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Governor's Letter

Our District Doing Good in Our Communities and Our World

By the time you read this, our District Conference of Clubs will have been concluded. I trust each of you, who were able to attend, had a rewarding and memorable experience. I do want to thank the conference committee and the chairs, Marsha Pappalardo with Beverly Ghent Skrzynski for all their work. Without this group of fine Rotarians, the conference would not have happened. Please look for a special edition of our Newsletter to address the conference.

There are now two months left in this Rotary year. Time has surely gone by quickly. I hope you have enjoyed this year and your participation in your club. In this issue, I would like to address four topics.

First, we had many members this year suffer a loss of a family member and/or a close friend. Since I do not have all the names, I do not want to list them. On behalf of the district I want to extend my sympathy and thoughts to each of you and your families. This is never an easy time and the loss of a loved one is always difficult. Please accept this note of condolences and keep those precious memories of good times near.

Membership: We continue to add new members to our district. This is a great step. I have written over 130 "Welcome to Rotary" notes this year. Unfortunately, we have also lost members this year. We still have 2 months to reach the goal of our Membership Chair, Tony Corrao to have the highest net growth in the zone. Please continue to bring in new members and care for our existing members.

Foundation: We have set a goal for our Foundation and are working toward it. We still have two months to reach and surpass that goal. It is the goal of our District that each and every Rotarian contribute something to Our Foundation. This will allow us to do more good in our communities and in our world. The more we raise, the more we will be able to spend on doing good.

At this point in the year we have contributed:

- \$120,613 to the annual Fund
- \$113,020 to other Funds (includes Polio)
- \$ 1,320 to the Endowment Fund

Although together we are looking good, we still are under our goal and 10 clubs have not yet made their contribution. I do realize that some clubs make

the general contribution in June and that is fine. I just would like to encourage those who have not decided to contribute to Our Foundation to consider it and help us reach our goal of Every Rotarian Giving Something Every Year to Support Our Rotary, Our Communities, and Our World.

Finally, Our Rotary Days chair, PDG Julie West, has been busy with her committee planning Rotary Days in our District. There will be many activities that will take place during May and June. These activities are posted or will be posted on the website. I encourage you to attend one in your cluster and/or visit one in another. It should be a great ending of activities in our district.

Please also keep in mind that our District End of the Year Awards Activity will be June 28 at the Rustic Hills Country Club. More information will follow and registration will be on the District Website.

Grant \$\$\$ Available!!!

By: Jim Lechko
Foundation Chair

We just completed three very successful Grant Management Seminars (GMS). Just a reminder, if your club would like to participate in the grant process during the 2015-16 Rotary year, here is a list of requirements in addition to having two of your club members attend a GMS:

President and President Elect (2015-16 Rotary year) must sign the Club Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and the MOU Addendum whether or not they attended a GMS. If the President and/or President Elect did not attend a GMS, the club members who did attend must sign the addendum.

Signed MOUs and MOU Addendums must be submitted to John Weber, Stewardship Chair, for review and approval.

Your club must meet a \$25 average per capita contribution level to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) Annual Fund for the 2014-15 Rotary year on June 30, 2015.

Your club must be current on District and International dues.

Your club must be current on reporting for any existing

grants.

Grant inquiry forms for District Grants for the 2015-16 Rotary year must be submitted in the Grants Module on ClubRunner no later than May 15, 2015.

Grant inquiry forms for Global Grants may be submitted any time during the year.

Paul Harris Fellows available!

District 6630 is offering two opportunities for a Paul Harris Fellow:

Any Rotarian who contributed to TRF via Rotary Direct will participate in a drawing for a PHF.

Any club that qualifies as an "Every Rotarian Every Year Club" will be given a PHF to award as they choose.

An "Every Rotarian Every Year Club" is a club that averages \$100 per capita contributions to TRF Annual Fund as of June 30, 2015 and every club member has given something (even new members who join in June).

TRC Ravenna Fundraiser Sets Record.

Ravenna Rotary's 2015 Reverse Raffle was sold out once again and raised over \$15,000, the highest total in the history of the fundraiser. Proceeds from the event will fund scholarships and service awards for graduating seniors from Ravenna, Rootstown and Maplewood schools, in addition to

supporting the efforts of other local agencies.

As the festivities began, Rachel Park, who

received both a Scholarship and Service Award in 2014,



Rachel Park, 2014 Rotary Scholarship and Service Award Recipient

spoke about her experiences since receiving the awards. Ms. Park graduated from Rootstown and is currently a student at The Ohio State University.

The event was held at the Ravenna Elks Lodge and featured a dinner buffet catered by Guido's, excellent silent and live

auction items, and other activities. The reverse raffle, with a \$3000 prize up for grabs, was led by crowd favorite Mike Tontimonia.



Helping with the raffle are Gene Mills, Vince Pelosi, Donna Kovolyan, Connie Bennett, Cynthia Racin, Megan Miller and Richard Bennett

The Rotary Club of Ravenna would like to thank the following for their donations:

A Way of Life (Chris Lopez), Allen Aircraft (Neil Mann), American Solutions for Business (Nick Racin), Stew Buchanan, The Clothing Center, Brad Dillman, Pam Fife, Bob & Beth Goldthwaite, Morgan Goldthwaite, Hometown Bank, Bill & Gary Huber, Huntington Bank, Debie Korman, Donna Kovolyan, Megan Miller, Portage Community Bank, Rocking Horse Inn (Bob Walker), Stephanie Rummel, Joan Sweet, Sydmor's, Timothy Thomas, Esq., and Barbara Watson.

For more information on Rotary membership visit the Ravenna Rotary website www.ravennarotary.com.

Submitted by Pamela Fife

EDITOR'S NOTE

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The Lakewood High Interact Club of the Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise Club had a fundraiser Bake Sale March 29th. They felt strongly about the need to support the International Nepal Project after viewing and discussing the video at their Interact meeting. Half of their fundraiser profit went to their donation to the Nepal Project, and the other half to a Guatemalan project building a home for a needy family.

A Look Back at This Year's District 4-Way Test Speech Contest

How to Renew Your Faith in Mankind Through Rotary Programs

On Saturday, 4/11, I had the pleasure of taking part in an incredible Rotary program called "THE ROTARY 4-WAY SPEECH CONTEST". This is the third year I have attended this event which is held at the beautiful Aurora High School campus in Aurora, OH. This year it was an honor to serve as a judge, as the program organizers switched from their previous format of non-Rotarians judging the speakers to all Rotarian judges. Once again the audience, families and judges were treated to a spectacular array of speeches and topics presented by high school students from all corners of Dis-



trict 6630. The professionalism, poise and maturity that these students exhibited was extraordinary! You cannot help but be uplifted by the way they present themselves on stage in front of an adult audience. I am an avid "news" junky and most of us develop a rather negative frame of mind after reading day after day about drugs, robberies, murders and other "noteworthy" news stories that sell the news but also depress and sadden us about our surrounding world. Attending this conference renews ones faith in man-

kind and gives hope for the future which these young adults will someday lead. I was also impressed at what a diverse group of nationalities and backgrounds the speakers possessed and the fact that it was evenly divided between girls and boys. What a great statement about our country and our future! Several of the finalists will speak at the District Conference on Saturday, 4/25 and I would invite everyone to take the time to attend and hear some of the finalists.



Scott Pease, RC of Aurora, is the chair of the program and once again did an incredible job organizing this event. Many of the Aurora club's members were also on hand to help, along with a good group of judges, some of the Honor Society members of Aurora High School, and many family and friends that also helped make it a very enjoyable and uplifting day. They even supply a delicious breakfast and lunch for all attendees. Make it a point to attend the event next year at either the club level or the district finals and you will be amazed at the incredible young talent that is lurking right here in District 6630.

Bob Johnson - DG 13/14 - District 6630

TRC Strongsville Supports ShelterBox

The Rotary Club of Strongsville continues its strong commitment to International Service of Rotary International. On April 10, the club gave \$ 2,000 to Shelter Box USA in its effort to help those in the world who have lost their homes and other necessities in Disasters.

Bill DeMarco, Director of International Services for the RC of Strongsville presented their check to Board of Director Emeritus of Shelter Box USA, Past District Governor, Jack A. Young at their Friday meeting. According to PDG Young, "disasters continue to take place in

the world and the support of Rotary Clubs throughout the United States and the world is essential in providing Shelter, Warmth and Dignity to those who lose everything in these disasters."

For more information on how Rotarians and Rotary Clubs can help, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young, 440-759-4000 or JackIvillia@aol.com. A special thanks to the RC of Strongsville for their continued support.

TRC Westlake/Bay Village Speech Contest

Aswin Bikkani takes First Place in Westlake-Bay Village Speech Competition

The Rotary Club of Westlake - Bay Village had 4 students from Westlake High School participate in the "4-Way Test" Speech Competition. All 4 of the contestants were seniors. Aswin Bikkani placed first, with Laura McDiarmid, Julia Button and Caroline Hazapis placed second, third and fourth, respectively.



Rotarian Marie Marrali awarded the prizes, which were sponsored by First Federal of Lakewood.

Judges for the event were Tri-C Westshore campus President Dr. Terri Pope, Westlake Porter Library Director Andrew Mangels and Jenny Galati, Career Development & Transition Specialist at Tri-C Corporate College in Westlake.

In addition to winning this competition, Aswin has won other awards, among them named to the All-Ohio Community College Academic Team. The All-Ohio Academic Team recognizes student excellence in academics, leadership and community service.

We are proud to have had Aswin represent our Club at the District Speech competition and wish him a very successful future.

Submitted by Donna D'Amico

Cooking Against Polio

If clubs in your district are looking to raise funds for polio, the Rotarian Flavors of the World Cookbook could be just the answer. This is a project of my Rotary Club for worldwide polio fundraising. The cookbook features 400 recipes by Rotarians from over 100 countries. It is a hard cover book and sells for just \$15.00, with \$5.00 from each book credited to the club's TRF polio plus account.

Many clubs are ordering books in 'time for Mother's day gifts. In addition, clubs are also presenting the book as a "Thank You" to their weekly program speaker. It is an easy sell and a good way to raise funds for polio.

Bill Ferreira

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News From TRC Berea

Speech contest winner heads to district



Sarah McKissock, winner of the Four-Way Test Speech Contest, with runner-up Maddy Silver-Riskin, coach Ryan Peebles and Four-Way Speech Contest chair Mark Comstock.

In a close match, Sarah McKissock of Berea-Midpark High School repeated as winner of the Berea Rotary's Four-Way Test Speech Contest. Sarah also won the contest last year. Runner-up was Maddy Silver-Riskin. Both took home prizes – Sarah with a check for \$100 for her 1st place finish and Maddy with \$75 for 2nd. They also each received special commemorative Four-Way Test coins.

Sarah and Maddy are seniors at Berea-Midpark High School. Maddy plans to attend the College of Wooster to study music therapy. Sarah is headed for the University of Chicago and a major in linguistics.

Speech and debate coach is Ryan Peebles. Thanks to Judge Mark Comstock for again chairing our local contest and for accompanying the winner to the district contest.

Donate Your Soles

Berea Rotarians took part in the Donate Your Soles project sponsored by St. Mary Catholic Church in Berea. The church collected new or gently worn shoes to be reconditioned and sent to communities in South America. President-elect Judy Stull, who was in charge of the project for Rotary, said she filled the trunk of her car with donated shoes three times during the month-long drive.

Rotaract Auction earns funds for free wheelchairs

The Rotaract Club of Baldwin Wallace University held its annual silent auction and 50/50 raffle fundraiser with the Rotary Club of Berea. Each year, the students select a charity to benefit from the proceeds. This year, they chose Free Wheel-

chair Mission – a non-profit organization that provides free wheelchairs for patients in underdeveloped countries that do not have access to the chairs. So far, Free Wheelchair Mission has donated 827,000 chairs to patients in 91 countries.

The chairs are assembled with parts that are easy to repair. The tires are very similar to bicycle tires and the paint is UV resistant to withstand the very warm temperatures in some tropical countries.

Total cost of one chair through the organization is \$77.91 because of the streamlined construction. The chairs are not motorized.

Bryan Mays, international chair for BW's Rotaract, said his committee chose Free Wheelchair Mission "because we knew we could make a difference."



Rotaractors taking part in the auction included, from the left, Isaac Reed, Bryan Mays, George Brown and Keyina Reese.

Berea Rotary sponsors spring flower sale

The Rotary Club of Berea is sponsoring a spring flower sale with \$15 coupons good at J&J Greenhouse, 26240 Folley Road in Columbia Station. One coupon entitles shoppers to one flat of flowers or vegetable plants or one 10-inch hanging basket. Coupon-holders also can bring in their own containers and receive up to 2 gallons of free liquid fertilizer. The sale is on through May 31. Greenhouse hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday-Saturday and 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. For coupons, contact Berea Rotarian Marilyn Deucher, mjdgwd@juno.com or (440) 243-4592

Second half of our Vocational Training Team (VTT) Grant with Akron Children's medical team and the Surgical team from New York Gift of Life International are conducting children's heart surgeries in Haiti at St. Damien's Hospital for the first time ever. They are using heart lung machines and PICU monitoring equipment provided by Gift of Life NEO and the Rotary District 6630 VTT grant. The surgical team is employing the skills of our Haitian team that trained here at Akron Children's last fall in the Pediatric ICU.

What a miracle and way beyond our original expectations. Lots more to do but a great big step taken! This bodes well for continuation and expansion for next year's VTT!

Look for a full report late this spring!

Hopefully the success of this effort will expand to the other sister hospitals in the US involved through Pediatric Global Health Partners to begin planning their own VTT's in their own specialties in support of expanding quality health care at St. Damien's and eventually throughout Haiti.

Thanks to so many of you for your ongoing support!

Ken
Kenneth J. Fogle, Chair
Gift of Life North East Ohio, Inc.
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District 6630 Rotarian earns President's Volunteer Service Award

SARASOTA, Fla., April 15, 2015 - As National Volunteer Week, April 12-18, is being observed, Jack Young, a member of the Rotary Club of Conneaut of Rotary District 6630, has been recognized by President Obama and humanitarian organization, ShelterBox USA with the President's Volunteer Service Award for his efforts in 2014 to assist disaster survivors.

When disasters like Cyclone Pam in the Vanuatu and the Syrian refugee crisis strike, many want to help. Young took action for ShelterBox, an international disaster relief organization that delivers emergency tented shelter and other life-saving supplies to survivors of disasters and other humanitarian crises.

Through Jack's efforts of raising awareness and funds for ShelterBox, the organization was able to respond to more than 23 disasters last year, providing families with disaster relief tents, cook stoves, water filters, blankets, mosquito nets, children's packs and other essential equipment. In one of the more busy years in ShelterBox history, ShelterBox has sent aid to support more than 10,500 families.

"I am incredibly honored to work alongside our volunteers, including Jack," said Alan Monroe, Interim Executive Director of ShelterBox USA. "It is through their continuous efforts that we are able to bring shelter, warmth and dignity to so many families displaced by disaster

around the globe."

The President's Volunteer Service Award is a special recognition presented on behalf of President Barack Obama. The award is part of a national recognition program created in 2003 through the President's Council on Service and Civic Participation for individuals of all ages who contribute a significant amount of time to volunteer activities.

National Volunteer Week was established in 1974 and has grown exponentially each year, with thousands of volunteer projects and special events scheduled throughout the week. This year marks the 41th anniversary of National Volunteer Week, demonstrating the enduring importance of recognizing our country's volunteers for their vital contributions.

About ShelterBox USA

ShelterBox is an international, nonprofit organization that provides humanitarian relief in the form of equipment and materials that bring shelter, warmth and dignity to people affected by natural disasters and other humanitarian crises. Since 2000, the organization has delivered boxes of aid and supplies such as tents, water filters, stoves, blankets and other tools to help families survive and rebuild their lives in the aftermath of more than 250 disasters in over 90 countries worldwide. Donations to ShelterBox USA can be made at www.shelterboxusa.org, by calling (941) 907-6036 or via text message by sending SHELTER to 20222 for a one-time \$10 donation.



The Interact Club at Stow-Munroe Falls High School will be hosting their 2015 annual Talent Show on Friday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$5 each. Please come to support the Interact Club here at Stow High!

TRC Hudson Prepares for Gala

Candy Sveda, pictured, has gifted this lovely hand painted tapestry wall hanging for the Hudson Rotary 31st Annual Gala for the benefit of "Hudson kids". Rotarians appreciate her taste and continued generosity. This is at least the tenth year Candace Sveda Interior Design (34 Ravenna St) has participated as a donor of gifts to be auctioned off May 8th at the Hilton Garden Inn.

The many programs supported by Rotary include scholarships, the student assistance fund, Service Learning and the local boy scouts. This year major beneficiaries also include NE Ohio Gift of Life together with sponsor Akron Children's Hospital as well as Hattie Larlham services for youth with developmental disabilities.



This year we have two new generous silver sponsors in Laurel Lake Retirement Community and ForTec Medical featuring the latest surgical and diagnostic technologies delivered and operated by ForTec trained technicians. They join or great sponsors who are back again; American Endowment Foundation, America's leader in Donor Advised Funds, Falls Filtration Technologies and Morgan Bank.

All those interested in supporting area youth and having a fun evening doing good should email Rotarian Ron Barnhouse at ron@barnhouse.cc for tickets. The evening starts at 6 pm Friday May 8 in Twinsburg at the Hilton Garden Inn

News From TRC Chardon

For participation in Rotary Days the Rotary Clubs of Geauga County including Chardon, Chesterland, Chagrin Valley and Burton-Middlefield will be participating in activities at the 86th Annual Geauga Maple Festival held on historic Chardon square in Chardon, Ohio.

The Geauga Maple Festival is the oldest maple festival in the United States. The festival runs from April 23, 2015 through April 26, 2015 (11am -10pm)

Events our Rotarians will be participating in include Bathtub Races, One and Five mile Runs and the Grand Parades on Saturday and Sunday.

Please join us in this wonderful Spring event and stop by and say hello at our display on Main Street.

For more festival information visit www.maplefestival.com.

This is What It's All About

With you and your support, Rotary is able to give a Christmas gift to children living in and around a garbage dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. To encourage children to receive an education, the Christmas Shoe Box is a way to help make this happen.

With you and your clubs support, our district sent to Nicaragua 550 Shoe Boxes to these children last Christmas. We hope you will consider helping in this effort for 2015. Last year we had Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs, churches and other organizations assist in this project. Therefore, by April 30, if you are interested in participating or would like more information, please contact PDG Jack Young (440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com) for more information.

IMPORTANT:

The process does take time but the first item that is needed pertains to how many Shoe Boxes is your club/organization willing to support. The approximate cost for each Shoe Box is around \$ 30.00. In addition to the Shoe Boxes we have sent English/Spanish Dictionaries and new born Layettes to the House of Unwed

mothers to help them take care of their new born babies.

This will be the 9th year that District 6630 will be involved in the Shoe Box Process to Nicaragua. Therefore, your continued support is greatly appreciated. As time comes closer to the one week December Trip (which is the first Tuesday/Wednesday following Thanksgiving), more information will be provided. We would love to have you (Rotarians, Friends of Rotary, family members and Interact/Rotaract students) join our Nicaragua group for this special mission trip.

For further information please contact PDG Jack Young or Past Rotary Club President of Brunswick, Marsha Pappalardo. (216-410-4844 or cmpappa@aol.com)

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,

Jack

Changes Coming to RI Website

Dear Club and District Officers:

We will soon introduce changes to our website's Club & District Administration pages to serve you better. In the coming months, you will see these improvements:

Quick links: You will be able to designate favorite links from the Club & District Administration section and access them from your My Rotary dashboard.

Overall redesign: Club & District Administration pages will be more structured and have an improved visual design, allowing for better grouping of related activities and making the pages easier to use.

We will send another email reminder before the changes take effect.

If you have questions about the changes, contact us at rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.