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District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

Greetings to All

The district has been busy with a number of different meetings. There is a committee that is looking at our Bylaws and will be making a recommendation to our Board of Directors for some changes. Any changes will be voted on at the Annual Meeting at the District Conference.

The **Rotary Days Committee**, PDG Julie West, Chair, has also been meeting and plans are coming together. As plans are being made, they will be posted on the web site. The first cluster to have the Rotary Days Activity posted was the Ashtabula Cluster. Congratulations.

The AGs have been holding cluster meetings on a regular basis and they themselves are meeting to discuss upcoming activities of the district and to get ready for PETS 2 and All OHIO.

Exciting times will be coming to our district during the 2016-2017 Rotary Year. As you probably know the Rotary Foundation will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Our district is planning a special commemoration for the event. PDG Bob Johnson is the chair of the committee with a number of sub committees and chairs. More information will follow.

Cheryl has returned from her International Assembly and will be sharing thoughts with you later. She has been busy preparing for her PETS 2 and All OHIO. The current DGs are responsible for the actual training program at AOP. The immediate past district governors are responsible for running the seminar. Each district has a specific task that rotates each year. Last year, Julie West was the general chair. This year, Bob Johnson is in charge of the Sgt at Arms. Next year, I will be in charge of registration.

Another committee that has been meeting and been very busy is the District Conference Planning Committee, Marsha Pappalardo and Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski co-chairs. You probably have already heard about the conference. If you have not, someone will probably visit your club to talk about it. PDG Julie West has volunteered to work on the **promotion of the conference**. Registration will be posted on the web site this month. In addition to registering for the Conference, one must also register separately for the hotel. The DC is April 24-26. Our "district negotiator", PDG Dave Skrzynski has worked with the hotel to get rooms at \$99 per night. Important information about rooms at the Double Tree Inn in Independ-

ence:

There will also be opportuni-

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if they are busy they
will switch you to Hil-
tons res system
It is under Rotary
After April 2, our
rate is not guaran-
teed**

ties for sponsorships. Another exciting event will be the **afternoon at the races**. This will take place Saturday afternoon (April 25). Clubs and Rotarians will have the opportunity to sponsor a race and to purchase a horse. Any money raised from this event (over the cost) will be donated to Our Efforts to eradicate Polio.

We are also asking clubs, AG Mike Guyer-chair, to reserve a table in the **Hall of Friendship**. One thing that has made such an impact on me as I have visited clubs this year is what each of you do. You may not think your activities and projects are anything special because you have always done them, but I believe that they are all special. I would love to see all the clubs requesting a table to share what they do on a regular basis for their communities. It is also the perfect time to promote upcoming events. In addition,

Governor's Letter cont'd

the AGs will be collecting Club Banners to be hung in the Banquet Center.

Each club has also been requested to send a listing of its contributions of time, talent, and treasures to me. Our PI committee, which has also been meeting, will be using this information to promote our clubs in Northeast Ohio. In addition, I have asked that clubs send a few pictures so at the conference we can showcase what we have done throughout the year.

Saturday morning of the Conference will be the **District Training Assembly**.

At the Conference over the two + days, one will be able to be part of:

Discussion groups

Four Way Speech Contest Winners delivering their speeches

Fun Activities

Hear from a Polio Survivor

Honoring New Paul Harris Fellows

Hospitality Rooms

Informational Sessions

Inspiration by our RI Director Mary Beth Grownley Selene

Key note message and RI updates by PRID, Bob Stout, our RI President's Rep

Learn how to improve your program - Keynote Michael Angelo Caruso

Memorial Service to remember those who have passed

Outbound Student Commissioning Ceremony

Paying respect to PDGs and their Spouse/Partners

Sessions to expand your Rotary knowledge

Spouse/Partner programs when the Rotarians are in sessions

Time to honor our Rotarians who have achieved 50 years of membership.

And much more

Foundation News

As of Feb 1 we have contributed

\$101,526 to *Our Rotary Foundation*, Share Fund. Our goal for this year is \$174,427 with every Rotarian contributing something to Our Foundation. I know many clubs send in the donations at the end of the year. I am just updating you as to where we stand currently. Please remember that this is Our Foundation and one that we should each support at some level. I do thank all those who have contributed so far and for your future contributions

Membership

According to our most recent report from RI, our membership is at 2,127. This does show an increase since the start of the year. Congratulations to all the clubs for increasing our membership. Please continue to do the great work and to engage our existing members.

I would like to welcome to Our Family of Rotary the following new members.

RC of Akron

Alana Daveduk
Jennifer Halcomb
Fay Olney
Patrick O'Neill
Leslie Tierney

RC of Aurora

Peter Statham

RC of Burton Middlefield

Vicki Blair
Larry Fox
Susan Paolo
Jarrod Tudor

RC of Cuyahoga Falls

Allison Bogdan
Janet Ciotola
Amy Martin
Kristy Rice
Diane Sheridan

RC of Hillcrest Sunrise

Deacon Joseph Bourgeois
Mike Skoda
Melissa Thompson

RC of Hudson

Evan McCauley

RC of Mentor

Lauren Jeavons

RC of Stow-Munroe Falls

Steven Dunton

RC of Strongsville

Joyce Banjac

Anthony Dworznik

Don Hicks

Zachary Myers

Laura Rohrbach

David Rubis

Wine and Roses Benefit

By Angela Huston

The Medina Sunrise Rotary's 16th Annual Valentine's Wine and Roses Benefit Dinner and Auction, held on Saturday, February 7, did not disappoint the major event sponsors - Redwood Management and RICO Manufacturing, community partner - The Children's Center of Medina County and the 327 guests who gathered at the Weymouth Country Club Grand Ballroom to show their support for the work of Rotary.

While indulging in an evening of fantastic food and fellowship, guests were treated to the music of Midnight Blue, featuring keyboardist Bruce C. Walker and vocalists Patty Vojvodich and Victoria Jackson, as they enjoyed the cocktail hour and appetizers, and checked out and made bids on 6 live and nearly 100 silent auction items.

For more of this story, click on or type the URL below:

http://www.medinacountylife.com/articles/2015/02/09/writers/meandering_around_town/doc54d9022755679481263541.txt



TRC Hudson's 32nd Gala

Rotary Club of Hudson 32nd Annual Gala Supports Area Organizations

Mark your calendars for **Friday, May 8, 2015, 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. at the Hilton Garden Inn** in Twinsburg for the 32nd Annual Rotary Club of Hudson Gala! As always, the Gala promises an evening of fine dining and fun bidding while raising funds (the Rotary Club of Hudson Foundation is a 501c3 non-profit entity) to help people in need. Funds raised from this year's event will support:

Gift of Life Northeast Ohio

Hattie Larlham

The Hudson City Schools Student Assistance Fund

Tickets are \$75 per person for this black tie optional which will feature dinner, an open bar, a cash raffle, and a live and silent auction offering items ranging from condos and art and jewelry to sports and golf packages and products and services. In addition to ticket and item sales and the raffle, funds to support these worthy non-profits are also raised by offering sponsorships and program advertisements. Sponsorships can be secured at the Platinum (\$5,000), Gold (\$3,000) and Silver (\$1,500) levels, and program ads are available for \$300 (full page) and \$175 (half-page).

For more information about the Gala and The Rotary Club of Hudson, please contact one of the following:

Gala Chair Ron Strobl (330.524.1955; ronsuestrobl@gmail.com)

Sponsorship Committee Chair Den Rich (330.655.4224; dwrichoh5@gmail.com)

Advertising Committee Co-chairs Kris Barker (330.655.1815;

kbarker@4lhb.com) or Duncan Tanner, Jr. (941.713.1645;

dtannerjr@neo.rr.com)

Membership Chair Rich Warfield (216.469.2849;

rwarfield@warfieldandcompany.com)

Club President Alison Pfeister

(330.328.5673; alison.pfeister@gmail.com)

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Sad News

It is with deep sadness that I share the news that a former District 6630 Rotarian of the year, Robert A. Reschke, passed away earlier this week. Bob joined Rotary in 1984 and earned his first Paul Harris Fellow in January of 1991. I'm told that Bob had gone home to be with family in his last days after fighting a battle with cancer. Certainly, all of our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

A member of The Rotary Club of Chagrin Valley, Bob served the District in numerous roles throughout the years. He was President of the Chagrin Valley Club in 2005-06 when he also served as Membership Chair of The Geauga Cluster of Clubs. He served the District as Membership Development, Retention, & Extension Chair in the 2006-07 Rotary year. During the 2007-2008 year, he served as Assistant Governor (Gauga Cluster) and as the District Membership & Extension Committee Chair. In addition, he held seats on the District 6630 Executive Committee, District 6630 Finance Committee, District 6630 Legislation & Bylaws Committee, District Conference Committee, and served as District Conference Committee Treasurer. For his efforts, Governor Prevette recognized Bob as Rotarian of the year in 2007-08. In 2008-09, Bob continued to serve as Assistant Governor and Membership & Extension Chair.

Those Rotarians wishing to send cards may address them to 121 Button Bush Drive, Chagrin Falls, OH 44022.

Yours in Rotary,
Rick Pollak, Dist. 6630 Executive Secretary

Rotary International Director Mary Beth Grosveny Selene and Past District Governor Alan Selene invite you to join them.

São Paulo, Brazil

2015 Rotary International Convention

Issue 4, January 2015

A Convention Testimonial...

"Attending my first RI Convention was a life changing experience. It opened eyes to a brand new view of what Rotary really was... people all over the world with diverse views and backgrounds coming together with a heart to make a significant difference in other's lives. It always amazes me each year that there are so many new things happening in the Rotary world... and they are highlighting once a year of our Annual Convention. My wife and I and I always look forward to seeing areas of the planet, renewing old and making new friendships, interacting with some of the best leadership, learning about the new programs/projects and enjoying the support/entertainment of the general sessions.

For me, there have been two very valuable outcomes... it has allowed me to widen my international network and help my club broaden its service footprint. For the first 65 years history of our club, we focused only on our local community. After attending a couple conventions, we started expanding our focus to include international projects.

Fourteen years later, we have from many of our members involved with these projects and half of our annual revenues. Our club members have caught the vision.

The Conventions are four delightful days of fun and fellowship. São Paulo is a great city full of culture and beauty. Come join us... our lives will be enriched!" - Wendell Christoff, District 6630

A Message from RID Mary Beth

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

Our 2015 Rotary International Convention is right around the corner. June will be here before you know it. The first deadline for registration passed on December 31. Please don't miss the next deadline. We would hate for you to miss this outstanding convention!

The primary sessions always bring us great speakers and entertainment. The breakout sessions will be shared with us shortly, and, as is the tradition of our great organization, they promise to be inspiring, motivating, and above all, interactive. In short, there is something for everyone at our conventions, not the least of which is fun and fellowship.

Our fellowship will begin with FRIDAY NIGHT LIGHTS in São Paulo. Please be sure that when you register for the convention, you go to our Zone 28-29 website at www.rotary.org to ensure that you are part of a great evening of food, fun, and most importantly, fellowship with the greatest Rotarians in the world.

We can't wait to see you in São Paulo!

Best Regards,
MB Grosveny Selene and Alan Selene
Rotary International Director 2015-2015

Housing and HOC Events also available online: www.rotconvention.org

It's Pancake Time Again

Burton-Rotary will be Flipping in Pancake Town USA. Voted the best in 2012 and 2013 by the readers of Sun Newspapers

Burton-Middlefield Rotary will be flipping pancakes again this March for the 64th year starting Sunday, March 1st, and continuing every Sunday in March. The Rotary Club will be serving their delicious pancake breakfasts that include real Geauga County maple syrup at Berkshire High School in Burton, Ohio from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Berkshire High School is located at 14510 N. Cheshire Street, Burton, Ohio a.k.a. Pancake Town USA.

In 2012 and 2013, the Burton Middlefield Rotary Pancake Breakfast was voted as the best Pancake Breakfast in Northeast Ohio by the readers of the Sun Newspapers. Customers also have the opportunity to purchase the Rotarian's "World Renowned Omelets" to go along with their pancakes. The Burton Middlefield Rotary has served over 260,000 pancake breakfasts since its inception in 1951. For more information please email BMR-pancakes@roadrunner.com or on-line at www.burtonmiddlefieldrotary.com.

The proceeds from these breakfasts go back to our community and internationally with many projects that include Rotary's initiative Polio Plus to eradicate polio throughout the world. This year's prices are adults \$8.00 for the pancake breakfasts, children 4 to 10 are \$5.00. You can add a World Renowned Omelet to your pancake breakfast for an additional \$3.00.

For more information, please contact:
Tracy A. Jemison
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Burton, OH 44021
Cell: 440-476-8486
email: bmrpancakes@roadrunner.com





The BW Rotaract Club members present an update on their activities. From the left are Devon Lindsay, Ryan Mays, Rotaract President Tayla Lindsay and Adviser Marc West.

Rotaract visits Rotary Club of Berea

The Rotaract Club at Baldwin Wallace University has been busy this year.

The club staged a car wash in September and a safe Trick or Treat Party in October, which attracted the largest turnout since Rotaract began the event several years ago. The club also staffed the Rotary booth at the city's Jack Frost Festival in December, handing out cocoa, cookies and popcorn.

Next on the agenda is the annual Rotaract fundraiser on April 14. This year, proceeds will go toward the Free Wheelchair Mission. Headquartered in California, this non-profit provides wheelchairs to people around the world who otherwise do not have access to them. So far, Free Wheelchair Mission has donated 800,000 chairs to people in 91 countries.

Club members who attended the Berea Rotary meeting on Jan. 27 were President Tayla Lindsay, a senior health care major; her brother Devon Lindsay, a freshman sports management and public relations major; and Ryan Mays, a senior majoring in business. Adviser is Marc West.

Rotary hosts business meeting: The Rotary Club of Berea hosted the quarterly

meeting of the Business Advisory Council of the Berea City School District in January. The council includes representatives of businesses and organizations within the school district. Its function is to mentor students and to support school programs. A member of Berea Rotary sits on the council. Around 40 council members attended the breakfast meeting, which was held in the Baldwin Wallace University Student Union. Representing Berea Rotary were Linda Kramer, Jamie White and Ken Clickenger. Rotarians explained Rotary's mission and distributed membership pamphlets and information.

Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction: Berea Rotary's annual Reverse Raffle/Silent Auction will be Saturday, March 21 in the Cleveland Browns Training Facility on Lou Groza Boulevard in Berea. Berea Rotary is the only civic organization with permission to use the Browns facility. Browns great Lou Groza was an active member of Berea Rotary.

Auction items up for bid include a signed Cleveland Browns helmet, sports memorabilia, wine, vacation packages and tickets to various sporting and entertainment events. There also will be sideboards and a 50/50 raffle.

A buffet dinner will be catered by Bucci's. The menu includes beef tenderloin brochettes, chicken piccata, penne pasta with marinara sauce, California vegetable medley, parmesan scalloped potatoes, antipasto, salad, finger pastries and beverages. There will be a cash bar.

Tickets are \$100. Proceeds will support Rotary's community projects, such as Shred Fest, Computer & Electronics Roundup, Scholarships, Rotaract, Interact and community events.

For tickets, contact Tom O'Donnell at (216) 712-6371 or e-mail tomandkate@prodigy.net.

Doors will open at 6 p.m. Parking will be in the Browns players' parking lot.

Are we Alone?

Are there aliens Around us?

The Cover of the February issue of Popular Science Magazine features a special report entitled Have We found Alien Life?

The Rotary Club of Mantua will present a Special Community Program centered around these issues. The speaker is Thomas Wertman State Director of MUFON of Ohio (Mutual UFO Network) He has many years of experience as a field investigator and officer in several organizations dedicated the study and investigation of UFO's and aliens. His investigations extend to Canada, United Kingdom, Puerto Rico and Cyprus.

The program will be on Tuesday Feb 24, at 7:00 Pm at Hilltop Christian Church 4572 Prospect St in Mantua It will be preceded by a Soup Supper starting at 6:00 pm in the downstairs meeting room. Soups will be home made by Rotarians & friends

Cost for soup supper & program is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for under 12. Talk only is \$5.00 Tickets can be purchased at Millers of Mantua, Mantua Station Drug Store, from any Rotarian or at the door on a first come basis

In conjunction with this event there is a centerpiece contest open to Middle school students at Crestwood Middle school. Prizes are \$100 first place, \$50. second place and \$25. third place.

Entries will be used at the event

Proceeds from this event will go toward ongoing Rotary Youth Programs

Spring Fling Fundraiser March 21st

The Rotary Clubs of North Ridgeville and Avon/Avon Lake will hold their annual Spring Fling Reverse Raffle on March 21, 2015, at Tom's Country Place located at 3442 Stoney Ridge Road, Avon, Ohio 44011. Festivities begin at 6 p.m.

For more than 20 years the clubs have partnered to present a fun evening filled with fellowship. And the price is right. For \$100 per couple you receive two dinners, an open bar and one chance at the grand prize of \$3,500. Flying solo? Single tickets are \$70 (one dinner, open bar and one chance at the grand prize). Not a gambler? You can still join us for food, drinks and fun for \$30. Extra chances at the big money can be purchased for \$50.



The fundraiser also features many sideboards, games of chance and silent and live auctions.

Funds raised go toward community and international service projects.

Interested in attending or donating a basket to be included in the silent auction? Call Traci Purdum, immediate Past President, at 440-353-3235. All gift basket donations will be acknowledged in the event program.

Hope to see you there!

North Ridgeville To Host 17th Annual Easter Egg Hunt

Have you ever witnessed 10,000 Easter eggs being scooped up in under 5 minutes? The folks at the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville have – and they are gearing up for the next hunt on March 28 at Ranger Stadium, which is located at the corner of Center Ridge Road and State Route 83.

The bell sounds at 2 p.m. alerting area children (ages 1 through 9) that they can start scavenging for eggs. The football field is separated into four different age categories to ensure everyone has a fair chance and the little ones don't get run over by the older kids. Each of the 10,000 eggs has candy and 350 of the eggs also contain a prize slip that can be redeemed for age-appropriate gifts. Three grand prizes are also in the mix – brand new bicycles (the 1- to 3-year-olds get a different grand prize).

The service project was started by Patricia Blakely (Paul Harris Fellow, Past President and future President Elect) and Kerry Mueller (Paul Harris Fellow, Past President and current secretary). Each year the duo has refined the program. Today it is running like a well-oiled machine, according to Blakely.

"We've tried many different approaches and we've finally found a routine that works," says Blakely. "This is one of our more popular service projects. Many mem-

bers participate, and that's a good thing because it takes many hands to make this program happen."

The funds for gifts, eggs and candy come from the North Ridgeville Rotary Club Charitable Fund Inc., which is a 501(c)3. The elbow grease comes from members. Each year the club schedules an egg-cleaning meeting (to salvage what eggs it can from the previous year) and also an egg-stuffing meeting. Throughout the year Blakely and her husband, Warren (Paul Harris Fellow, Past President [two terms], Past Assistant District Governor and benefactor), spearhead the prize collection process along with fellow Rotarians. The Blakelys' living room is filled with toys. Volunteers also include members' friends and family, who have come to love the program as much as the Rotarians.

The day of the event calls for all hands on deck to not only distribute the eggs, but to man each quadrant of the football field to make sure no one jumps the gun and grabs eggs before the bell sounds. Once the field has been picked clean of eggs, Rotarians hustle to the prize booths to hand out gifts. According to Blakely, all of the day-of activities are orchestrated by Mueller. "Kerry has it down to a science."

It is estimated that well over 1,000 children participate in the Easter Egg Hunt.

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Painesville Rotary Reverse Raffle Spring Fling!

In partnership with
Painesville Area Chamber of Commerce
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FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 2015
\$2,000 MAIN BOARD PRIZE!

Tickets: \$100/per couple
Includes one main board chance, open bar, fabulous hors d'oeuvres, main course buffet, dessert buffet
Great Chinese Auction, Wine Wheel, Secret Door and Liquor Raffle

ONE ADDITIONAL MAIN BOARD CHANCE MAY BE PURCHASED FOR \$50 AT THE TIME OF ONLINE REGISTRATION
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RSVP BY MARCH 6, 2015

REGISTER AT:
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6:00 Cocktails
7:00 Dinner
8:00 Main Board Pull
8:30 – 11:30 Dancing to the Brian Dorr Band

Proceeds will benefit:
High School drama programs, Forbes House, 3rd grade dictionary program, high school academic scholarships to Riverside and Thomas W. Harvey, 4-Way speech competition, Willoughby Fine Arts, Lake County Free Clinic, Camp Star Obbers, Downtown Painesville Organization and many small local charities

4-Way Test Speech Competition - Just Around the Corner!

Yes, that's right! The Four Way Test Speech Competition is just around the corner. Everything is set for a successful event which will take place on April 11th at the Aurora High School in Aurora, Ohio. Bright, high school age individuals will be doing their best to connect Rotary's four way test motto to the various subjects they have chosen for their speeches. As in prior competitions, those in attendance and competing will be reminded of the importance and value of the 4 Way Test motto and will be inspired by the student's perspectives and application of this motto to everyday life in the world in which we live.

No flyers have been delivered as of this past weekend for inclusion in the packet of information each student will be receiving. If your club has an event this year that you want to publicize, this is your last chance to do so. The flyers must be delivered to Scott Pease by March 4th. Please do not bring any flyers for distribution on the day of the event.

All registrations will take place at the event. Doors will open at 8:00am and forms will be available in the entry way of the school prior to the actual start of registration. Registration will begin at 8:10 a.m.

Once your students are registered, there will be an opportunity for the students to see the rooms where they will be delivering their speeches. National Honor Society students from Aurora High School will be leading small groups to the rooms for pre-

viewing. A continental breakfast and beverages will be served in the school cafeteria and ALL are invited to relax and enjoy breakfast before the competition begins.

After a short introduction, the judges, parents and/or friends will be asked to proceed to the classrooms of their choice where they will hear the contestants deliver their speeches. After the first round of speeches are completed, everyone will get a 15 minute break and then proceed to the auditorium for the finals. Upon completion of the last set of speeches our judging staff will proceed to the cafeteria and collect their lunches first. Students and all others attending the event are also invited to enjoy a tasty lunch of sandwiches, fruits and salads, along with a choice of beverage and a dessert.

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

The top 5 finalists will be invited to deliver their speeches at the District Conference which will be held on the weekend of April 25th, 2015. This is a great privilege for the students who have invested their time and talents, so please remember to mention this opportunity to them.

See everyone on April 11th!

Sincerely,
Scott Pease, Chairman - 4 Way Test Speech Competition

Grant \$\$ Available!!!

Is your club interested in taking advantage of matching grant dollars from The Rotary Foundation (TRF) in the 2015-16 Rotary year? Sign up for one of the upcoming Grant Management Seminars (GMS).

All clubs interested in using matching dollars from TRF for a District or Global project in the 2015-16 Rotary year, must have two members attend one of the two remaining GMSs.

Register online at the District website for the last opportunity:

Thursday, March 5, 2015 Mayfield Library 6:30 - 8:30pm



Rotary's Learning Center



[Enhance your leadership skills](#)

Rotary's Learning Center puts professional development right at your fingertips. You'll find a variety of interactive courses that will help you navigate Rotary's online tools or develop leadership skills to prepare for a new Rotary role. It is just one of the resources Rotary has developed to make your membership more rewarding.

[Read more about the Learning Center](#)
[Register for a course in the Learning Center](#)

[Join a discussion about Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

How Healthy is Your Club?

[How healthy is your club?](#)

Healthy clubs regularly ask themselves whether the benefits they offer match the expectations of their members. Is your club fun? Are members connecting, developing friendships, and finding rewarding service opportunities? At a recent training event for incoming leaders, Michael McQueen, a member of the Rotary Club of Crows Nest, New South Wales, Australia, spoke about why club leaders must be willing to try new things.

[Read about McQueen's presentation](#)
[Download Club Assessment Tools](#)

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Thursday, March 5, 2015 Mayfield Li-

Remembering Rotarians

This is the first call for a representative of all Rotary clubs in District 6630 to send to me the names of any of your members who have passed since our last recognition ceremony at last year's District Conference. If you have a name(s) from your club please send the following information to Immediate Past District Governor Bob Johnson:

1. Name of deceased Rotarian
2. Age at time of death
3. Number of years of service as a Rotarian
4. Club of which they were a member
5. Any leadership positions ie: club president and year(s), district governor, district committee position(s), etc.
6. Family contact person (phone or e-mail)

SEND TO: Robert Johnson
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Lakewood High Interact

The Lakewood High Interact Club of the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Club used funds from their treasury to shop for the children at Providence House. After picking out teddy bears for their gifts, they ate at the Thai Kitchen, a restaurant owned by the family of one of our advisors, Jenny Suramee.



TRC Kent, Where Every Rotarian Means EVERY ROTARIAN!

When Carol Crimi, president of the Rotary Club of Kent, asked me to chair the Every Rotarian Every Year campaign last summer, my first response was "Yes". My second response was "What did I get myself into?" I knew very little about EREY. In my 5 years as a Rotarian, I had heard of it, but it was never something that was given a lot of emphasis. It was mentioned every fall, but I really didn't know much about the purpose nor how our club did as far as fundraising.

So I read up on it and added 2 very valuable fellow Rotarians to the committee. Anthony Horton, the principal of our local Middle School came on board first. He had been a Rotarian about a year, and like me, knew little about the project. Ralph Kletzien, a long-time member and former president of our club, joined next. He knew most of the long-time members and brought much credibility to our drive.

The first step was for us to buy in to the goals of EREY. If we were to sell the concept to other members, we had to first believe in it ourselves. After several meetings with President Carol, we were convinced it was a project worth doing and doing right. The history of our club's participation wasn't very impressive, averaging about 25-35%, with total funds collected in the \$4-6,000 range. We set our modest monetary goal at \$6,000 for our 111 members. But we decided we wanted 100% of our members to participate, even if they gave only \$5.

Our first objective was to get other club's members to buy in to the philosophy, just like Anthony, Ralph and I did. We made a presentation at our lunch meeting to kick off the drive, explaining how National would use the money collected and how a percentage would come back to the District. Anthony had the art department at Stanton Middle School make a big thermometer chart so we could track our progress. We used Ralph's research to show our members past contributions, and coaxed everyone we could do so much better. Then we waited to see how the pledges and checks would start coming in.

But we didn't just wait. We knew there would be a flurry the first week or two

and then things would slow down or stop. Anticipating this, we split up those who hadn't contributed or pledged among the 3 of us, and sent each member a personal email, detailing our progress and urging them to join their fellow Rotarians by jumping on the band wagon. That tactic proved to be very successful, and before we knew it, upwards of 60% of the members had donated.

Buoyed by several large donations, we passed our goal of \$6,000 and exceeded the suggested average of \$100 per Rotarian. At each meeting, we implored our members to help us edge closer to that 100% mark, pointing out that we had already exceeded our monetary goal, so now we were concentrating on full participation - at any dollar amount. The pledges continued, mostly at the \$100 level, but some at \$25 and some at \$500 and even \$1000.

Finally, we were down to the last 10 who had not committed. More emails and personal phone calls were made until we finally got everyone in the fold. Some member were wintering in Florida, so it took extra effort to track them down, but we never gave up. Other members travelled extensively in their jobs, and they too, required extra work. Paul Organ, a club member who was not on the committee, offered his assistance to help bring everyone into the fold. His persistence helped us contact every member.

At the very end of the campaign, we received a \$2,000 donation from the estate of our late President Dan Smith, who passed away earlier last year, which he had designated for this cause. When the dust settled, we had gotten 111 of 111 members to donate and we topped the \$14,000 mark for an average of over \$125 per member - all records for our club.

It was accomplished by a combination of many factors: teamwork from our committee and other members not on the committee, a generous membership, a clear-cut goal, the backing and commitment of our President, up to date tracking and record keeping, persistence and tenacity. In the end, it was simply a great group of Rotarians who responded to a very worthwhile goal.

TRC Rocky River Swim-a-thon

Fundraising Swim-a-thon Scheduled for March 1 in Rocky River. Join us in making a big splash for our Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River and Girls With Sole at an upcoming swim-a-thon! Girls With Sole is a unique, not-for-profit organization that is committed to providing programs to empower the minds, bodies and souls of girls who are at-risk or have experienced abuse of any kind. Rotary member and Event Coordinator Harlan Radford is pleased to announce that he is planning to conduct a joint fundraiser at the Rocky River Recreation Center swimming pools on Sunday, March 1. Authorized supervisory personnel and Red Cross certified life guards. The time for this event is scheduled from 8:30am to 10:30am at the recreation facility located at 21012 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44116. Rotary Club members are encouraged to either directly participate in the swim and obtain pledges from their spon-

sors or make a donation to support someone who will be swimming. Harlan Radford has indicated that he will be swimming 100 lengths of the 25-yard pool to personally help raise money for these two very worthy organizations. This event has been very successful over the past four years and we are asking for your support. Sign-up sheets will be provided at our Rotary Club meetings during the month of February. Any individuals will be on site for safewishing to register to swim and/or donate on the morning of our swim, March 1, are most welcome and invited to join us. A registration table will be set up in the lobby of the recreation center on the day of our swim-a-thon and we encourage visitors to feel free to drop in and observe the proceedings. Refreshments will also be available for all swimmers in the Party Room. Kindly direct all inquiries to Harlan Radford at harlanrjr@yahoo.com

Successful Vocational Training Team Continues

The VTT project involving Rotary District 6630, Akron Children's Hospital and Gift-of-Life-Northeast Ohio is still going strong. The intensive six week training program at ACH that involved 7 health care specialists from St. Damien's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti last October is about to enter its second phase. A team of eight specialists from ACH including:

Dr. Jeff Kempf - Emergency Physician,
Dir. Of Pediatric Global Health Partners
And team leader

Dr. John Pope - pediatric intensivist
Chris Weisbrod - hospital administrator

Jenifer Fitch - hospital administrator
of global health

David Kahajda - biotech specialist

Cassie Karish - pharmacist

Erin Rosen - PICU nurse (pediatric
intensive care)

Tracy Herstich - PICU nurse

This team that forms the second phase of the VTT will arrive in Haiti in early March, set up the pediatric intensive care unit at St. Damien's and begin the final screenings of young patients for heart surgery. They will be joined and teamed

up with other Gift-of-Life affiliated surgeons from France and Italy, seven nurses from New York and Boston and other many other specialists that will work alongside our VTT team from ACH. They plan on doing 12 children's heart surgeries over a six day period, conduct teaching and training sessions and then return home. The training of support staff that took place at ACH last October will put their new developed skills to work with the team.

This is all geared to culminate someday with a fully trained and staffed team of pediatric surgeons at St. Damien's Hospital that will finally bring life saving heart surgeries to young children in a country that had none available before.

This has truly been a great example of Rotary's humanitarian work throughout the world, the compassion and dedication of the caring and giving staff at ACH and the incredible dedication to better child health from Gift-of-Life-Northeast Ohio.

Mentor's Woodworking Rotarians

For Mentor Rotary's February Woodworking project at Broadmoor School we helped the kids make foot stools. We had 7 Rotarians and 16 students. We helped



the kids assemble and paint and then we put heart shape stickers on each end of the stool. Mentor Rotary does these woodworking projects the second Monday



of each school month. This month the local newspaper The News-Herald decided



to do an article on Broadmoor and Mentor Rotary

ShelterBox Seeks Rotarian Involvement

Shelter Box USA has developed two roles for Rotarians to become involved in Shelter Box as team member. As most of you may know Shelter Box is a project partner of the Rotary Foundation.

AMBASSADOR - The face of Shelter Box in our communities: Our Ambassadors are tasked with making contact with Rotary Clubs as well as service clubs, religious, professional and youth groups. With that they explain to them the Shelter Box mission, thus building awareness of the organization through their public engagement.

ROTARY CLUB LAISON - This person will receive deployment updates and access to pertinent webinar educations so you can be "in the know" and share disaster relief information with their Rotary Club.

Webinars: There are two Rotary specific webinars which will be of help to you to become better verse and explain our Rotary Project

Partnership relationship. One is titled ROTARY: AT HOME AND IN THE FIELD and the other is a Detailed LOOK INTO THE ROTARY PARTNERSHIP.

As your club president/president elect or Club Rotarian representing your Rotary Club, IF YOU WOULD LIKE to become a member of the Shelter Box USA team, please contact PDG Jack A. Young, Shelter Box Board of Director (2007-2014 and 2015 Board of Director Emeritus at 440-759-4000 or Jack1vlila@aol.com.

Remember our mission is to provide shelter warmth and dignity to those in the world who have lost everything from all types of disasters. A special thank you to Rotary Clubs, Rotarians and friends of Rotary who continue to provide help so that we can continue our mission.

Club Shares Speaker Contact

The Rotary Club of Nardon Hills recently had a great speaker for one of our club meetings that expressed an interest in speaking to other clubs in the Cleveland area. His name is Steve Taylor and he is the recently retired Cleveland Zoo Director Emeritus and a past member of the Cleveland Rotary Club. The title of his presentation was "Adventures of a Zoo Director". He chronicles his life and the development of the Cleveland Zoo in particular during his tenure as director. He interjects some funny episodes that had our group in stitches. His presentation is guaranteed to be a hit for any club.

Mr. Taylor's email address is staylorzoo@icloud.com.

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The Rotary Club of Fairlawn Fundraiser March 28th: Speakeasy Charity Casino

Fairlawn, Ohio: The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will host its fifth annual **Speakeasy Charity Casino Fundraiser** on March 28th, from 6:00 -10:30, at Fairlawn Country Club. The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will join forces with Stewart's Caring Place to make this a very special event in our community.

The Rotary Club of Fairlawn has raised over \$1 million for children in this community and around the world since 1964. Through the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, this year's proceeds will help local organizations that support children's education, health and welfare. Stewart's Caring Place will also be receiving proceeds from this event.

The Speakeasy Charity Casino will be a fun-filled evening of dancing to a live band and games where everyone's a winner. Guests at Fairlawn Country Club will enjoy a nostalgic 1930 speakeasy atmosphere with professionally run simulated poker, blackjack, craps, roulette and slot machines (all proceeds from the evening go to charity). Visits to gourmet food stations, raffle entries for fabulous prizes, a cash bar, a "best-dressed" costume contest and fun at the gaming tables are included in the ticket price of \$100 per person. Of course, the real winners will be Stewart's Caring Place and the charities and children of our community.

The spring fundraiser is one of the ways Fairlawn Rotary Foundation raises money for local organizations and schools. The club's efforts to support local charities and build goodwill throughout the community stem from Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." Rotary's compassion stretches well beyond the Akron community as it works to combat polio, poverty and illiteracy on national and international levels.

To order tickets to the Speakeasy Charity Casino, please contact Eric Hutchins at 330-510-0890 or visit www.fairlawnrotary.com. Corporate sponsorships are also available starting at \$350. If you are unable to attend the event, but would like to help, please send checks to the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, Inc. at P.O. Box 13063, Fairlawn, Ohio 44334. The Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3).

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- FULL page ad in the event program AND ad in Afternoon At The Races Program
- 2 minute presentation at BOTH lunch and dinner
- 1 complimentary lunch AND dinner

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

- Your Logo Displayed on every table during mealtime
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- 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 Afternoon At The Races
- 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

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