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District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

FEBRUARY IS WORLD UNDERSTANDING MONTH

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Governor's Letter

February 2014

Enough of the long-winded Governor's messages. Just some reminders of upcoming events and club responsibilities during this busy transition period when we begin to wind up this year and gear up for next year.

LEADERSHIP 6630 – Our new leadership development program rolled out with their first organizational meeting in the middle of February. This new class is charged with attending district committee meetings, fund raiser and other district level activities to gain a greater exposure and knowledge of district operations. They will have a monthly debriefing meeting where they will have an opportunity for district committee chairs and district officers to explain specific programs in more detail. The goal of the program is to develop a pool of talented Rotarians that have an in-depth knowledge of most, if not all, district programs. In the future this pool of candidates will be used to fill committee and district level positions as they come open.

ALL OHIO PETS – As its name implies this is a training opportunity for all presidents elect in the five districts in Ohio to attend training sessions to prepare them for their year as club president and to get to know the other 260 or so Ohio PEs. This event is held at the Renaissance Hotel in downtown Columbus on March 14 and 15. The PEs will be officially commissioned into their new position at this

time. We are nearing the deadline for registration, so if any PE out there has not registered, we suggest you do so immediately at: alohiopets.org. You must register for both the event and also your hotel accommodations separately. It is suggested that the cost of this training be funded by the individual clubs as this is geared to the club and the club president having a more productive year together. Spouse/ Partners of PEs are included also with a separate program for them.

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY – This event replaces the old District Assembly. It will be held this year at the Doubletree Independence off Rockside Rd. near I-77. March 29 is the date with the Assembly held in the morning and a Grant Management Seminar in the afternoon for club's wishing to participate in the matching grant program next year. Registration is on-line at rotarydistrict6630.org This Leadership 6630 class of 2014 will be present.

100 YEAR CELEBRATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF AKRON – This is a very special celebration for the RC of Akron. Only the second club in the district after Cleveland to mark this milestone. Event will be held on April 5th at the Hilton Akron/ Fairlawn. Info: www.AkronRotary.org or 330-644-4512

DISTRICT CONFERENCE – The District Conference (Dis Con) will be held on April 25

and 26 at Quail Hollow Inn and Conference Center at I-90 and Rt. 44 in Concord Township. Many exciting speakers, training topics, great food, a weekly Rotary meeting for the week of 4/21 to 4/25 on Friday at noon, entertainment and lots more for your enjoyment. Join us for a great time with all your fellow Rotarians!

EREY – Time to start making sure your club is on target to achieve the prestigious Every Rotarian Every Year club award. To be a recipient, your club must have given at least \$100. per member (on average) and every member must have contributed some amount. Last year we had 11 recipients. This year I know we can do better because there were at least 5 clubs that came with a few dollars or 1 or 2 members of achievement, but failed to go over the top. I will be contacting each club that was very close to earning the award last year, but fell slightly short and make sure they are aware of how little they have to do to get there. EREY is one of the key builders of the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, of which half comes back to us every year from funds donated three years ago, and is the source of funding for our fantastic District and Global grant projects. I am suggesting that each club appoint an organized and tenacious member to run EREY and make sure the club achieves the proper giving to receive the award every year. Speaking from experience, it is

Governor's Letter cont'd

not very difficult if someone is in charge and makes sure it gets done.

DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF PLANS FOR DISTRICT MATCHING GRANT PROJECTS - This year's deadline for submission of District (local) matching grant project ideas to be done in the 2014/2015 Rotary year is May 15th, 2014. At that point projects submitted before that date will be reviewed by the Grants Committee and a budget for the viable projects (the Spending Plan) will be sent to RI for funding approval. Projects can then start after July 1, 2014. No project expenditures can be incurred before that date or the start of the project. Don't forget the \$25./per capita foundation giving requirement for your club or the Grant Management

Seminars and qualification forms that must be part of the process. Address any questions or concerns to Dist. Foundation Chair Jim Lechko or Dist. Exec. Secretary Rick Pollak.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR POLIO CHALLENGE - On Oct. 24, World Polio Day, I issued a challenge to all clubs to collect and amount of \$26.50/per member to donate to the polio fund of the RI Foundation. The amount was based on the original donation by Arch Klumpf to the Rotary Foundation in 1917. We need to continue our fight to rid the world of polio once and for all.

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION - SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA - If you have ever had a desire as I have to visit

Australia or New Zealand, here is an excellent opportunity to join other Rotarians from around the world at a grand event. The Aussies have been planning this event for a couple years so it should be monumental! Event coordinator for District 6630 is DGE Mike Davanzo. Contact him if interested but time for reservations is running short.

A. Z. BAKER AWARD - At the beginning of the year a copy of last year's A.Z.B. award was sent to each club president with the request that they sit down with their club officers and review their club plan for the year and determine if they would qualify for the A.Z.B. award at year's end. In January I sent the revised A.Z.B. application for 2013/2014 to the clubs and

asked that they begin to total their points and see what adjustments needed to be made to qualify for this year's award. By now I hope that all clubs are working toward achieving the A. Z. Baker Award. This is a prestigious recognition of all clubs that are active and dynamic in doing Rotary's work in District 6630. Any clubs currently doing work in all five of the avenues of service should accumulate enough points to receive the award. If you submit your application by April 1, your club will be recognized at the District Conference on April 25-26. If we receive the application after that you will be recognized at a later event. Contact Dist. Exec. Secretary Rick Pollak or DG Bob Johnson to submit.

Interact at District Conference

Planning for this year's District Conference is underway. The youth portion of the conference is wide open right now and it would be great if your Interact club would be part of planning a conference your Interact club would want to attend. Here is some of what happened at the youth portion of last year's District Conference:

- displays showcasing your club's accomplishments
 - learning about other Rotary programs such as long/short term exchange, RYLA, and the Four-way Test contest
 - meeting exchange students from around the world
 - interacting with Interactors from other clubs
 - leading/participating in presentations
 - team building games
- In addition, our District Governor, Bob Johnson, has thrown out some ideas that may appeal:
- a talent show

- a panel discussion
- a jeopardy type quiz show

Last year's participants had a great time (perhaps a little too great, hopefully no one will kick a ball into a chandelier this year - you didn't hear this from me), strongly recommended it be done again, and suggested getting more input and involvement from Interact clubs.

So here is your chance! Let us know what you would like to see, how your club would like to participate, and how many of your member will be joining us on Saturday April 26 at Quail Hollow Resort & Conference Center in Concord Twp. for the Youth portion of this year's District Conference (current plans call for about 2 hours long).

Looking forward to hearing from you,

Arne R. van der Heyde

District 6630 Interact Chair

Shoe Boxes for the Children of the Dump

By PDG Jack Young

Plans have started for this year's Club support to the 2014 Shoe Box program. In order to make the preliminary arrangements for the number of Shoe Boxes that will be available for this Christmas to the children living in the garbage dump in Chinandega, we will need to know the names of those clubs who are willing to help with this International Project.

In December 2013, our district had eight individuals from North East Ohio (5 Rotarians and 3 friends of Rotary) take the trip to Nicaragua to visit the children of the dump, trade school and other schools in and around Chinandega. Over the past 7 years this has been a collaborative effort among Rotary Districts from Pennsylvania, Ohio, Michigan, Indiana, Iowa and Texas. Our district during this

time has supported approximately 3,000 shoe boxes to children. This year's team was joined by our Rotary Zone 28-29 Director Mary Beth Growney Salene.

In order to make sure we meet the needs of these children, it is important that we know approximately how many clubs will help support this effort for the children. I number of clubs have indicated they will once again step forward for 2014.

Therefore, in order to start the process, if you, your Rotary Club, church, youth group or other wish to participate for 2014 please contact Marsha Pappalardo, Past President of the Rotary Club of Brunswick (Cmpappa@aol.com or 216-410-4844) or PDG Jack Young, RC of Conneaut (Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000) by March 30, for further information.

News From TRC Medina Sunrise

Dear Rotarians and Friends,

Our first partnership project of Medina Sunrise Rotary with Dr. Andres Bello and Rotaract Portoviejo, Ecuador, <https://www.facebook.com/rotaractportoviejo>, was building a kitchen and providing food for a daily meal at a two-room village school in the Amazon jungle.

Through the years, Medina Sunrise Rotary, Rotary District 6630, MEDWISH International, Dr. Michael Carlson, Medina County Schools ESC, Walmart and the Cleveland Clinic have supported our Rotaract Club's numerous service projects, which have included:

- Village Water Project (the first and only bathroom and shower - P&G provided dental hygiene kits)
- School Library with Books (named for the Carlson Family)
- Surgical and Laboratory Equipment and Medical Supplies for the county hospital (thanks for help from MEDWISH)
- Electronic Equipment for the Medical College (laptops, monitors, video cameras - thanks for help from Walmart)
- Preschool Building & Playground (with toys, games and children's books)
- School Supplies (including toiletries, clothing, hygiene products, plus snacks and candy - thanks to Walmart)
- An Urgent Care Facility (construction supplies, office and medical equipment)
- Family and Children Health Care Fairs (education, medical care, immunizations, food, activities)
- Urgent Care Facility (building supplies, office and medical equipment)
- End Polio Now (Public Affairs "This Much" International Media Campaign)

- Give Hope, Give a Hand (supplying prosthetic hands to amputees)



- Christmas is for Children (bringing Christmas meals, toys and activities to the children in the Amazon - see photo)
- Youth Literacy Programs (partnering with Interact)
- Saturday Happy Faces Day (assessing and providing surgery for children with cleft palates)
- Children's Burn Clinic (treatment, medications, burn-care products)
- Administrative Assistance (covering cost of training, travel, Internet, permits, architectural services, publications, videography and public education campaigns)

It seems like only yesterday that in 1999, Dr. Andres Bello was a popular Rotary Youth Exchange Student at Medina High School, playing racquetball at Washington Court and attending three proms ... It was through the lasting relationships he formed in Rotary, that together we learned, "We Can Make a Difference."

To Andres and our internationally respected Rotaract Club of Portoviejo, we say, "¡Felicidades - Congratulations!"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mZoSchRjKlQ> (Preview) [

Every Rotarian Every Year

WE NEED YOU TO PARTICIPATE IN E R E Y !!!

The 2013-2014 Rotary year is fast coming to an end and we need to focus on meeting our Club and District goals for the **ANNUAL FUND**.

Our District has a goal of \$ 199,000 for this year and we are at \$ 76,000 through January 31, 2014. In addition, we would like to have all of the Clubs strive to be **E R E Y** Clubs this year. Giving is always larger in the later part of the year, but we all need to be sure we have everything turned in to (TRF) **THE ROTARY FOUNDATION** at

Rotary International well in advance of the end of the year, June 30, 2014.

We had **11 E R E Y**

Clubs last year. The goal for this year is to double that to 22 Clubs. Work with your members to be receive special recognition as a **E R E Y Club** **this year! ! ! !**

Keep in mind, to make it easier to for your Annual Fund Contribution, you can complete the Rotary Direct form and then not worry about it. That form is on line at

Rotary.org or call Stew Buchanan at 330-607-1442.

If any of your Clubs would like a presentation or other follow up information, our Committee would be very happy to come and visit with you at any time. Call Stew Buchanan to set a time or to get information. 330-607-1442.

TRC Hudson News

TRC Hudson will again be supporting the Gift of Life this year when we have our Gala Fund Raiser on May 16th at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg. Last year we contributed \$ 5,000 to Gift of Life and we hope to Top that this year. For more information contact Jimmy Sutphin at inkyjim32@gmail.com

YOUR INPUT REQUESTED

As most of you know one of the most challenging issues in maintaining quality meetings is finding interesting speakers. This is especially true for smaller clubs who might be reluctant to ask someone to speak to a handful of people. I would like to start a regular feature in the newsletter with contact information of quality speakers your Clubs have used in the past; especially Rotarians who would be willing to speak on any topic (Rotary related or not) to smaller groups. Remember your input is required. Send to: stonecut@sbcglobal.net

SAVE THE DATE

The Rotary Club of Aurora is already planning for our 14th Annual "A Taste of the Western Reserve". We will have 20 of the best restaurants on hand for patrons to sample their food. It will be held on Sunday, April 27th, 2014, from 4 - 7 pm at the luxurious Signature of Solon. For ticket information please call Dick at 330-562-9543. More information will be available as we proceed.

TRC Solon Holds Recognition Dinner

On January 15th, the Solon Club had the distinct honor to be joined by community members that truly exemplify "Service before Self." That evening was a special night because we were able to recognize both police and fire fighters and student leaders.

First responders are the heart of any community and Solon is especially blessed to have the best such as this year's honorees Police Officers Ptl. Nicholas Kline, Ptl. Steven Davis and Firefighter Lt. Mark Lewis.



Solon Rotary Club recently honored the city's police officer and firefighter of the year at Signature of Solon. From left are Mayor Susan A. Drucker, honoree Ptl. Nicholas Kline, honoree Ptl. Steven Davis, Police Chief Christopher P. Viland, honoree firefighter Lt. Mark Lewis and Fire Chief William J. Shaw.

That evening we also recognized 2 student leaders Sydnie Singleton and Joslyn Barnett from Solon Middle and High school respectively for their impact on the community.

Not many 8th grade students can claim being a published author among their accomplishments, Sydnie can do just that. She is the author of the children's book

"Thinkie Winks on the Move - Think It! Be It!" The book, which she co-wrote with her siblings, promotes positive emotional and self-control messages and also addresses bullying. Sydnie was recently recognized by U.S. Rep. Marcia Fudge for the impact the book has had promoting positive images among young people.

Joslyn Barnett is senior at Solon High School, and is a dedicated and conscientious student with a wide array of extracurricular and volunteer activities on her resume. She has been an active member in the SHS Speech and Debate Team, the Pre-Med Society, Key Club and American Field Service. Music is a particular passion for Joslyn and she is a founding member, violinist and vocalist for a student music ensemble called "Music for Society." The group has performed at many different senior living facilities in the area and at Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital.



Sydnie Singleton and Joslyn Barnett are the Rotary Club of Solon's January students of the month

Dates to Remember

FEBRUARY- World Understanding Month

23 February Rotary's anniversary

MARCH- Literacy Month

14-16 March All Ohio PETS

31 March 2014 District Training Assembly & Grants Mgmt Seminar

31 March Presidential Citation Application Deadline

APRIL- Magazine Month

15 April Membership Development Initiatives Award Deadline

25-27 April Distr Conference at Quail Hollow

MAY- No Special Designation

15 May TRF Citation for Meritorious Service Nominations Deadline

JUNE- Rotary Fellowships Month

01-04 June RI Convention, Sydney, Australia

Upcoming Rotary International Conventions:

2015 São Paulo, Brazil

2016 Seoul, Republic of Korea

2017 Atlanta, Georgia, USA

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Come celebrate the first Event of Spring with us on Tuesday **March 18, 2014**. We promise that you will not be disappointed with the fresh spring time themed dinner buffet, excellent silent auction items and the chance to win **\$3000.00**.

This years event is at:
Ravenna Elks Lodge #1076
776 North Freedom Street
Ravenna, OH 44266

Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with cash bar,
dinner served at 7:00 p.m.,
Raffle 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

One Raffle Ticket / One Dinner - \$90.00
One Raffle Ticket / Two Dinners - \$100.00

ONLY 200 TICKETS WILL BE SOLD

(Note: Last year we sold out before the event)

For more info and your tickets call:
(330) 296-3628 or (330) 298-2020

All proceeds benefit Ravenna Rotary Community Projects.



Ravenna Rotary Club
P.O. Box 9
Ravenna, OH 44266

Tuesday
March 18, 2014
Doors open at 6:00

"Spring into Spring with us"



Looking For a Speaker?

I have recently completed walking 2 miles a day for 18 years in a row...every day...a local newspaper in Florida did an interview & ran an article on that....USA Today picked it up for their week-end on-line newspaper.....you can see the article by clicking <http://www.usatoday.com/story/news/nation/2014/01/11/77-year-old-has-walked-the-walk-for-18-years/4427671/> I got my 15 minutes of fame! Anyway, you might want to use it as an article if you need extra material....also, MIKE, I gave a speech at our club in the fall....Walking My Way to100....went over well....I wouldn't mind sharing that presentation with clubs in our district....it's an inspirational speech that might inspire some of our older members to re-think their future! Contact me at: guygentile@aol.com

You'll Flip Over Our Pancakes

As a result of past Pancake Breakfasts, the Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club has been able to fund the following worthwhile projects:

Water Pumping Station (we built a water pumping station for a village of 450 people in Bolivia that did not have access to clean drinking water)

grade class of Citizens' Academy School
in Cleveland)

Medical Missions (we help support medical missions in which local doctors offer free medical treatment in undeveloped countries, to people that could never afford such treatment)

Hours are 9 a. m. to 1 p. m., March 16th, at Orange High School, 32000 Chagrin Blvd., Pepper Pike. Tickets can be purchased before or at the door for \$7.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and children under 12. Contact John Newburger at 216-292-7737 for tickets and information. JUST COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME.

Dodgeball Anyone?

Last year 28 teams participated in our inaugural tournament. Prize money is awarded on the following basis: \$300 for 1st place... \$200 for 2nd place and \$100 for 3rd place. In addition, this year we are adding a \$100 prize for the most creatively/best dressed team.

For more information see the attached flyer or call chairman Mike Fedler at 440-992-5700. We hope to see many fellow Rotarians and clubs at this year's tournament and remember the 3 rules of Dodgeball...Duck, Dive and Dodge!

The Ashtabula Rotary Club
presents
The 2nd Annual Rotary Dodgeball Tournament

GRAB LIFE BY THE BALL



Saturday, March 15, 2014
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
KSU-Ashtabula • Gym

Tournament Team Entrants
Teams Must Consist of
6-10 Members
Contestants must be 18 years or older

Entry Fee
\$100 per team
Fee Due by March 1, 2014

Prize
1st Place \$300
2nd Place \$200 • 3rd Place \$100
\$100 Awarded to Best-Dressed Team

"Team Name": _____
Team Captain: _____
Team Captain Phone No.: _____

First & Last Name	Age	Phone No.
Team #1:		
Team #2:		
Team #3:		
Team #4:		
Team #5:		
Team #6:		
Team #7:		
Team #8:		
Team #9:		
Team #10:		

Team Captains Names:
(Please Capture a picture and complete and sign each of the forms.)

4930 State Rd., Ashtabula, OH 44004,
Edward Jones

All participants must submit a separate liability release form prior to participating in the tournament.

For additional information, please contact Mike Feiler or Stacy Gillespie at (440) 992-1700.

Cheques can be made payable to the amount of \$100 to the:
Ashtabula Rotary Foundation.



Sunrise at Sunset Auction

The American Youth Federation Leadership Camp scholarships receive the majority of the proceeds which helps deserving students who would normally not be able to experience this outstanding program at Camp Miniwanca in Michigan. In addition, funds raised support 18 community agencies and eight international projects of the Club. Five past District Governors were among the over 200 attendees at last year's Auction. The parent luncheon Lakewood Rocky River Rotary are great supporters of the auction, as well. In addition, NorthWest Cluster Club are invited to make it a great Rotary Event.

Pancake Town USA

Burton-Middlefield Rotary will be flipping pancakes again this March for the 62nd year starting Sunday, March 2nd, and continuing every Sunday in March. The Rotary Club will be serving their delicious pancake breakfasts that include real Geauga County maple syrup at Berkshire High School in Burton, Ohio from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Berkshire High School is located at 14510 N. Cheshire Street, Burton, Ohio a.k.a. Pancake Town USA.

In 2012 and 2013, the Burton Middlefield Rotary Pancake Breakfast was voted as the best Pancake Breakfast in Northeast Ohio by the readers of the Sun Newspapers. Customers also have the opportunity to purchase the Rotarian's "World Renowned Omelets" to go along with their pancakes. The Burton Middlefield Rotary has served over 260,000 pancake breakfasts since its inception in 1951.

As fellow Rotarians, you know that the proceeds from these breakfasts go back to our community and internationally. This is a huge project for us and with five Sundays in March this year, it's going to really be grueling. We would love to have your help. Any Rotarians who would be willing to work any of the Sundays would be a real boost for us and you would get a make-up. If you are interested, please contact Tracy at the following telephone or email.

Tracy Jemison

Cell: 440-476-8486

email: bmrpancakes@roadrunner.com

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1. Indicate the account you want to debit.
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Learn more at www.rotary.org, or call 847-866-3352.

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US\$ _____ for PolioPlus
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(all amounts are below)

☐ 1st of every month ☐ 15th of every month
☐ 1st of every quarter ☐ Annually

If you choose to support both PolioPlus and the Annual Programs Fund, your contribution will be divided from your account in two separate transactions.

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Security Code _____ Expiration Date _____
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Evanston, IL 60201-2698
Phone: 847-866-3352 Fax: 847-866-3350 Email: info@rotary.org

Shelter Box Update

By Jack A. Young, PDG

PDG Jack Young has been confirmed to serve his eight year (2014) as a Board Member of Shelter Box USA, the International Disaster Relief organization. Shelter Box USA was started by one Rotarian in Cornwall, England in 2000 and was picked up as a club project of the Rotary Club Lakewood Ranch in Florida. It has now expanded to affiliates in over 18 countries worldwide.

With the main offices are located in England, Shelter Box staff and volunteers respond to disasters throughout the world when invited into that country. They also partner with other disaster relief organizations to provide shelter, warmth and dignity to those who have lost everything.

Shelter Box is currently responding to needs in the Philippines where they have provided over 1,686 boxes, 4,607 tents and 1,516 midi tents. Almost 8,000 families have been helped with aid still being received by the Philippines from Shelter Box. In addition Shelter Box has been helping the displaced women and children in Syria and Lebanon. Along with this Shelter Box has been supporting the families of Indonesia following a volcanic eruption. In addition the operations team of Shelter Box has been monitoring the floods in Bolivia where more than 35,000 families have been affected by the recent rains and extreme flooding in the northeastern area of Beni.

With these and other disasters occurring throughout the world, Shelter Box requests your continual support to our efforts. It should be noted that Rotary Clubs and Rotarians account for about 45 per cent of the funding while private funding sources, private foundations, corporations and friends of Rotary account for the remainder.

PDG Young is also a member of the Governance Committee and the chair of the Rotary Relations Committee of Shelter Box which support Rotary Clubs and Shelter Box Ambassadors in providing information to Rotary clubs throughout the United States. For more information and club presentations, please contact Jack (a member of the RC of Conneaut) living in Brunswick, Ohio at 440-759-4000 or Jack1Villa@aol.com.

DEPLOYMENT BRIEF...

When you support the efforts of Shelter Box, YOU are making an incredible difference in the lives of families who have lost everything following a disaster.

SYRIAN CRISIS:

Shelter box continues to provide aid in and around Syria, aiming to assist thousands more families in need this winter. There continue to be thousands of families fleeing conflict in and around Syria. With the region suffering one of its harshest winters in over a century, the conditions Syrian refugees face are more perilous than ever.

To help vulnerable families survive this crisis, we have been providing a winterized shelter solution, including thermally-lined tents, warm blankets and groundsheets to protect subzero temperatures and winter storms. You can still help in bringing families in from the cold and harsh temperatures.

PHILIPPINES:

From Typhoon Halyan, response teams continue distributing tented shelter, water filters and other supplies to the most vulnerable families affected.

Through the generosity of our supporters, we have been able to assist more than 4,500 families displaced by Typhoon Halyan. Nearly three months since it swept through the Philippines, Shelter box continues to identify families who have been left with nothing and are in need of tented shelter and other vital supplies.

Many of these families are in hard-to-reach areas around Tacloban, one of the worst hit cities, as well as Bantayan Island. While rebuilding will likely take years, Shelter Box will continue to help the most vulnerable.

INDONESIA:

With the flooding in this country, a response team is working to identify needs and the most vulnerable people affected.

Tens of thousands of people are displaced by monsoon rains that have caused flooding in the capital, Jakarta, as well as landslides in North Sulawesi province.

More than 30,000 people have been forced to evacuate in Jakarta, leaving their homes, possessions and livelihoods as the capital becomes more and more inundated from heavy rains. A Shelter box Team has arrived and is working to identify the most vulnerable families impacted.

For further information as to how you and your Rotary club can help, please contact PDG Jack Young, Shelter Box USA Board Member (Jack1Villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000) or the Shelter Box Office at 941-907-6036.

TRC Akron Chili Open

By Shon Christy

Amazing.....this is the word that comes to mind when I reflect on the 2014 Chili Open that took place on February 1st, 2014! We had plenty of the snow on the



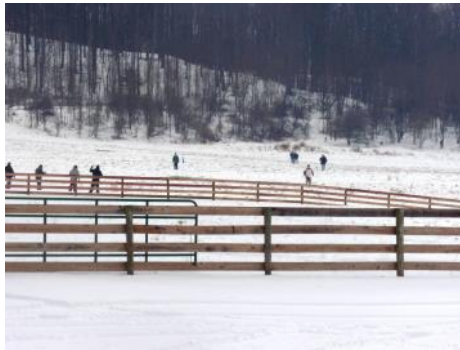
ground from the harsh winter storm that we had during the prior week but the temperatures were just right for beer, chili, and of course golf! As the day progressed we welcomed a record number of participants to our course at Hale Farm and Village in Bath touting over 500 supporters! Everyone that showed up had a



blast whether they golfed or stayed in the clubhouse listening to music and eating Whitey's famous Chili or past from Bravo. As the day wound down we crowned the



annual Akron Tractor & Equipment Chili Eating Contest winner which was a hard fought battle to say the least! We moved indoors for some special announcements including a special thank you to Wayne Homes for the title sponsorship and the announcement of our Ambassador of Service Jack DeLeo from Hitchcock Fleming & Associ-



ates. Immediately following the remarks we made 4 people very happy as we drew our raffle winners which included a car from Van Devere! When it was all said and done our AMAZING club had come together for a record breaking performance by raising \$157,000 for the Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs! What is even more amazing than that, is that we did it just months after completing a 3.5 million dollar capital campaign for the camp. The members of the Rotary Club of Akron are truly an AMAZING group and I want to take this opportunity to say how proud I am to be associated with each and everyone of you. Thank you for making everyone around you better!



Four Way Test Speech Contest

Four Way Test Speech Competition - Just Around the Corner!

Yes, that's right! The Four Way Test Speech Competition is just around the corner. Everything is set for a successful event which will take place on April 5th at the Harmon Middle School in Aurora, Ohio. Bright, high school age individuals will be doing their best to connect Rotary's four way test motto to the various subjects they have chosen for their speeches. As in prior competitions, those in attendance and competing will be reminded of the importance and value of the 4 Way Test motto and will be inspired by the student's perspectives and application of this motto to everyday life in the world in which we live.

No flyers have been delivered as of this past weekend for inclusion in the packet of information each student will be receiving. If your club has an event this year that you want to publicize, this is your last chance to do so. The flyers must be delivered to Scott Pease by March 22th. Please do not bring any flyers for distribution on the day of the event.

All registrations will take place at the event. Forms will be available in the entry way of the school prior to the actual start of registration however, registration does not begin until 8:30 a.m.

Once your students are registered, there will be an opportunity for the students to see the rooms where they will be delivering their speeches. National Honor Society students will be leading small groups to the rooms for pre-viewing. A continental breakfast and beverages will be served in the school cafeteria and ALL are invited to relax and enjoy breakfast before the competition begins.

After a short introduction, the judges, parents and/or friends will be asked to proceed to the classrooms of their choice where they will hear the contestants deliver their speeches. Upon completion of the last set of speeches our judging staff will proceed to the cafeteria and collect their lunches first. Students and all others attending the event are also invited to enjoy a tasty lunch of sandwiches, fruits and salads, along with a choice of beverage and a dessert.

The announcement of the winners will take place at approximately 1p.m. Prizes will be awarded and the winners will be asked to stay for photos. Please do not leave early!

The top 5 finalists will be invited to deliver their speeches one more time at the District Conference on Saturday, April 26th at the noon hour break. This is a great privilege for the students who have invested their time and talents, so please remember to mention this opportunity to them.

See everyone on April 5th!

Sincerely,

Scott Pease Chairman - 4 Way Test Speech Competition



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Grant Management Seminars (GMS) are Underway

Our first of three Grant Management Seminars was held Saturday, February 8th at the Solon Library. It was well attended by over 20 Rotarians from District 6630.

Attendance at the Grant Management Seminars by two or more club members is one of the requirements a club needs to fulfill to participate in the 2014-15 matching grant process. This applies to District and Global grants.

In addition to GMS attendance, clubs must be current on District and International dues, must be current on reporting for any open District or Global grants and must have a \$25 per capita average in contributions to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund during this 2013-14 Rotary year.

Clubs wishing to participate in the matching grant process in 2014-15 for a District (local) Grant must submit their initial request to the District Grant Committee no later than May 15, 2014. Global grant

requests may be submitted throughout the year subject to available funding.

Details for the two remaining GMSs:

Thursday, February 20, 2014 Brunswick Library 6:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturday, March 29, 2014 District Training Assembly 12:30pm – 3:30pm

Please go to the District website to register for these events.

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Chagrin Valley Wins Cook-off

Chagrin Valley Rotary Club wins Chili Cook-Off "People's Choice Award" for 2014

The Chagrin Valley Rotary Club was awarded the People's Choice Award at the Chagrin Jaycees 2014 Chili Cook-Off on January 26th. The highly coveted award is given each year to the organization or business that receives the most votes from the attendees. The Cook Off took place January 26th at the Chagrin Falls Armory where over 20 organizations, restaurants and businesses competed. Attendance was great, despite of, or maybe because of the weather. Blizzard conditions made the trek to the cook off a challenge, but the reward of tasting the area's best chilies brought out one of the largest crowds ever. This was the Cook-Off's ninth year, the proceeds of which go to the Jaycee's preservation of the Stairway to the Falls Project.

The Chagrin Valley Rotary Club Chili Cook Off Committee was comprised of George and Sandy Pogan (who's secret family recipe topped all others), Tom and Marilyn Morrow, Joyce Piteo, David Levy, and Club President Mark Besand.

Light Up Rotary 2014-2015

By DGE Mike Davanzo

I had the privilege and opportunity to attend the International Assembly in San Diego in January to receive my intense training to be our District Governor next year. At the Assembly, President Elect Gary Huang announced his theme "Light Up Rotary". I will share more about this with you at a later date.

PRESIDENTS ELECT TRAINING

On January 25, despite the winter, many of our incoming club presidents met at Windows on the River in Cleveland for the annual PETS ONE training. It was a very full day and one with great speakers and much information and sharing. Your incoming presidents received a lot of ideas and suggestions. They will be sharing them with you. Due to the weather a makeup event was scheduled

for February 12.

ALL OHIO PETS

On March 14-15 our current PEs and spouses will gather in Columbus for the multi district PETS. This is the second leg of the training program for incoming presidents for Rotary Clubs. At the Friday dinner, the Key note speaker will be RIPE Gary Huang. The Saturday night key note will be by Wilf Wilkinson, a past Rotary International President. There will be breakout sessions and other outstanding speakers.

DISTRICT TRAINING ASSEMBLY

This assembly (known before as the District Assembly) will be on March 29 at the Double Tree Inn in Independence. Information about the program is on line. If you go to

the district web page and at the top, under the heading, you will see District Training Assembly, please click on it and you will be able to register. There will be 20 different topics offered. There will be 4 sessions and each session will have choice of 5 topics. So sign up with you fellow Rotarians to join leaders, discuss ideas, and take action. At the end of the sessions, there will be a buffet lunch. The lunch will not have a program. The purpose is for you to have the opportunity to share with your fellow Rotarians any ideas and salient points that you have.

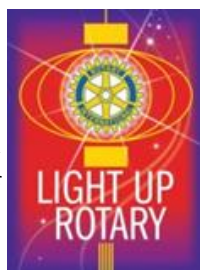
GRANTS MANAGEMENT SEMINAR

There were two already offered. The third and final one of this year will be right after the District Training Assem-

bly. There will be a place on the registration page to check to attend the entire day or just the GMS. Just as a reminder, two members from each club must attend the GMS to qualify to apply for a grant during the 2014-2015 Rotary year. For a district grant, a grant inquiry form (on line) is due by May 15. Please attend this event. In addition to attending the GMS, there are a few more requirements to be eligible to apply for a grant.

If you have any questions about any of this, please contact Mike at mdavanzo@zoominternet.net. If you prefer to call, my number is 330-725-3176.

Thank you and have a great end of the year. I am looking forward to seeing you at the DTA and at Bob's Conference in April.



Sport has the power to change the world. It has the power to inspire. It has the power to unite people in a way that little else does. Sport can awaken hope where there was previously only despair

- Nelson Mandela

The power of sports and fitness is truly astonishing and life-changing. We're not talking about the obvious benefits such as increased metabolic rate or cardiovascular fitness. The kind of power being referred to here goes way beyond those things- relegating them as the proverbial "icing on the cake."

We're talking about the feeling you get when you cross the Finish Line. The empowerment of reaching any physical goal you once viewed as unattainable.

It's the pride and sense of accomplishment, no matter your sport. Imagine if we could bottle that sense of pride, self-esteem, self-confidence and joy - and give it to girls in need of a "sporting chance" in our community.

A 501 (c) (3) non-profit organization called Girls With Sole (founded in 2009) is doing just that with a sports bottle full of water and a variety of fitness and wellness programs free of charge for girls who have experienced abuse of any kind, or who are at-risk. Activities include yoga, dance, running and traditional team sports so they can learn first-hand what athletics and fitness can do for the mind, body and soul.

Founder and Executive Director, Liz Ferro, was a foster child until she was adopted at age two. She personally experi-

enced sexual abuse as a young child and credits athletics and fitness for giving her the self-esteem and inner strength to overcome difficult times and to view her body as purposeful and important. The goal of Girls With Sole is to bring this same result to girls who are in need of an outlet for their emotions, a boost to their self-confidence, a place to foster a sense of belonging, and a learning tool to cope with adversity in a healthy manner.

Girls With Sole programming is a community collaborative effort, partnering with social service agencies, schools, hospitals, juvenile attention facilities and residential treatment centers, in order to bring free fitness and wellness programs to the girls where they are. Liz Ferro brings the one hour program sessions to the girls once per week at each of the locations Girls With Sole serves. A few of their program partners include Cleveland Rape Crisis Center, The Intergenerational School, MetroHealth, Bellefaire JCB, Lorain County Urban League, and the Multi-County Juvenile Attention System. In addition to weekly programs, each girl receives a free pair of running shoes, sports bra, fitness journal, water bottle, and free entry into road races.

Abuse takes many forms and includes bullying, neglect, emotional abuse, dating vio-

lence, physical abuse, the witnessing of violent acts, and others. The percentage of girls ages 9 - 18 who report some type of abuse is staggering. Girls With Sole introduces girls to the power that only fitness and wellness can bring. Focusing on healthy living, good nutrition, exercise and wellness will help girls make healthier choices in other areas of their lives, making a positive impact on our community as a whole.



Girls With Sole looks forward to continued growth and outreach - and to someday - provide programs to girls from coast to

coast so they may also "Lace Up for a Lifetime of Achievement." In her efforts to reach this goal, and to raise funds and awareness for Girls With Sole, Ferro has initiated a campaign called 50 States for Sole that will have her crossing a 26.2 mile finish line in every state of America. She also penned a book about her journey from foster care to founder of Girls With Sole called "Finish Line Feeling." Proceeds from the book benefit Girls With Sole programming and you can find the book on Amazon or girlswithsole.org. If you would like further information about 50 States for Sole, or would like to donate to Girls With Sole, you can visit <http://www.razoo.com/story/50statesforsole>.

Liz Ferro is the author of the

book, *Finish Line Feeling*. To date Liz has crossed many finish lines. She has completed 23 marathons (2 of them 50K Ultras), 5 Ironman triathlons and countless road races and triathlons. The empowerment gained from sports led her to found the non-profit organization Girls With Sole. Recently, Liz launched the "50 States for Sole" campaign, and will be running a marathon in all 50 states to raise money and awareness for Girls With Sole. She is the recipient of the 2011 Classic Woman Award from *Traditional Home Magazine*; the 2011 American Red Cross of Greater Cleveland Hero Award; the 2012 Longines Women Who Make a Difference Award from *Town & Country Magazine*; and Girls With Sole was chosen Best New Charity of the Midwest Region by the CLASSY Awards in 2012.

Girls With Sole has been featured in *Ohio Magazine*, *Runner's World Magazine*, *Traditional Home Magazine*, *Live Well Magazine*, *Town & Country Magazine*, and *CBC Magazine*.

Liz Ferro is a mom, wife, athlete, motivational speaker, author, and the Founder and Executive Director of Girls With Sole.

Please support 50 States For Sole to benefit GWS programs:

<http://www.razoo.com/story/50statesforsole>

Every purchase of "Finish Line Feeling" benefits GWS programs:

<http://www.amazon.com/Finish-Line-Feeling-Liz-Ferro/dp/1588321916>

By: Liz Ferro

News From TRC Berea

In Memoriam *Irv Ryan* 1930-2013



Berea Rotarians met on Jan. 28 to remember Irv Ryan, who was president of Berea Rotary 1994-95. Mark Comstock recalled that Irv had been a mentor to him as he graduated from law school. "What I am today as a lawyer is due to Irv's mentorship," Mark said.

"He was an excellent lawyer," Mark added. "He was a confidante to many. People came to him for advice on all sorts of issues."

Irv was active with St. Paul Lutheran Church and was president of the board when the new sanctuary was built. He also was president of the Polaris Career Center Board of Education when that new school was constructed.

He loved to fish and was a Cleveland Browns season ticket holder. He also was a Paul Harris fellow and active with Rotary's Youth Exchange program.

Jim Walters also recalled Irv as a mentor when Jim first moved to Berea.

"Irv was a great Rotarian," Jim said, "and a good friend."

"What a delightful man he was," said Bob Hammer.

Attending the tribute were Irv's sisters, Kathy McWilliams and Frannie Millward, daughter Sue Proctor and Jeff Jackson and Amany Makari of Church Street Ministries.

Irv married his high school sweetheart Lois Barrett, who predeceased him. They had two children, Sue and Tim, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Irv was an Army veteran of the Korean War.

The family requested that donations in Irv's memory be made to the Berea Rotary Foundation.

Paul Harris awarded to Frannie Millward



Jim Walters presents Frannie Millward with the Paul Harris pin.

Receiving the Paul Harris Fellowship at the conclusion of the tribute to her brother, Irv Ryan, Frannie Millward credited Rotary with helping to found Church Street Ministries of which she is the executive director.

"Irv, my most wonderful brother, was so proud of this group," she said. "Rotary was family to him." She said Irv often took her to Berea Rotary meetings and she felt as if she were part of the Rotary family, too. In fact, it was Irv and former Berea Rotarian Al Tadych who gave the impetus for Church Street Ministries, which serves the needy with food, clothing and assistance throughout Greater Cleveland.

Jim Walters, who conducted the Paul Harris ceremony, said Frannie had set an example for all of us in the community, noting that "the need is endless" for helping the poor and disadvantaged. "Thank you for making a difference," he told her.

The Paul Harris was given "in recognition of the many ways your life has exemplified the objectives of Rotary, helping people here and around the world," Jim said.

Rotary exchange student connects via Skype



Zach Oncale, Berea Rotary's Youth Exchange Student to Germany, communicated with local business leaders via Skype on Feb. 7. Zach spoke to members of the Berea School District's Business Advisory Council during a morning meeting in the Berea-Midpark High School Library. He was interviewed by Chris Reynolds, the faculty adviser for Interact.

Speaking from Berlin, Zach admitted that his English is a bit rusty because he's been using German almost exclusively for the past six months. At the moment, he is living with a Turkish family so he's beginning to learn that language also.

Zach called his experience in Germany "amazing" and said learning a different language "really opens the world up. When you understand a different language, you understand things about people you wouldn't know otherwise."

He credited the high school with preparing him for his yearlong visit to Germany. He said Berea-Midpark emphasizes international culture. "The foreign perspective motivates you to want to learn," he said.

Eventually, Zach said, after college, he'd like to do "something internationally." No specifics as of yet.

Kristina Mueller, the German exchange student studying at Berea-Midpark, was ill and unable to attend the session. "I'm sorry she isn't here," Zach said, "but she'd probably laugh at my German."