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Governor's Letter

Dear Rotarians

We are just concluding our Foundation month. During this month many clubs present programs on Our Rotary Foundation. We also celebrated our Foundation at the District Foundation Event where over 150 Rotarians and Friends heard the story of Great Lakes Brewery, heard about the many great works our clubs and Rotarians did with the help of the Foundation, and celebrated what the clubs accomplished during PDG Bob Johnson's year.

As of the writing of this item, our district has not yet heard the results from the Bob Evans Fundraiser for Polio. I do want to thank you for your enthusiastic support of this program and for sharing it with your friends, neighbors, and communities. I did hear from Bob Evans that it was going well and decided to sign us up for the event again next year.

At the beginning of November our clubs have set a goal of reaching \$150,667 for the annual fund. There are still 8 clubs to set goals. As a reminder, our district will once again offer the incentive to clubs: Every club that reaches \$100 per capita and everyone in the club contributes to the annual fund during this Rotary year

will receive a Paul Harris to be awarded to a person of that club's choice. In addition, there will be a drawing for everyone enrolled in Rotary Direct. Whoever is drawn will also receive a Paul Harris. Please be generous and remember: The goal of the district is to exceed last year's contributions and every Rotary contribute something to our Foundation.

I also would like to congratulate Rotarian Bob Oborn from the Stow-Munroe Falls Club. Bob had the opportunity to hear about the services that the Ronald McDonald House at Children's Hospital in Akron provided to families in times of critical need and emotional stress due to the serious health conditions of their children. The house is no longer able to meet the needs of the families with these children. As a result, the facility is undergoing a large expansion. The Ronald McDonald House is looking for groups to sponsor a room where a family members may stay while their child is in the hospital.

Bob saw this as a great need and something that interested Rotarians might like to support. He presented the idea to the Board of Directors and then to his cluster. With the support (non financial) of the

clusters the district voted to support/encourage the project and Bob's efforts to promote it and to use social media to raise the money to sponsor a room. Bob has an article in this newsletter and is willing to talk to any club about it. I also had the opportunity to visit the facility and talk with the director. It is a wonderful place for families to go and stay to be able to spend time with their hospitalized child. I firmly believe in the value of this and encourage you to carefully consider this project and share with all your friends either with social media or in your social circles.

As always, when we support/encourage a program, it is up to you to do what you believe is best. If you want to participate, please do. This does give us an opportunity to help families in need and also to promote our organization along with the good works that we do. I thank you for your consideration and help.

In our newsletter next month, we will be discussing the Avenue of Club Service. Thank you again for being Rotarians and for your help and your willingness to make our communities and our world better.

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Governor's Letter cont'd

During the month of October we are happy to welcome the following into Our Family of Rotary:

Akron

Eric German
Paul Catania
Robert Pacanovsky
Marshal Pitchford
Shaheen Sheikh

Aurora

Harry Bernstein
Peter DeSouza
Jackie Ford
Jack Shafer

Barberton

Jerry Buckohr

Chardon

Rick Frato
Glenn Pisching

Conneaut

Michael Notar

Painesville

Chris Bartlett
Tom Cofer
Greg Sanders
John Shepard

Strongsville

Kevin Crocker
Scott Maloney

Hola Amigos... (friends)

I enjoyed being in N.Y.C. for Rotary at the U.N. Day (At no cost to R.I.). New York City which is one of our favorite cities and only a 4 ½ hour flight from Mexico City. It is always good to greet old amigos and new amigos in Our Family of Rotary that have a keen interest in the United Nations.

I suppose I am among that group of Past Senior Rotary Leaders who have a record of attending this annual Rotary Event year after year. I am a firm believer in the U.N. always understanding that if we did not have it we would have to invent it all over again. I am proud that Rotary has much to do in the history of the United Nations now in the present, the past and the future. We had a good update from U.N. leadership representatives on present activities / concerns of the U.N. We had our largest delegations of The Family of Rotary (Rotarians & Rotaracters) being present at a Sold Out Event where we were in 2 overflow rooms in the remodeled section of the U.N. which is the best we have ever had.

Points that stand out for me that were given to us by representatives of the U.N. Sec. General.....

1. The importance of Global Partnerships to face the issues we have in our world.

2. The desire of helping make our work bigger and better.

3. **THE BIGGEST CHALLENGE THE WORLD FACES IS INDIFFERENCE.**

4. The U.N. Health Team is using some of our techniques to combat Polio to combat the greatest health challenge which is EBOLA.

5. Our President Gary Huang reminded all that Eisenhower said that outside of the U.N. that we in Rotary are the greatest promoters of Peace.

Rotarians never give up.....

We have more things in common than those things that keep us apart.

6. Chairman of The R.I. Trustees John Kenny mentioned that we may not see Peace in Our Lifetime but we will see a Polio

Free World which is Rotary's gift to the children of the world. He also brought out that Rotary welcomes new partners in fighting polio. With partners over 10 Billion has been spent in the battle to eliminate Polio. 5 Billion still has to be spent. We must be the change we want to see.

7. The U.N. Representatives mentioned that they were glad to be with Rotarians whom they consider some of the Top Thinkers of the World.

8. When children are immunized against Polio we in Rotary are addressing the U.N. Millennium Goals.

The U.N. Sec. understands the benefit of strategic alliances like the one with Rotary. They mentioned the importance of EVERY WOMAN...EVERY CHILD which are important for the U.N. Health Team.

9. Population and Sustainable Development Issues are a priority for the U.N.

10. They brought out how Rotary helps reach decision makers.

11. Everyone ...every Rotarian has something they can bring to the table to address different neglected areas.

12. Ed Futa brought out that we can learn much from Confucius often quoted by Pres. Gary Huang. Being in the new build-

ing of the U.N. made us remember that Rotary wants to Promote Peace & Understanding.

At the end it was commented that we cannot prepare the future for our youth...BUT WE CAN PREPARE OUR YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE..

A unique new feature at this Rotary at the U.N. Day was that all present were able to go to different breakout sessions of their interest both in the morning and then in the afternoon thanks to our U.N. Team under P.D.G. Joe Lauren. Each of these breakout sessions had some highly qualified presenters.

President Gary Huang and Trustee Chairman John Kenny did a great job in telling Our Rotary Story in relationship to our being proud U.N. Supporters as did past Gen. Sec. Ed Futa. Much more happened but this message has become much longer than planned.

Hope to see or hear from many of you in the near future..

VIVA ROTARY!

Frank J. Devlyn

President 2000-2001, ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
Chairman 2005-2006, THE ROTARY FOUNDATION

Speaker Offers His Services

Over my 24 years as Director of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, I have talked at one time or another to just about all the clubs in the District. I have been retired as Director for two years, but am still active in the profession leading safaris and consulting. As part of my commitment to continue working for wildlife, I am available to your Clubs for talks. I have several talks available from the History and Current Role of the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo to many power point talks on travel and wildlife. For smaller clubs with limited presentation equipment, I recommend the Cleveland Met-

roparks Zoo talk. However, if the room and equipment are appropriate I have other talks that can be modified for the usual half hour. There is no fee, but I encourage a donation to the conservation fund of the Cleveland Zoological Society. A list of my presentations can be found on my website (www.stevetaylorzoo.com). I hope you are able to forward this e-mail to the various clubs in the District or let me know How I can do the same. , Thanks You, Steve H. Taylor Director Emeritus, Cleveland Metroparks Zoo, [216-780-1350](tel:216-780-1350), staylorzoo@icloud.com

Membership Opportunities

My club recently scheduled a leaf raking project designed to offer a helping hand to seniors no longer able to do the job themselves. We cooperated with several other organizations and together recruited 140 young people (mostly teenagers) and a number of adult volunteer "team captains" to lead small groups of young rakers. The RC then provided treats for the teams at the end of the event. The treats included hot chocolate, hot and cold cider, donuts and Halloween candy. The results—three of the adult "captains" requested membership applications.

Our club—the RC of Aurora—received an application from a recent speaker at a club meeting. He will be inducted at a November meeting.

Many of your club speakers are potential members if you ex-

tend an invitation to them. As a minimum, retain a speakers file with the contact information. Invite them to revisit your club and offer them the opportunity to join. Or, invite them to participate in a club activity such as a reverse raffle, "Chile Open" or "Candida t e s Night". Involvement in your club in activities may be all that is required to stimulate their interest.

The opportunities to meet prospective members are limitless. Turning a prospect into a valuable member is your challenge and that of the other Rotarians in your club.

our commitment to accountability and transparency for the seventh straight year."

The 4-star rating, the highest that Charity Navigator awards, recognizes sound fiscal management, accountability, and transparency. Charity Navigator evaluates thousands of nonprofits each year, and only one of four earns 4 stars.

This year's top distinction marks the Foundation's seventh in a row, placing it in the top 3 percent of U.S.-based charities. In a letter to the Foundation, Charity Navigator President Ken Berger wrote, "This 'exceptional' designation differentiates The Rotary Foundation from its peers and demonstrates to the public it is worthy of their trust."

Richard Farkas, DGN

GET READY! Four Way Test Speech Competition

By now many of you have been thinking about the upcoming Four Way Test Speech Competition event to be held in April, 2015. I have received several emails and a number of phone calls asking for details of this important event. All information will be posted on the District's web site and information updates will be added to this site until the date of the event.

Approximately 150 people attend this event each year which include the students, Rotarian sponsors, and family and friends of the contestants. Attendees from prior years have truly enjoyed the event and have commented very positively about how this event promotes the importance of public speaking and the value of being able to address a live audience. Young people of today face a variety of challenges in their future years. Being able to stand in front of a group and deliver their message in a professional manner is a true talent. I applaud all the students who will be investing many long hours in preparation for their speeches.

As I mentioned in a prior announcement, there will be changes to the event this year which I

think will interest everyone. This change is the addition of an ALL Rotarian judging panel. Thank you to those Rotarians who have stepped up to participate in the event as a Judge. I do, however, continue to need your help. There are currently 11 Rotarians scheduled to judge this event in 2015. We need FOUR more!! If you are interested in being a judge for this District event in 2015, please contact me directly at the number listed below ASAP!

This next competition will also provide an opportunity for District Clubs to promote their individual events to a broader audience. On the day of the event, as the students register, they will be receiving a packet of information. This packet, in the past, has contained information about the Rotary Youth Exchange, Ryla and Rotaract as well as other Rotary activities. This year, I would like to offer to every Club the opportunity to include information about your Club and its events. There will be specific information in the next Newsletter about how to submit the Club's information for inclusion in the packets.

Thank you and I look forward to seeing you in April, 2015!

Scott Pease
District 6630
Four Way Test Speech Contest Chair



Ziggy Marley dedicates song to polio eradication effort

Although reggae legend Ziggy Marley couldn't attend Rotary's World Polio Day event in Chicago on 24 October, he recorded a special message for attendees. Marley also performed a song from his latest album, "Fly Rasta," which he said he hoped would "inspire people" to continue the effort to end polio, "which we will do soon."

Rotary Foundation Earns 4-Star Rating

November is Rotary Foundation month. As we all work together to raise awareness of our Foundation this year, we are aware we are helping our fellow Rotarians take the step to being Rotarians by contributing to the Annual Fund. Our Foundation is certainly worthy of our support:

The Rotary Foundation earns coveted 4-star rating

The Rotary Foundation earned a 4-star rating from Charity Navigator, the largest and most prestigious independent evaluator of nonprofits in the United States.

"Our foundation continues to operate at the highest ethical standard," said Rotary Foundation Trustee Chair John Kenney. "We are proud that Charity Navigator has recognized

Rotarian Receives Cliff Dochterman Award

Jack A. Young, PDG of North East Ohio and past president of the RC of Conneaut was recently presented the Cliff Dochterman Award for Distinguished and dedicated service to Scouting by the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.

This honor is to recognize an individual Rotarian who acts as a role model and renders distinguished and dedicated service to Scouting through active service, leadership or other exemplary contributions to the Scout Association of his or her home country or on an international basis.

The Cliff Dochterman Award is named in honor of Distinguished Rotarian, former Rotary International President and dedicated Scouter, Cliff Dochterman of Moraga, California. The nominee for the Dochterman Award must be a Rotarian in good standing and nominated by a Rotary Club, District Governor or President of the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.

Cliff Dochterman was an eagle scout and served as the President of Rotary International during 1992-93. As world president, he has been honored by the heads of state of many nations for his personal contributions to goodwill and understanding in the world of Rotary

In keeping with the objectives and principles of both Rotary and Scouting to encourage character and development, leadership, citizenship and personal growth for youth, this award is presented to a qualified Rotarian who has displayed distinguished service and outstanding dedication to the program of Scouting through:

1. Contributions to the character development, leadership, citizenship and personal growth of members of the scouting association through programs, training or organization

2. Assisting Rotary Clubs in forming scouting units

3. Exemplifying the 4 way test

4. Recruiting and training volunteer scouting leaders

5. Strengthening the relationship between Rotary and Scouting.



Past District Governor Young, also is serving on the Board of Directors of Shelter Box USA, an International Disaster Relief Organization; The American Nicaragua Hope and Relief Foundation Board of Directors, the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians - Ohio Representative; Past District Governor of Rotary District North East Ohio; a past State Officer of the DeMolay Youth organization; past Chair of the Ohio Human Resource Association, past member of the Human Resource Committee for the Society of Human Resource Management; Past Board President of the Ohio Mental Health Association; a 32 degree Master Mason and is currently the Vice Governor of Rotary District 6630 and the Chair of the Past District Governors Council for 2014-15.

TRC Burton-Middlefield

On Wednesday evening, Nov. 12th, the RC of Burton-Middlefield held a Veteran's recognition ceremony at their regular club meeting. From the 41 member club, there were 10 veterans recognized from all the branches of service. District Governor Nominee Dick Farkas, himself an Air Force veteran, was present to recognize the 10 veterans for their service in the armed forces. They ranged from the oldest club member, 101 year old John Gander who served under Gen. George Patton in Europe during World War II, to a our newest veteran, Jim Ebert, who joined in 2009. John, who joined the RC of



Burton-Middlefield in 1951 and had 57 years of perfect attendance before entering a nursing facility attended the ceremony and was brought to the meeting by his grandson, Todd Hornak, who is also a Burton-Middlefield member. Each veter-



an was pinned with the new Veteran's Rotary pin by their wives or a club officer.

The evening was made even more special by the recognition of 93 year old community member and long time Geauga County veteran advocate, John Reithoffer as a Paul Harris Fellow, with PHF recognition points donated by District Treasurer Tracy Jemison. John still attends as many Memorial Day, 4th. of July and Veteran's Day events as he is able to get to and has worked tirelessly for over 60 years on behalf of veteran's and veteran benefits in Geauga County.

UPDATE CLUB MEMBERSHIP DATA BY 1 JANUARY

Get ready for the new and improved Rotary club invoice coming in January. It's now easier than ever to update your club membership data.

- [Update club membership data by 1 January](#)
- [Learn more about the new process](#)
- [Send questions and comments to clubinvoice@rotary.org](mailto:clubinvoice@rotary.org)



TRC Berea Honors Veterans

PDG Jack A. Young, District 6630 Vice Governor and Air Force Veteran recently presented on Veterans Day Rotary - Armed Forces Veterans Lapel Pins to 3 Veterans of the Rotary Club of Berea. Each club Veteran gave a brief history of their service. Congratulations to all veterans and families who have served our country.

For more information on the Rotary Armed Forces Pins for our Veterans, please contact PDG Jack Young.

Jack1villa2@aol.com



From Left to Right:
Club members Bob Huges, John Spooner and Club President Linda Kramer.

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 E-mail: info@rotary.org

Fabulous District Foundation Event Held on 11/9

The yearly District Foundation Event was held on Sunday Nov. 9th. at the Weymouth Country Club in Medina. Over 150 attended the event which featured a very entertaining speaker from Great Lakes Brewery in the Ohio City section of Cleveland, OH. Tasting of many of their craft brews was part of the event which was then followed by Immediate Past District Governor Bob Johnson's foundation giving awards for the 2013/2014 Rotary year. Award numbers continue to grow as we challenge clubs and members to increase the giving to the Foundation and therefore the work that we are able to do. Giving to the Rotary Foundation in 2013/2014 will enable DGN Richard Farkas and the district to access almost \$100,000. in District Designated Funds during his year as District Governor in 2016/2017. The awards don't represent any winners of contests, but simply identify the clubs, both big and small, and the members that were the most successful in raising and contributing funds for the ongoing work of our Foundation.

The awards began with the announcement of the seven

clubs that contributed the most to Rotary's "End Polio Now" campaign. They were: (alphabetical)

1. RC of Akron - Lance Chi-ma - 2013/2014 club president
2. RC of Chagrin Highlands - Rich Hart -2013/2014 club president
3. RC of Chardon - Kimm Leninger - 2013/2014 club president
4. RC of Cleveland - Karen Melton - 2013/2014 club president
5. RC of Medina-sr - John Ross - 2013/2014 club president
6. RC of Strongsville - Brian Kiplinger - 2013/2014 club president
7. RC of Wadsworth - Terry Menser -2013/2014 club president

Together all clubs in District 6630 contributed over \$132,000 to "End Polio Now" which was matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation for a total of almost \$400,000 in funds from our district.

News From TRC Berea

Former Browns player credits role models for success



Ernie Kellerman, who played defensive back for the Cleveland Browns from 1966-71, credits three things for success in life – role models, hard work and networking.

“My whole life is a result of those three,” Kellerman, 70, told Berea Rotarians. No. 1 influence was his mother, Flo, he said. She was an athlete herself and coached Little League Baseball. She was tough, Kellerman said. One of the players on his team was Tom Weiskopf, who went on to become a pro golfer. One day, Tom decided not to show up for a game. Flo Kellerman, determined not to forfeit, yanked Weiskopf out of bed and dragged him to the baseball diamond. “We did not forfeit that game,” Kellerman recalled.

Coaches at St. Pius X and Chanel High School were also influential. Kellerman said he never forgot the advice Sam Rubello, a Chanel football coach gave him: “You will succeed in football and in life.”

Kellerman went on to play quarterback at Miami of Ohio under Coach Bo Schembechler, later the famed coach at the University of Michigan. That connection got him the job with the Browns, he said. Kellerman was drafted by the Cowboys but was cut. He called Schembechler to see if he any ideas. Bo called Blanton Collier, coach of the Browns. The rest is history.

Kellerman said he learned a lot that first year when he played on the Browns’ reserve squad. He watched a lot of film and helped coaches chart plays. “The learning curve was phenomenal,” he said. Collier was a stickler

for preparation. “We looked at film of the last three games our opponents played. The mental prep was very helpful,” Kellerman said.

There have been a lot of changes in sports since the 1960s and ‘70s. Salary, for one. Kellerman said he made about \$43,000 tops. “All of the guys had to work second jobs in the off season,” he said. Kellerman got a job in sales and that helped him prepare for the day when his football days were over. The average job life of a football player is only three to four years. Kellerman lasted nine. “You have to be ready when you don’t play anymore,” he said.

Also new is the care of players after concussions. Kellerman said he had a couple, but players just went back in the game. He said there was one game where he had no memory at all of the second half. “They’ve made some drastic changes to the rules,” Kellerman said, “and rightly so.”

A native of Cleveland, Kellerman, who wore jersey No. 24, is a member of the Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club.

Getting ready for the holidays

Jeff and Marsha Hawkins hosted a tour of Uncle John’s Plant Farm in Olmsted Falls. Berea Rotarians visited the greenhouses and shopped in the gift store, which was stocked with Halloween, Thanksgiving and Christmas goodies. That’s Marsha’s bailiwick, Jeff said. He concentrates on the foliage. We learned that the acres of poinsettias he has



under glass take months to grow from seedlings. Planning for holiday flowers begins in the summer. Planning for spring and summer begins in the winter. There actually is no down time, Jeff said.

Uncle John’s got its name from Jeff’s father, John Hawkins, who was called Uncle John by the students in the youth group he men-

tored at church. When the greenhouse was started, the name stuck.

To commemorate Uncle John’s 40th anniversary, the Hawkinses gave each Rotarian a pine-scented candle.

Ponytails earn donations for The Gathering Place



They took up to three years to grow but three ponytails were lopped off at American Legion Post 91 in Berea to be donated to Locks of Love. Proceeds from the benefit went The Gathering Place, which provides free support to cancer patients and their families.

Berea Rotarian Jim Walters, who also donated his hair three years ago, said it took him 2 ½ years to grow out his hair this time. Walters organized the hair fest along with fellow donors Lisa Kimpel of the Berea Post Office, who grew her hair for three years, and Linda Van Duyn, who is retired from the Berea City School District and spent two years without a haircut.

The three sold chances to cut off the ponytails at \$5 a ticket. In the end, \$1,000 was donated to The Gathering Place. Winning hair-cutting tickets went to Brian Higgins, Brook Park city councilman and Parma service director, who cut Walter’s ponytail; Rita Barr, who cut Van Duyn’s hair; and Jim Duktig, who gave Kimpel a haircut.

Hair stylist Barbara Davis, also a Berea Rotarian, donated her services to touch up the trims.

Rotary Clubs Engage in Crowd Funding

The Rotary Clusters of Summit County are sponsoring and District 6630 is endorsing a crowd funding campaign to raise \$50,000 to fund a room for the \$10 million addition to the Ronald McDonald House in Akron. Please click on the link below and watch the video explaining the project. Please share this email with at least 10 of your family and friends as we need to get this out to as many people as possible. Crowd funding only works if we can get everyone to share the message. Thank you in advance for helping make this idea a reality.

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

Bob Oborn
Rotarian
Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls

More About Crowd Funding for Ronald McDonald House

\$50,000 Crowd Funding Goal for Ronald McDonald House in Akron - We Need Your Help!

The Ronald McDonald House of Akron has been serving families of loved ones in Akron Children's Hospital by providing a place to stay and meals for over 29 years. This facility is used by residents primarily in the ten counties of northeastern Ohio. Many of us probably know of a friend or loved one that has stayed there while their loved ones were in the hospital. The need for rooms for families has far outpaced the 20 rooms available so each year thousands of families are turned away as there is no room. The Ronald McDonald House of Akron is undergoing a \$10 Million campaign to triple the size from 20 to 60 rooms and to make them handicap accessible. They need our help.

The Cluster Rotary groups of Summit

country with the endorsement of Rotary District 6630 are beginning an ambitious fundraising campaign beginning November 15th. We are going to use a crowd funding website called Go Fund Me to get the word out to thousands and hopefully hit our goal of \$50,000. Here is how it works. Rotary District 6630 has over 2,000 current members. We will start an email campaign on November 15th to all Rotarians in the district. We need all Rotarians to then forward this email to ten friends or family with your plea to donate \$10-20 to this worthy campaign. We would also like your contacts to forward the same email to 5-10 of their friends asking them to donate \$10-20. If we accomplish this thought your help, it will reach 100-200,000 people. If even a fraction of those donate, we will be successful in raising the money needed for this.



What your gift to The Rotary Foundation supports

A gift of \$50 helps provide a personal water filter, offering simple, sustainable access to clean water in places like rural Guatemala. Every year, hundreds of thousands of people — children, families, and entire communities — benefit from projects funded by The Rotary Foundation. For #GivingTuesday on 2 December, Rotary invites you to consider how your gift can help the Foundation continue to create positive, lasting change.

- [See what your gift supports](#)
- [Learn about our areas of focus](#)
- [Find more ways to give](#)

GIVE

What we need most is your help. Please think about how this will affect future families in their moment of need. The website is secure, safe, and the donation is fully tax deductible as it will be going through the Akron Rotary Foundation, a 501(C) (3) non-profit organization. If you do not want to use the website, you can send checks to:

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

Please write Ronald McDonald House in the comment section

If we are successful, future newsletter will include letters from families thanking Rotarians for providing the room. This is what we are all about.

Please visit www.GoFundMe.com/rotarycares and watch the video. A donation of \$10-20 will help us reach our goal. After you make your donation, please share with your friends. We will also post on Facebook and other media to help this dream become a reality.

Medina Sunrise Raises \$14,000

TRC Medina Sunrise Raised \$14,000 to End Polio with Annual Rotary Foundation Dessert Auction

"We raised over \$14,635 this evening in support of the Rotary Foundation and its End Polio Now campaign," announced John Ross, Chair of the Medina Sunrise Rotary Club's Annual Foundation Dessert Auction.



Rotarians and guests bid generously on home-baked desserts as they enjoyed the hospitality of Rustic Hills, music of talented local singer Marina Strah and fellowship of family and friends.

The Annual Dessert Auction to raise money for the Rotary Foundation has become a tradition for Medina Sunrise Rotarians, who were recently recognized as the #1 club for per-capita giving in the District. All donations from the auction go directly to the Rotary Foundation and are matched by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation.

District Governor Dr. Michael Davanzo explained, "The Rotary Foundation transforms your gifts into projects that change lives both close to home and around the world. As the charitable arm of Rotary, we tap into a global network of Rotarians who invest their time, money, and expertise into our priorities, such as eradicating polio and promoting peace. Foundation grants empower Rotarians to approach challenges such as poverty, illiteracy, and malnutrition with sustainable solutions that leave a lasting impact."

News From Port-Summit

Port-Summit Rotary assisted member Connie Krunich's twice-yearly efforts to offer Summit County DD clients and their families with a fun, safe and FREE day of Un-Skating at Krunich's Springfield Lake Roller Rink on Wednesday, October 29th. Members served pizza and



beverages and assisted the many costumed party-goers in putting on their skates.



Connie, family and staff at the rink have been putting on Un-Skating parties for many years now. It is clear that it has be-



come one of the most anticipated events on the attendee's calendar. Thanks to all the Rotarians that gave of their time and talents to help out with the event.

DECA Seeks Judges

Wanted: Judges for Spring DECA Competition District XI. Date: Wednesday, January 28. Time: 8 a.m. - noon. Where: Akron U. - Parking free & continental breakfast provided.

Please email Lisa Mowls (DECA/Interact) advisor at st_mowls@smfcsd.org to volunteer for this great event! DECA (An Association of Marketing Students)

Stow-Munroe Falls Interact

The Stow-Munroe Falls High School Interact Club (sponsored by the Stow Rotary) formed a team to participate in the Alzheimer's Association annual walk on Sunday, October 5, held at the University of Akron. Individuals came together as a way to fight back when a friend or family member has been affected by the disease.

The Alzheimer's Association "Walk to End Alzheimer's" is the world's largest event to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimer's care, support, and research. Held annually in more than 600 communities nationwide, this inspiring event calls on participants of all ages and abilities to reclaim the future for millions. Alzheimer's disease is the nation's sixth-leading cause of death. For more information on how one can get involved in helping find a cure for Alzheimer's disease, visit the web site at act.alz.org.



SMFHS students left to right are: Nirali Patel, Ian Black, Ryan Moeller, Luke Black, David Moeller, Emily Clark, Sara Damian, and Bethany Skidmore-Stutzman

TRC Medina Parade of Flags

November 8th, members and friends of The Medina Rotary Club (Evening) braved the chilly morning air to place the first flags for the Parade of Flags in yards around Medina. Divided into three teams of 4-6 people each, 181 holes were dug, pvc bases pounded into the earth and then 3x5 Made in the USA flags attached to 10 foot poles were placed in the pole holders. The weather was a bit breezy so the flags had the extra attraction of flowing in the wind all day. One flag alone was a nice sight, and many flags in a row achieved the breathtaking effect of a true Parade of Flags.

Signs at some locations advise passersby that this is a project of The Medina Rotary Club (Evening). Some subscribers paid an extra \$ 5 to honor a special veteran close to their hearts with a special sign. One Veteran Plaque is allowed per paid flag subscription.



Many locations received over ten flags: Cleveland Clinic Medina Hospital, Spring Grove Cemetery, Veteran's Hall on Broadway, 5th 3rd Bank (north) and Creative Pet Play. Take a drive around town and enjoy the view this week! The next Parade of Flags holiday will occur for Memorial Day week 2015. Flags will be retrieved this coming Saturday November 15th.

To participate - as a resident or business - one flag is \$ 35 annually and it will be placed for six holidays throughout the year. The holidays are Memorial Day, Flag Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Patriot Day and Veteran's Day. Residents and businesses can participate if located within the Buckeye, Medina City or Highland School Districts.

This is a new fundraiser for The Medina Rotary Club. Proceeds go back into the community in many ways, including the Salvation Army, Cancer Services Fund, the County Home picnic and Christmas party, Veteran's Hall modernization and more. For more information, please visit www.medinarotary.org.

150 Rotarians and Guest Attended District Celebration Event.



Pictured: Past President of the RC of Brunswick and District Foundation Event Co Chair greet attendees to the Beer Tasting table at our district special Foundation Event at Weymouth Country Club in Medina on November 9th. Pictured to her left servers of the various kinds of product from the Great Lakes Brewery is Terry Ryan Sales Representative and guest speaker for the event. Those helping Terry serve are Jim and Mary Issac.

A special welcome was given by DG Mike Davanzo and Marsha Pappalardo to the attendees after which the Invocation was given by Dr. Mike Carlson and the Pledge was led by Roger Hassler. Jim Lechko, District Foundation Chair and PDG Bob Johnson presented various awards to the clubs and Rotarians in the District.

Certificate of appreciation for End Polio Now were presented to the Rotary Clubs of Akron, Chargrin Highlands, Chardon,

Cleveland, Medina Sunrise, Strongsville and Wadsworth. The top 3 clubs in per capita giving to the Foundation last Rotary year were the Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise at \$ 385 per member; RC of Solon at \$ 256 per member and the RC of Mantua at \$ 236 per member. Our district had 14 of the 54 clubs achieve last year the Every Rotarian Every Year Status.

Rotary Clubs who were the recipients of the EREY Award for 2014-14 were Barberton, Berea, Burton Middlefield, Chargrin Highlands, Chardon, Cuhahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Mantua, Medina, Medina Sunrise, Mentor, Northampton Twp., Port Summit and Strongsville.

Major Donor Award: The District recognized a former Rotarian and a member of the RC of Painesville with his Major Donor Award from the Foundation. Tom Ellis passed away several years ago and did not receive this special recognition and therefore, the Major Donor award presented to his wife, Sue Ellis and his son.

Marsha announced that those clubs or group of clubs who provided Raffle Baskets brought in over \$ 1500 for the Rotary Foundation. A special thank was given to Event Chair Marsha Pappalardo and committee members Judy Davanzo, DG Mike Davanzo, PDG Bob Johnson, James Lechko, DGE Cheryl Warren, PDG Steve Zabor and PDG Julie West.

A Message From the District Foundation Chair

From the desk of:

Jim Lechko

Rotary International District 6630

Foundation Chair

TRF Foundation Month: As you know, November is Foundation Month for Rotary. By now, many of you have already heard from your Foundation Liaisons regarding the great work The Rotary Foundation (TRF) is doing locally and globally. I hope that you have been inspired to continue your commitment or to start your commitment to TRF. The goal of our District Governor, Michael Davanzo, is Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) or all Rotarians in District 6630 give something to TRF, no matter what the amount. Help DG Mike achieve this goal with your participation.

Don't forget Giving Tuesday! : The season is upon us; Black Friday and then Cyber Monday. Let's not forget the real reason for the season and do something for those less fortunate. Giving Tuesday is a day when you are encouraged to make a donation or a commitment to your favorite charity (TRF). Go online to www.rotary.org to make your donation. Thanks on behalf of TRF.

Ravenna Rotary Annual Harvest Breakfast

Ravenna Rotary Club held its annual Harvest Breakfast and Mum Sale on Sunday, September 29 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Ravenna Elks Lodge



Pancakes, biscuits and gravy, French toast and more were served up by Rotarians and members of the Ravenna Community Choir. Children of all ages were entertained by a balloon artist as they dined.

All who attended went away feeling full and happy.

Proceeds from the breakfast support Ravenna Rotary projects and the Ravenna Community Choir. Thanks go out to Rotarian Nick Racin for chairing the Breakfast Committee.



Lkwd/RR Distributes Dictionaries

Once again this year, the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River purchased dictionaries for all 774 third grade students in Lakewood and Rocky River.

Club members take the dictionaries into the classrooms and deliver them personally to each student. They then spend time talking to the students about how Rotary is active in their communities and internationally.

Members distributing the dictionaries to the students were: Mark Bacon, Lynn Donaldson, Jon Fancher, Vicki Foster, George Frank, Dick Garrett, Thom Geist, Jim Harris, Todd Lessig, Harlan Radford, Jean Rounds, and Michael Shoaf. Jay Rounds was the project chairperson.

Schools receiving dictionaries were: Rocky River - Kensington Intermediate, Ruffing Montessori, and St. Christopher; Lakewood - Emerson, Grant, Harrison, Hayes, Horace Mann, Lakewood Catholic Academy, Lincoln, and Roosevelt.

The first page of each dictionary is stamped with the club's name and a copy of the Four-Way Test of Rotary.

Since 2005, the club has given dictionaries nearly 9,000 students. The dictionaries are published by The Dictionary Project. A nonprofit organization, its goal is to assist all students to become good writers, active readers and creative thinkers by providing them with a gift of their own personal dictionary.

Students and teachers alike are very appreciative of the gift, and each year the club receives hundreds of letters and thank-you cards written by the students. The letters mention the students' favorite section of the dictionary and how they have begun to use the dictionary in their classrooms.

The dictionary features over 32,000 words with simple, child-friendly definitions, plus pronunciation and parts of speech, and includes additional information about punctuation, the nine parts of speech, weights and measures, Roman numerals, and a map of the United States.

Over 150 pages of supplemental information in the back feature the Constitution of the U.S., the Declaration of Independence, brief biographies of all U.S. presidents, world maps, information about all 50 states, countries of the world, and the planets in our solar system. It ends with the longest word in the English language.



[Polio infrastructure helps combat Ebola in Nigeria](#)

Rotary's investments in polio eradication infrastructure in Nigeria has helped the government stop the Ebola outbreak there. The polio surveillance network, which is used to monitor incidence of polio, is now also being used to identify and track suspected Ebola cases. To learn how you can support the fight against Ebola:

- [Read the Board's statement on Ebola](#)
- [Support the efforts of Rotarians in Monrovia on Rotary Ideas](#)
- [Read a news report on polio and Ebola in Nigeria](#)
- [Join a discussion group on fighting Ebola](#)

International Service Committee

As the Chair of the District International Service Committee I am always looking for projects and useful information to share with members of the District. Recently I was introduced to a local company that manufactures a product that could be of great use to many humanitarian projects in remote areas and developing countries. The name of the company is Sunflower Solutions and it is based in Shaker Heights, Ohio. The product is called empower Plant™, and is possibly the simplest solar power unit made in the world and was developed with an unusual intent.

Sunflower Solutions' mission is to improve the lives of men, women, and children across the globe by helping bring them electricity.

"Sunflower Solutions isn't a lot of things that typically encompass an advanced energy company. In fact, our work is not even about solar power or electricity, it's about what that electricity is doing out in

the world," said Chris Clark, founder of Sunflower Solutions. For 1.6 billion people around the world, access to electricity is nonexistent. Without electricity clean water, medical care, education and economic development are nearly impossible to establish and maintain.

Sunflower Solutions works with organizations providing international aid including missionary and church groups, nonprofits, universities, NGO's, etc. Sunflower supplies these organizations with solar power to improve education, healthcare, clean water, economic growth, and agriculture.

Founded in 2009, Sunflower Solutions was developed by Chris Clark after graduating from Miami University of Ohio. Clark graduated with a degree in Interdisciplinary Business Management with a focus in Entrepreneurship. Clark's emPower Plant™ was born from a senior capstone project for a business plan competition where he was part of a team

building a water pump that was later installed in Mali, Africa.

A few months after starting Sunflower Solutions, Clark met with a group of Cornell University students and helped them bring the very first emPower Plant™ to a primary school in Kenya, Africa. That small solar power system has since grown into powering the school and several new businesses for the community. "It was at this point that we realized we've got something special," said Chris Clark.

To empower yourself and others, visit www.thesunflowersolutions.com, or call 216-255-3072. Join the conversation online; follow Sunflower Solutions on Facebook at facebook.com/SunflowerSolutions and Twitter @SunflwrSolutns.

Submitted by:
PDG David Skrzynski (Berea)
District 6630 International Service Committee, Chair 2014-15

Gift of Life NEO

Dr. Beatrice Fontalis watched intently as a surgical team at Akron Children's Hospital fixed the heart of a young boy from her homeland.

At the pediatric hospital where she works in Haiti, cardiac procedures aren't an option. Though routinely performed in the United States, operations to close holes in hearts or repair other congenital defects are impossible in Haiti because the country lacks a pediatric cardiac surgeon.

"We have a lot of children who need surgery, and most of them die because they don't have heart surgery," Fontalis said.

Since 2012, Akron Children's Hospital has been fixing heart defects in children from the western hemisphere's poorest country a couple patients at a time.

But rather than continuing to bring a few children from Haiti to Akron each year for operations, Children's now is training Haitian medical workers how to care for patients before, during and after heart surgery at their own hospital.

Beginning next spring, volunteer pediatric cardiac surgeons from U.S. hospitals will travel to Haiti to perform heart surgeries on Haitian patients at St. Damien Pediatric Hospital, where the staff is getting ready to provide the needed supportive care.

Surgeons will be able to complete 10 to 15 operations during each weeklong medical

mission trip, said Dr. Jeff Kempf, an emergency medicine physician who serves as director of the Office of Pediatric Global Health at Akron Children's.

Kempf is leading the effort to help St. Damien develop its pediatric cardiac surgery program and volunteers regularly at the Haitian hospital.

The long-term goal is to train a pediatric cardiac surgeon who will work full time in Haiti, he said.

Fontalis is part of a seven-person team of St. Damien's doctors, nurses, a pharmacist, a biotech engineer and an administrator who are in Akron through the end of this week with the support of a nearly \$67,500 grant from Rotary International. Through the grant, a team from Akron Children's also will travel to Haiti next year to offer additional on-site training and advice.

"I'm going to work in the pediatric intensive care unit when we get back," Fontalis said. "We can teach other doctors and nurses about ... the heart surgery. It will be very helpful."

The Haitian visitors have been participating in simulation training and watching the care of two boys from Haiti who recently underwent open-heart surgery at Akron Children's.

Since 2012, eight Haitian children have come to Akron for life-saving heart surgeries through the partnership with Gift of Life Northeast Ohio, the local version of a pro-

gram affiliated with Rotary International. Akron Children's has agreed to perform the surgeries and provide the necessary aftercare for \$5,000 per child – an amount that's a fraction of the tens of thousands of dollars the hospital typically bills for such complex medical care.

Ultimately, however, more children will benefit when a cardiac surgery program is developed at Haiti's pediatric hospital, said Ken Fogle, chairman of Gift of Life Northeast Ohio.

Along with assisting in getting the Rotary grant, Gift of Life helped find unused medical equipment from U.S. hospitals for St. Damien's program.

"We've got to stop doing one kid at a time and get in-country skills," he said.

The training, particularly in the area of pediatric intensive care services, will benefit children with other problems as well, Fogle said.

For Marie Lourdie Chery, a nurse at St. Damien, her visit to Akron Children's is also her first trip to the United States.

She said she has been particularly interested in spending time with the heart patients in the pediatric intensive care unit after their surgeries "to observe everybody, what we do in the days after."

For more information about the program with St. Damien and how to support the effort, visit Gift of Life's website, www.golneo.org.

District's First Large VTT is a Major Success

The last day of October brought an end to District 6630's first large Vocational Training Team with the flight home to Haiti of the last team member. The eight member team had spent almost six weeks training intensely at Akron Children's Hospital to become the core of a pediatric heart surgery unit to be established at St. Damien's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti in the near future. The St. Damien's Hospital Administrator, two nurses, two pediatricians, a bio-med technician and a pharmacist made up the team, along with a Rotary team leader. They trained under the supervision of Dr. Jeff Kempf and Dr. John Clark and many staff at ACH. This VTT project was a partnership between Rotary, Gift-of-Life Northeast Ohio and Akron Children's Hospital. Rotary supplied the funding through a \$67,500 matching grant, Gift-of-Life under the direction of Ken Fogle (RC of Chagrin Valley) supplied the connections and logistics and Akron Children's did the training. During the six weeks of training, two very sick young Haitian children were brought to the hospital by G of L and were given life-saving surgeries on their hearts. Before the VTT was even complete, the young patients were healthy enough to return home to Haiti and their families. The eventual and sustainable goal of this first joint effort partnership will

be the establishment of a pediatric heart surgery unit at St. Damien's in Haiti so that many more surgeries can be done in country on patients instead of one or two at a time being brought, at substantial financial, cost to America for the procedures.

Fourteen Rotary clubs in District 6630 contributed over \$19,000 of club money to this project. They include, the RCs of Akron, Barberton, Burton-Middlefield, Chagrin Valley, Conneaut, Cuyahoga Falls, Hillcrest, Hudson-Clocktower, Lakewood-Rocky River, Northampton Twp., Shaker Hts., Solon and Stow-Munroe Falls. Jack (RC of Akron) and Vivian Harig also made a generous personal contribution. The District Grants Committee awarded about \$13,500 in District Designated Funds to match the club funds and the RI Foundation gave over \$35,000 to match all funds. This was a great example of not only the power of matches from our Foundation, but the strength of partnerships in doing good in the world. Larry Lallo (RC of Fairlawn) wrote the grant application and should be congratulated for completing this lengthy and complex application.

The Vocational Training Teams are not only work and training but also have a cultural component connected to them. The team,

most of which had never been to America, on three of the Saturdays, got to visit the U of Akron soccer game and the Rotary Camp, the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club Film Festival where they enjoyed several of the productions, NEOCOM (The Northeast Ohio College of Medicine) and a family apple orchard and several other cultural stops in between. They all claimed it was the experience of a lifetime for them.

The training ended with a celebration on Sunday Oct. 26th. at a party center in Mogadore where all the attendees got to see the two young heart surgery patients in person and see for themselves how "Engaging Rotary can Change Lives"

Hopefully later this year under DG Mike Davanzo or perhaps during Cheryl Warren's year as DG we will see the next phase of this project take place and move the effort one step closer to a functioning children's pediatric heart surgery unit at St. Damien's in Haiti bringing child health into the 21st. century in their country.

Bob Johnson
RC of Burton-Middlefield
PDG (DG 2013/2014)
Haiti VTT Grant Coordinator

A Polio Free World... Almost!

The Chagrin Highlands Rotary is teaming with Rotary International to eradicate polio worldwide by 2018. At this time, only 293 cases exist.

Polio is a debilitating and deadly disease. With the Salk and Sabin vaccines, polio was ended in the United States long ago.

In 1979 Rotary International decided to try to end polio throughout the rest of the world. At that time it was an epidemic in 125 countries with 450,000 cases, with 45,000 people paralyzed and 4,500 dying each year. Rotary International decided to raise money from its 1.2 million members in order to vaccinate children throughout the world. By 1988 Rotary raised \$247million of which \$11 million came from this area, and the campaign was named Polio Plus. Chagrin Highlands club member Don Kwait, (on the left front row in the picture above) helped

initiate the campaign world wide. At that time he was a trustee of the Rotary Foundation, headquartered in Chicago, and has been a Rotary member for more than 50 years.

In 1993 the 500 millionth child was immunized under the Polio Plus program. By 2000 Europe and the Western Pacific were polio free.



There are now still 293 cases worldwide, with 220 in Pakistan, which authorities blame on attacks by insurgents targeting the vaccination teams. Most of these cas-

es are in NW Pakistan where the Taliban have fought to prevent immunizations because they accuse the workers of acting as spies for the US and say that the vaccine makes the children sterile. In June of this year, Pakistan launched a sweeping military offensive in the NW, a tribal region along the Afghan border. Hopefully that will solve the problem.

Rotary International will spend another \$2.7 million in Pakistan to continue vaccinations to end this disabling viral disease worldwide by 2018.

The Chagrin Highlands Rotary, in the picture above, is a proud Rotary Club representing Beachwood, Woodmere, and Pepper Pike. Anyone interested in more information on the polio campaign or the Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club, which does several other humane projects, can call John Newburger at 216-292-7737, the membership chairman.

News From TRC Akron as Told by Member Julie Brandle's Daughter Kimberly

Operation Orange

The definition of perseverance is the steadfastness in doing something despite the difficulty or delay in achieving access. A mother and father have perseverance to keep their children healthy and to provide the best they can for them. But sometimes they need help. Not like they're the only ones, I'm a high school student I need it all the time. Needing help isn't a bad thing, it's just trying to better yourself with the assistance of other people. One thing the City of Akron has are these helping hands that people sometimes need. One place to find these "helping hands" is at the Rotary Club of Akron. I know I can't help everyone but, Ronald Reagan once said "We can't help everyone, but everyone can help someone."



September is National Hunger Awareness Month and on September 5th, the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank held a program called Operation Orange. Orange being the awareness color for world hunger. This project lasted for 24 hours. For 24 hours volunteers worked around the clock to high energy music in a fun atmosphere, consistently packing food for people suffering from hunger in the Akron area. The Rotary Club of Akron members had so much fun on this project! During our two hour shift of the twenty-four hours we labeled and boxed pre-packaged frozen turkey dinners and bagged bulk carrots. The program completed its twenty-four hours by packaging enough food to serve 195,000 meals.

Summer Reading Program

Throughout the summer months, the Rotary Club of Akron was involved with The Salvation Army Summer Camp. At the camp, Rotary volunteers interacted with some of the most spectacular kids from across the City of Akron. These camps were not only for the kids to have fun and make memories, but to also to keep in touch with what they learned during the school year. To begin the week, we would read one book. This book would carry a theme throughout the week to

inspire crafts and other activities. With each book, we taught new vocabulary and a lesson learned from the story. By the last week they were writing their own stories. Stories that were inspired by their own lives and the lessons they learned from



the stories we read. Some stories included the sports they played or the friends they had met during camp. Just like the kids had different backgrounds, they all had different stories they wanted to illustrate. While they were from different areas, this didn't affect them as kids. They wanted to make summer the most memorable with all their new friends, so they really weren't different at all.