimated to be approximately \$210,000.00. Initial budgeting is broken down as follows:

- \$150,000.00 - drilling and construction of 22 new boreholes.
- \$25,000.00 - rehabilitation of 10 existing boreholes.
- \$30,000.00 - cost of training and providing a facilitator to operate the initial 20 meetings in all 32 communities.
- \$2,000.00 - incidental expense of implementation.
- \$3,000.00 - performing measurement and evaluation both before and after completion to measure impact and success.

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- Challenge gift \$50,000.00
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Thank you again.

Let's Light Up Rotary Together
Michael P. Davanzo, DG 2014-15

Four Way Test Speech Competition Update

Happy Holidays to everyone!! These last days of December are a great time to continue your planning as a Club for participation in the 4 Way Test Speech Contest which will be held on April 11, 2015.

As a reminder: this contest is open to any high school Freshman, Sophomore, Junior or Senior; the subject of the speech is applying the Rotary Four Way Test in our everyday relationships with other people; the speech should be given from memory and the speech should be no less than 4 minutes in length nor more than 7 minutes.

In a previous newsletter I mentioned that all Clubs that have a student participating in the event will have the opportunity to share information about their Club and its events to other Clubs and to all others in attendance. This will be accomplished by submitting a one page flyer which will be inserted in the event packets.

Keeping in mind that this packet must be kept to a reasonable size, please follow these guidelines when submitting your Club's information:

Your document must be limited to (1) single 8.5x11 page of information, no exception! 150 printed copies must be provided as this is the approximate number of people in attendance. Please use white paper only, no color paper! The pages of information will be assembled in no specific order by committee prior to the event day. The copies **MUST** be received no later than March 31, 2015 to be included in the official packet. Please ship your flyers to me at the address listed below. I suggest that it be packaged appropriately to prevent any damage in shipping. All unused flyers can be picked up on the day of the event after the event has concluded. If you choose not to retrieve unused flyers they will be discarded

Flyers can be sent to:

Scott Pease
P.O. Box 525
Aurora, OH 44202
Best Wishes To All,

Scott Pease
Rotary District 6630
Four Way Test Speech Competition
Chair

Rotary Club of Aurora Has Busy October

This past October, the Rotary Club of Aurora took on two new projects and both proved to be rewarding for both members and the community at large.

On October 25th, the Club sponsored and served in a city-wide raking event aimed at helping the City's seniors and disabled. The event focused on harnessing the energy, goodwill and enthusiasm of the City's youth. Kids from four scouting groups, four churches, two school service groups were joined by several families in an effort to give back to the community. The Aurora Rotary group and the bakery "Amazing Glaze" provided donuts and other baked goods along with hot and cold drinks for the exhausted workers, some as young as 5 years old! A dozen Rotarians served most of the 168 racers who raked 46 homes. "What a joy

it is to be a part of an organization made up of such unselfish servant leadership." Says Rotary member and City Councilperson Amy McDougald. "Joining Ro-



tary is one of the best decisions I ever made!"

The second event took place on October 29th at what would be a fifth week meet-

ing for the Club. Doogan's of Aurora, the Club's usual meeting place, hosted Club members, their guests and 16 local candidates from the November 4th election. The community at large was invited to attend, and a crowd of 75 was treated to a five-minute speech from each of the candidates as well as free food, a cash bar and a brief presentation about the benefits of joining Rotary.

This past November, the Club put on a fundraising football tailgate party. The packed house enjoyed hamburgers and hotdogs donated by Doogan's of Aurora as well as delicious side dishes made by Club members. The event raised a little more than \$2,000.00. The only downside was the wrong team won!

Amy McDougald