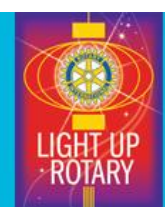


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District Governor

# ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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## Governor's Letter

Dear Rotarians

We are in the final quarter of our year of Light Up Rotary. I would like to call your attention to our District Conference. It is my wish that each of you attend some part of our conference. It begins on Friday, April 24 with the first session at 10:30. It concludes on Sunday, April 26 around 11:00 with our memorial service for those Rotarians who have passed since the last District Conference. Our Conference Committee of 27 fellow Rotarians have been working since this summer to make this a meaningful and fun weekend. Here is some important information:

Rooms are \$99 + tax per night

Rooms must be reserved by April 2 to receive this rate.

Registration is open on the District Website

There are activities for your spouse/partners while you are at meetings

There will be hospitality rooms open during the conference and each night

There will be opportunities for you to share with your fellow Rotarians

Clubs may have a table in the Hall of Friendship to tell about their activities

Saturday afternoon, join in the Afternoon at the Races

There is a list of programs at the Conference on the Registration Page of the District Website

Friday night is the Paul Harris Dinner. Recognize your new members at the Dinner.

Many clubs are changing their meeting during that week to the Friday of the conference. This is a time to share and a time to have fun and fellowship.

### Vocational Directory

The district is ready to launch the vocational directory thanks to the work of our DGE, Cheryl Warren. You will have an opportunity to learn about it at our District Conference and to sign up.

### Time, Talent, and Treasure

The clubs are busy at this time compiling a list of all the donations of time and treasure that were made during this year. This information will be compiled by the PI Committee. The goal is to unveil the numbers at the District Conference and then to share with our communities.

### Pictures

Clubs are also getting ready to send in pictures of activities during the year. Perhaps you will be on the screen during

Our Conference. Keep your eyes open.

### Our Foundation

Our Foundation is a major way for Rotarians to be connected to the internationality of Rotary. This is truly our Foundation and every contribution made is used to do good. It is the goal of our District that each Rotarian give something to Our Foundation this year. Please make your contribution. Our current contribution as a District is \$110,165.43.

### Rotary Days

Many clubs in the District are finalizing plans for Rotary Days. Please refer to the District Website to see what is happening and try to support your fellow Rotarians.

### Membership

Our membership numbers keep increasing which is great. According to Club Runner we have added 120 members this year, however, we have also lost 84 members. These numbers are only as good as the information that is entered into the system. I would encourage each club to add and delete members from their list in both RI and CR. Therefore, congratulations are in order for bringing in new members. Let us keep

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## Governor's Letter cont'd

engaging our members so they want to stay with us.

These are our new Family Members in February

Akron

Teresa Gary

Thomas Knauer

Matthew Slonsky

Barberton

Laura Thomas

Bedford

Ida Stanley

Fairlawn

Loucile Powers

Hudson

Judy Wenum

Painesville

Daniel Bray

Bud Frankel

Ravenna

Brad Dillman

Shaker Heights

Robert Ault

Samuel Weingart

Strongsville

Kevin Westover

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 online 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

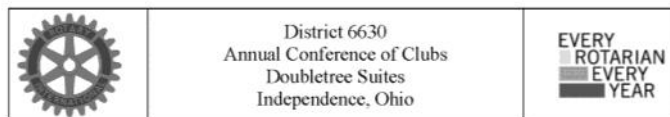
14470 Rider Road

Burton, OH 44021

Cell: 440-476-8486

email:

bmrpancakes@roadrunner.com



### HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

As we approach the district conference (April 24-26) I want to urge Clubs to participate in the House of Friendship. This is an area reserved for Club displays of projects they have accomplished. They may include many different types of media to demonstrate their clubs accomplishments in the community/world.

This year we will judge the projects and award a large trophy to the club with a superior display. This trophy will remain with the club for a year and can be used for promotional purposes etc.

The displays will be set up ideally Friday morning around 9:00 or so and run till Saturday evening.

So that we may plan for space and electricity needs please respond below.

I thank you very much for your time and effort – along with your service to our communities.

1. The Rotary Club of \_\_\_\_\_

Is a table needed YES NO

Space required 3' 6'

Is electricity needed YES NO

Thank you very much for your cooperation and reply by email or mail.

Sincerely,

Mike Guyer, AG, Chair, House of Friendship

18725 White Oak Dr., Auburn Twp., Ohio 44023

440-773-2835 (c) 440-439-4521 (fax)

P.S. Registration deadline is April 14

## Pancake Time In Burton

# Rotary



## Remember Our Deceased Rotarians

### Names of Deceased Rotarians Since 4/25/2014

All Rotary club presidents and members are asked to notify PDG Bob Johnson with the names of any active Rotarians that you are aware of that passed away since our last District Conference on 4/25/2014. Even if this person is not in your club please let Bob Johnson know. We want to honor these Rotarians at a memorial service on Sunday morning 4/26/15 of this year's conference. So far the following names have been turned in to Bob:

Dick Pitcher - RC of Chagrin Valley

Tom Bayless - RC of Burton-Middlefield

Earl Biederman - RC of Aurora

Richard Thompson - ?

Please don't assume someone else is doing this. Just let me know. THANKS!

Bob Johnson - PDG  
(H)440-834-8447  
© 440-384-7574  
goracerbob@aol.com

Bob Reschke - RC of Chagrin Valley

## TRC Hudson 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; [ron-suestrobl@gmail.com](mailto:ron-suestrobl@gmail.com))

Sponsorship Committee Chair  
Den Rich (330.655.4224; [dwrichoh5@gmail.com](mailto:dwrichoh5@gmail.com))

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chairs Kris Barker  
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can Tanner, Jr. (941.713.1645; [dtannerjr@neo.rr.com](mailto:dtannerjr@neo.rr.com))

Membership Chair Rich  
Warfield (216.469.2849; [rwarfield@warfieldandcompany.com](mailto:rwarfield@warfieldandcompany.com))

Club President Alison Pfeister  
(330.328.5673; [alison.pfeister@gmail.com](mailto:alison.pfeister@gmail.com))

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1930

## A Message From RI President Gary Huang

In Rotary, we have the opportunity to build bonds of friendship with fellow Rotarians around the world. And once a year, at our international convention, we have the chance to get together with all of our Rotary friends, to share new ideas, plan new service, and just have fun.

What better way to celebrate the end of the 2014-15 Rotary year, and Light Up Rotary with your friends, than to travel together to the 106th annual Rotary International Convention in São Paulo, Brazil? Whether you have never been to a convention before or are an experienced convention goer, this will be one you won't want to miss. Preregistration pricing ends on 31 March, so plan now for the biggest Rotary party of the year.

The convention will begin on Saturday, 6 June, and after the opening ceremony there will be a traditional Brazilian Carnival party and a Samba School Parade at the Anhembi Sambadrome. Even if you think you have no rhythm or can't carry a tune, you will find yourself dancing, singing, and laughing all night long. The party and parade will feature the bright colors, feathers, and sequins of Carnival costumes as well as the sights and sounds of samba, the Afro-Brazilian music and dance, and the delicious food and drinks of São Paulo.

On Monday night, Ivete Sangalo, winner of two Latin Grammy Awards, will entertain Rotarians. And every evening of the convention, Rotary Restaurant Nights will let you enjoy discounts in the culinary capital of Latin America. Savor fish from the Amazon, sushi with a Latin flair, Brazilian beef, and other offerings from some of São Paulo's 30,000 restaurants and bars. Admission to several museums in São Paulo, including the excellent soccer museum, will also be free with your convention badge.

Brazil reflects a diversity almost as great as Rotary's: Paulistanos, as the people of São Paulo are known, have created a lively culture with influences from all over the world. One of the highlights of any Rotary convention is always hospitality night, where you can get to know local Rotarians. Monday night is your chance to experience the Paulistano lifestyle with the Rotarians of Brazil – but be sure to book early, as numbers are limited.

In Rotary, service and friendship go hand in hand. As you focus on the work of this Rotary year, I ask you not to lose sight of the importance of international friendship, and to register for the São Paulo convention now, at [www.riconvention.org](http://www.riconvention.org).

Gary C.K. Huang  
President 2014-15  
Source: Rotary International



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## News From TRC Berea

### ***Jim Walters named Grindstone Award winner***

Berea Rotarian James N. "Jim" Walters III, the City of Berea's Law Director and long-time Berea attorney, has been named the 2015 winner of the Grindstone Award.

The Grindstone Award is presented by the Berea Chamber of Commerce each year to an outstanding citizen. Nominations are submitted to the chamber by residents and organizations.



**Jim Walters**

Walters is a past president of the Rotary Club of Berea and is a Paul Harris Fellow. He is active in his church, the United Methodist Church of Berea, where he is chair of the usher committee and is a member of the worship committee.

For many years, Walters has donated his hair to Locks of Love – an organization that provides wigs to cancer patients undergoing chemotherapy. He grows his hair for 18 months to two years before conducting a raffle with the winner earning the right to cut his hair. Proceeds from the fundraiser this past year went to The Gathering Place, which offers support to cancer patients and their families. That latest fundraiser earned \$1,000 for The Gathering Place.

He also is a former Berea city councilman-at-large and former president of council.

### ***Visiting the Land Down Under***

Every year, Rotary International holds its convention in some exotic, and some not so exotic spots. Past conventions have been in Bangkok, Singapore – and Indianapolis. In 2014, Dave and Bev Skrzynski, PDG and past president of the Rotary Club of Berea, coupled their vacation with the RI convention in Sydney, Australia, with side trips to New Zealand.



**Dave Skrzynski illustrated his talk with photos and maps of Australia.**

RI conventions draw upwards of 20,000 Rotarians from around the world, Dave told Berea Rotarians. Sites are chosen regardless of the size of the city, he said. And every convention is "exciting and first class," he added.

The Skrzynskis marked several items off their Bucket List by the snorkeling at the Great Barrier Reef and whale-watching in Sydney harbor. In New Zealand, they visited Auckland and a resort in Rotorua, a tropical site formed by a volcano, which is still active. The scenery in both countries was "fantastic," Dave said.

Around 15 Rotarians from District 6630 made that trip to Sydney. "Each year, it's a reunion with old friends and new," he said. He is looking forward to the 2015 RI convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

## Sen David Joyce Speaks in Aurora

On Wednesday, March 11th Congressman David Joyce addressed the Aurora Rotary. He discussed issues like ISIS, Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's speech, Immigration, job creation and working with fellow congressman to end gridlock. Despite Congressional gridlock, he did note that the Congress was able to pass legislation defining the 40 hour work week, legislation allowing employers to hire veterans without the concerns of providing health care (since the government covers their health care), and finally



getting Keystone legislation to the President's desk. He felt like Congress would get much more done if they were required to spend more time in Washington as was the tradition in years past.

Attending the event were Mayor Ann Wormer-Benjamin, Councilman Scott Wolf, Councilpersons Kathi Grandillo and Amy McDougald, Police Chief Byard, Law Director Dean DiPiero and Head of Economic Development Jack Burge, and the Congressman's right hand man Nick Ciofani.

For more information about The Rotary Club of Aurora including their upcoming A Taste of the Western Reserve, visit their newly updated website [www.aurorarotaryclub.org](http://www.aurorarotaryclub.org)



## Reach Out to Rotaractors

### Reach out to Rotaractors

Evan Burrell served in almost every role imaginable in his 12 years in Rotaract in Australia. But his first efforts as a Rotary member didn't go as well as planned. Burrell shares what he learned from the experience, including how to

make your club welcoming to Rotaractors and why you should want to recruit them.

[Read more](#)

[Learn how your club can sponsor a Rotaract club](#)

## Keeping Rotary In The Family


The recent induction of Ravenna Rotary member Michelle McFadden had a generational twist. Ms. McFadden was sworn in by her father and longtime Rotarian, Stew Buchanan, with her sons and step-mother in attendance.



**New Ravenna Rotarian, Michelle McFadden, is joined by her father, Stew Buchanan, her sons and Mrs. Buchanan**

Buchanan is a member of the Rotary Club of Akron and has held several offices in Rotary District #6630 (northeastern Ohio). Since childhood, McFadden was involved in Rotary events of all sorts so her own membership in Rotary was the next logical step. McFadden is employed by NBD International in Ravenna, a commercial and residential loss recovery firm.

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## TRC Akron 25th Chili Open Raises Over \$ 184,000.00 wi 500 +Attendees

### All For The Rotary Camp for Children and Adults with Disabilities...

"Saturday, February 7th was the most successful Akron Rotary Chili Open that we have had, Dan Reynolds, Director for The Rotary Camp for Children and Adults with Special needs commented. Hale Farm and Village in Bath, OH was transformed into four 9-hole courses with distances ranging from 65 to 125 yards. Other fun events included the 4th Annual Whitey's Chili Eating Contest, sponsored by Akron Tractor, which was held outdoors since that can get a little messy. The winner was Josh Strelbicki, who got to choose a New STIHL® Chain Saw. Evan Nelson was the big winner in Raffle Tickets to win a 2015 Chevy Sonic from The VanDevere Bunch. Another fun even was hole to the closest pin; indoor miniature golf and other great contests.



for children and adults with a variety of disabilities. Our primary goal is for campers to leave camp with life skills that will help them for years to come, regardless of their financial situations. No children are turned away.

Over \$184,000.00 net was raised to provide campers the privilege to attend summer camp in Portage Lakes.

This special 25th Anniversary, Akron Rotary's Chili Open is one of Summit County's largest and most unique promotional venues. Over 500 people attended, playing golf with fluorescent golf balls in the snow, eating Whitey's chili, hot dogs, beer, and other great food donated by BRAVO Cucina Italiana. Participants also had great fun playing cards and games inside the pavilion. David Hunt and his family played golf, ate chili and commented "This was the best and most fun year that our family has had. It was great to be outdoors with the sun beating on my face."

The event has captured the attention of the greater Akron region every year since

1990. The Akron Rotary's Chili Open's purpose is to raise operating funds for the Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs. This year's event will help more than 1,800 children and adults with disabilities spend a week at the Akron Rotary Camp. Each year, children with special needs come from all over Ohio to enjoy a week of camping, crafts, team building, fun and more. Camping fun that many children take for granted. At Akron Rotary Camp the many activities are the tools to independence, socialization and self-esteem

Wayne Homes was the Title Presenting Sponsor along with many Corporate Partners including BRAVO, Buckingham, Doolittle & Burroughs, LLC, Domokur Architects, Focal Point Social Media, OPOC.us, Rubber City Radio Group, Summit DD, Willoughby Supply Co., Inc. Premier Partners including ComDoc, Deer Pass Golf, Ernst & Young LLP, First Energy, Industrial Tube & Steel Corp., Stand Up for Downs. Many other caring companies and individuals were very generous and also contributed through camperships, golfing, raffle tickets, donations, silent auction donations, food and beverage donations and multiple volunteers. Lambda Chi, Fiji fraternities and Alpha Delta Pi sorority from University of Akron donated their time to add to the many volunteers.

For more information about Rotary Camp programs please call 330-664-4512 or visit [www.rotarycamp.org](http://www.rotarycamp.org).





## Deadline to Apply For Presidential Citation is Approaching

Greetings from Evanston! As a reminder, 15 April 2015 is the deadline for district governors to notify RI of the names of all the Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs, and Interact clubs in the district that qualify for the 2014-15 Presidential Citation. Qualifying clubs can be conveniently reported through My Rotary. Please read on for further details.

Please encourage your clubs to submit their certification forms to you in a timely manner to enable you to meet the 15 April deadline to provide notification to RI. Please remind your clubs not to submit their forms directly to RI, as they will not be processed. District governors must report the names of all qualifying Rotary, Rotaract, and Interact clubs in their districts electronically through My Rotary no later than 15 April 2015. Late submissions will not be accepted.

President Huang will also recognize District Governors who have 50% or more qualifying clubs in their district with a special District Governor Citation.

### Procedure for reporting qualifying clubs to RI

My Rotary will enable you to easily report the names of your district's qualifying clubs. The submission process will open on 1 March 2015 and close on 15 April 2015.

From the District Administration page in My Rotary, click Submit Awards to open the Presidential Citation page where you will see lists of all active Rotary, Rotaract and Interact clubs in your district.

Click Edit next to each club category to begin making your submissions.

Check the box next to each of the Rotary clubs, Rotaract clubs, Interact clubs that achieved the Citation this year. (click the links below for more information)

2014-15 Presidential Citation

2014-15 Rotaract Presidential Citation

2014-15 Interact Presidential Citation

Once you are done with your selections click Submit.

You may go back and edit your submissions as many times as you want between 1 March and 15 April. You will also be able to generate a report to view the list of clubs you entered to date. We strongly encourage you to use Chrome or Firefox as your web browser rather than Internet Explorer to produce immediate, accurate reports. After the 15 April deadline, you will no longer be able to make changes, and we will begin printing and mailing certificates.

Please note that we cannot accommodate requests for expedited processing of citations, as they create delays for all of the

other districts. In a typical year, we process between 13,000 and 14,000 certificates, and your attention to the procedures outlined above will ensure faster delivery of these certificates to all districts. Thank you in advance for your patience and understanding in this matter. All certificates will be post marked no later than 4 May.

### Update on "My Rotary profile" goal

One of the goals in the citation challenges clubs to have all their members create an account ("profile") in My Rotary. This data has now been added to the Members in a Club report in Rotary Club Central so club officers can easily identify how many of their club members have My Rotary accounts.

We appreciate your efforts to recognize your clubs for their outstanding accomplishments. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at riawards@rotary.org.

Best regards,

Azka Asif

Coordinator, Awards | RI Programs

Tel 1.847.866.3394

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E-mail: riawards@rotary.org



**District 6630**  
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**April 24 - 26, 2015**  
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**6200 Quarry Lane**  
**Independence, Ohio 44131**  
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Friday April 24	Saturday, April 25	Sunday April 26
<p><b>9:00</b> House of Friendship Set Up</p> <p><b>10:30</b> Pre-Conference Special From the International Convention in Sydney, Michael J. Caruso "Getting the Most from your Rotary Time and Dollars"</p> <p><b>11:00</b> Registration</p> <p><b>12:00</b> OUR OPENING SESSION Carnival Theme Lunch Honoring Our 50+ Rotarians Michael J. Caruso "Making Your Meetings More Exciting With Speakers"</p> <p><i>See article in the November Rotarian Magazine</i></p> <p><b>Afternoon</b> Annual Meeting Exciting Sessions, Time to Share Time to renew, Time to Network.</p> <p><b>6:00</b> <b>Paul Harris Dinner</b> Key Note - Our RI Director Mary Beth Greenway Solans "Who We Are, What We Do, Why We Matter" You are in for a treat!</p> <p>Hospitality Rooms Open</p>	<p><b>Morning</b> District Training Assembly Details and Registration <a href="http://www.rotarydistrict6630.com">www.rotarydistrict6630.com</a></p> <p><b>12:00</b> Lunch Kentucky Derby Theme An Exciting Salute to our Youth</p> <p><b>4 Way Test Contest Winners Speeches</b> New Rotaract Club Commissioning Youth Exchange Flag Ceremony RYLA</p> <p><b>Afternoon</b> Hear from a Polio Survivor</p> <p><b>Afternoon at the Races -</b> At the Double Tree Have fun, raise money for Polio (see Reverse)</p> <p><b>6:00</b> <b>Governor's Dinner</b> Closing Comments Youth Exchange Outbound Ceremony Special Recognitions Key Note - The RI President's Rep Hospitality Rooms Open</p>	<p><b>Morning</b> Breakfast on your own in Shula's</p> <p>Nondenominational Service Memorial Service Remembering those Rotarians who passed since the last conference</p> <p><b>Spouse/Partner Program</b></p> <p><b>Friday Afternoon</b> <i>Choose One</i> Chocolate Demo Bello (Bowling for Polio)</p> <p><b>Saturday Morning</b> <i>Choose One</i> Lakeview Cemetery Tour Help for Caring for Seniors Citizens</p> <p><b>Rooms</b> \$99 Per Night (+tax)</p> <p><b>Costs</b> Friday Afternoon \$20 Friday Night \$40 District Training Assembly \$30 (includes Lunch) Saturday Lunch \$20 Saturday Dinner \$40</p>



**Rotary District 6630**  
**2015 Annual Conference**




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**Join us for an Afternoon at The Races  
to End Polio Now!**

**Buy a Horse (or Two!) Sponsor a Race!!**

**Derby Hats welcome!**

**Saturday April 25<sup>th</sup>**

★ 2:15pm - Doors Open ★ 2:30pm - Betting Begins

★ Snacks provided ★ Beer Available - \$5 per person

★ Horses are only \$20 each

★ Race Sponsorships are \$100 - only 10 available

★ Go to the District Website (use the link below) to buy your horse and secure your sponsorship before they are gone!  
<http://www.crsdmin.com/EventPortal/Registrations/PublicFill/EventPublicFill.aspx?eventId=eb47eb2c-874-43bc-8c72-5b44e5dc2c0>

★ For more information, please contact: Kevin Werner at 330-592-1622 or Shelia Hedrick at 330-414-2501

★ Must be 21 to attend



## Interact Dodgeball Tournament

The Interact Club of North Royalton/Broadview Heights sponsored a dodgeball tournament on Saturday, February 28, 2015 at the North Royalton Middle School. Approximately 65 participants joined in the fun and money raised went to Womankind Prenatal Care Services.



**Andrew Link, Joe Mandato, Troy Walter, Matt Tilk, Zach Demetriades; Front Row: Patrick McKee, Jessica Toth, Alyssa Toth, Jessica Washabaugh**

Womankind provides needy pregnant women with monthly examinations at the clinic, access to prenatal care and support services enabling them to follow through with their pregnancies. They were established in 1975 and are now in their 40th year offering professional counseling, help with Health Start and Women and Children applications, childbirth instruction and other classes designed to help them become new parents, all services are free. Patti Bertschler, a volunteer of Womankind, gave a brief presentation about wom-



**volunteer Patti Bertschler speaking to the participants at the tournament**

ankind and thanked everyone for participating. The tournament began at approximately 12 noon and lasted until 5:00pm. 13 teams from local communities played and team SFVD took home the trophy! Thank you to all those who came to play or just to watch and cheer on the teams. Also, thank you to Augie's Pizza of North Royalton, Angie's Pizza of North Royalton and Zepp's Pizza of North Royalton for donating pizza to serve at the tournament. Other refreshments were provided by the Interact Club. Thank you to all those who participated.

## TRC Painesville Commits to Feeding the Needy

Starting in December 2014 the Painesville Rotary has committed to staffing the preparation & serving of meals to the needy one night per month. The meals are served at St. James Church in downtown Painesville and Rotary is scheduled for



**Jeff (Volunteer Chef), Vanessa Clark, Stu Lucker, Tom Hill, Deb Remington, and Erica Acheson**

every 3rd Tuesday of the month. Preparations start at 3:30pm, the meal is served from 5pm-6pm with clean up until 6:30pm. We invite any and all Rotarians to come join us for this "Service above Self". No need to register - just show up at St. James and we'll put you to work!

So far we have served Tuna Noodle Casserole, Salmon Patties, and for Fat Tuesday: Pancakes, Sausage & Ham. We have dis-

covered some great chefs already so the meal has been planned ahead of the date and we just do it! This experience has been very inspiring to everyone who has pitched in already and we have "tasked" all new



**Kathleen Cotter, Jerry Walker, Judy Schleder, Vanessa Clark, Don Lucker, John Shepard, Deb Remington, and Stu Lucker**

members with volunteering at least once in their first year. Now the task becomes one of getting a broader participation from our club which because of word of mouth has already started to happen as the members share the experience and encourage the rest to come and pitch in.

## Optimists and Rotary Collaborate to Benefit Community

Last year the Brunswick Optimist Club asked PDG Jack Young to make a presentation explaining Shelter Box and what Rotary does in the community and the world. In the presentation, PDG Young covered a number of subjects including Polio Eradication, community projects and Youth Programs including the Rotary 4 way speech contest in which he has been involved in for over 12 years.

Several months later, PDG Young was asked by Bill O'Neil, Past International Vice President of Optimist International, if he would be a judge for the local Zone Optimist Oratorical Contest for young people. Their process is similar to our Rotary 4-way Speech Contest. The speeches are judged on Speech Content, Delivery and Presentation, Poise and Overall Effectiveness.

Therefore on Wednesday, March 11, the Oratorical Contest was held in the Brunswick Municipal Building. This is just one of the many ways in which 2 service clubs can work together to benefit young people and the community.



**Judges Ann Yuzwa, Coordinator Bill O'Neil (Past International Vice President of Optimist International), Student Speech Contest Winners, Judges PDG Jack Young, and Joe Desanter**



## LAST CALL - Rotary Leadership Institute March 28th

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) provides Rotary programs and Leadership development training for current or future Club or District leaders. Session I is being offered Saturday, March 28th at the DoubleTree Hilton, Independence, OH from 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. The topics for Session I include Insights into Leadership, My Rotary World, Engaging Members, Our Foundation, Ethics - Vocational Service, and Service Projects.

RLI Session II is also being offered on March 28th, same time and place. You must have completed Session I to attend Session II. Session II topics include Strategic Planning and Analysis, Team Building, Club Communication, Targeted

Service, and Attracting Members.

The cost of either Session, which includes Continental breakfast, lunch, and participant materials, is \$75, however the District will cover \$25 of the cost. Registration is now open via our partner District 6650's website, [www.rotarydistrict6650.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6650.org) under Upcoming Events. Make sure you check the box that indicates you are from District 6630 so you receive reduced fee of \$50. Reservations must be made by Monday March 23rd.

Questions should be directed to Julie West via email [jwest@ameritech.net](mailto:jwest@ameritech.net) or 216-392-6771.

## A Taste of the Western Reserve April 26th

Rotary Club of Aurora Foundation Presents the Taste of Western Reserve - This annual fundraising event supporting Rotary's local, regional and international service projects will be held on Sunday April 26, 2015 from 4-7 PM at Signature of Solon. The TASTE features fine food from twenty upscale restaurants, a silent auction, musical and magical entertainment, a cash bar and the drawing for the winners of a special raffle. The raffle first prize is \$3,000 with additional secondary prizes such as major sporting event tickets and gift certificates. The proceeds of the raffle will be donated to support a new Aurora Police Canine. Individual event

tickets are \$35 in advance, \$40 at the door or \$400 in advance for a reserved table of ten. Raffle tickets are \$20 each, or six (6) for \$100 as an early bird special through April 1st. To purchase event and raffle tickets call Rotary Treasurer Ron Echelberry at 330-348-7446 or Rotary President Dick Rowley at 330-562-1019. For additional information about the event and raffle log on to the Aurora Rotary website [www.aurorarotaryclub.org/Page/taste](http://www.aurorarotaryclub.org/Page/taste).



**Rotary**

ROTARY DAYS  
2015 Charity Bicycle Ride  
May 30, 2015  
Along the Western Reserve Greenway Trail  
In Ashtabula County

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
AREA FIRST-RESPONDERS

Participants can start anywhere/anytime between 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. along the 44 mile route of the Western Reserve Greenway Trail.  
Distances are determined by the Participants.  
Each participant is given a route card which is stamped at the checkpoints/stop along the trail.  
Checkpoints/stop stops staffed by First-Responders and Rotarians and will provide:  
First Aid  
Bicycle maintenance  
Refreshments  
Route Card Stamps

Lansdown Rd. Rolling Point between 12 am - 1pm where participants and their families can enjoy:  
Food/refreshments for sale, entertainment and other activities  
Rotary information booths (all clubs, highlighting activities/charities)  
First-responder demonstrations  
Check points for picking up packets (No need to start at Lansdown Rd.)

COST: \$30 PER PERSON, \$100 PER FAMILY

FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION GO TO: <http://rotarydistrict6630.org/2015-15-rotary-days-event-information>

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Registration Form

Rotary Clubs of Ashtabula/Tiarraball Counties, Inc. and participating First Responder organizations (Fire and EMS) are sponsoring ROTARY DAYS 2015 Charity Bicycle Ride / Walk, May 30, 2015.

One registration form is required per participant or family.

I Plan to: ☐ Ride ☐ Walk

Last Name First Name (include the names of each family member; you may use the back or a separate sheet of paper)

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone Email \_\_\_\_\_

Age \_\_\_\_\_ Gender \_\_\_\_\_

T-shirts will be provided to all pre-registered participants. Those registering on race day will receive shirts on a first-come first-served basis.

Available sizes are:  
YOUTH: S M L ADULT: S M L XL XXL (Circle One)

PAYMENT: ☐ Pre-registration (\$30.00 non-refundable) Due by May 1st, 2015  
☐ Family (if four or more) \$100 total  
☐ Same Day Registration \$40.00 per person.

Make Checks Payable and mail to:  
Rotary Club of Rock Creek/Grand Valley  
P.O. Box 305, Owauch, OH 44076

## Connect With Interact in Tunisia

We have an interesting opportunity to get to know Interactors in Tunisia! Ines Ben Amor of the Interact Club Tunis el Menzah would like to correspond with an Interact Club in our district - see below for his message.

Arne R. van der Heyde  
District 6630 Interact Co-Chair 2014-2015

From: Ines Ben Amor  
Hello Interact Club !  
I am Inès from Tunisia (north Africa) and I am a member of the International Committee of Interact Club Tunis el Menzah. We have decided to act with an international Club, would you like to participate with us?

Here is our Facebook page...



[Interact Club Tunis El Menzah](#)

[View Conversation on Facebook](#)

## News From TRC Mantua

The Rotary club of Mantua will present a painting workshop on Tuesday March 31 as their weekly meeting. The format will of course be different from our regular morning meetings.

It will be held in the evening at 7:00 PM at our usual meeting place. (the hall of Hilltop Christian Church) in Mantua. We will start at 7:00 PM. Artist and Instructor Carol Milani will provide canvases, brushes, paints & easels. She will guide participants, step by step through the creation of their own masterpiece. Everyone will have their art work to take home.

Participants are instructed to bring beverage (wine suggested to help get in mood during painting session). Rotary members will provide appetizers. Cost is \$25.00 per person. Attendance limited so reservations a must.

The title of Carols Program is Nature's wine. We are very excited about this program and hope get good community involvement.





## Port-Summit Bass Tournament

*Saturday May 16 2015  
Portage Lakes State Park  
New State Park Ramp*

Please consider supporting The Port - Summit Rotary Bass Tournament fundraising event by announcing the tournament to your club members. Our tournament is an annual event that benefits the Akron Rotary Kids Camp, scholarship programs, and youth development programs.

The tournament is a catch and release event with cash prize awards, door prizes, and early registration incentives. A visit to our club website ([www.porsumro.org](http://www.porsumro.org)) will provide you with details about Rotary, Port - Summit Rotary, Rotary Kids Camp, The Port - Summit Rotary Bass Tournament, and Bass Tournament Registration. (Be sure to view the Bass Tournament Video, and the Rotary Kids Camp video.)

Our club looks forward to the opportunity of partnering with your organization in supporting Rotary Kids Camp.

Many Thanks For Your Consideration!

Jack Evans  
Port - Summit Rotary Bass Tournament  
Coordinator  
330-958-2504  
[jack@evans.org](mailto:jack@evans.org)



**Bass Tournament**  
**May 16, 2016**  
Bigger - Better - Bolder

Proceeds Benefit  
Scholarship Award Programs  
Youth Development Programs  
Rotary Kids Camp

**Good Cause - Good Fishing - Good Times!**



Early Register = Early Start Time + Premium Prize Gift + Gift Card

**To Register Visit**

**[www.porsumro.org](http://www.porsumro.org)**

## Reflections From The Chili Open

First, let me go back a few weeks to February 28th when the weather is 15 Degrees and plenty of snow is still on the ground. It is time for the 24th Annual Chili Open Golf Charity Event at the Berea Fair Grounds.

**THE WEATHER IS ABSOLUTELY PERFECT FOR THE OCCASION! BRIGHT SUN AND 15 DEGREES.**

The Event is a huge success thanks to the generosity of our sponsors and those attending the event that have opened their hearts as well as their wallets! That Generosity allowed us to break our record for the live auction part of the day! That means we will be able to give the 10 selected charities approximately \$3000.00.

Those Charities for 2015 are Applewood Centers, The ARC of Greater Cleveland, Cleveland Food Bank, Easter Seals, Far West Center, Lighthouse, Malachi House, Jimmy Malone Scholarship Fund at College Now Greater Cleveland, Neighborhood Alliance, and Welcome House. These Charities were selected from over 30 submitted to our Club.

It is always difficult to select one over the other as the need to help continues to grow. The committee has a difficult job and we thank them for their wisdom and patience.

This crazy event is hard to describe unless you have been there. It is sort of like Cabin Fever turned loose but still under control! It is a time and place to get rid of the Winter Blues for a few hours.

Our new sponsor this year was Columbia Hills Golf and Swim Club. The Club is being renovated and will be ready for the Spring Season. Call them for information.

The live auctions start at 10:00 am along with the 50-50 drawings and the Action continues until 4:00 pm. you name it and it was on the list of auction items.

How about 4 Indians tickets vs Boston on Opening Day In Boston? How about a Bernie Kosar autographed jersey? How about Monsters or Blue Jackets Tickets?

How about tickets for the Beck Center? How about Cavs and Nets for 8 people? A week in Mexico for 8 in Puerto Vallarta? We had 18 items at least in every hour of Auction time. You name it we had it on the list of items. The bidding was fast and furious with little time to hesitate. You snooze you lose with Bob Hale as our auctioneer.

And then to bring more craziness we Sold a string of beads for \$10. The prize was a wheelbarrow full of beer, wine, booze, soft drinks and the winner got the wheelbarrow as well! This was done with a Heads and Tails contest. You pick heads or tails and place your hands there, we flip the coin, you are in or out. It only took about 8 flips to get to the final two people. They fought for about 5 flips and then we had a winner. She was very Happy as she is getting married in the Spring. Our best wishes to the Happy Couple!

Rest time is over and we are back to live auction time and the 50-50. This continues until 4 pm for the last action of the day. **WE PULL THE WINNER FOR THE INDIANS LOGE. IT IS 10 PEOPLE** and includes food and drink!

Now for the hard part of taking everything down, cleaning the place, gather the greens and mats from the course

store them and let's go Celebrate. The Charities will be attending our meeting in mid-May to receive their checks.

The yearlong planning has paid off again. We passed our Goal.

We invite all to join us in 2016. It is always the last Saturday in February! See you then!

Getting back to work, we wish all of the attendees success at the All PETS Training session.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jack Miaskowski

## Rotary Days – Upcoming Events

RI President Gary C.K. Huang has asked all Rotary members to Light Up Rotary by organizing a Rotary Day in 2014-15. The concept is simple: hold a fun, informal event in your community to introduce the public to your club and Rotary. You'll not only improve Rotary's image in your community, you'll also boost interest in joining your club.

District 6630 Clubs and Clusters (groups of Clubs) have been planning their Rotary Days, since the beginning of this Rotary year. Portage County held their Rotary Days events the week of August 25th in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity Restore during their busy season when Kent State students arrived for their school year.

A number of other Clusters and individual Rotary Clubs in our District are holding Rotary Days in May and June and you are invited to participate.

There is a Rotary Days page on our District website where additional information will be posted as it becomes available, but below is a list of planned activities so far. Review them and decide which one(s) you

would like to attend.

May 2nd - Service event at HQ for Youth Challenge with BBQ for families afterwards, RC West Shore

May 16th- Heroes Day: Each club to pick select 1-3 houses of military or first responders where teams of 6-10 will do needed yardwork. Volunteers will have joint breakfast, then come back with their heroes for lunch. Summit North Cluster ( RCs of Cuyahoga Falls, Stow-Munroe Falls, Northampton, Hudson, Hudson Clock Tower)

May 23rd or 30th - Family Week with Hike/Bike/Walk on Portage Headwaters Trail. RC Garrettsville/Hiram

May 25th - Participation in Medina Memorial Day Parade with reception following. Medina Cluster (RCs of Medina, Medina Sunrise, Brunswick, Lodi, Wadsworth)

May 30th - Bike/Walk on Western Reserve Greenway Trail to benefit First Responders and Rotary. Rotary Clubs from Trumbull County, D6650, will also participate as trail ends there. Ashtabula Clus-

ter (RCs of Rock Creek/Grand Valley, Ashtabula, Conneaut, Jefferson, Andover)

May 31st – Rib Fest, RC Bedford

June 7th – Rubber duck race followed by Kids Fest, RC Strongsville


June 13th - Our Lady of Elms 5K and Family Run, Summit County South (RC Akron and others)

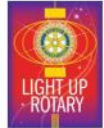
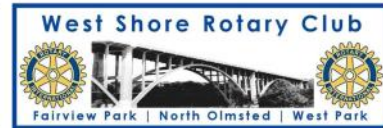
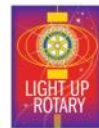
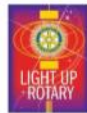
TBD – Mini Festival at City Park in conjunction with repair of Safety Village building, activities, food; RC North Ridgeville

TBD – Safety Town Kick-off, RC Nordonia Hills

TBD - Meet & Greet, fun, food events held concurrently in each area; Cuyahoga SW Cluster (RCs of North Royalton/Broadview Heights, Berea, Parma

Remember to check our District website ([www.rotarydistrict6630.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6630.org)) and click on the Rotary Days button for more details and how to sign up as the events get closer.

**Rotary**  **E - X - P - A - N - D**  
Your Rotary Horizons  
Attend Our District Conference  
April 24-26, 2015  
DoubleTree Hilton, Independence



### BE INSPIRED

Motivational Speaker and Rotarian Michael Angelo Caruso – Friday Morning and Noon  
RI Director Mary Beth Growney Selene – Friday Evening  
4-Way Test Speech Contest Winners – Saturday Noon  
RI President's Representative Robert Stuart – Saturday Evening

### LEARN

Annual Meeting – Friday Afternoon  
Round Table Discussions – Club Operations, Energizing Your Club's Programs, History, Rotary Days, and more... - Friday Afternoon  
Special Sessions for New Members, Clubs with < 25 Members, Presidents-Elect, and Presidents – Friday Afternoon  
Workshops - District History, Vocational Training Teams – Friday Afternoon  
District Assembly Workshops – Membership, Youth Services, Public Relations, The Rotary Foundation, My Rotary, and more – Saturday Morning  
House of Friendship Club and District Displays – Friday and Saturday

### Celebrate

50 Year Rotarians – Friday Noon  
Paul Harris Fellows – Friday Evening  
Inbound and Outbound Youth Exchange Students – Saturday Noon and Evening

### Enjoy Fun and Fellowship

An Afternoon at the Races – Saturday Afternoon  
Spouse/Partner Activities – Friday Afternoon and Saturday Morning  
Hospitality Suites – Friday and Saturday Evenings

### Remember

Fellow Rotarians who have passed since our last District Conference – Sunday Morning

REGISTER NOW: [www.rotarydistrict6630.com](http://www.rotarydistrict6630.com)

HOTEL Reservations: 216-447-1300 by April 2<sup>nd</sup>; Mention Rotary District 6630

## Quarterly Raffle

Tuesday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2015

6:00pm – 8:00pm

Two Bucks in North Olmsted  
(In the plaza between Walker and Clague Road)  
24108 Lorain Rd., North Olmsted, OH 44070

Raffle tickets are \$20/ea

1<sup>st</sup> Prize - \$600

2<sup>nd</sup> Prize - \$300

3<sup>rd</sup> Prize - \$100

Winner need not be present

Tickets are available from Tom Eble at [teelcon@aol.com](mailto:teelcon@aol.com)

Mail sold ticket stubs with payment to:

P.O. Box 26072, Fairview Park, Ohio 44126

Make checks payable to: The West Shore Rotary Foundation

\$5 donation at the door

Complimentary Appetizers ~ Cash Bar

RSVP to Eric Wagner at [ericwagner80@gmail.com](mailto:ericwagner80@gmail.com) by March 24<sup>th</sup>

All proceeds benefit the West Shore Rotary Club charities and college scholarships.

The West Shore Rotary Foundation is a 501c3 organization.

## Stow-Munroe Falls High School Is Going Global

Stow-Munroe Falls High School is going global by collecting money to construct a school building for children in Mali, Africa. The school (once completed) will be called "Stow School". The idea to build a school in Mali started when Dr. Scott Lacy (SMFHS alumni) was involved in the Peace Corp after college. He was recognized as a special guest for homecoming weekend three years ago. The students in the International Business Academy asked Dr. Lacy to speak and together came up with the idea to help the Malians by taking on the task of building a school. The students have raised \$8,000 of the \$14,000 needed.

After the International Business Academy began raising money other groups and individuals started pitching in to help. Elementary and middle schools collected coins, along with the foreign language clubs at the high school. Also, joining forces with DECA and the others is Interact (a service club connected with the Stow Rotary). Students have sold candy bars, t-shirts, hosted staff vs. student basketball games, Mali ball, and talent shows.

Interact has designed a new T-shirt and is offering it in long and short sleeve. All monies go directly to the school in Mali. If interested in purchasing a t-shirt, one can email [st\\_mowls@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_mowls@smfcsd.org) and/or

[st\\_charris@smfcsd.org](mailto:st_charris@smfcsd.org) and a t-shirt form with a photo of the T-shirt will be sent via email.

African Sky is a social profit organization working to lessen the effects of extreme poverty in Mali, Africa. For more information on African Sky, please go to the web site, [africansky.org](http://africansky.org).

## ShelterBox Continues Aid Throughout the World... Can You Help?

By Jack A. Young, PDG District 6630  
Shelter Box USA Board Member 2007-2014  
Shelter Box Board Emeritus - 2015  
Past Chair - Rotary Relations Committee

### ***Your Help and Support Are Needed***

Shelter Box continues its deployment of volunteers and SB supplies to Disasters throughout the world.

**MAIAWI - Flooding** The country along with neighboring Mozambique is experiencing some of the worst flooding in more than 40 years. In Malawi, an estimated 200,000 people have been left homeless and substantial portions of infrastructure, including roads, bridges and power cables, have been washed away.

1,000 Shelter Boxes, along with 650 shelter kits and 500 tarpaulins have now been transported into the country. Teams are working in the southern districts of Chikawa and Zomba. 288 Boxes have been distributed to families so far.

**CAMEROON - Conflict** Shelter Box received request to provide aid in Cameroon to around 45,000 families. Some of these families and refugees from Nigeria, while others have been displaced due to conflict within the country. A Memorandum of Understanding has now been signed and Shelter Box is currently working through logistics to send an initial 224 boxes to the country. Operations is also considering the possibility of sending

response a team to the country.

**GAZA - Conflict** Shelter Box will be sending a total of 500 Shelter Boxes to rural areas of GAZA where people have fled from conflict in the region's cities and are now homeless. The first 250 boxes have arrived in Gaza and are currently being distributed. A further 250 boxes are being delivered now.

**NIGER - Flooding** Heavy Rains and subsequent flooding have affected the Niamey, Tillaben and Dosso regions among others. A shipment of 568 Shelter Boxes has now been distributed in the country.

**IRAQ - Conflict** The rapid advance militant fighters has thrown into crisis and has led to overseas involvement in the form of aid interventions. Shelter Box has pre-positioned stock in Iraq and will be working with Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development to establish a comp to provide shelter for internally displaced people. There are around 1,900 tents in Iraq Kurdistan, which now have been distributed.

**PHILLIPPINES - Typhoon Haiyan**

Our response teams have worked in shifts to deliver aid to more than 7,200 families, many of them in remote island communities. Now that the need for emergency shelter has diminished. Shelter Box has turned its attending to providing other types of aid that are more suited to the current need in help-

ing communities rebuild their lives. Shelter Box is working in partnership with the international agencies ACTED.

**PAKISTAN - Flooding** Areas of southern Punjab have suffered severe flooding throughout the last few months and a request was made to Shelter Box to help people through the winter. 1,000 Shelter Box repair kits and 224 Shelter Boxes are currently being distributed in Pakistan to assist flooding survivors.

**SYRIA - Conflict** Efforts continue to ensure the ongoing distribution of Shelter Box aid in response to the Syrian crisis. Distribution of aid is through our implementing partner, Hand in Hand for Syria. Shelter Box Repair Kits, more tents, mosquito nets, water filters and carriers, blankets, groundsheets, school Boxes and solar amps have all been provided to assist families and children in the region.

As you can see, disasters are still happening and those who need are help continues to grow. Therefore, we need the help and support of all Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and friends of Rotary to help support our efforts to provide Shelter, Warmth and Dignity to those who have lost everything in these disasters. For more information or for a presentation on Shelter Box, and how you can support their efforts please contact PDG Jack A. Young . (440-759-4000 or [Jack1vil-la@aol.com](mailto:Jack1vil-la@aol.com))



## An Interesting Story From a Member of TRC Tallmadge

By: The Rev. Dr. John M. Schluep

Malidome Patrice Some writes with wisdom in his book "The Healing Power of Africa" there are three essential components for health and wellness: Ritual, Healing and Community. On September 27, 2014 ten residents from Northeast Ohio and three from Missouri left the United States for Viet Nam. For six veterans this was a return to "their war" forty-four to fifty years earlier. Two participants were Viet Nam era veterans and the remaining five persons were "People of Strong Heart" - spouses and friends of the veterans. The purpose was to bring peace and reconciliation to their lives. These thirteen individuals carried with them over 100 names of Viet Nam veterans who had died in the war, died at home since the war or could not make a return visit to Viet Nam.

These thirteen persons returned to Viet Nam under the guidance of a local healing organization called, Warriors' Journey Home, Inc. Listen - Speak - Heal whose mission is to Heal the invisible wounds of war. This work started as a ministry through a local Tallmadge, Ohio church the First Congregational Church of Tallmadge, UCC. Over the course of several years the local ministry developed in to a standalone 501c3 organization with healing groups being located in other communities in Northeast Ohio.

The Rev. Dr. John Schluep, founder of Warriors' Journey Home is a Rotarian with the Tallmadge Rotary and when he provided a morning program the Tallmadge Rotary responded with moral and financial support. The Viet Nam healing journey was accepted as a project

for the Rotary clubs of Summit County (Ohio) to support collaboratively. The Summit County Rotary working with the Akron Rubberducks Baseball organization sponsored a Warriors' Journey Home game-night at the Canal Park Stadium, Akron, Ohio.

Supporting veterans in their return to a war zone for healing and reconciliation with former enemy soldiers emulates the spirit of Rotary Peace promotion which speaks of tolerance and cooperation between people. Dr. Schluep would add to that "tolerance is good, however honoring others brings respect and fosters the healing process. when our veterans meet their former enemies they listen to their stories and begin to tell their own. The former enemies begin to see each other as human."

The Viet Nam War known as The American War in Viet Nam involved 3 million US military personnel. In the end 58,000 US men and women were killed in that war and today 1,600 remain Missing in Action (MIA). For many veterans and their families the repercussions over the decades since 1975 has been catastrophic for many: suicide, alcohol and substance abuse, domestic violence, broken homes and lives, unemployment and alienation - the disenfranchised Viet Nam veterans who came home are casualties as well.

"Many Viet Nam veterans returned from service to resume good and wholesome lives while others have yet to find the way home. Warriors' Journey Home is for those who continue to long for home, however it requires all of us working together to bring them home. Until the veteran is healed from the soul wound of

war and military service there will not be peace." Schluep said.

It is through the support of the local community, specifically the Tallmadge Rotary and Summit County Rotary working with the Rubberducks, that healing takes place. It involved the Tallmadge City government as well as the Tallmadge Chamber of Commerce and First Congregational Church of Tallmadge. The preparation for the return to Viet Nam for healing takes nearly a year of spiritual preparation, planning and fund raising. Many local groups conducted fund raising events and each participant was required to make a financial commitment - it is important that each person invest in their healing.

The most recent journey, September 27 to October 12, 2014 was planned around the areas of operation the returning veterans served in. In addition to those areas the Warriors' Journey Home group conducted proxy ceremony for over 125 Viet Nam veterans and their families. Nine ceremonies were held in various locations in Viet Nam and at each ceremony local Vietnamese joined the group often telling their story of how the war effected them.

"The Tallmadge Rotary is an invaluable partner in support of the healing work that brings peace to veterans, families, the community, and the world. Our work involves veterans from every era and conflict; their spouses, children, grandparents who discover healing when they courageously face the demons of war." Schluep said. For more information about Warriors' Journey Home go to [warriorsjourneyhome.org](http://warriorsjourneyhome.org).

# NEOMED progress outlined for KUSO

The Northeast Ohio Medical University in Rootstown is a wonderful resource that people of Portage County can benefit from by their support.

Sergio Garcia, chief of staff and vice president of diversity, equity and inclusion, described NEOMED as a rapidly growing campus that has remained true to its original mission while addressing members of Kent United Service Organizations, representing Rotary, Kiwanis, Lions, Jaycees and Junior Mothers, who turned out for the event at the

Kent Student Center. "More than half the doctors we graduate are practicing here in Ohio," he said, adding the major of those are practicing in Northeast Ohio.

Every doctor, Garcia said, generates on average approximately \$1 million of economic activity annually through billings, prescriptions, and referrals. "If that's is not a benefit to our economy, what is?" he said.

He described NEOMED's evolution in 40 years from a small commuter medical college that enrolled approximately 400 medical



Joining guest speaker Sergio Garcia, center, to represent their respective Kent service clubs at Thursday's banquet were, from left: Bill Griffith, Kiwanis; Kathleen D'Sidocky, Kent Junior Mothers; Garcia; Carol Crimi, Rotary; Jeff Coffee, Lions; and Maggie McKendry, Kent Jaycees.

students to an institution that now also hosts a School of Pharmacy, a graduated degree program in Biological Sciences, a research and development center, and a place of residence for more than 300 students.

Feasibility studies for dentistry and physician's assistant programs are under way.

In addition, he said, the school hosts an award-winning secondary education school, the Academy of Bio-Sci-

ences, on the third floor NEOMED's new Education and Wellness Center, which has been recognized as the best STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) high school in Ohio.

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## Kent Rotary hosts international scholars

Kent Rotary hosted 16 International Leaders in Education Program scholars at its recent Tuesday luncheon meeting.

The group, representing secondary education as practiced in schools in Asia, Africa and Latin America, were accompanied by Linda Robertson of the Gerald H. Read Center for International and Intercultural Education, and were each stationed at tables with members of Rotary to explained their mission during the winter-spring semester at Kent State University.

Speaking for the group were Raky Diallo of Senegal and Mohammad Faruk Ahmed of Bangladesh.

This is the ninth year Kent State University has hosted the ILEP scholars who take classes, mostly in the College of Education, and participate in classrooms in area high schools where they work with teachers and also share information about their countries with the students.



Seated from left are Marini Budiarti, Indonesia; Dorlina Michelle Tereza, India; Mohammad Faruk Ahmed, Bangladesh; Raky Diallo, Senegal; Rotarian TN Bhargava; Vivian Batol Intatano, Philippines; Abir Ibrahim Elkoumy, Egypt; and Regina Kanini Kamenchu, Kenya. Standing from left are Eric Bundi Meeme, Kenya; El Habib El Hadari, Morocco; Khayrul Islam, Bangladesh; Remoun Nagy Rozeik Shenouda, Egypt; Alessandro Amorim Da Silva, Brazil; Diene Dione, Senegal; Daniel Henrique Claro Silva, Brazil; Rosylin Salalima Loria, Philippines; Linda Robertson of Kent State; and Prabha Nair, India.

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