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District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

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ONE ROTARY SUMMIT
OCTOBER 17, 2015
700 Beta Center, 700 Beta Drive, Mayfield, OH
8am - 12:30 PM \$30 per person

[Registration is now open on the District 6630 website - click here](#)

Your District 6630 Website

If you go to the website to register for One Rotary Summit - please take a moment to peruse the site. When was the last time you visited?

You can find the District website using any of these website addresses.

www.RotaryDistrict6630.org
www.RotaryDistrict6630.com
www.Rotary6630.com

We are working on some new elements that will roll out in the coming months - so check back often!

Do you know your login and password?

Is your Club website powered by ClubRunner? If so, your login for the District website is the same as you use for your Club's website. AND now the Zone 28-29 website is also powered by ClubRunner so your login is the same for all three sites: Your Club, District 6630

and Zone 28-29.

If you don't have ~ or don't know ~ your DISTRICT 6630 website login and password, contact your Club secretary or the District secretary, Bonnie Housley for help.

District 6630 eYellow Pages

The new Rotary eYellow Pages listings are FREE for our Rotarians who wish to add their company information. For a nominal fee you can also include a Banner Ad with your listing. The list is not used for anything other than helping Rotarians do business with other Rotarians in our District!

Travel agents, pest control, law, software, marketing, signs, musicians, and more! To search the listings, just click on the icon - put in a search word or select a category and then click "search". If you leave the search field blank and just click "search" you will be able to view all listings.

To set up your listing, just go to the website and click on the eYellow Pages icon and follow the steps. Listings are only for Active Rotarians in District 6630.

District Website Resources

We have created an area in the top/center of the website home page to help you quickly find key resources.

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Governor's Letter cont'd

Scroll down and you will see our Facebook feed, so if you are not a Facebook user, you can still enjoy the posts by viewing them on the site along with this monthly newsletter and other Rotary stories.

Along the left margin, you will find more resources (some areas may require you to log in)...

- District Organization Chart and Contacts
- District Events and Committee Meeting Dates
- A.Z. Baker Award Guide and Form
- Presidential Citation Guide
- Rotary Peace Fellowships
- Rotary International Links
- and more!

I hope you find this information helpful and look forward to seeing you at ONE ROTARY SUMMIT in October.

Yours in Rotary Service —

Cheryl

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Why did you join Rotary?

The kindness and support of host families in Japan hooked Jennifer Jacobson on Rotary. A police constable in Chatham-Kent, Ontario, Canada, Jacobson went on a Group Study Exchange and then was accepted into the three-month Rotary Peace Centers program at Chulalongkorn University in Thailand. After that, she says, she knew she had to join. We recently asked members around the world to share their reasons for joining.

[Read some of the responses](#)

[Tell us your story on Facebook](#)

[Discover a dozen ways to make a difference](#)

Why they stayed

Recruiting new members is one thing. But keeping them engaged is also critical if a club wants to avoid losing members as fast as it brings them in. In a blog post for Membership and New Club Development month, Chris Offer talks about what's kept him in Rotary and how, even when a relocation forced him to change clubs, he was able to maintain and build upon his network of Rotary friends.

[Read Offer's blog post](#)

[Learn how a journalist in Uganda found new purpose through Rotary](#)

[Discover the benefits of membership](#)

Port-Summit Rotary Club Players

The Port-Summit Rotary Club Players presented Peggy the Pint-Sized Pirate, a back-to-school pirate play, in two performances on August 10th at the Mogadore Branch of the Akron-Summit County Public Library.

The play, written by D.M. Larson, is a story about a little girl who wants to be a big pirate. In the end she courageously befriends the scary sea monsters and proves herself worthy to rise to the status of pirate among the bigger pirates. Along the way, the pirates learn that it is important to not litter the sea, as this is what makes the sea monsters angry!

The Port-Summit Players (pictured left to right) were Superintendent Christina

Judy Miller; Library Branch Manager Kim DeBenedictis; Lee Miller; Rod Brannon; Somers Elementary Principal John Knapp; Tom Brandt; Vince Rosnack; Diane Kuntzman; Randy Rininger; Stewart Buchanan; Ralph Petit and Dan Kuntzman. School Board President and Club Treasurer Roger Sansom and Club Secretary Ron Whitmer provided Pirate Punch and Pretzels to help celebrate the student's upcoming return to school. Connie Brannon and Dave Hawk photographed the event.



Dinklocker; Club President

Rotary Leadership Institute

Develop your knowledge of Rotary and your Leadership Skills through Rotary Leadership Institute

Are you looking to learn more about Rotary and develop your Leadership skills? Then Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) may be for you. RLI provides interactive training for current or future

Club or District leaders. The RLI sessions are developed and facilitated by Rotarians. The content is

Ethics - Vocational Service, and Service Projects.

For those who have already attended Session I, RLI Session II topics include Strategic Planning and Analysis, Team Building, Club Communication, Targeted Service, and Attracting Members. You must have completed Session I to attend Session II.

And for those who have attended Session I and II, Session III topics include Rotary Opportunities, Effective Leadership, International Service, Public Image and Public Relations, Building a Stronger Club, and Making a Difference. You must have completed Sessions I and II to attend Session III.

updated every three years, more frequently, if needed. This training compliments other training offered by the District, including One Rotary Summit, about which you will be hearing more soon.

Sessions I, II, and III are being offered Saturday, October 31st at the DoubleTree Hilton, Independence, OH. Each session runs from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Only one session can be taken on this date.

If you are new to RLI then register for Session I. The topics include Insights into Leadership, My Rotary World, Engaging Members, Our Foundation,

The cost of each Session, which includes Continental breakfast, lunch, and participant materials, is \$75, however the District will cover \$25 of the cost. Registration will soon be open via our partner District 6650's website, www.rotarydistrict6650.org under Upcoming Events. Make sure you check the box that indicates you are from District 6630 so you receive reduced fee of \$50. Reservations must be made by Monday October 26th.

Questions should be directed to Julie West at jwest@ameritech.net or 216-392-6771, or Shelia Hedrick at sfhedrick@sbcglobal.net or 330-414-2501.

SAVE THE DATE

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**Be a gift
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District Conference

April 22-24, 2016

700 Beta Drive Banquet and Conference Center
Mayfield, Ohio

[Click Here for Speaker Information](#)

[Click Here to Register](#)

News From TRC Berea

Berea Rotarians enjoy annual family picnic

Thanks to picnic chair Chuck Stanko and chefs Bob Hammer and Bob Huge for a terrific cookout at Albion Woods in the Cleveland Metroparks' Millstream Run Reservation. The weather was perfect and the food most excellent. The prize for bringing the most guests goes to Mary Abdallah, who arrived with 10 relatives and friends. Also, a hearty welcome to Ann Socha, who has applied to transfer to the Berea Club from Brunswick. The paperwork is in progress. It was great to see former Youth Exchange Student Korinna Mueller, fresh from a vacation in Florida before she heads back to Germany.



The Rotary Club of Berea presents

The Lou Groza Charity Golf Event

Thursday, Sept. 3

Coppertop at Cherokee Hills
Valley City

Golf with Cleveland Browns Alumni!

Entry fee, \$99 per person

Cost includes 18 holes of golf with GPS cart – Continental breakfast – lunch – buffet dinner – raffle – prizes

9 a.m. shotgun start

Visit grozacharitygolf.com

E-mail chuckshero@aol.com

Call (440) 572-2090

Supported by the Cleveland Browns



Achievement Centers offer disabled kids lots of options

The Achievement Centers for Children has many programs for children with disabilities and their families, Deborah Osgood told Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, Aug. 11. Osgood is vice president of development & marketing for the non-profit agency, which is celebrating its 75th anniversary this year.

The center offers support for children with a wide range of disabilities – physical, emotional, mental – including autism, spina bifida, cerebral palsy, Down Syndrome, anxiety disorders, among others. That's a big change from the agency's beginnings as a Cleveland Rotary project in 1940. The center began as the Society for Crippled Children and treated kids with polio. Camp Cheerful in Strongsville opened in 1947. It was the first camp in Ohio for children with disabilities.

Back then, kids with disabilities tended to be more isolated, Osgood said. Now such

children are mainstreamed in school and society. "Kids with disabilities like to do all the same things typical kids do," she said. The Achievement Centers make sure they have that chance.

The center offers adaptive sports such as football, baseball and soccer plus wheelchair basketball, adaptive aquatics and therapeutic horseback riding. Camp Cheerful is a residential facility but there are day camps at the agency's Westlake and Highland Hills locations. The agency runs an autism school for children through the 8th grade and offers technical assistance to help school districts integrate disabled students into the classroom. There is also occupational, physical and speech therapy and support for

families.

"We all have hopes and dreams for our children," Osgood said. "When parents get that first diagnosis, it is devastating. We walk with them through this unexpected journey. We can be the tour guides."

Win a 2016 Chevy Cruze!!

The Rotary Club of Berea is selling raffle tickets at \$10 each to win a Blue Chevy Cruze donated by Serpentine Chevrolet. Proceeds benefit The Education Foundation of the Berea Schools to buy new computer equipment for classrooms.

Berea Rotary gets to keep ½ the ticket price. So for every \$10 ticket sold Rotary keeps \$5. We have 50 tickets.

To buy or sell raffle tickets, see Linda Kramer.

(216) 533-9496

lindagrakramer@yahoo.com

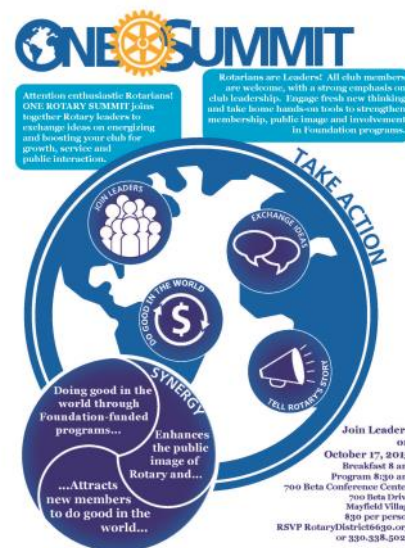
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TRC Brunswick Donates K9 Vest

At our 10th Annual "Go For The Green" Golf Outing Fundraiser, the Rotary Club of Brunswick presented Brunswick Police K9 Unit "Nico" with a Ballistic Vest. At a cost of \$1180, we thought, "What a better way to show one of the ways we use the money we raise through our fundraisers, than to have 'someone' (Nico!) who we just helped out, meet the donors?"

The golf fundraiser was held at Fox Meadow Country Club in Medina on July 20, 2015, had 58 attendees, and 26 sponsors. Over \$10,000 was raised.

Knowing that Nico was without a Ballistic Vest, Brunswick Rotarian Stan Socha suggested its purchase when at a brain-storming session, the club searched for an idea to help out the community. K9 Supervisor Sergeant Jon Page requested a lightweight vest that was both bullet and stab-proof. The vest was purchased from K9 Tactical Gear in California, and we received a discount when they learned we were a civic group making the purchase for our police department.



Brunswick Rotarians Stan Socha, Don Kammer and President Tiffany Safran, along with K9 handler Office Mark Luciano, and Nico.

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Grab a Bite to Fight Polio

Submitted by Nancy Chartrand, PolioPlus Co-Chair

Do you really need an excuse to take a day off from cooking to enjoy a meal at a well-known family restaurant? What if that meal would also help in the fight to eradicate polio? Mark this date on your calendars or smartphones with a reminder, Friday, October 23, 2015. All Bob Evans Restaurants in northeast Ohio, in cooperation with Rotary International District 6630, will recognize World Polio Day by donating 15% of its sales to PolioPlus when you present the attached flyer at check out. Yes, it is that simple to enjoy a meal with friends and family and be a part of the #1 cause of Rotary International—the eradication of polio from the face of the Earth! How

can we, as Rotarians, leverage this generous offer from Bob Evans? Spread the word and the flyer to family, friends, business colleagues and acquaintances. Get the word out on social media. Place the flyers in your business and local businesses. Drop flyers off at the register of your local Bob Evans Restaurant in the morning and ask the manager to allow customers to apply it to their bill (this is what District Governor Cheryl Warren did successfully last year).

This is such a simple and delicious way to contribute to PolioPlus. It also makes non-Rotarians aware of Rotary International and our unrelenting work in the fight against polio. Here are some PolioPlus facts you can share with your non-Rotarian family and friends:

Rotary International spearheaded the fight to eradicate polio in 1985 and Rotarians around the world have given time, talent and treasure ever since to ensure that no child will ever have to suffer from this crippling and deadly disease.

Rotarians have donated over \$1.3 billion in this fight and will continue to do so until polio is eradicated.

Every dollar that is donated to PolioPlus is matched 2:1 by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.

As of July 24, 2015, Nigeria has gone one year since the last case of wild poliovirus was found in that country. August 11, 2015 marked one year since the continent of Africa reported its last case of wild poliovirus.

As of today, 36 total cases of wild poliovirus have been reported in Pakistan and Afghanistan. This compares to 350,000 cases annually in 125 countries in 1988.

Our job is not done. Polio cannot be controlled, IT MUST BE ERADICATED!! Until there are no more reported cases of wild poliovirus, there is a risk of resurgence.

The investment in the eradication of polio will realize an economic benefit of up to \$50 billion over the next 20 years.

Polio eradication efforts have established active disease surveillance and health intervention networks in all countries including measles vaccinations, distribution of bed nets, tracking and preventing the spread of Ebola in Nigeria.

The ability to reach every child with the polio vaccine sets the stage to conquer the next global health initiative.

To learn more about Rotary's role in the campaign to eradicate polio or to donate, visit endpolionow.org.



A Membership Month Letter From RI President Ravindran

My Dear Friends,

We often talk a great deal about membership. Quite naturally, the focus is on recruiting new members, but in the process, we lose sight of an equally important task — that of retaining existing members.

As Rotary celebrates Membership Month, I want to ask what Rotary means to you. I invite you to share your story not only with Rotary but with your personal and professional networks — not only why you joined, but why you are still a member of Rotary today. Is it because of the difference you've made in your community or because of the lifelong friendships you've made? Speak of the personal benefits that

and connections available to you through Rotary. Sharing your Rotary story could help inspire someone to join.


Promoting our exciting member benefits program, Rotary Global Rewards, will not only help you get more transformative work done but will also show new and potential members the added value of being a part of the Rotary network. [Find out more](#) yourself about this new program and how it can be used to enhance the Rotary member experience. Encourage others to do the same.

The [Member Center](#) is now home to a number of resources to help you better serve your clubs and districts, including

tools can help you engage and retain your members.

Every year, the Rotary International Convention serves as a great way to experience what it truly means to be a part of Rotary. A promotion kit for the 2016 convention in Seoul is now available. The kit provides digital and print resources to promote the convention to your club or district. Go to the [Seoul convention site](#), find the kit in the Resources section, and use it to encourage your fellow Rotarians to attend. With your help, the 2016 Rotary Convention could be the biggest yet! By encouraging a new member to attend the convention, you will have given him or her the opportunity to be well and truly convinced of the reach and breadth of Rotary.

Membership is important year-round. We must continue to give potential members more reasons to join, and current members more reasons to stay. Let us work together to strengthen our membership base and to encourage others to join us as we work to improve our communities and to *Be A Gift to the World*.

 In this video message, I share my additional thoughts on membership:

Sincerely,

K.R. Ravindran

Rotary International President



you have derived from your membership in Rotary, whether it's the satisfaction from reaching out to someone who desperately needed help or the gains in your own life that came from the opportunities

brochures like [Be a Vibrant Club](#) and [Strengthening Your Membership: Creating Your Membership Development Plan](#). Exploring, understanding, and using these

A Taste in Strongsville, Savor the Flavor

This premier event is held by the Rotary Club of Strongsville to benefit the local food banks. It's being held on **Thursday, October 8, 2015**, from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm at the Pettitt Garden Center, 18941 Pearl Road in Strongsville.

Culinary Creations by Cleveland's best restaurants.
A-List Chefs, Exceptional wines, Craft beers and Delicious desserts.

Restaurants:
Barrio • Blue Point Grille • B-Spot • Butcher & Brewer / Tremont Tap House • Cleveland Chop • Corleones • Crop Bistro • DC Pasta • Don's Pizzeria • Fahrenheit • Italian Village • J.Bellas • Johnny's Bar • Lager and Vine • Old Carolina BBQ • Olympia Candies • Panera Press Wine Bar / Market • Ritos Bakery • Rosewood Grille • Shinto's • Starbucks The Cute Little Cake Shop • Trivs • Z's Cream & Bean • Zack Bruell Restaurants

There will be a Silent Auction & Wine Pull Raffle

Main Room Tickets \$85 each. Includes everything above.

(Strongsville Rotary Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. \$45 of your ticket price is deductible as a charitable donation.) (11 and over)

VIP Lounge: Limited Tickets only \$150 each. 8 or More Tickets \$125 each
(Strongsville Rotary Foundation is a tax exempt 501(c)(3) organization. \$300 of your ticket price is deductible as a charitable donation.) (11 and over)

VIP Lounge includes: Main Room Restaurants, Wines, Craft beers and desserts.

Plus:
Starts with a Private Reception at 5:30pm
VIP Food by: Johnny's and Johnny's Bar Restaurants
VIP Wines by: Duckhorn Wine Company
VIP Cocktails: Top Shelf Martinis and Manhattans.

Our Sponsors:
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The Experience of a Lifetime – Raffle

V.I.P. Wine Country Experience Package for 4 People
A Red Carpet Tour of Napa Valley

Napa Valley is one of the premier travel destinations! With over 450 wineries and breathtaking views at every turn, this is one trip you don't want to miss out on!

Your V.I.P. treatment kicks off with a welcoming reception *Jacuzzi Family Vineyards*. The package also includes four incredible Private V.I.P. Tours & Luxury Tastings at some of Napa Valley's most renowned wineries:

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You will experience magnificent wine country lifestyle with a luxurious three night stay in the historic hamlet of Yountville, including a gift certificate for a delicious wine tasting dinner. Two days of Limousine service will be provided to escort you to and from the wineries. A stipend of \$2,500 is included to defer the cost of airfare and ground transportation from your destination of origin.

Total trip value over \$12,000

Limited tickets will again be sold for \$100 per ticket.

Winning ticket will be drawn at the Taste in Strongsville.

Held at Pettitt Garden Center on Thursday, October 8, 2015.

How to purchase tickets

In person on Friday mornings between 7:00-8:00am at the Strongsville Senior Center.
By emailing forms to napa@strongsvillerotary.org or faxing forms to 216-937-0234 Attn: NAPA Raffle.

By mailing order form to NAPA Raffle, PO Box 360401, Rd Strongsville, OH 44136.

All orders placed by email, fax, or mail will be sent to the address listed on the order form.

Make checks payable to Rotary Club of Strongsville.

*Trip must be scheduled between 2/1/2016 and 8/31/2016 and booked 60 days in advance. Certain restrictions may apply and blackout dates may apply. The Strongsville Rotary reserves the right to cancel this offering and return all monies in the event of ticket sales of less than 125. Tickets are not transferable and winner must be 21 years of age. Winner does not need to be present to win. Travel voucher may not cover all travel expenses (air and ground transportation). Contributions or gifts to or values of tickets purchased from the Strongsville Rotary Club are not tax deductible as charitable.

"A TASTE OF HILLCREST"

Sponsored by the Rotary
Club of Hillcrest - Sunrise
At Executive Caterers at Landerhaven

Thursday, October 1st, 2015 6:00-9:00 p.m.

Join us for an evening of fun, food and entertainment and help support our club's charitable works, including Meals on Wheels, local Special Olympics, health initiatives, Community Grants, and Senior/Youth Programs.

This year, bring a clean, gently-worn winter coat for local distribution to someone in need and be entered in a drawing for a special surprise!!! (1 entry per donor)

Enjoy the offerings of 20+ restaurants, live entertainment, 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets are \$35.00 each and include food, soft drinks and entertainment. Cash bar available. Groups of 10 or more tickets can be purchased in advance for \$30.00 each. Limited number of tickets available at the door. (\$20.00/ticket tax deductible contribution).

FOR MORE INFO OR TICKETS, PLEASE CALL 440-605-7144

A Taste of Hillcrest 2015

The Rotary Club of Hillcrest held its 1st "A Taste of Hillcrest" on September 20, 2001. Tragically, the 9-11 attack on our country had occurred just 9 days earlier, but the Club decided that to recover quickly from this devastation, we should not cancel the event.

The initial impetus for developing "A Taste of Hillcrest" was to purchase and place AEDs (automated external defibrillators) in the schools in our club's communities, at a cost of \$3,500.00 apiece. After hearing how many people lose their lives annually that might be saved if an AED is available, we decided this was a very worthwhile endeavor. The club raised enough money to purchase 5 defibrillators that first year.

Placing AEDs in our club's communities remained the focus of the fund-raiser for several years. Over the years, the Club was able to place over 35 AEDs: in schools, community centers, churches, and police and fire departments.

When AEDs were made available to institutions at no cost through a grant, the Club's focus for the funds raised by "A Taste of Hillcrest" turned to other philanthropic endeavors, including Community Grants, helping disabled children and adults support their families, providing meals for those in need, fighting cancer, and enhancing the education of students, to name just a few. The funds raised at "A Taste of Hillcrest" fuel the Club's entire annual budget for these charitable activities.

This year, we have added a request to attendees to bring a clean, gently-worn winter coat for local distribution to someone in need. Donors will be entered in a drawing for a special (sur)prize.

We hope many Rotarians (and non-Rotarians!) will join us at Executive Caterers at Landerhaven on October 1st to help us continue the good works we have started, and to initiate even more.

District Rotarian Receives Special Recognition

Jack A. Young, a 1965 graduate of Marietta High School and the son of the late Charles and Vera Young recently received 2 special awards for his volunteer work with Rotary International. In addition to being a Past District Governor of Northeast Ohio and his receiving the "Service Above Self" Award from Rotary International (No more than 350 are given each year in the world) and the Past International Rotary Past President Cliff Dochterman

award recipient for his work with Scouts and Scouting Rotarians along with his receiving 3 Volunteer Awards - Bronze Level from the President of the United States, Jack received this year the following.



PDG Jack Young with RI Past President Ray Klingensmith.

From Shelter Box USA and Shelter Box International, an international disaster relief organization who responds to major disasters throughout the world, Jack was inducted into the Shelter Box USA Hall of Fame for his work on the Board of Directors his efforts in fund raising and promoting the mission of Shelter Box. Only 14 such awards has been presented from Shelter Box USA. According to Alan Monroe,



Interim Executive Director of the USA organization, it is "through efforts of our volunteers, like Jack, that we continue to provide shelter, warmth and dignity to families during their greatest time of need

when they have lost everything during a disaster." Jack has been on the Board of Shelter Box USA for over 7 years and is currently the 2015 Board of Director Emeritus.

In addition, at the recent Rotary District 6630 awards banquet in Medina, Ohio, PDG Jack Young received the Rotary International Past International Director Michael J. Johns, "Rotary Life Time Achievement Award" for his dedication to Rotary and his district. The award read in part, "Presented to Jack Young with sincere appreciation for demonstrating to all Rotarians in District 6630 the highest leadership qualities of humility, integrity, empathy, friendship, and your unwavering support of the Rotary Foundation" and for his serving on the Board of Directors of the American Nicaragua Hope and Relief Foundation.

In his travels throughout the world, PDG Jack Young he is responsible for sending Christmas Shoe Boxes to the children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua to encourage them to get an education so that they can earn a living for them self and their families. Jack will be going to Nicaragua in December of this year for his ninth trip to Nicaragua. In all he has been responsible for sending over 500,000 dollars of emergency equipment (including a fire truck and 3 ambu-



PDG Jack Young handing out School Shoe Boxes to children living around a garbage dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua

lances), medical supplies from the Cleveland Clinic and various school and trade school educational items. For more information please feel free to contact Jack (Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000)

Your District 6630 Website

If you go to the website to register for One Rotary Summit - please take a moment to peruse the site. When was the last time you visited?

You can find the District website using any of these website addresses.
www.RotaryDistrict6630.org
www.RotaryDistrict6630.com
www.Rotary6630.com

We are working on some new elements that will roll out in the coming months - so check back often!

Do you know your login and password?

Is your Club website powered by ClubRunner? If so, your login for the District website is the same as you use for your Club's website. AND now the Zone 28-29 website is also powered by ClubRunner so your login is the same for all three sites: Your Club, District 6630 and Zone 28-29.

If you don't have ~ or don't know ~ your DISTRICT 6630 website login and password, contact your Club secretary or the District secretary, Bonnie Housley for help.

District 6630 eYellow Pages

The new Rotary eYellow Pages listings are FREE for our Rotarians who wish to add their company information. For a nominal fee you can also include a Banner Ad with your listing. The list is not used for anything other than helping Rotarians do business with other Rotarians in our District!

Travel agents, pest control, law, software, marketing, signs, musicians, and more! To search the listings, just click on the icon - put in a search word or select a category and then click "search". If you leave the search field blank and just click "search" you will be able to view all listings.

To set up your listing, just go to the website and click on the eYellow Pages icon and follow the steps. Listings are only for Active Rotarians in District 6630.

Bedford Rotary Fun Walk/Run

2015 Bedford Rotary Five Star Veterans Honor Run 10K and 2 Mile Fun Walk/Run

Sunday, September 20, 2015

on the south lawn of the University Hospitals Bedford Medical Center

Race begins at 8:30 a.m.

Proceeds: Money raised will be donated to The Bedford Memorial Day Parade

Course: This is a fast, scenic and rolling course that takes you through historic Bedford and the beautiful MetroParks.

Features: Medals to top finishers, t-shirt to first 200 entrants, refreshments, goodie bags, free parking, raffle drawing and a celebration of our veterans!

Pre-registration is \$20.00 at www.hermescleveland.com. Race day registration is \$25.00.

Questions? Contact - Amy DiMarco - 330-573-8254



District Website Resources... Click any image for more info

More Resources

DOWNLOAD RESOURCES

[How to Create a My Rotary account](#)
[Foundation Resource File - basics](#)
[Foundation Resource File - detailed version](#)

LINKS

[My Rotary](#)
[Rotary Brand Center](#)
[Grant Application Tool](#)
[Shop Rotary](#)

Rotary International Calendar

Remember to use this Rotary International calendar to develop meeting agendas, projects, or public image campaigns based on these special occasions.

The Rotary Months designations can be used at your regular meetings to promote Rotary's involvement in these activities.

Also see a complete list of United Nations observances, including international days, weeks, and years. [CLICK HERE](#)

AUGUST

Membership and New Club Development Month

SEPTEMBER

Basic Education and Literacy Month

OCTOBER

Economic and Community Development Month

NOVEMBER

Rotary Foundation Month

DECEMBER

Disease Prevention and Treatment Month

JANUARY

Vocational Service Month

FEBRUARY

Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month

23 February – Rotary's anniversary

MARCH

Water and Sanitation Month

7-13 March – World Rotaract Week

APRIL

Maternal and Child Health Month

MAY

Youth Service Month

JUNE

Rotary Fellowships Month

Membership Thoughts

By Lance Chima

District Membership Chair

Consider this.....How many years have you heard that Rotary has 1.2 million members worldwide? I've been in Rotary for years, and why aren't we now at least 1.3 million members or even more? Statistics tell us that in North America, 44,000 new members join Rotary each year, but 51,000 leave. We are doing an outstanding job attracting new members, but not a very good job of retaining members. Statistics also tell us that "engaging" Rotarians is the key to retaining members. Is your club engaging every Rotarian? Does your club have a men-

torship program in place where established members periodically reach out to newer members to ensure the new member is becoming engaged? Does your club have a "Rotary Cares" committee? This might be someone paying attention who will send a card or flowers if a member becomes ill, or a note of appreciation to someone who goes above and beyond. These are just a couple of ideas to help members feel engaged. These do not take much time or energy-just someone to take the lead and make them happen! Consider what you can do at the club level to help reverse the trend and watch Rotary become 1.3 million (or more) members strong.

New Retractable Club Banners Available

Cost: \$199.00 each design + shipping (includes banner, pedestal & case)

Details: 78" (h) x 33.5" (w), Retractable (like window shade), easy to set-up, take down and store

From: National Awards4U 800-810-2100 (p) 850-727-5289 (direct) 850-727-5430

(f) sales@clubsupplies.com (e-mail) www.clubsupplies.com (website)

Lead-time: 2 weeks

Questions: Mary Beth Growney Selene 608-271-7979 (p) 608-444-2396 (c) mbgrowneyselene@ryansigns.net



Rotary Run for Lisa's Legacy

On Sunday morning (September 13th), The Rotary Club of Mentor will be hosting the Rotary Run for Lisa's Legacy. Readers of the comic strip Funky Winkerbean will recognize Lisa as the character who struggled and succumbed to cancer. Lisa's struggles were drawn in part from Tom Batiuk's, the cartoonist's, own fight with cancer. In addition to lending his artwork to the race shirt design, Tom will be at the race signing his book (or whatever you have to sign). Proceeds from the

race will benefit University Hospitals Seidman Cancer Center and the Mentor Rotary Foundation. The 5K run/walk starts in the vicinity of the Mentor Senior Center, 8484 Munson Rd at 8:30 am, then winds through residential streets and the City campus. There will be eight (8) age categories for male and female runners and awards for the top three (3) in each category. All participants will receive a dry-fit shirt and refreshments. More information and a registration form can be found at www.greaterclevelandxc.com.

Rotary Run for Lisa's Legacy 5K Run/Walk

Join the Rotary Club of Mentor in the Lisa's Legacy Run/Walk (formerly "It's Better in Mentor") event for a "fast" and scenic race along streets and lake paths.

Sunday, September 13, 2015

Time: 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. Day of race registration @ Mentor Senior Center, 8484 Munson Rd.
8:30 a.m. - 5K Run/Walk start

Run Divisions:
Men/Women:
14 and under, 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70 and over

Chip time

Refreshments

Awards:
Awards to top three overall male and female winners and top three male and female age division winners

Registration and Fee: (includes a dry-fit shirt and refreshments)
\$15 early registration must be received by Friday, September 4th
\$25 day of race registration

Mail entries to: Rotary Run for Lisa's Legacy, c/o Second Suite, 8791 Mentor Ave., Mentor, Ohio 44060.
Online registration: www.greaterclevelandxc.com

Entry Fee: \$15 early registration - must be received by Friday, September 4th; \$25 day of race registration

NO REFUND

Name: _____ (please print)
Street, City, Zip: _____ Phone: _____ Age: _____ Female _____ Male _____
E-Mail: _____

T-Shirt Size: ☐ Small ☐ Medium ☐ Large ☐ X-Large ☐ XX-Large

By signature, I further acknowledge that the race course may contain uneven surface conditions, including but not limited to potholes, curbs, sewer covers, and tree roots, which may create a risk. I further acknowledge that at least part of the race is on public roads and that vehicular traffic may be encountered, and I accept these risks. I also accept the risk of negligence by other participants. Therefore, in consideration of the acceptance of my entry, I, for myself, my executors and administrators, waive any and all rights and claims for injuries or damages I may have against the City of Mentor, the Rotary Club of Mentor, Greater Cleveland XC, University Hospitals, and their respective elected and appointed officials, members, employees and agents and will hold them harmless for any and all injuries or damages I may suffer in conjunction with this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____
Signature of parent or guardian: _____ (if entrant is under 18 years of age)

TRC Aurora Collaborates for Community Service Day

Saturday, August 1, 2015 was organized as a city-wide community service day that brought together over 120 volunteers working at 12 different building improvement sites, mainly within Aurora. The event was a collaborative effort of volunteers from several organizations including:

- The Fuller Center for Housing of Northwest Portage County
- 42 bicyclists from the national organization of The Fuller Center for Housing, many of whom are making a 4,000 mile journey from California to Maine this summer, and stopping to help with home repairs at local Fuller Center chapters
- The Rotary Club of Aurora
- Aurora volunteer citizens (led by Councilperson & Rotarian Amy McDougald)
- Habitat for Humanity of Portage County

The Fuller Center bicyclists worked in cooperation with Aurora's local Fuller Center for Housing, which is an organization supported by members of the Church in Aurora, Our Lady of Perpetual Help, and Christ Community Chapel in Aurora that provides Christian outreach in the form of help with home repairs for local residents in need. The local Fuller Center members identified and assessed the home owner sites, purchased the materials and assigned a project manager for each of the work sites. All volunteers collectively worked on a wide range of

projects including door and window replacements, deck repairs, painting, kitchen plumbing, dry walling, carpentry, and landscaping. Specific projects included painting dugouts, tackling a building improvement project at the Volunteers of America, and landscaping at the Aurora Memorial Library. In addition to the above, there were 9 private low-income residents that were helped out with a wide range of home improvement.

The event was hosted at the Church in Aurora where volunteers were registered by members of The Aurora Rotary Club and served breakfast. Volunteers were then thanked and congratulated by the Mayor and assigned to their work sites. Boxed lunches were later delivered to the work sites and after all the work was completed everyone enjoyed a fantastic picnic at Sunny Lake paid for and hosted by The Rotary Club of Aurora. The event was financially supported by Automation Plastics Inc., Howard Hanna, and the Church in Aurora.

The day was marked as a collaborative success and a blessing to the homeowners who were helped, as well as the many volunteers who gave up their day to help make Aurora a better place to live. Although this was a one-day event, The Fuller Center for Housing works in the Aurora community all year long, and is supported by Rotary of Aurora both financially and with volunteers.

November is Rotary Foundation Month

From the Desk of:

Jim Lechko
Foundation Chair
Rotary International
District 6630

Attention Club Program Committee Chairs and Foundation Liaisons: November is The Rotary Foundation (TRF) month!

November is Rotary Foundation month. Please schedule your club's November TRF presentation now.

Feel free to contact me with questions regarding The Rotary Foundation at jlechko@ffl.net or 216-529-5625.

New District Governor Elect Named

The nominating committee under chair, Immediate Past District Governor, Mike Davanzo, had met and selected Jim McKee, the Rotary Club of Northampton, as the 2015-16 District Governor Elect.

Per our District bylaws, we informed each club of the nomination and allowed for a challenge period of 2 weeks. No challenges were submitted and the challenge period has now expired.

I am pleased to announce that Jim McKee is hereby declared our 2015-16 District Governor Elect and the forms have duly been submitted to Rotary International for his certification.

He has a contagious, high level of energy and is very enthusiastic. His biography is attached for your reference.

We look forward to having him on the District Team as he begins his training and preparation for his 2016-17 year as Governor. Please join me in congratulating Jim on this new Rotary adventure. His email is Hunneel1997@aol.com

Yours in Rotary Service,
Cheryl Warren

JIM McKEE BIOGRAPHY

Born in Geneva, Ohio and growing up in Ashtabula, living in Kent, Cuyahoga Falls, and North Canton, Ohio, Jim McKee has never lived far from District 6630. Moving from Ashtabula Harbor to Plymouth Township as a child, Jim attended the Ashtabula City Schools from Kindergarten through graduation.

At Ashtabula High, Jim was the announcer at the basketball games, was on the cross-country team, participated in the school plays and student government. He still relishes his role as class president planning class reunions.

While at Ashtabula High, Jim enjoyed amazing opportunities which helped shape his future. Participating at Buckeye Boys State, graduating from the American Youth Foundation Leadership Conference 3 year program, and being a Junior Delegate at the 1980 Republican Convention were all tremendous learning opportunities.

After high school, Jim started college at the Kent State Ashtabula Campus. The two years there were spent thoroughly absorbed in student activities. As student body president, there was a flurry of functions which

led to his receiving the Outstanding Student Service Award in 1981.

Moving to Kent was necessary and leaving Ashtabula was difficult. Jim remembers being the new guy after knowing everyone in town! 'It was a tough change from being the center of everything going on to not belonging or knowing anyone.' It is fair to say it was an adjustment Jim managed. At Kent State, Jim became involved with student government and was twice elected to the Student Senate. After his second election, he was voted Executive Director of Student Government.

Establishing a typing room for students, creating a commuter lounge, helping save the King Kennedy Center in Ravenna, starting a hot line service for students, assisting i n



keeping the Kent State Airport property, adding a student to the Board of Trustees, saving the Pass-fail option, and beginning student leader compensation.... All were projects undertaken during his term.

His 3 years at Kent started with early mornings and ended late at night, but he found it very worthwhile. The Kent years ended with a degree in Public Relations and a Commuter of the Year Award. Working through high school and college, Jim had worked at Sambos for 3 years in Ashtabula, then in Mentor. When the stores failed, Jim worked for Caseys in Ashtabula, Chardon and Painesville. When the restaurants became Godfreys, Jim was a manager in Akron. Graduation from Kent also meant leaving restaurant management.

Finding a career in carpet cleaning by accident, Jim saw the field as a stepping stone to business ownership while attending law

school at the University of Akron. Surprisingly, he found it to be enjoyable, profitable, and challenging. After graduating from law school, the decision was made to continue starting and selling mom and pop businesses in the industry.

Jim started Special Touch Carpet Cleaners in 1986 and still owns and operates the business today. In its 30 year term, the firm has won four Beacons' Best Awards, several service awards, a Green Business Award, and Jim received the Business Person of the Year Award in 2013-14 from TEEM, a business owner group. Jim also is the owner of American Storage in Kent. He is a strong advocate of alternative energy. He owns a CNG fueling station and uses solar power at his

farm in North Canton. He uses compressed natural gas to power his carpet cleaning fleet.

He lives in North Canton with his 2 daughters, Kelsee and Kaylee. They are both high school students at Glen Oak High School. Cattle, chickens and horses are part of the lifestyle. Jim and the girls enjoy the outdoors. Jim has classic cars and loves convertibles. Cruises are an annual vacation choice.

Joining the Northampton Rotary Club in 1996, he has served 4 times as Club President and has held many club positions. His favorite club projects have been Student of the Month, The Speaker Book gift program and most recently, Rotary Swims.

He has served on the District 6630 Board of Directors, was a member of Leadership 6630, serves currently on the District Bylaws, Finance, and Conference Planning committees.

Jim received a Leadership and Education Award, a Cluster Recognition Award, and is a multiple Paul Harris Fellow. He believes Rotary enables everyday people to do extraordinary things. He looks forward to the wonderful opportunities Rotary presents.

Jim is sincerely humbled to serve as DGE for our district and is honored to serve with the dedicated team which is still preparing him. Jim believes the more a person does, the more a person finds he/she is capable of doing. Jim looks forward to supporting all the worthy projects of Rotary for many years to come.



2016 Annual Conference

April 21-24, 2016

700 Beta Banquet & Conference Center, Mayfield, OH

Please reserve the following:

RI President Sponsor level - \$1,000 (Sponsor Lunch & Dinner)

- **Everything RI Director Sponsor receives PLUS**
- **FULL page ad** in the event program AND in special program for events
- **2 minute presentation** at **BOTH** lunch and dinner - video is welcome
- 1 complimentary lunch **AND** dinner

RI Director Sponsor – \$750 (Sponsor Lunch or Dinner)

- **Your Logo Displayed** on every table during mealtime
- **½ page ad** in the event program AND ad in special program for events
- **Booth** availability at event
- **2 minute presentation** to group at mealtime
- **Opportunity to distribute** promotional materials at mealtime
- **Company logo** with link to website prominently displayed on **District Website** and in **District Newsletter**
- 1 complimentary meal

District Governor Sponsor level - \$500

- **Recognition** in the event program AND in special program for events
- **Booth** availability at the conference
- Formal recognition at event
- Recognition in the **District monthly newsletter** and on the website

Club President Sponsor level - \$100

- **Everything Rotarian Sponsor receives PLUS**
- Special **Gold Ribbon** on Name Tag

Rotarian Sponsor level - \$50

- **Recognition** in event program
- Formal recognition at event
- Special **Blue Ribbon** on Name Tag
- Recognition in the **District monthly newsletter** and on the website

_____ We are unable to participate, please accept our tax deductible underwriting gift

Total Enclosed: _____

***For guaranteed inclusion in the event program, please respond by April 4, 2016**

Sponsor Name: _____

Program listing (if different from above): _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Checks should be made payable to **Rotary District 6630** and returned with the completed sponsor form to:

Jackie Minotas, Sponsorship Chair

c/o Minotas Trophies and Awards

734 Alpha Drive, Highland Heights, Ohio 44143

For more information, please contact Jackie at 216.536.4893 or jminotas@hotmail.com

Community Service Corner ~ 50 Ideas to Enhance Your Community

1. Help neighbors paint and repair their homes.
2. Arrange for the local health department to conduct neighborhood health checks.
3. Volunteer to teach classes on a sport you enjoy and know a lot about.
4. Contact Habitat for Humanity to see how you can support them in your community.
5. Work with the local health department to set up an immunization day or clinic to immunize children against childhood diseases.
6. Organize a newcomers group in your neighborhood to welcome new families.
7. Produce a neighborhood newspaper.
8. Train to become a guide for your local tourist bureau.
9. Make maps of local parks, libraries or historic sites.
10. Research local historic sites and provide the research to visitor's bureau.
11. Petition your city to make drinking fountains and/or restrooms in public areas available.
12. Volunteer to clean up trash at a community event or county fair.
13. Make signs to label community buildings and sites of interest.
14. Set up an art exhibit at a local business, school or nursing home.
15. Design a mural or quilt highlighting important aspects of the community.
16. Organize a campaign to paint storm drains to prevent dumping of hazardous materials.
17. Set up an informational display at a local library.
18. Volunteer to help with Vacation Bible School.
19. Organize a community chorus, orchestra or band.
20. Volunteer to help set up for a community event.
21. Distribute leaf bags during the fall encouraging residents to clean leaves from their streets and yards.
22. Adopt a pothole and raise funds to repair it.
23. Plan native flowers or plants along highways.
24. Adopt a billboard and use it for a public service announcement.
25. Campaign for additional lighting along poorly lighted streets.
26. Clean up vacant lot.
27. Collect supplies for persons who have been in a fire or natural disaster.
28. Help fix a run-down playground.
29. Start a yard of the week award for your neighborhood.
30. Participate in an Annual parade.
31. Spruce up and paint the community or youth center.
32. Plant a community garden. Adopt a town monument and keep it clean.
33. Clean an elderly neighbor's driveway and sidewalk after a snowfall.
34. Clean up after a natural disaster.
35. Organize a local blood drive with the American Red Cross.
36. Plant flowers at town hall.
37. Organize a campaign to raise money to buy and install new playground equipment for a park.
38. Survey community agencies to learn the leading causes of accidents in your community then design a campaign to reduce accidents.
39. Paint a mural or clean up a local park.
40. Plant flowers in public areas that could use some color.
41. Mow the lawns and care for the plants of neighbors who are away on vacation.
42. Conduct a community accessibility check to identify potential barriers for individuals with disabilities.
43. Plan a disabilities day where friends or classmates are given a physical disability for day and are forced to function during the day.
44. Read aloud to a person who is visually impaired.
45. Build park benches.
46. Paint fences or park benches.
47. Help winterize homes in a poverty-stricken neighborhood.
48. Lend a helping hand at a local community center.
49. Identify corners where bushes and trees make it difficult for drivers to see.
50. Conduct a neighborhood drive to collect used furniture.

Rotary Engagement Hits Home

When Beckett was born in 2010 we found our passion to support and advocate for people with disabilities especially those with Down syndrome. We found out about the Buddy Walk shortly before he was born and created our team Beckett's Buddies from his crib side in the hospital. We were stunned at the support and raised over \$4,000 in our first year.

Each year we have been continually amazed at the generosity of the many people in our lives, especially our Rotary family. This year the Rotary club and many of

the businesses represented within it supported Beckett's Buddies in a BIG way. Our amazing supporters helped us raise



over \$12,000 for The Upside of Downs which was a Northeast Ohio team record.

Special thanks to the Rotary Club of Akron, City Cleaners, Margida and Associates, Metis Construction, and Artists Inc. who generously supported us through sponsorships. Thanks to club members Joe Horak, Julie Brandle, Pat O'Neill and their families for taking time out of their busy schedule to come and walk with us! We were overwhelmed with the kindness and generosity of so many wonderful people. I am proud to call you family!

Shon Christy, Rotary Club of Akron

Rotarian Named to Harbor High School Hall of Fame

JACK HOPKINS

Harbor High School Class of 1969

Jack was an Art and Theology Major at Santa Fe College, Gainesville, Florida and completed Horticultural studies through The Ohio State University.

He worked as an industrial form carpenter in Florida as a student and then worked 30 years as Horticulturist and Plant Propagator until retirement in 2013.

Involved in his community, he worked on several Habitat for Humanity homes locally, at a half-way house for the homeless, and counseled alcohol and drug dependent individuals. He has done Global Mission projects, primarily in Africa focusing on digging and drilling water wells, teaching and providing seed for Agriculture Departments at many African Schools and rural villages, worked at two Orphan-

ages in Zimbabwe, started poultry programs in

Zimbabwe and Liberia, helped with the collection and distribution of Medical supplies during the Zaire strain of the Ebola virus that plagues Liberia and West other West African Nations still today.

He has also participated in various local work projects as a Methodist and Rotarian Volunteer.

Mr. Hopkins received three Rotarian International Awards for commitment to International Service, two terms as Chairman of the Board of Trustees, Past member of the International Plant Propagators Society, and has been a 20-year member of the Lake County Nurseryman's Association.

Mr. Hopkins was recently named International Development Co-coordinator at the

Precious Life Foundation. PLF is an Orphanage in Zimbabwe that takes in young female rape victims and their off spring and houses them at a 100 acre working farm that instructs these girls as young as 12 how to garden, animal husbandry, the 3 R's, sewing, etc. to get them better prepared to be single mothers through no fault of their own.

He has always considered himself fortunate to quite humbly serve God and those less fortunate. He has been responsible directly or indirectly in the installation of 77 water wells in Africa and founded The Jack Hopkins Mission Project.

He enjoys doing his part to keep our planet "green" with potable drinking water, and happy, healthy, and productive children.

More Online Rotary Resources

How to Create a My Rotary Account quick guide (PDF) (click to open)

Rotary International is working diligently to continually improve its website and provide many new resources, news, features and reports for your clubs. [Click here for a reference guide to help you create your account at Rotary.org.](#) If you have problems, call Rotary International for support at 1-866-976-8279. We are a part of this wonderful service organization and the resources they now provide are outstanding.

YOUR ROTARY BRAND CENTER

Visit the [Brand Center](#) to find everything you need to create your Rotary communications with our new look and feel. You can download Rotary's logo - or create your own club logo. Plus you'll find editable templates for brochures, newsletters, PowerPoint presentations, fliers, and more (sign-in required so create your account using the guide referenced in the above paragraph.)

[Logos](#)

[Editable templates for brochures, presentations, and more](#)

[Ads](#)

[Images and video](#)

Guidelines

WHERE TO BEGIN

These resources will help you get started:

[Get answers to FAQs](#) about the Brand Center and our new visual identity and voice.

[Watch a short video](#) that will help you answer the question critical to telling your club's story: "What is Rotary?"

TRAINING

[Take the Strengthen Rotary course](#) to learn how Rotary's new tools and resources can help your club.

Need help navigating the Brand Center? Download a training guide to learn how to:

[Search the Brand Center](#)

[Create a club logo](#)

[Create a basket](#)

[Download a video](#)

STORIES & POSTS

[Voice lessons: Strengthening Rotary's image through words](#)

[Three reasons to strengthen Rotary's image](#)

RESOURCES & REFERENCE

[See a gallery of examples of our new look](#)
[Read a news release about the launch of the initiative](#)

[Promote the Brand Center](#) to your members

Hopefully everyone has seen and is taking advantage of the new Rotary members benefits program called ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS.

DISCOUNTS & SPECIAL OFFERS

Rotary Global Rewards offers discounts on car rentals, hotels, dining, and entertainment. More products and services from companies around the world will be added throughout the year. Check back often to see what's new in Rotary Global Rewards.

HOW IT WORKS

Anyone can view the offers and discounts on Rotary Global Rewards. But **only Rotary club members** who are signed in to their My Rotary accounts can redeem them. You can access and redeem rewards from your computer, smartphone, or tablet.

Create a My Rotary account now to take advantage of the new member benefits.

Excellent International Service Opportunity

ALL CLUB PRESIDENTS IN DISTRICT 6630 EXCELLENT INTERNATIONAL SERVICE OPPORTUNITY

I am reaching out to all club presidents in District 6630 to offer you an incredible International Service opportunity. This is directed to all clubs who are not currently involved in an International Service project, or who have not already committed to partnering in this year's VTT (Vocational Training Team) project involving District 6630, Gift-of-Life Northeast Ohio and Akron Children's hospital.

All Rotary Clubs should make an effort to be involved in all five of Rotary's avenues of service; International, Club, Community, Vocational and Youth during each Rotary year. It is sometimes difficult for small or smaller clubs to develop their own projects in all five areas of service. That is why a partnership in a large club or district project can be both easy and also satisfy this requirement. Clubs also earn valuable Paul Harris credits based on

the amount of their financial support. These Paul Harris fellowships can be then used at the club's discretion. This VTT gives all partners the opportunity to be involved in the life-saving work that this series of VTTs is doing. Last year, the first VTT project trained seven medical specialists from Port-au-Prince, Haiti, to begin the staffing procedure for a children's Pediatric Heart Surgery unit at St. Damien's Hospital. During their six week training process they worked and trained alongside doctors and staff of Akron Children's Hospital in saving a total of 14 very ill children from Haiti (two at ACH and 12 at St. Ds when the team traveled back to Haiti). This is the beginning of a complete staff for the PHSu at St. Damien's. The end goal is to have an entire team of Haitian surgery unit staff and doctors trained and working on their own in Haiti. Gift-of-Life has already accomplished this in Egypt and in Nicaragua. Instead of a few ill children being brought to ACH for treatment at great expense, the established heart surgery units in these two countries are able to perform hundreds of

surgeries at their own facilities at greatly reduced cost. This project could not define the word "sustainability" any better. It is truly sustainability of life, which is the goal of all New Grant Model projects funded by RI.

I urge you to present this opportunity to your club members and Board of Directors and become a partner in this VTT. Any pledge amount will be gladly accepted. Eight clubs have already stepped up, but the more clubs who partner, the larger the scope of the project can be. At this time, we are looking only for pledges of funds. When RI approves the project (probably around late October or early November) we will then request the pledged funds be sent to RI.

For further information please call or e-mail Bob Johnson - District 6630 VTT Coordinator at:

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