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District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

Thank you for allowing me to be part of your District Leadership team. I am blessed to be following many strong and dedicated Past District Governors as well as many new members stepping into leadership roles in the District.

Several committee chairs will be contributing articles to this newsletter in an effort to continue to help support and strengthen our clubs so we may all continue to focus our efforts and increase humanitarian service throughout the world.

If you have not already met Lance Chima, you will! He is serving as our District Membership Chair and has been making the rounds to Clubs. He is here to help you in any way possible and is experienced in creating club membership service plans along with growth and retention strategies.

A new team this year is our Public Image committee chaired by Julie Brandle. Many members from Clubs in the District have already joined Julie's team. In the coming paragraphs you will read about our Rotary voice and branding guidelines and how Julie and her team can help your Club!

Immediate Past District Governor, Mike Davanzo will now lead our District Training initiatives including our new ONE ROTARY SUMMIT, which will NOT be a typical training

experience!

There are many people who make up your District 6630 Leadership Team — each of them is a gift to the world and to this District. They all make a difference because of their willingness to give of their time, talents and treasures to our Clubs and to others. Please feel free to call or email me or any of your District team for support. We are here to help you!

JOIN LEADERS / EXCHANGE IDEAS / TAKE ACTION

Often, in business we are faced with making tough decisions and must do what is best for the long-term health of the company. Organizations such as Rotary are not any different. For more than 100 years, Rotary has united leaders committed to applying their expertise to better their communities. We need to bring our stories to life and this requires champions across all levels, groups and functions within the organization.

If we don't change, we cannot continue to be a vibrant organization - the number one service organization in the world! History shows that ignoring or missing a major trend or behavioral shift can have significant and often detrimental effects on brand survival. Some organizations never recover, but

others, such as Rotary, have learned how to revitalize their brand. In 2011, Rotary embarked on a multiyear initiative to strengthen our image and expand public understanding of what Rotary does.

Now, in 2015 — this revitalization continues and it requires each of us to embrace the new voice of Rotary and new Rotary Wheel and Mark of Excellence.

What exactly does this mean?

Our voice is the unique tone and style in which we communicate. It is important that we are unified in how we communicate — speaking, writing and designing in one voice, look, feel and sound that is unmistakably "Rotary".

By centering our communication on three core ideas, we reinforce what Rotary stands for, how we're different and why it matters today. These three core ideas provide the clarity and focus to help every Rotary member answer the question "What is Rotary":

- Rotary **joins leaders** from all continents, cultures and occupations.
- We **exchange ideas**, bringing our expertise and diverse perspectives to help solve some of the world's toughest problems.
- And we **take action** to bring lasting change to our

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communities around the world.

For more examples of Our Voice, please refer to the Voice and Visual Identity Guide that was provided this year to each Club President. It may also be downloaded at Rotary.org.

The Rotary Brand Center at Rotary.org includes tools for your Club that allow you to create your Club logo, download theme logo, Rotary Wheel and Mark of Excellence and business cards. Remember when you are promoting the good works of your Club, you must associate your Club name with the use of the Mark

of Excellence. In addition, the Brand Center offers a template for a Club Brochure.

Having trouble or need guidance on the use of the Mark of Excellence or our voice guidelines? To help Clubs, we have established a District Public Image Committee being led by Julie Brandle. This committee is ready to assist you. We do not have the man/woman power to design your Club materials or write your press releases, but we are here to help and guide you in your efforts.

ONE ROTARY

*Coming October 17, 2015 to
District 6630:*

A synergistic learning experience for ALL Rotarians!

Attention enthusiastic Rotarians! ONE ROTARY SUMMIT joins together Rotary leaders to exchange ideas on energizing and boosting your club for growth, service and public interaction.

Rotarians are Leaders! All club members are welcome, with a strong emphasis on club leadership. Engage fresh new thinking and take home hands-on tools to strengthen membership, public image and involvement in Foundation programs.

Location: 700 Beta Confer-

ence Center / Beta Drive,
Mayfield OH Time: 8am-
12:30 PM

More information to come!
Registration will open soon!!

YOU ARE A GIFT

Thank you for making a difference in your clubs, communities and throughout the world through the gift of your vocation, by assisting with service projects, drafting a new member, leading and mentoring fellow Rotarians or by providing financial support. You are the reason Rotary is the number one service organization in the world!

Let's Honor Rotarian Veterans

Again this year our district is encouraging Rotary Clubs in District 6630 to honor their Rotary Veterans in November. Last year we had a dozen clubs honor 100 Rotarians who are Veterans by giving them an Armed Forces Rotary Lapel Pin.

For those clubs who did not participate last year and for those clubs who inducted new Rotarians who were Veterans this past year, you are encouraged to join in this special recognition. In addition, if your club had a Veteran member who has passed, you can consider inviting family members to a special Rotary meeting in which you can present this special Veteran/Rotary Pin.

Along with the presentation do not forget to invite a representative from the local news media to be present. This

certainly falls into our Public Image objective for each club. PDG Jack Young has put together a short presentation that he can present at each Veteran/Rotarian ceremony.

If you wish to participate in this special process in honoring our Veterans/Rotarians in November of 2015, please feel free to Contact PDG Jack Young by August 31 so that Pins can be ordered. The cost to the Rotary Club will be around \$ 4.00 for each Pin Ordered.

Thank you to all Rotarians who served or are serving our Country. You certainly have followed our Rotary Motto "Service Above Self"

For more information please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young at 440-759-4000 or Jacklvilla@aol.com.

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Rotary Mourns Tragic Loss of DGE Richard Farkas

The following is from an email sent to all Rotarians from RI Director Jennifer Jones

Dear Rotary Family and Friends

It is with a heavy heart that I write this message today to let you know that Dick Farkas passed away this morning. Many of you met and got to know Dick over the years - he served as our District Trainer for several years, was in line to serve as our 2016-17 District Governor and had been working diligently on the Foundation Centennial Committee for the 2016 celebration in Cleveland. He was a long standing Rotarian, most recently serving in the Akron club and has had a tremendous impact on our District. For those of you who might not have known Dick as well, the biography that he wrote for his year as DGE is attached.

He was my friend and mentor and was a deeply private person regarding his health. The family has requested continued privacy but Dick had asked me a couple weeks ago to make sure people knew it was not anything he contacted while at the convention in Brazil - he had not felt well for a couple months and only found out the seriousness of his condition in recent weeks. Dick never wavered from a positive attitude - a week ago Saturday he called me to ensure he had all the dates on his calendar that he needed to attend. Dick's attitude, energy and incredible focus will truly be missed.

Condolences may be sent to his family at the following address:

Lynda Farkas and Family
4690 Whyem Drive
New Franklin, OH 44319
Please continue to keep Dick's family in your thoughts and prayers.

What follows is the bio Dick submitted upon accepting the DG Nomination

Richard and his wife, Lynda, live on the eastern shore of Turkeyfoot Lake, in the Portage Lakes, just south of Akron, Ohio. During the summers, their two sons, Steve and Bob, join them

with their wives, Laurie and Emily, and the four grandchildren Alex, Austin, Matthew and Jackson. Together they swim, fish, tube, ski, eat, and make the most of being together. The families have always lived in distant states, so time together is always very special.

Richard was born in Massillon, Ohio and his family moved to Hollywood, Florida when he was eight years old. What a great place South Florida

Just before arriving on campus at Florida, Richard joined the Navy Reserve as an enlisted man. He served as a Navy Hospital Corpsman for four years while attending the University of Florida and saw his first service at sea during the Cuban Missile Crisis. Immediately following graduation, he earned his Air Force officer's commission at Air Force Officer Training School.

For 25 years, the Air Force directed him into positions of responsibility that he never could have imagined. The main focus of his career was in nuclear alert weapons operations, space operations and early warning systems supporting the President and the National Command Authority. He spent half his career serving underground.

Richard's first assignments were as an Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) launch officer, launch crew commander, crew instructor and evaluator. Later assignments in operations included leading alert teams inside the Cheyenne Mountain Complex, Colorado; commander of a Space Command intelligence gathering squadron; senior alert team leader in the Strategic Air Command

"underground"; and, as commander of the free world's most powerful nuclear alert force with 5,000 dedicated professionals under his command.

Throughout his career, Richard did his fair share of staff work with headquarters assignments at Strategic Air Command, Space Command and two assignments at Air Force headquarters in the Pentagon.



Richard is a proud graduate of the National War College in Washington, DC, a college jointly sponsored by the U.S. Departments of State and Defense, which gave him unique insights to federal and foreign government operations, and prepared him for assignments that would follow his graduation. On

many occasions he represented the United States Air Force in contact with national and international leaders, the President of the United States, military leaders, including officers of the Soviet Union, NATO and local, national and international news media journalists.

Richard will be forever grateful for the outstanding professionals who've surrounded him for so many years, even to this day. Whether they were mentors, models of leadership, or individuals whose life experiences had shaped them uniquely, these professionals contributed to his growth and perspective on life and service. Today Richard continues to learn from the dedicated professional Rotarians with whom he has the honor to serve.

After living in 12 states over 25 years, Richard retired from the Air Force. He started a 20-year second career in the financial services industry through the assistance of a fellow Rotarian. Selling insurance and securities

transformed to senior officer positions in financial services firms. In 2007, he formed a company, Farkas Group, LLC, to help businesses advance to their next level of performance. His clients are in Ohio and Florida.

When not at work and not involved in Rotary activities, Richard helps his church with strategic planning and their program development. He also volunteers his time to the University of Florida to help them with their planning and academic program development. He finds that sharing his time, talents and treasure with Rotary, his church and his alma mater to be very rewarding.

While commanding the Air Force wing based in Cheyenne, Wyoming, the Rotary Club of Cheyenne offered Richard an Honorary Rotary membership. After he retired from the Air Force to the Virginia suburbs of Washington, DC, the Rotary Club of Cheyenne alerted the Rotary Club of Annandale, VA telling them Richard should be an Active Rotarian. He was asked to join and within four years was elected their club president.

Richard and Lynda moved from Virginia to Akron's Portage Lakes Area in 1997. Richard is a past president of the Rotary Club of Akron and has been District 6630 Trainer the past few years. He's also a member of the Commerce Club of Akron, where he served as president. Richard is looking forward to serving as District 6630's Governor in 2016-2017, the year the Rotary world will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of Arch C. Klumph's founding of the Rotary Foundation. As the home of Arch C. Klumph, District 6630 will lead local events and activities at the 2017 Rotary international Convention in Atlanta, Georgia to honor the memory of Arch C. Klumph, and celebrate the good works of The Rotary Foundation.

A Message From the District Nominating Committee Chair

Rotary International By-laws require that future District Governors be selected between 24 and 30 months prior to the start of the Rotary Year in which they will serve as Governor. It is time to begin the process of identifying candidates for District Governor.

Unfortunately this year, we must select two individuals. We need to select a District Governor Nominee (DGN) who will serve as District Governor during the 2017-18 year and the District Governor Nominee Designate (DGND) who will serve during the 2018-2019 Rotary year.

Due to the timing of training for the DGN we have been granted by RI the ability to move more quickly for that position. Therefore the following dates are in place.

DGN: Applications are due by July 29, 2015

Interviews will be during the week of August 3, 2015

Successful Candidate needs to attend the Zone training Wed - Fri Sept 9, 10, 11, 2015

Successful Candidate needs to attend the Zone Institute Fri - Sun, Sept 11 - 13, 2015

The Zone events are in Detroit, MI.

DGND:

Applications are due by September 14, 2015

Interviews will be during the week of September 21, 2015

To do so, I ask any Club that wishes to propose a candidate to the Nominating Committee to take the following steps:

Make sure that that your proposed candidate meets the qualifications in article 15 section 15.070 of the Rotary International Bylaws (<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/document/468>).

These qualifications include:

Be a Rotarian in good standing of an active Club in our District

Have served a full year as Club President or have served a full term (at least six months) as Charter President of a new Club from the date of charter to June 30.

Be willing to fulfill the duties of and responsibilities of the office of Governor, demonstrating commitment and ability, both physical and otherwise.

At the time of taking office as Governor, must have attended the International Assembly (to be held in January, 2017 - DGN, 2018 DGND) and have been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least seven (7) years.

Insure that your proposed candidate understands the responsibilities of the District Governor as outlined in the attachment.

Have your proposed candidate complete and sign the attached District Governor Nominee Additional Information form.

Complete the attached Governor Nominee Form with all required signatures and send it along with the District Governor Nominee Additional Information form to District Nominating Committee Chair PDG Michael P. Davanzo, 4050 N. Huntington Street, Medina, Ohio 44256. (or scan and email to Mike at mdavanzo@zoominternet.net).

All proposed candidate documents must be received no later than the day before the interview.

The 2015-2016 Nominating Committee will interview proposed candidates and select a District Governor Nominee and Nominee Designate. The Nominating Committee members are:

Bob Baisch (Medina)
Brian Bialik (Kent)
Donna Kovolyan (Ravenna)
Tracy Jemison (Burton Middlefield)
Jackie Minotas (Hillcrest SR)
Cheryl Noviski (Mentor)
John Sobotincic (Shaker Hts.)
John Turnbull (Strongsville)
Steve Warren (Akron)
Lou-Ann Wilkinson (Ashtabula)
PDG Jack Young (Conneaut)
PDG Michael P. Davanzo (Medina SR)-
Chair

Members of the 2015-2016 Nominating Committee are not eligible to be proposed for District Governor 2017-2018 and 2018-2019.

Please note and advise your proposed candidate that, as provided in the Rotary International Bylaws, campaigning for the office of District Governor is not permitted. Brochures, literature, letters or any form of communication promoting a candidate are not to be distributed or circulated by a candidate or others on the candidate's behalf. The bylaws further provide that under certain circumstances the Rotary International Board may disqualify a candidate from election who violates the provision prohibiting campaigning for the position.

Thank you for your assistance with this very important process.

Mike

Michael P. Davanzo
2015-2016 Nominating Committee Chair
Rotary District 6630 Governor, 2014-2015
mdavanzo@zoominternet.net
330-441-1507 cell

CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORM FOR DISTRICT GOVERNOR POSITION FOR 2017/2018 and 2018 - 2019 YEARS

Each year in every Rotary District the Nominating Committee selects a person to serve in the strong of District Governors. This year we will be selecting the person to serve for the 2017/2018 and 2018/2019 Rotary years. This seems like a long way off but speaking from experience, the more planning and prep time you have preparing for the DGN position, the better job you can do.

I am asking all club presidents and Assistant Governors to give careful consideration to any Rotarian in the district that they feel would be a good candidate for this assignment and fill out and return this form to me by 11/14/14.

NAME OF PROPOSED CANDIDATE: _____

HOME CLUB: _____

PAST ROTARY JOBS AND ASSIGNMENTS (Club and/or District):

Contact
information: _____

Return to: Michael P. Davanzo (H) 330-725-3176
4050 North Huntington St
Medina, Ohio 44256 © 330-441-1507
mdavanzo@zoominternet.net

**Click here for all necessary
application forms for DG
Candidates for 2017-2018 and 2018-
2019 Rotary Years**



RI Announces New Delegation Tool

Dear club, district, and regional officers:

As part of several recent updates to My Rotary, we're pleased to announce that we've added Delegation, a new tool that will help you carry out your responsibilities more efficiently. If you have a club, district, or regional role, you can now delegate your role-based access in Rotary.org with fellow Rotarians so that you can share tasks and responsibilities to better serve your club. [See an example of the Delegation landing page.](#)

A few key points about Delegation:

- Even though you are sharing your role-based access, no personal information, including your profile or My Rotary discussions, will be shared.
- You will not lose your role-based access if it is shared with another club member.
- You can only share access with someone under the same organizational umbrella. For example, club access can only be given to a fellow club member and district access can only be given to a member of the same district.

You can end shared access at any time.

Go to My Rotary to [learn how it works](#). If you have questions, ask us at rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org.

CHESTERLAND ROTARY-MASINDI EDUCATION FOUNDATION 2015 COMBINED GOLF TOURNAMENT

August 12, 2015

*Fowler's Mill Golf Course
13055 Rockhaven Road
Chesterland, OH 44026
PH: 440-729-7269
Pro-Shop: Geoff Koller*

Cost: \$125 per person includes:
continental breakfast, lunch, 18 holes of
golf with cart, steak or swordfish dinner
and open bar all day.

Schedule: 8:00 am registration, 10:00
am shotgun start, 3:00-4:00 pm cocktail
hour (open bar), 4:30 pm dinner and
prize presentations after dinner

Prizes: You have a chance to win a 2015
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Your prompt reply by August 7th assures your team time.

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Richmond Road, Bedford Heights, OH 44116 ~ PH: 216-464-5300 ~ FX: 216-464-8185 ~ Email:

bob_semrak_jr@semrakkitchens.com

Another Tragedy Strikes District Leadership Team

On Wednesday morning I received a call from DGE Jack Miasowski's daughter let me know that he had suffered a stroke. At the time, they did not know the severity. Late last night, she informed me that the stroke is quite serious and will require an extensive amount of recovery time. Jack has left-side paralysis and impaired speech.

His daughter consulted with him, the family, and his doctor and they agreed that he must step down as DGE. It was also decided that returning to the DGN position was not feasible due to the unknown recovery time. As a result, the process for the selection of a DGE, DGN AND DGND is outlined below.

Please keep Jack and his family in your thoughts and prayers. The family has requested that there be no visitors at this time. Cards can be sent to:
17158 Golden Star Dr.
Strongsville, OH 44136

Club Presidents/Secretaries - please inform your Club members of this situation accordingly.

PROCESS FOR SELECTING NEW DGE / DGN / DGND:

With great guidance and support from Nominating Committee Chair, PDG Mike Davanzo, RI Director Jennifer Jones and with the concurrence of RI's General Counsel we

have established the following process to be used to select our new DGE. The candidate and interview process will continue to be handled through our Nominating Committee.

The DGE candidate pool will now be those candidates that were submitted for the DGN position. The submission period for DGN ended July 29th. PDG Mike Davanzo has determined that these candidates meet the qualifications for District Governor. He has also spoken with each of these candidates and each has agreed to be considered for DGE.

PDG Mike is working with the Nominating Committee to find a date, as early as this coming week, for the candidate interviews. Once a selection is made, the usual steps will be followed.

The period for submission of DGN candidates will be extended. PDG Mike will contact those who expressed an interest in DGND and ask if they would consider the DGN position. The submission period is still open for DGND and ends September 14th.


Please encourage anyone you feel would make a good candidate for either DGN or DGND to submit their papers.

Thank you for your ongoing support and service.

Sincerely,


Cheryl Warren

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1140 SW 8th Street
One Rotary Center
SAC, Rotaract Avenue
Columbus, IL 62201-3008

Phone: 847-890-3302 Fax: 847-556-2300
E-mail: info@rotary.org



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Don't Be Afraid to MAKE WAVES!

By Dr. "Captain" Rob McGregor

Rotarians are not afraid to challenge status quo and make a difference in our communities. So how could we shy away from literally making waves for great cause?

Looking for a great way for your Rotary club to serve, build better friendships and improve teamwork while getting a new kind of workout? Explore the opportunity to sponsor a dragon boat for your local Dragon Boat Festival. All proceeds go to supporting breast cancer survivors. I had been introduced to the sport of Dragon Boat racing by a friend and co-worker when in Philadelphia. When one of our own, Susan Coville-Hall, introduced the concept of Rotarians volunteering to help at the race, I thought it was a great oppor-



tunity to build a team and compete. The club stalwarts were a bit skeptical at first but I think all 24 of us became converts when this abstract concept became a reality. The Akron Rotary WAVEMAKERS



made their debut at the Portage Lakes Third Annual Dragon Boat festival on July 11, 2015.

Here is some brief back ground. Dragon boats are of Chinese origin. The boats are 45 feet long with ten rows for two paddlers per row and a Dragon's head out front. In the bow of the boat is a seat and a drum to keep pace and there are professional steerers standing on the back. De-



pending on the festival, the courses are 200 - 500 meters long. Races take between 1 -2 minutes and require strength but most importantly, synchronization.

Only half the team could make our single 60 minutes of paddling practice, the rest got a crash course on land and on the job training! The opportunity for club member involvement extends far beyond the




physical competition. We recruited an artist and graphic designer from our club, Tom Knauer to have his team develop a logo and name, then Karen Meek and her company rapidly turned over our production for our awesome award winning T-shirts seen below. Club members organized providing snacks to replenish our carbohydrate stores. As it is an all-day event we expanded our team to include spouses and I brought my daughter in from Philly. Smaller children, family, friends and dogs joined our cheering section and had a great time on the beach. We had a team tent decorating competition on the beach, our team's tent looked

awesome - decorated by Sam Lupinski and my daughter. We had our "drummer" dressed as a wave maker hula girl, as Kaley Foster helped raise additional funds in the drummer competition. Our external fundraising was hampered by some technical difficulties with the organized web support of the festival (or lack of technical prowess of our Captain) and our late entry but as I write this we have garnered \$500 additional dollars with more to come.

The Akron Rotary WAVEMAKERS easily won two of their three preliminary races, and remained undefeated by beating one of the race favorites in our second heat with our best pace of 1:11 seconds. As rookies, we gained confidence and competence as the day went on. We were clearly motivated by competition so could have benefitted from tougher competition in race one and three as our average times left us short of qualifying for the finals by mere seconds. I hope we all left feeling inspired by the "survivor" boats' intensity and sense of hope gained by competing and excelling. We were also inspired by the sense of community coming together for a worthy cause. This experience nailed number three and four of our Four Way Test - building good will and building better friendships, and beneficial to all concerned. WAVEMAKERS will be back!!!!

Go make some waves!!!!



END POLIO NOW

PRESENTED BY
ROTARY DISTRICT 6630, DISTRICT 6650 & DISTRICT 6600

Friday, August 7th
Cleveland Indians Vs. Minnesota Twins
Game Starts 7:10pm

Dollar Dog Night
ROCK N' BLAST FIREWORKS SHOW

EVERY TICKET PURCHASED INCLUDES:
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For More Information Contact:
Stew Buchanan: 330-940-2122 or stewb1800@aol.com
Ashley Madison 216-420-4181 or amadison@indians.com

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Children Under 10		\$50	
Lower Box Tickets Only		\$25	
Upper Box Ticket Only			
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News From TRC Berea

TRC Berea conducts computer & electronics roundup

TRC Berea conducted its annual computer & electronics roundup in June in the parking lot of Berea-Midpark High School. Rotaractors and other Baldwin Wallace University students helped unload cars, sort the equipment and load a semi truck. The drive collected nearly 10,000 pounds of unwanted and outdated computers, keyboards, cell phones, ink cartridges, printers, scanners, iPad, batteries and other assorted electronic items, even a vacuum cleaner. The donations were trucked to the Ohio Drop-off recycling center in Columbus.



Berea Rotarian Bob Hammer and a BW student sort through the electronic equipment donated during Rotary's annual Computer & Electronics Roundup.

Rotarians welcome RYLA campers



Marc West, director of Camp RYLA, welcomes Berea-Midpark High School senior Jessie McLean. Jessie was sponsored by Berea Rotary.

Baldwin Wallace University in Berea again hosted the annual RYLA camp with Berea Rotarian Marc West in charge. The

59 high school students from throughout northeast Ohio learned leadership skills along with an appreciation for diversity and change. Berea Rotarians shared their experiences with the campers during the annual picnic on campus.

Berea Rotary installs officers



District Governor Cheryl Warren administers the oath of office to Judy Stull as president of Berea Rotary.

Officers and Board members for the 2015-16 Rotary year were installed at the President's Dinner at J'Bella restaurant in Strongsville on Tuesday, June 30. District Governor-elect Cheryl Warren conducted the ceremonies.

Marc West was named Rotarian of the Year. Paul Harris winners were Bob Huge and Judy Stull. JoAnn Solnick received the Service Above Self award. Jamie White was given the Rising Star award and Bob Hammer received the Above and Beyond award.

Officers are: Judy Stull, president; Bob Huge, president-elect; Bob Hammer, treasurer; JoAnn Solnick, secretary; and Chuck Stanko, sergeant-at-arms. Board members are: Judy Stull, Bob Huge, Linda Kramer, Dr. Ed White, JoAnn Solnick, Bob Hammer, Tom O'Donnell and Chuck Stanko.

Rotary in the Grindstone Parade



Riding in the Rotary car in the Grindstone Festival Parade over the Fourth of July holiday are Bob Huge, Judy Stull and Judy's grandson, Rayce Hook. That's Linda Kramer's car. She rode shotgun. The new magnetic signs were designed by Doug Kawiecki of ACM Signs & Graphics.

Berea Rotary honors scholarship winners



TRC Berea's 2015 scholarship winners, Bridget Bush, Evan Rawbon and Courtney Elkins, with Amber Black from 2012.

Tom O'Donnell, Berea Rotary's scholarship chair, called them the "best of the best," as the club honored its scholarship recipients on Tuesday, July 14.

The annual Scholarship Dinner feted four of our winners and their families, including 2015 winners Bridget Bush, Polaris Career Center; Evan Rawbon, Olmsted Falls High School; and Courtney Elkins, Berea-Midpark High School; and Amber Black, who will be a senior at Duke University in the fall.

O'Donnell noted that the students all "do things to help the community" as well as excel in the classroom. "It makes them a better person," he said.

Amber, a 2012 graduate of Olmsted Falls High School, is an English major with double minors in Spanish and political science. At Duke, she has tutored English as a Second Language classes, interned with a non-profit in New York City, been a freshman counselor and worked in the sports information office. She also did research in the Dominican Republic and spent a spring semester in Madrid. All this while on the Dean's List. Amber is aiming for a career in law, specializing in either child advocacy or international law. She thanked Rotary for the four-year scholarship. "This dream would not be possible without your generosity," she said.

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News From Berea cont'd

Bridget, who attended Polaris while a student at Olmsted Falls High School, plans to study nursing at Kent State University. She has her STNA license and is working two jobs this summer – at a nursing home and at Swings ‘n Things.

Courtney will study early childhood education at Cleveland State University. She earned college credits at BMHS through the Post Secondary Option Program. A RYLA camper last year, Courtney teaches swimming lessons to children.

Evan also was a RYLA camper last summer. He will attend the University of Dayton to study marketing with a minor in Spanish. He volunteers at Southwest General and is working this summer as a house painter.

Unable to attend the banquet were Rotary Scholarship winners Alyce Thompson and Alejandra Garcia-Ponce. We will arrange for them to attend a future Rotary meeting.

Rotary presents Paul Harris to Youth Exchange Student



Korinna Mueller, President Judy Stull & President-elect Bob Hugu

Berea Rotary presented former Youth Exchange Student Korinna Mueller with a

Paul Harris. Korinna was Berea Rotary's exchange student from Germany in 2013-14. She was very active at Berea-Midpark High School and was a founding member of the Interact Club. She was an excellent ambassador for her country and for Rotary. Berea Rotary earned the Paul Harris by being an EREY club last year. Past President Linda Kramer presented the award and President Judy Stull presented the pin and certificate. Korinna is visiting here for the next few weeks. Judy Stull and Bob Hugu are District Short-Term Exchange co-chairs.

TRC Westlake/Bay Village

The Rotary Club of Westlake / Bay Village has had a long-standing tradition of supporting a graduating senior from each of the Club's high schools with a scholarship of \$2500. Participants are required to complete an application and write an essay pertaining to their plans for college and beyond. While the Club received many applications this year, 2 students stood out among the rest. Allison Rizea from Westlake High School and Laura Wilson from Bay Village High School were each awarded a scholarship. The awards were presented at the weekly Rotary breakfast meeting at the Westwood County Club.



Don Wilson, Laura Wilson, Jim Strunk of Rotary, Allison Rizea, Florina Rizea and Herb Hoppe, Rotary Club President

News From TRC Aurora

It's not everyday that you get a proclamation from the Governor's office, but that day came for the Rotary Club of Aurora. Governor Kasich honored the Club in celebration of our 15th Anniversary, recognizing, "remarkable impact on the Aurora community by volunteering our time and resources." A well earned honor, indeed!

The Club celebrated with a well attended surf and turf dinner. In the photo, we have a laugh shared by Past DG Stu Buchanan, DG Cheryl Warren, President George Shumacher, Past DG Mike Divanzo, Mrs. Jack Shaffer, and Past DG Jack Shaffer.

The Club went on to celebrate by marching in the July 4th parade, with a giant inflatable rotary gear! The delightful day further spread the good name of Rotary and will support building membership.



Meet RI's New President



[Meet Rotary's new president](#)

K.R. Ravindran's life has been molded by family, country, and Rotary. Serving as Rotary president is his way of giving back to each of them.

[Read a profile in The Rotarian](#)

[Watch the video](#)

[Learn how your club can earn a Presidential Citation](#)

[Plan on attending one of five presidential conferences](#)

Your Presidential Citation

Did you know that you can use Rotary's online tools to earn President K.R. Ravindran's Presidential Citation? This year's citation goals are measured using information clubs provide online. You can track your progress by signing in to the new Presidential Citation Report on My Rotary.

[Learn more in the July issue of Rotary Leader](#)

[Access Rotary club reports](#)

[Update your club information in Rotary Club Central](#)



Global Essay Contest

Dear Rotarian,
I am President of Rotary Club of Pune Katraj, RI District 3131, India. I am proud to be a Rotarian and pleased to have had the opportunity to lead my club. I welcome you all to the new Rotary Year and wish you all the very best for the coming year. As Rotarians, together we will make this world a better place to live.

I am writing to you all to appraise you on a unique event that we are organizing again this year. After the huge success that we had in the year 2013-14, we are again back with **ROGEC-2015**, a global essay competition with a view to crusaders of Peace in a constructive dialogue and allow them a platform to express themselves on global issues concerning Peace.

This competition is open to all the citizens of the world. The winners will be invited to India for 5 days and will get involved in various informative and cultural activities.

The essays can be submitted online at <http://www.rogec.org/registration.html>. The last date for essay submission is **10-Nov-2015**

Detailed information is available on www.rogec.org and please Like our Facebook page on www.facebook.com/Rotary.Rogec.

I request you to circulate this mail among your members, friends and acquaintances, share this information through your Club bulletins and encourage participation in this event.

Looking forward to a great year ahead.

Regards,

Rtn. Suvarna Kutwal
President, Rotary Club of Pune Katraj
RID 3131, INDIA

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Rotary District 6630 Rotarian of the Year

On Sunday, June 28 at the District Awards Banquet in Medina, DG Mike Davanzo presented Marsha Pappalardo the "ROTARIAN OF THE YEAR AWARD" for Rotary District 6630. Of the over 2,000 Rotarians, she certainly an outstanding representative of our Rotary District.

Marsha, a Past Club President of the Rotary Club of Brunswick and Past Assistant Governor of the Medina Cluster was recognized for her contribution to the District over the years and especially during the 2014-2015 Rotary Year. The DG thanked her for providing outstanding leadership and service to Rotary including being the chair of the District Conference, chair of the District Rotary Foundation Banquet and Celebration last fall and support of the Rotary Foundation.

Marsha has been involved in the Shoe Box program for the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua and many other District and Rotary Club projects. Her unselfish support to Rotary, our district, zone and her club is an asset to us all and a credit to her dedication to Rotary.

In addition, PAST 2005-06 District Governor, Jack Young, and Past President of the RC of Conneaut was presented the

"MICHAEL J. JOHNS LIFE TIME AWARD". for 2014-15. Michael Davanzo, DG and Past Rotary International Director Michael Johns presented to Jack the award with "SINCERE APPRECIATION FOR DEMONSTRATING TO ALL ROTARIANS IN DISTRICT 6630 THE HIGHEST LEADERSHIP QUALITIES OF HUMANITY, INTEGRITY, EMPATHY, FRIENDSHIP AND UNWAVERING SUPPORT OF THE ROTARY FOUNDATION. WE ARE HONORED TO FOLLOW YOUR EXAMPLE AND CALL YOU A FRIEND."

PDG Young has also served on the Board of Directors for Shelter Box USA and is the current Board Member Emeritus of Shelter Box. He is also on the Board of Directors for the American Nicaragua Hope and Relief Foundation and is the Vice Chair for the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians for North Central and South America.

Rotary



District 6630 Crushes its 2014-15 Annual Fund Giving Goal!!!

From the Desk of:

Jim Lechko

Foundation Chair

Rotary International

District 6630

District 6630 crushes its 2014-15 Annual Fund giving goal!!!

Congratulations Rotarians of District 6630. Our Annual Fund contributions for the 2014-15 Rotary year totaled \$238,345.69 exceeding our goal by 37.43%.

What does this mean for us? In the 2017-18 Rotary year, we will get \$119,172.50 (50%) back from The Rotary Foundation

to be used for District and Global Grants. 50% of that (\$59,586.25) could be designated for local projects. Start planning your projects now!!!

Thanks so much for your continued and generous support.

Interest is high for matching grant dollars:

We had 14 clubs submit grant inquiries totaling \$43,250. We are in the process of reviewing the inquiries to determine eligibility to create our spending plan for District Grants. Thanks to all of the clubs that participated by getting their grant inquiries in by May 15th.

District 6630 provides matching grants to clubs in the amounts of \$500 - \$3,500 for their District projects.

2014-15 District Grant Committee Final Budget:

View the attached spreadsheet to see how your Annual Fund Contributions from the 2011-12 Rotary Year were used for matching grants.



District 6630 Grants Committee

2014-2015 Grant Budget

	Total Project Budget		Grant Amount	Balance
Initial DDF Budget - 50% of Annual Share Contribution 2011-12				\$78,418.63
50% to Available Endowment Fund Share Earnings				\$401.05
Rollover Amount from 2013-2014				\$48,772.53
Project Funding (GG 1418788)				-\$17,500.00
Returned Funds (DG 1415111)				\$5,795.00
Total Combined DDF Budget				\$115,887.21
Less Committed PROJECT FUNDING:				
District Simplified Grants (2013-2014) See Local Projects DSG below			\$39,399.00	\$76,488.21
PolioPlus Fund			\$5,000.00	\$71,488.21
Rotary Peace Centers for International Studies Pooled Fund			\$5,000.00	\$66,488.21
International Projects Budget				
Beginning Balance				\$66,488.21
Global Scholarship - Dennis Kirimi - approved 10/6/14	\$ 55,000.00		\$ 1,500.00	\$64,988.21
Akron - Heart Valve - approved 10/6/14	\$ 300,000.00		\$ 2,500.00	\$62,488.21
Carryover to 2015-16 Global Grant Budget				\$62,488.21
Local Projects DSG - Beginning Balance				\$39,399.00
Mentor - Homeless Shelter Kitchen - approved 8/4/14	\$9,675.00		\$3,500.00	\$35,899.00
Akron - Food Bank Utensils - approved 8/4/14	\$2,000.00		\$1,000.00	\$34,899.00
Chesterland - Next Step Program House - approved 9/8/14	\$7,000.00		\$2,975.00	\$31,924.00
Astabula - Nicaragua Layette Project - approved 9/8/14	\$5,000.00		\$2,125.00	\$29,799.00
Cuyahoga Falls - Battered Women's Shelter - approved 9/8/14	\$10,380.00		\$3,500.00	\$26,299.00
Median Sunrise - Park Playground - approved 9/8/14	\$7,273.00		\$2,975.00	\$23,324.00
Conneaut - English Festival Literacy - approved 9/8/14	\$3,600.00		\$1,800.00	\$21,524.00
Bedford - Teen Learning Program - 9/8/14 contingent approval	\$1,891.72		\$719.00	\$20,805.00
Northampton Township - Rotary Swims - 9/8/14 contingent approval	\$6,777.08		\$1,700.00	\$19,105.00
Willoughby - Classroom Equipment - approved 10/6/14	\$7,600.00		\$3,500.00	\$15,605.00
Burton-Middlefield - White Boards - approved 10/6/14	\$6,788.00		\$3,394.00	\$12,211.00
Cleveland - Camp Cheerful Equipment - approved 10/6/14	\$7,145.00		\$3,500.00	\$8,711.00
Garrettsville-Hiram - G'ville Revitalization - approved 10/6/14	\$7,300.00		\$3,500.00	\$5,211.00
Fairlawn - Solar Telescope - fundable - 2-2-15	\$6,848.00		\$3,318.00	\$1,893.00
Hudson Clocktower - Solar project - fundable 2-2-15	\$4,000.00		\$1,893.00	\$0.00
Current Approved Total for DSG	\$93,277.80		\$39,399.00	

News From TRC Port/Summit

Oustallation/Installation

Out with the old, in with the new sounds a little harsh; so let's call it a changing-of-the-guard. Vince Rosnak celebrated his year as President of Port-Summit Rotary at the annual Oustallation Dinner on Thursday, June 18th. Though successful, Vince's reign was stressful at times, as evidenced by the Before and After photos below.



On Thursday, July 2nd, Judy Miller was inducted as our incoming President for 2015-2016. She is pictured below being inducted by District Rep Stew Buchanan. Judy brings energy and plans for growth as she begins her term. We all wish her well.



Port-Summit Scholarship Awards

Port-Summit is proud to have provided \$500 Scholarships to each of four Class of 2015 graduates from our service area. Mogadore's Cory Huber (far left below) will attend Kent State University majoring Computer Information Science, and Grace Reilly (second from left below) will study Communications or Social Sciences at the University of Akron. Field's Harrison Lewis (second from right below) will attend the University of Akron's School of Aerospace Engineering. His fellow Falcon Ryan Kisamore (far right below) will study Radiological Science and Therapy at The Ohio State University. Congratulations and best of luck to all !



Rotarian of the Year- Rodger Sansom

Out-going President, Vince Rosnak selected Rodger Sansom as the Port-Summit Rotarian of the Year for 2014-2015 at our July 2nd meeting; citing his dedication and willingness to pitch in whenever needed. This is evidenced by Rodger volunteering to take on the Treasurer's position when an injury necessitated the resignation of



the current Treasurer. Rodger is also instrumental in making the club's Fly the Flag program so successful, providing the programs for the annual Bass Tournament, and has been the driving force behind our 200 Club and Buckeye Football Squares fundraisers. Congratulations, Rodger!

New RI Global Rewards Program

Rotary Global Rewards is a new member benefit program designed to make membership even more rewarding for Rotarians. This exciting program includes discounts on products and services such as travel, car rentals, hotels, dining and entertainment. It's our way of giving back to those who give so much.

[See the discounts](#)

[Learn more about the program](#)

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Rotary Global Rewards: the good you do comes back to you.

Ever Rent A Car From Avis or Hertz? **Hertz**

Do You Stay At Holiday Inn, Staybridge Suites or Crowne Plaza Hotels? **Holiday Inn**

Have You Ever Used Expedia To Book Your Travel Plans? **Expedia**

Want To Vacation At Universal Studios, Sea World, Knott's Berry Farm or Disneyland? **SeaWorld**

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Expedia **Walmart**

Now doing things you already do can save you money or make a donation to Rotary!

ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS
Are Now Available For All Members!

Visit Rotary.org/rotary to find pages and pages of Global Rewards offers. You will find discounts on products and services for travel, entertainment and merchandise. Some save you money - Some make a donation to Rotary when you patronize their business. It's a great perk for being a hard-working Rotarian and an easy way to contribute to Rotary. It's easy to register and start saving! You can even access the Rewards from your smartphone and tablet! There is no catch - It's just a great benefit for being an Active Rotarian and a way for Rotary to say "Thank You" for your service and generous support!

Rotary **ROTARY GLOBAL REWARDS**

Rollin With Rotary

Jennifer Jones
Rotary International Director
Zones 28-29
2015-2017
July 21, 2015
Dear World Class Governors,

I am writing today to share with you news about an EXCITING public image event that is going to sweep through many parts of Zones 28 and 29 beginning on August 1st through the 9th.

To provide some background, I recently challenged some of our areas young Rotarian professionals to come up with "something big". I told them no dream was too crazy but it has to be about raising awareness for Rotary and in particular making us look "hip, cool and relevant".

I would like to introduce you to PDG Kathy Fahy, Marie Fallon, Jason Browne and Adam Barth. I will be joining these bright lights in a big motorhome covered in Rotary insignia as we travel from State College, Pennsylvania to Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

We are calling this Rollin' with Rotary!

Our main intention is to connect with Rotarians and Non-Rotarians, stage media events, flash mobs, random-acts-of-kindness, participate in service projects – and overall showcase the great organization that we all know and love.

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C:519-973-3751 H: 519-978-2346

Many of you have heard about this over the past couple of weeks as this plan has



developed because you are helping to organize events in your area. For some of you this will be completely new and we need your help to make this as successful as possible.

As you can imagine, one of the biggest aspects of this will be creating a social media storm. We will be covering Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Vine, etc. You can be an exciting part of getting Rotari-

ans in your area to participate. The next piece of correspondence that you will receive from me in the next day or so will be details of the events that are planned for each area with the appropriate call to action.

While this is happening at a rapid pace – this is how young professionals "roll" – real action in real time with real impact. Special thanks to ARPIC Liz Smith who has done all of the design work and to RRFC Neil McBeth who is giving up nine days to drive the big motorhome.

While we know we can't hit all districts this time around we are considering this a pilot that if successful we will repeat in other areas.

We can't wait to see many of you along the path. Let's get Rollin!

Big hugs, Jennifer

The is our route and the leads for each city:

Date	Location	Lead	Email
8/1	State College, PA (Kickoff)	Jason Browne	jasonbrowne1@gmail.com
8/2	Pittsburgh	Marie Fallon	mariefallon@gmail.com
8/3	Cleveland	Marie Fallon	mariefallon@gmail.com
8/3	Sandusky	Marie Fallon	mariefallon@gmail.com
8/4	Perrysburg/Toledo AM	Marie Fallon	mariefallon@gmail.com
8/4	Detroit/ Windsor PM	Adam Barth	huskers-1@hotmail.com
8/5	Ann Arbor	Kathy Fahy	kathy@kbrandmarketing.com
8/6	Evanston	Jason Browne	jasonbrowne1@gmail.com
8/7	Madison	Adam Barth	huskers-1@hotmail.com
8/7	Dubuque (evening)	Kathy Fahy	kathy@kbrandmarketing.com
8/8	Cedar Rapids	Kathy Fahy	kathy@kbrandmarketing.com

What to Expect When the District Governor Comes Calling

Outline for District Governor's Official Visits to Clubs

Club presidents have given the governor the club's annual goals before taking office, and the Governor's visit should be follow up to the club's plan.

The governor's visit can reinforce the importance of goals, help clubs keep focus and remind clubs of available district resources and assistance.

The district governor is the only official representative of the Rotary International president in the district. Club protocol should afford the district governor this special recognition out of

respect for Rotary International, the president of Rotary International and the special position held by the district governor.

The Visit:

Club convenes its board one hour before or after the club visit

Club president introduces governor to the board

Club president gives brief overview of the club Membership and trends

Major club goals this year

Challenges

Club president calls on each committee chair to give brief report

Chairs report committee goals for the year, progress to date, next steps, district help needed (if any)

Governor comments on the goals and offers available assistance

Governor discussion

Importance of committee work

District leaders as club resources

Q&A with the board

Some have asked about the purpose of the visit and what should happen.

The Governor will share her goals and vision for the year and our district.

Governor's address to the club is the only scheduled program for the club meeting.

Nigeria Marks One Year Polio Free

We're delighted to report that Nigeria has passed one year [July 24th] with no new cases of the wild poliovirus.

This is the longest the country has ever gone without a case of polio and a critical step on the path toward a polio-free Africa. We've come a long way since the bleak years when the virus reached its peak. It was only a decade ago that polio struck 12,631 people in Africa- three quarters of all cases in the world.

We congratulate Rotarians who have donated \$688.5 million to fight polio throughout Africa, including more than \$200 million to Nigeria. We congratulate Rotarians from Africa and around the world who have also devoted countless hours to immunize the children who now have the opportunity for healthier, happier lives.

With the ambitious scope of Rotary's PolioPlus program, our efforts are having a far-reaching, transformative impact beyond the eradication of polio.

With the infrastructure put in place by the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI), Nigeria not only reduced its polio caseload by 90% in 2014, but it also successfully thwarted the world's most lethal Ebola outbreak to date, in only 90 days, a response faster than even the U.S., and rightly praised by the World Health Organization as 'world-class'.

In Nigeria and elsewhere, the Initiative provides a blueprint to reach all children with a package of lifesaving vaccines and

health interventions. This is a vital step on the path to human development, as we know that with improved public health, more resources can be channeled towards education and economic growth.

If the stringent World Health Organization testing criteria are met, then Nigeria could be removed from the list of polio-endemic countries in September of this year.

However, our work is not done. We know that polio can easily return, with devastating consequences, if we don't stamp it out now.

We must act, as Rotarians do, to build on the progress made and stop polio once and for all. We have a narrow window of opportunity to achieve this, and if we fail, we could witness up to 200,000 cases a year in the near future.

So how can we finally make history and end polio now?

Today, we must protect the progress made in Nigeria, and support Pakistan and Afghanistan, the other two remaining polio-endemic countries.

Protecting progress means enhancing surveillance, routine immunization, and community engagement in Nigeria and other countries where transmission has been stopped.

Supporting Pakistan and Afghanistan means full political and financial commitment to eradicating polio; vaccination of all children in these countries; high quali-

ty surveillance, and the accomplishment of all the expert recommendations as part of the GPEI's Polio Eradication and Endgame Strategic Plan.

Visit endpolio.org to download a toolkit of materials to help you share this progress - and the need for continued commitment in the coming years - with your Rotary club, your communities and your elected officials.

This all requires time, energy and investment. Pakistan's budget requirements for polio eradication activities from 2016-2018 amounts to \$305.7 million, and if we can raise this sum now, a polio-free world will reap financial savings of US\$50 billion over the next 20 years and prove what's possible when the global community comes together to improve children's lives.

Your donation to PolioPlus will be matched 2 to 1 by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, tripling your contribution.

Thirty years ago we told the world what Rotary believes: that we can achieve the eradication of only the second human disease in history. Our belief is becoming reality. For every child, let's make sure that reality is a bright one.

Warm Regards,

Rotary International President K.R. "Ravi" Ravindran

and Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klinginsmith

2014-2015 District 6630 Awards Picnic

The Annual District Awards Program was on June 28 at the Rustic Hills Country Club in Medina. DG Mike Davanzo recognized and thanked the committee chairs, assistant governors, and others who helped make the 2014-2015 year a very successful Rotary year. He also presented the three top awards of the district. Below are the individuals who were honored.

Committee Chairs: Al Conners (Extension), Jay Dzurilla (Fellowships), Barb Evatz (DG Home Club Rep), Ken Fogel (Gift of Life), Rabbi Lloyd Goldman and Fr. Ralph Wiatkowski (Chaplains), Doug Hausknecht, (New Generations), Bob Huges and Judy Stull (Short Term Youth Exchange), Alexandra Jeanblanc (Grants), Pat Kelley (Outbound Youth Exchange), Jackie Minotas (Awards), Shawn Mueller (Vocational), Bob Myers (Strategic Plan Update), Scott Pease (Four Way Test Speech Contest), Becky Shotwell (Banner Exchange), Tim Snell (Youth Exchange and Youth Services), Stan Socha (Polio), Ed Thomas (Historian), Arne van der Hyde and Bob Oborn (Rotaract and Interact), John Weber (Finance), Phil Weiss (Community), Marc West (RYLA), Fran Zettle (RI Insurance), Bob Heydorn (Inbound Youth Exchange), PDG Julie West (RLI, Transition Team, Rotary Days), PDG Steve Zabor (LEAD), Rick Pollak (Leadership 6630 and Bylaws), PDG Jack Young (Shelter Box, Advisory Council of PDGs)

LEAD AWARDS (Leadership, Education, and Development) The following clubs earned a LEAD certificate for having members attend a variety of events and having members participate in them: Akron, Cuyahoga Falls, Medina Sunrise, and Northampton Twp.

LEAD AWARDS - The following individuals earned a LEAD certificate for attending a variety of events and participating in them: Shelia Hedrick, Robert Heydorn, Jim McKee, James Lechko, Dave Lariviere, and Bob Oborn.

Spouses/Partner: The following non Rotarians were very helpful in district events. They were recognized for their contributions to our district: Cherie Buchanan, Kathryn Craig, Judy Davanzo, Kay Hansford, Luise Heydorn, Cindy Johnson, Gary Neuman, Celeste Rininger, Penny Socha,

and Steve Warren.

Rotary Wheel Award. The following clubs were recognized for their willingness to do something different from what was the norm. These are vibrant clubs that are moving forward: Andover, Jefferson, Lakewood RR SR, Medina, Mentor, and Rock-Creek Grand Valley,

OUTSTANDING CLUSTERS All the clubs in these clusters completed the AZ Baker Award and participated in Rotary Days. In addition they turned in the materials requested and worked together to improve their collective communities: Ashtabula, Geauga, and Summit North

MEMBERSHIP AWARDS. These awards were based on the figures that were in RI as of June 15. The following clubs received awards in three categories:

NEW MEMBERS - Aurora (12), Strongsville (17), Akron (34)

NET INCREASE - Aurora (7), Fairlawn (8), Akron (20)

PERCENTAGE INCREASE - Cuyahoga Falls, Aurora (20%), Fairlawn (40%), Rock Creek Grand Valley (60%)

GOVERNOR'S AWARD OF EXCELLENCE - These were given to Rotarians who did an outstanding and very entertaining job as MCs at our District Conference. Phil was for his excellent photography during the conference, the slide show, and his work during the year: Phil Ardussi, Barb Evatz, Heidi Finniff, Jim McKee, and Jack Nettis.

AG RECOGNITION AWARDS - AGs were invited to recognize a person in the cluster who was an inspiration to others and a special person. Bob Heydorn honored Jim McKee, Joe Rodgers honored Jack Nettis, and Mike Guyer honored Phil Weiss. In addition, Tim Snell, Youth Exchange Chair, honored Bob Heydorn and Patrick Kelley.

The following clubs earned the AZ Baker Award: Akron, Andover, Ashtabula, Aurora, Bedford, Berea,

Brunswick, Burton Middlefield, Chagrin Valley, Chardon, Chesterland, Cleveland, Conneaut, Cuyahoga Falls, Fairlawn, Garrettsville Hiram, Geneva, Hillcrest SR,

Hudson, Hudson Clock Tower, Jefferson, Kent, Lakewood RR, Lakewood RR SR, Mantua, Medina, Medina SR, Mentor, North Ridgeville, North Royalton, Northampton, Rock Creek Grand Valley, Shaker Heights, Solon, Stow, Strongsville, Tallmadge, Twinsburg, Wadsworth, West Shore, and Willoughby.

SIGNIFICANT AWARD OF ACHIEVEMENT - This is an RI Award. Our district had two fine applicants. They are: Burton Middlefield (for its Bike Ride which raises funds to help fix the homes of Veterans and Stow-Munroe Falls (for its Hero's Day which is a club project to landscape homes of Veterans and first responders who need help. Stow also received recognition from RI for its program.

AG AWARDS

Those completing their terms: Shelia Hedrick, Mike Johns Jr, Mike Guyer, Bob Heydorn, Geneva Prince, Mike Scruggs, and George Schumacher,

Returning AGs - Kathy Berkshire, Nancy Chartrand, Joe Rodgers, Steve Smetana, and Kevin Wermer

Presidential Citations - These clubs completed the necessary requirements of RI President, Gary Huang, for his citation: Akron, Fairlawn, Northampton Township, and Strongsville.

DISTRICT GOVERNOR CITATIONS - The following individuals received special recognition and thanks by the District Governor for doing exceptional service and providing help to events in the district. Each of these fine Rotarians were exemplary in their dedication to RI District 6630: Joe Rodgers, Bob Oborn,

Dave Lariviere, and Rick Pollak.

SPECIAL THANK YOU AWARDS - These were awarded to special Rotarians for all their work and efforts: Tony Corrao (Membership Chair), Dick Farkas (District Trainer), Tracy Jemison (Treasurer), Jim Lechko (Foundation Chair), and Rick Pollak (Secretary).

DG SPECIAL AWARDS - The following individuals were recognized for all they did during the year and for all the help they provided. These individuals surely made the year possible. Stew Buchanan,

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Beverly Ghent Skrzynski, Bob Johnson, Marsha Pappalardo, Dave Skrzynski, Cheryl Warren, Julie West, Jack Young, and Steve Zabor.

DISTRICT SPECIAL AWARDS - The last three awards are the highest in the district. The following individuals earned these awards.

Service Above Self

James Lechko (RC of Lakewood Rocky River). James was very active as the Foundation Chair. He attended numerous meetings at the clubs, district, and zone. He was instrumental in bringing our district in line with the New Grant Model and keeping us current in operations. He was always willing to help and always ready to give of himself.

Rotarian of the Year

Marsha Pappalardo (RC of Brunswick) received this honor at our awards program. Marsha was active this year at the chair of both the Foundation Event in November and the District Conference in April. She was personally committed to making these two events a success. She visited many clubs to invite them to the District Conference. She also was very helpful in getting baskets for the raffles at the Foundation event and the Conference. In addition, she takes a very active part in getting numerous shoe boxes ready to be sent to Nicaragua. She is always ready to help in any project and takes part in many activities that are behind the scenes.

Michael Johns Life Time Achievement Award

PDG Jack Young (RC of Conneaut) has been a Rotarian in heart, mind, and actions. He has been our chair of Shelter Box and also has been instrumental in getting the district behind the shoe box effort for Nicaragua. At many conferences and gatherings of Rotarians either in our district or outside of it, Jack has brought the shelter box with him and set it up for all to see. In addition, he is willing travel to any club to talk about these programs and gain support from Rotarians. He is also very involved in the district. He has served in many committees. This year, Jack was our Vice Governor, Chair of the Advisory Council of Past Governors, a member of the conference committee, Board of Directors, Public Image Committee, and helped with many more.