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Governor's Letter

I want to wish all of you a blessed and bountiful Thanksgiving. We are thankful for each and every one of you and all you do to for our local and worldwide communities. We accomplish so much more together! Happy Thanksgiving.

A MONTH FOR GIVING THANKS

November is a month in which we celebrate family and give thanks for all our blessings. At Rotary it is a time when we celebrate our blessings as well - we take time to celebrate the support provided by our members and clubs for the Foundation during our past (2014-15) Rotary year. Our thanks to those who attended the Foundation Celebration and Art Auction. We appreciate your ongoing support and partnership in service.



In this issue, you will find an article from Past District Governor Davanzo about the awardees.

For so many who have no idea what Polio is or how it impacted this world had the opportunity to see an Iron Lung that

was brought to the Foundation event by PDG William Ballou from Nebraska and Bob Taylor, the current President of the Alma, Nebraska Club. Also on display was a large photograph, courtesy of NE-OMED and Lee Higgins of the Kent Club, showing the Crippled Children's Ward at Akron Children's Hospital filled with patients in Iron Lungs. A sobering reminder of what polio patients had to endure.

Sandra Willis is a wonderful, beautiful and vibrant woman today but she contracted Polio in 1965 in Columbia, South America which changed her life forever. She shared her story and challenges with us and I hope you each get a chance to meet her at one of our future events - it's people like Sandra that remind us why we must continue our efforts to eradicate this horrible disease. Thank you for your ongoing support!

PETS-1

Presidents Elect Training-1 (PETS-1) was also held in November and introduced our Presidents Elect (PEs) to one another and began preparing them for their year of leading your clubs. The event was well received thanks to the planning and execution by DGE Jim McKee with support from District Trainer Mike Davanzo and Leadership Education and

Development Chair Steve Zabor. The next phase of Presidents Elect Training (PETS-2) will be March 11, 2016. Watch the website and for more information from DGE Jim McKee!

ONE ROTARY SUMMIT (ORS) FOLLOW-UP

Have you implemented any of the ideas you took away from One Rotary Summit last month? We want to know - just email us at ROTARYDISTRICT6630@NEO.RR.COM with ORS STORY in the subject line. Mike Davanzo will compile success stories to share.

Watch for more about the mid-year ORS that we are considering doing at the District Conference in April so we can continue sharing ideas.

PUBLIC IMAGE

Through the efforts of the Public Image Committee, the District is **striving for 100%** compliance of Rotary's Strengthened Brand on club websites by **February 1, 2016**. The committee will publish a list in December of Clubs that are in compliance.

COMING SOON! DISTRICT WIDE SPEAKERS BUREAU

We are in the process of developing a new speakers bureau tool on the District website

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TRC Solon Bowl For Water

On Saturday, October 17th, the Rotary Club of Solon hosted our 3rd Bowl for Water event, a rousing fundraiser to bring water to the citizens of Chilitupan, El Salvador. Joining us for a night of bowling, music, pizza, guest speakers, and raffles, over 200 guests were on hand to help us support our club's first international project. Through the generosity of our guests and sponsorships from leading companies, we were able to exceed our fundraising target of \$10,000 for the evening.

Our water project takes place in a city called Chilitupan, which is 1 hour southwest of the capital San Salvador. We will be drilling a well that will not only provide clean water for 200 people in a local cantoon (the El Salvadorian version of a suburb, but in the jungle), but also to a sustainable farm. The farm helps teach the people of Chilitupan about raising food and animals. Before the farm was established, they just raised potatoes and

rice. The sustainable farm includes a Papaya farm, as Papaya's are in great world demand. Currently the residents of Chilitupan haul buckets of water from a local river about 3/4 a mile away to provide for their families and farm. Our goal is to break ground for the well during the 4th quarter of 2016, in partnership with the local El Salvador Rotary Club.

To celebrate El Salvador's rich traditions during our event, local merchants served pupusas, a native sandwich consisting of corn tortillas, cheese, beans, and chicharrón, as well as a cabbage slaw called curtido. We were also fortunate to have a Chilitupan resident join us to meet our guests and describe his life in the cantoon.

Rounding out the evening were our guest speakers, Paul Dolan, President of the Cleveland Indians, and Ross Atkins, Vice President of Player Personnel, along with the Mayor of Solon, Susan Drucker. Mr.

Dolan spoke of his support for our club's efforts, and Mr. Atkins focused on baseball's linkage to Central and South America, and the symbiotic relationship to the people of those areas and the Cleveland Indians.

Our next steps are to submit for District and Rotary International support. Our total project fundraising target is \$45,000. If interested, we encourage other clubs to consider our international project as part of their 2016 charitable efforts. Please reach out to Glenn Gable, President Elect of the Rotary Club of Solon and the project leader for this effort.

In all, Bowl for Water was a wonderful evening for our Club's members and all of our guests, and we are truly grateful for the financial and emotional support we have received for this critical project to benefit those truly in need.

District Recognizes Top 3 Clubs for Fndn Giving

By PDG Mike Davanzo

As you know, November is Our Rotary Foundation Month. On Sunday, November 15, the District celebrated our past giving to the Foundation along with an art auction. Please look at this month's newsletter to read about it.

Also, in the newsletter will be a report about the awards. Here is what our district contributed last year.

Our District as a whole:

- Contributed a grand total of \$238,345 to the annual fund.
- That giving put us in third place in our zone for total Annual Fund giving.
- Contributed \$111,000 to Polio Plus (Third place in the zone)

A special thank you and congratulations to our top three giving clubs for 2014-2015:

#1 RC of Fairlawn \$518.40 per capita

'14-'15 President: Betsy McIntyre
Foundation Chair: Arne van der Heyde

#2 RC of Hillcrest-Sunrise \$449.64 per capita

'14-'15 President: Janet Schiciano

Foundation Chair: Dana DeCapite

#3 RC of Medina-Sunrise \$401.11 per capita

'14-'15 President: Barb Evatz

Foundation Chair: Will Koran

Many thanks to all who contributed to Our Foundation last year and for your contributions this year.

Congratulations to these clubs and the Foundation Chairs.

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News From TRC Port-Summit

Plans for Major Mogadore Development Discussed

Port-Summit Rotary club was honored to host Paul and Joel Testa of Testa Companies at our regular meeting on October 8th. The Testas revealed some of what they are proposing for the former West's Mogadore Country Club. Testa Companies recently purchased the 700+ acre property from longtime golf course owners, the West family. Pending approval of plans by Mogadore Village Council, Testa Companies plan to undertake the largest mixed-use development in Southwest Portage County in years.

The proposed, Towne Centre at West Village would include office, retail, and mixed-use housing that could result in by far the most significant property development in the history of Mogadore. Testa Companies envision West Village as an opportunity for older Mogadorians to downsize, established Gen-Xers to upsize, and millennials to find housing opportunities in homes made available by this anticipated migration. Few such opportunities have existed in recent decades. The overall goal is to increase the economic vitality of the area, without disturbing the small-town charm and community spirit that is a source of pride amongst villagers. It is an exciting time for the community we serve as Port-Summit Rotarians.

Christmas Concert with Ryan Humbert and Hillybill Idol

Port-Summit Rotary invites fellow Rotarians from District

6630 to join us for Ryan Humbert's annual Holiday Music Extravaganza at the Akron Civic Theatre. We combined last year's concert with our club Christmas Party and had a wonderful time! Tickets are available for Sunday, December 20th and Monday, December 21st. The show has a different theme each year. This year the theme is Country Christmas, featuring local country music legends, Hillbilly Idol and includes regular Humbert partner, Emily Bates. Tickets are \$20, or two for \$35. The concerts benefit Akron General Medical Center's Muffins for Mammograms program. Contact Ron Whitmer (rwhitmer@jogworks.org) to coordinate special seating, or for further information.

A Visit from the Governor

The Port-Summit Rotary Club was pleased to be visited by District Governor, Cheryl Warren at our October 1st meeting at Bill White's in Springfield Township. Ms. Warren updated the club on District 6630 programs and initiatives like One Rotary Summit and World Polio Day, asking for our help and involvement. She exchanged flags with Port-Summit President, Judy Miller and complimented members on the impressive level of programming and community engagement for a club of our size.

TRC Aurora Members Rake Leaves

By Amy McDougald

On Saturday, November 7th 120 Aurora citizens gave up their morning to rake leaves for seniors in the city. Newly inducted Rotarian Pat Costanza, worked with the city's senior director, Patty Harrington, to identify needy recipients and collect information on

school groups, businesses and families to find workers. The event was hosted by members of the Aurora Rotary inside the city's senior building. Rotarians helped finance and prepare food and hot beverages to serve the cold and tired workers and several of the Rotarians also helped rake leaves. Special thank yous to our president, George Schumacher, who recognizes the value of investing Rotary time and resources into our local community and has made that a priority during his presidency. Also, thank you to Duncan Donuts in Aurora who donated \$100 in donuts to the event.

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Rotary Recognizes Six Women for Leadership



[Rotary recognizes six women for their leadership](#)

Rotary's Global Women of Action discussed their projects during the annual Rotary Day at the UN in New York City on 7 November. These Rotarians have organized and led efforts that have improved the lives of thousands around the world. [Read more about the Global Women of Action.](#)

Congratulations to Barb Klingensmith for receiving the "Outstanding Leadership" award from ACESC. Your many years of community service and dedication have been duly recognized! Thank you for what you do for our Ashtabula County - and for our Rotary!!

Cheryl Warren DGE

Getting Involved is the Key to RYE Success

Akron's RYE student from Brazil, Gabriel Mendes, is living an exciting and stimulating life here in NE Ohio. Like most exchange students, he has become heavily involved with school life in Stow for his senior year. From taking AP classes to learning to play a trombone in the marching band, Gabriel has shown his true colors of being an excellent candidate for this experiment in international leadership. What does he find most memorable at this point? Halloween events that he had only witnessed in movies, including the most mundane of entering Giant Ea-



gle in costume. Attending the Friday night football games for a school that's on track to win the district championship. Marching with the band in the "senior show." And his American family.

In addition, on November 4 Gabriel relished his role as guest speaker at Tallmadge High School to a group of about 70 French Club members on his own "cultural" immersion experience.

Answering a barrage of questions following about thirty minutes of presentation about Brazil and the two months here so far, new perspectives on American life, the challenge of communicating English, and all the adjustments he has made, Gabriel conveyed the excitement and value of choosing Rotary to study abroad. Is



Rotary reaching its goal? Yes, making a difference in the lives of young people who come to the U.S. and those who interact with our RYE Inbound students is what this Rotary Youth Exchange program is all about.



Witness Service Above Self

At 6:00 am November 17th at Children's Hospital in Cincinnati, OH Akron Rotarian Brian Chima was prepared for surgery as he donates a kidney to a 13 year old girl who without his gift of love her chances of living are slim to none.

This morning we are witness to one of to an act of "Service Above Self" that is beyond most of our personal abilities as Brian donates a kidney from his own body to a friend's daughter so she will have the Gift of Life.



We love Brian especially for his giving spirit, his love of life and his caring personality that always shine - whether mentoring an exchange student. traveling abroad to help others, or at the football stadium rooting on the Akron Zips. Thank you for all you do Brian - our prayers are with you and your friend.

DECA Seeks Judges

DECA competition seeks judges. It would be nice if rotary members can help. Here is the link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1xcGn3xsty7v-iSU6HnM0zdg-grWirA2WY8Ri5_ho_tQ/viewform to fill out a form. The date is Wednesday, January 27 (snow day-January 28) at Akron U. from 8:00 a.m. to noon. Free parking, continental breakfast, & being involved with our Stow students.



Nordonia Hills Rotarian John Graves, celebrates with Girl Scouts of North East Ohio after being awarded Crain's 2015 CFO of the Year - Nonprofit. First row: Penny Graves; John Graves, GSNEO CFO; Jane Christyson, GSNEO CEO; Second row: Laura Watson Aquila, GSNEO Vice Chair; Barbara Hill, GSNEO COO; Diane Coletti, GSNEO Board Member; Mindy Qua, GSNEO Finance Committee Member; Brenda Heidinger, GSNEO Chair; Three row: Rev. Aaron Meadows, Kent Presbyterian Church; Tony Dunlap; GSNEO IT Manager. Crain's CFO of the Year photographer: McKinley Wiley.

For access to the full article, visit <http://www.crainscleveland.com/article/20151017/CFO15/151019838/john-graves>

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Matching Grant \$ in 2016-17

By Jim Lechko, Foundation Chair

Will your club be qualified to participate in the matching grant process in the 2016-17 Rotary year? We offer a dollar for dollar match for local grants in amounts ranging from \$500 - \$3,500. Much more significant dollars are available for Global Grants.

Here is what you need to know:

Two members of your club must attend a Grant Management Seminar (GMS). Seminar dates are January 25, February 25th and March 5th.

Your 2016-17 President and President Elect along with any other club members who attended the GMS must sign and submit a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) and MOU Addendum.

Your club average per capita giving to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund in the 2015-16 Rotary year must be \$35 or greater.

Your club must be current on its Rotary International and District 6630 dues.

Your club must be current on its reporting for any existing grants.

Don't miss out on this great opportunity. Fourteen of our clubs participated in local grants during this 2015-16 Rotary year obtaining grants totaling \$48,250.



More From Youth Exchange Scholar Kate Pellegrino

"Here is our current monthly report from Rotary d6630 Youth Exchange Scholarship student, Kate Pellegrino. Kate is sponsored by the Cuyahoga Falls Rotary Club and is spending her Junior year from Cleveland-West Park's St. Joseph Academy studying in Belgium. There she is hosted by District 2170, Bruxelles Rotary Club and attends high school at Centre Scolaire du Sacre-Coeur de Lindhout."

Bonjour!

This month has been really crazy! I've had a lot of fun family events during the week-ends and during the week I've been very busy with school activities and exploring Brussels. But now it's the Autumn holidays so I have a week of break and it's been fantastic (I wish the US schools had these nice weeklong breaks every few months). I got back yesterday from a three day trip to Paris (organized by Rotary/Rotex) which was absolutely amazing! Even though it was only three days, I have already fallen in love with the city and I sincerely plan to return someday. It was so fun to go with all of the other exchange students and really spend time getting to know them. There's just such a cool and unexplainable atmosphere in a group of exchange students and it was the best weekend ever!

Earlier in the month, I spent a weekend at a family wedding and the following week-end I spent in a castle for a family reunion. I really like meeting the extended family of my host family and it was really neat to see a Belgian wedding. Everyone is all so helpful and kind to me. My host family only speaks French with me, but these extended weekends that are absolutely all in French have been extraordinarily helpful in my learning the language. I now feel rather confident in my ability to speak French (although it was interesting when we went to Paris because the French/Parisian accent is so strong that I had a lot of difficulty understanding the tour guides). At the very least, the shop owners have generally stopped switching to English on me. But I still can't wait until I hit the point of fluency and I keep trying to develop my accent.

School is going well. I started playing volleyball on Tuesdays during lunch with some friends and it's been really fun! I've

never really played volleyball before, but it turns out it's a pretty cool sport. I hope to start doing basketball on Thursdays soon too. It's really nice because the sports take place during part of the lunch time so it doesn't take any time after school. I had to make my first short speech in front of my classmates a few weeks ago in French class. It was a short, impromptu, summary of a novel I'd read and it went fairly well considering the number of added gestures and acting I had to do to fully get my point across. :)

I just love exploring all that Belgium has to offer! Today a friend and I took a day trip to Bruges and the city was so beautiful! It was my first time to really visit a city in Flanders, and the style is so different than anything you'd find in southern Belgium. It was the perfect day (no rain, thank you Belgium) and the streets and everything were so amazing. And then on Thursday I leave on a Rotex trip to London to finish off the Holidays!

Et voila! Mon petit l'histoire d'octobre!

Again, thank you so much for making this all possible for me! I still can't believe that I am living in Europe! Just a year ago I hadn't even thought exchange was a possibility, or even traveling abroad for that matter. But here I am and I can't thank you enough for this amazing opportunity.

Sincerely,

Kate Pellegrino



The famous Rotary Club of Cleveland Singer's Table invites all District 6630 Rotarians, their families and friends, to a good time **HOLIDAY SINGERS** on Sunday, November 29, 2015. The Sing-a-long will take place at the Music Box Supper Club, located on the west bank of the Flats in Downtown Cleveland, a stone's throw from both the Powerhouse and Shooter's, 1148 Main Avenue, Cleveland, OH, 44113. The Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. The Sing-Along will start at 5:00 p.m. and the event will end at 7:00 p.m.

Admission to the Sing-a-long is \$10.00. THE MUSIC BOX SUPPER CLUB WILL DONATE 100% OF ALL ADMISSION FEES TO THE END POLIO NOW CAMPAIGN. This is a tremendous opportunity to not only have a great time singing and caroling, but to also support one of Rotary International's greatest worldwide projects.

Cleveland Rotarian, Mike Miller, owner, will provide 2 professional singers to augment the Cleveland Rotary Singer's Table members and lead all in attendance. Song sheets with words and music will be provided to make it easy to join in! As the Singer's Table has grown for over 100 years, neither lack of talent nor ability should deter anyone from participating. All are welcome, so bring your spouse, children, grandchildren, and friends and neighbors!

Advance tickets are available for \$10.00 at www.musicboxsupperclub.com/rotary or at the door. Remember, 100% of the admission fees for the Sing-a-long will be donated by the Music Box Supper Club to End Polio Now. Snacks, appetizers, sandwiches, hot chocolate, and adult beverages will be available throughout the event.

If you want to practice, come to Cleveland Rotary at noon on any Thursday and sit at the famous Singer's Table. We meet at Windows on the River in the Powerhouse. Looking forward to seeing all of you on Sunday, November 29th, at the Music Box Supper Club!

Merrily,

The Singer's Table of the Rotary Club of Cleveland



The Father of The Rotary Foundation

By PRID Michael Johns

I would like to begin this article by quoting the greeting of Arch Klumph to the Rotarians at the 1917 Rotary International Convention in Atlanta.

He Said- "We are gathered here today, a band of loyal, tried, and true members of the most worthy organization, Consecrated to the doctrine of service in all that the word implies."

The Father of The Rotary Foundation was A Rotarian with a dream. A dream that he followed for 30 years, telling Rotarians what an endowment fund could do for Rotary and the communities of the world. Arch C. Klumph was a charter member and past president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. He was Rotary International's sixth president, creator of the district system for Rotary Clubs and the Father of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International.

He was born in Conneautville, Pennsylvania on the 6th of June 1869, and he is a direct descendent, on the maternal side, of James Fenimore Cooper, the American novelist. Ancestry on his father's side has been traced back to Thomas Klumph, who settled at Lake Oswego, New York, in 1771. Arch's parents, Morton J. and Emma Cooper Klumph, had two other sons.

The family moved to Cleveland when Arch was very small. Like many young people of his time, Arch was forced to leave school at age 12 to go to work to help with family expenses. Despite this serious responsibility, however, he found time to be a "real boy", as he wrote, "I graduated from the devilment class with high honors and received a diploma of two broken legs for trying daredevil tricks that the other boys wouldn't tackle".

At age 16, Arch resumed his education by attending night school at a social settlement house. Lacking car fare, he usually walked four miles each way. Also that year, Arch and a friend produced a variety show. That friend's father, a proprietor of a lumber company, overheard Arch planning a budget. Impressed, he inquired about Arch and hired him as an office boy at a wage of \$1.00 per day. In

time, Arch became president, general manager and finally, owner of the firm, the Cuyahoga Lumber Company. During his career, he also was an executive with other businesses: president of the Buckeye Box Company, president of the Security Savings and Loan Company, president of Industrial Fabricators, Inc. and vice-president of The Lake Steamship Company.

Arch had a great love of music. At age 18 he began to study the flute, and three years later he received a chair in the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. He played with the orchestra for 14 years and was a lifelong sponsor of it. He also was a member of the Hermits, a Cleveland club for talented men, and he enjoyed the friendship of many leading musicians and actors. He confided to a reporter one day that he would trade his business success for a career in music. He once said "My heart is in music and my head is in business, I wish my heart could have controlled my life". Yet, he never let his interest in things artistic interfere with business.

Arch was a veteran of the Spanish-American War and served many trade associations as an elected leader. As admirable as his business and civic activities were, it was in service to Rotary and The Rotary Foundation that Arch's true talents, energy and vision were most fully realized and expressed.

In 1911, at the age of 42, he became one of the founding members of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. Two years later he served as its President. In 1914 he was elected a director of the International Association of Rotary Clubs and served on the Constitution and By-laws Committee and the Executive Committee. He was elected international president of Rotary in 1916-1917, only five years after becoming a Rotarian.

On June 18, 1917, while the world was engaged in war, Arch stepped to the podium at the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, Georgia, USA, and proposed the creation of an "endowment fund for Rotary . . . for the purpose of doing good in the world. At this meeting the Rotary Endowment Fund was born.

A few months later, the endowment received its first contribution of \$26.50 from the Rotary Club of Kansas City, Missouri, USA. The next donation came several days later from a past president of the Rotary Club of San Francisco.

Arch C. Klumph believed that Rotary would Brighten all eternity when he proclaimed in December 1928 "The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we raise temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon immortal minds...we are engraving on those tablets something that will brighten all eternity. Rotary is built by men made of good stuff; the ideal of service is developing into practice. As a consequence, the organization will never stand still." —

By 1928, when the endowment fund had grown to more than US\$5,000, the fund was renamed The Rotary Foundation, and it became a distinct entity within Rotary International. Five Trustees, including Klumph, were appointed to "hold, invest, manage, and administer all of its property. . . as a single trust, for the furtherance of the purposes of RI." Two years later, the Foundation made its first grant of US\$500 to the International Society for Crippled Children. The ISCC — created by Rotarian Edgar F. "Daddy" Allen —later grew into the Easter Seals Society.

The Great Depression and World War II both impeded significant growth for the Foundation, but the need for promoting a lasting world peace generated great post-war interest in developing the Foundation. After Rotary founder Paul P. Harris died in 1947, contributions began pouring into Rotary International, and the Paul Harris Memorial Fund was created for the purpose of building the Foundation.

That same year, the first Foundation program was established — Fellowships for Advanced Study, which was the forerunner of the Rotary Ambassadorial Scholarships program.

The Health, Hunger and Humanity (3-H) program was launched in 1978, with the Rotary Volunteers program being created

Rotary Club of Hudson Inducts New Member

Dr. Mimi Becker, was inducted by the Rotary Club of Hudson at the October 28, 2015 meeting. Pictured below are (from left to right) are Joe Avella, Club President, Dr. Becker, and sponsoring member Peter Goheen.

Dr. Becker is a native of Wisconsin where she grew up in Bayfield and Fond du Lac. Her early career path was multifaceted, but she has been a practicing Environmental Scientist with specialization in environmental policy, planning and management for many decades. She received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology & Anthropology from Carleton College in Northfield, MN

(1957). During the next 30 years she was a Children's Services Social Worker; Medical Case Worker, 7-8th grade teacher of biology, earth science, geography and government; an Environmental Policy and Planning Consultant; and co-founded the Environmental Studies Program at Hiram, College where she served as its coordinator and taught for 10 years. During this period she also worked as a citizen volunteer and co-founded the Northern Portage County League of Women Voters, the Ohio Coastal Resource Management Project and Great Lakes Tomorrow, a binational group working to educate citizens on Great Lakes Environmental issues; and in which she subsequently

served in leadership positions. In 1987, Mimi left Ohio and moved to North Carolina where she earned her Master's (Environmental Policy and Economics, 1989) and Doctoral (International Environmental Policy and Sustainable Development, 1996) degrees from Duke University's Nicholas School of the Environment and Earth Systems.

Mimi "officially" retired from UNH in May 2014, but still has active research.

In March of 2015 she was honored with a USEPA Lifetime Achievement Award. Mimi has two sons (David and Jonathan). She and her husband, Larry live at Laurel Lake.

The Rotary Club of Hudson strives to offer informative and entertaining programs for their club meetings. Visitors are welcome to attend meetings and see what Rotary is all about. Our club meetings are shown on HCTV Channel 15 (Time Warner Cable) weekly at noon Monday and Friday, Wed at 10, and Sunday at 6pm.

The Rotary Club of Hudson meets weekly at 7:15am at the Laurel Lake Retirement Community's Main Dining Room on Boston Mills Road in Hudson, Ohio. For more details visit their Website at <http://www.rotaryhudson.org/>



News From TRC Chardon

On Saturday November 7, 2015 the Rotary Club of Chardon held the 24th annual Harvest Auction at Quail Hollow Resort in Concord, Ohio. It was attended by over 300 people. It was a fun evening and over \$82,000.00 was raised for international and local projects.

On Monday December 14, 2015 our club is welcoming Katie Spatz, athlete, safe water advocate, former Rotary Ambassadorial Scholar and author to speak to our members about her life and her new book, Just Keep Rowing. Check her out at katie-spotz.com. You'll want to book her for a program.

We have received our matching grant from the district worth \$1,000.00. We are preparing "Starter Baskets" for Geauga County's emancipated youth to help them get a good start at independent living. The baskets include basic needs such as cookware, dishes, towels, blankets, laundry supplies and more. We are able to support 10 individuals.

Vicki Dailey, President

News From TRC Painesville

By Stuart Lucker

Puppy Realty

Painesville Rotary feeds the needy every 3rd Tuesday each month at St James Church in Painesville - Our next date is December 15th - We invite any Rotarians, their friends and Family to come and fellowship with us as we provide a nice hot meal for the needy families in the area.



From left to right: Marissa, Rotarian Deb Remington, Rotarian Stu Lucker, Rotarian Sue Palliser, Jolie and Rotarian John Sheppard

Please contact Stu Lucker at 440-867-8499 if you want to know more. A special thanks to Sue Palliser for bringing a bunch of volunteers from the YMCA to help as well as Ann Radcliff for bringing her Niece & Nephew to help us out!

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Rotary Club Adopts a Highway

On Saturday, October 24th (National "Make A Difference" Day), Garrettsville-Hiram Rotary organized its bi-annual "Adopt a Highway" cleanup with great involvement by James A. Garfield Interact members. Twice each year various service organizations team up with Rotary to clean up the roadsides. This project began in the



early 90's and continues through the generous volunteerism of adults and youth. The James A. Garfield Interact Club and Rotary members spent the morning cleaning up trash along St. Rt. 82 between Garrettsville and Hiram. Thank you to all who helped "make a difference"!

Official Notification to Clubs

The nominating committee, under chairman and Immediate Past District Governor, Mike Davanzo, has met and selected Amy Kapostasy of the Rotary Club of Mentor, as the 2015-16 District Governor Nominee (in line to serve as District Governor for the 2017-2018 Rotary year).

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

I am very pleased to announce that Amy Kapostasy is hereby declared our 2015-16 District Governor Nominee and the forms were duly submitted to Rotary International and have been approved for her certification accordingly.

Amy is currently the Development & Corporate Services Manager at Lake Metroparks where she has worked for almost nine years.

She has an extremely interesting background and has served in many capacities with Rotary and other organizations. She is

Past President of the Mentor Club and is currently serving as Assistant Governor for our Lake County Cluster. In addition, she attended our Rotary Emerging Leaders Forum at our Zone Institute in September and has facilitated at All Ohio PETS. She also serves as Vice President of the Lake County Visitors Bureau.

Amy attended Fairmount State University to pursue her Bachelor of Arts degree.

Previously, she was a National Park Service Ranger and also had the privilege of working aboard and traveling on a private yacht. Amy enjoys spending time with her husband Bob and their three daughters Chloe, Sophie and Amelia. When Amy is not spending time with her family she can be found volunteering for various organizations throughout Lake County and Northeast Ohio.

I am looking forward to working with Amy in her new capacity. Please join me in congratulating Amy as she begins this new and exciting journey with Rotary District 6630. Her email is akapostasy@yahoo.com.



"Rock'n the Change" April 22-23, 2016 Rotary International District 6630 Conference of Clubs!

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Dr. Scott Scarborough: Scott L. Scarborough became the 18th president of The University of Akron. He will share his vision of a new five-year strategic plan for the main campus and ensuring academic quality, enhancing academic distinction and improving the student experience.



Dr. Kwame Scruggs: Founder and executive director of Alchemy, Inc., has over 20 years experience working with urban male youth. He holds a Ph.D. and M.A. in Mythological Studies with an emphasis in Depth Psychology from Pacific Graduate Institute, in Santa Barbara, California. His published works include "There's a Secret in the Village: Using Myth to Engage Urban Adolescent Males." Kwame also holds a M.S. degree in Technical Education with an emphasis in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Akron, where he also completed all coursework for a master's degree in Community Counseling.

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Men's Service Clubs

Fighting Polio in Nigeria

Aisha Mustapha is a first-year medical student from Nigeria studying at Case Western Reserve University. Her father is the assistant director of the Polio Plus campaign in Nigeria, working with Tunji Funsho, the director, who is featured in the November issue of "The Rotarian."

Aisha will be the guest speaker at the Rotary Club of Berea on Tuesday, Dec. 1. She will present a power point presentation supplied by her father and Funsho

on the Polio Plus campaign in her country.

This is a chance for you to hear first-hand how Rotary's campaign to eliminate polio works despite sometimes hazardous conditions. Some northern provinces of Nigeria are overrun by Boko Haram terrorists - an arm of al Qaeda.

Aisha is a student of Dr. Ed White, M.D., a member of Berea Rotary. Some of

Aisha's fellow students will be attending the presentation.

The Rotary Club of Berea meets in the Colony Room of Baldwin Wallace University's Strosacker Hall, 120 E. Grand St., Berea. Entry to the parking lot is off Tresel Street, which is off Bagley Road. Doors open at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30 p.m. and the program at 7 p.m. Please RSVP to Club President Judy Stull, (440) 236-9055 or jasdq@aol.com.

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An Anecdote From World Polio Day

By Stu Lucker

I have a little "wow" piece for the newsletter: On World Polio Day I thought I would stop by the Bob Evans in Chardon and pass out some flyers - While I was in there I ran into a member from Chardon and 2 members from Burton! The whole restaurant for about 2 solid hours was applying the flyers to the cause! Can you get a review of the district effort in this fundraiser? People are definitely interested in the results on this effort...



page: Rotary World Polio Day 10-23-15 at the Bob Evans Restaurant in Chardon for lunch. The whole restaurant was in on the effort to eradicate polio! Members from 3 Clubs were present and passing out flyers to patrons. 15% of all the bills for a couple hours went into the coffers to eradicate polio today! Pictured: Stu Lucker (Painesville), Bob Johnson (Burton), Rick Frato (Chardon), Edie Gibbs, Fred Bemberg (Burton).

The picture is attached - from our "Painesville Rotary Club" Facebook

The Rotary Club of Ravenna Celebrates 90 Years

The Rotary Club of Ravenna celebrated its 90th anniversary at a luncheon on Monday, Nov 9. Pam Fife, Past President, had set up a display of memorabilia and was very excited to share with the club a treasured item. In the club's storage locker, she had found the original charter from RI dated Nov 10, 1925!

President, Donna Kovolyan, read a proclamation from Mayor Bica of Ravenna, proclaiming Nov 10, 2015 as "Rotary Club of Ravenna Day". She spoke to the audience about some milestones for the Ravenna club. The club started giving an annual scholarship in 1964, last year the club gave 8 scholarships in the amount of \$7500.00 and according to chairman Vince Pelose, since 1992 has given \$150,000.00 in scholarships. The club started an annual farm breakfast in 1963 and the event has since been renamed but is still going strong. She thanked Gene Mills for his tireless efforts in the Dictionary Project. Gene coordinates with 6 area schools and 5720 students have received dictionaries since 2007. Marsh Lane was



recognized for 26 years of perfect attendance which translates to 1352 meetings!

Back in 1925, the RC of Kent sponsored the Ravenna club, so it was fitting to have Kent Rotarian, Dave Dix, as a speaker. Dave spoke about the challenges that Rotary and other service clubs face.

Cheryl Warren spoke to the audience about Rotary International and the areas of focus- promoting peace, fighting disease, providing clean water, savings mothers and children, supporting education and growing local economies. She spoke about the Rotary Foundation, where it started and future plans. Cheryl even brought "Arch Klumph" with her to the meeting!

The RC of Ravenna would like to thank our fellow Rotarians from Garrettsville-Hiram, Kent, Aurora and Akron for coming to lunch to celebrate with us! The Rotary Club of Ravenna is proud to have served the Ravenna community for 90 years and looks forward to continued service to the community and the world.

Iron Lung at Foundation Event

An actual Iron Lung was on display at the November 15 Foundation and Art Auction Event. At the recent annual meeting of Shelter Box USA, PDG Jack Young and 2015 Shelter Box Board of Director Emeritus was talking with one of the attendees and PDG 2005-06 District Governor Classmate from Nebraska. During the discussion with PDG Bill Ballou from Nebraska, Jack learned that Bill had obtained an Iron Lung that he was planning on sharing at various Rotary functions. After discussion this with District Governor Cheryl, the decision was to make arrangements to bring the Iron Lung to this special event.

The Iron Lung was destined for scrap metal in Alliance, Nebraska before being obtained by PDG Bill. It was used by Polio victims and



was the only way for them to survive the dreadful disease of Polio. This specific Iron Lung came from the city museum in Kearney, Nebraska and was restored by PDG Bill and the Lynn Thomas family. It was dismantled, sand-blasted, commercially rewired to current safety standards, polished and coated to basically new condition.

Rotary leaders and medical staff personnel feel confident this is one of the finest examples of a working model of the Drinker-Collins Iron Lung available today that was used to save lives in the United States so that individuals could live in a dignified fashion. Special thank you to PDG Jack Young for making the contact and to District 5630 PDG Bill Ballou and Bob Taylor, Club President of the RC of Alma, Nebraska for making the over 1800 mile round trip from Nebraska to attend our 2015 Foundation Awards and Art Auction Event.

We should be thankful that those in the United States do not have to live in an Iron Lung, but we should also be reminded that we are just a plane ride away from the Possibility that Polio could raise its resurgent in our country. Therefore, Rotary must continue to work towards its eradication in the world.

News From TRC Berea

By Linda G. Kramer
Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Berea

Four cities consolidate police, fire dispatch services



Strongsville Safety Director Charles Goss is greeted by President Judy Stull and President-elect Bob Huge.

When Berea residents call the emergency number at the police station, the call isn't answered in Berea. It's answered by a dispatcher sitting at a high-tech console in Strongsville. The same is true for calls from Olmsted Falls and North Royalton.

As part of a state-mandated consolidation program, dispatching services for all of those cities were combined into a new communications center in Strongsville earlier this year. Strongsville Safety Director Charles Goss gave Rotarians and Kiwanians an overview of the operation during a joint meeting on Tuesday, Dec. 3.

Goss, the former Strongsville police chief, said the dispatch center has 24 dispatchers – with dispatchers from Berea and the other cities transferring in. During September, Goss said the Strongsville Center handled 1,436 Berea calls – 18 per cent of the total. The cost to Berea for a year of the center's services ~ \$300,000 or 13 percent of the total cost.

The state-of-the art center offers several advantages, Goss said. It means all the police and fire departments are on the same wave-length and can exchange data. In the past, not all departments could "talk" to each other because they used separate systems. The center also has direct links to schools and has 24/7 tech support. There are also four levels of back-up – batteries, two generators, an underground "twin" center based at the Strongsville Fire Department and built-in

redundancy with Parma.

The Strongsville Center, which is in the former Strongsville Library building on Pearl Road, has the ability to expand. It now has eight consoles but can expand to 12 in the future if needed. The building also can be expanded, allowing for a total of 24 consoles. "Consolidation is a big thing now," Goss said. "It doesn't work in all cases. In this case, it does."

THERE'S A NEED: The Rotary Club of Berea has launched a new service project – There's a Need – to provide underwear and socks to underprivileged families. New items only will be collected through Dec. 8 and then donated to Church Street Ministries, which is based in Berea. The independent non-profit serves homeless veterans and their families throughout Cuyahoga County. Underwear and socks will be collected for men, women and children and should be left in their original packaging.

The Rotary Dictionary Assembly Line



Berea Rotarians met at Ed Montgomery's North Coast Seal in Brook Park for a light supper and a labeling party. Here, Mary Abdallah, Linda Kramer, Dictionary Chair Marilyn Deucher and Chuck Stanko are hard at work applying Berea Rotary stickers to the books, which were distributed to 3rd graders in parochial and public schools in Berea and Olmsted Falls. More than 500 dictionaries were donated to the students.

Entrepreneur turns around troubled companies

Jack Mencini has owned and operated 16 companies, five of which were in trouble. He turned them around and sold them to make a profit.

Mencini was the guest speaker at Berea Rotary on Tuesday, Oct. 13. He got his start at Brush-Wellman but quit the corporate world at age 39 to start off on his own. "I took a year off," Mencini said.

"Everyone should do that." Eventually he and a friend began a small business supplying gas. One day another business owner asked him to help his company. "Within a couple of hours I could tell him what the company needed to do. I loved it," Mencini said.

He had found his niche. He said he purchased small companies with a small amount of his own cash but mainly with bank money. They ranged from non-profits to larger companies with profits of up to \$20 million.

Small businesses create the fabric of this country, Mencini said. "We're talking companies with 1-25 employees. If they all could be made better, think how that would benefit the economy."

Any company can be turned around, if management and employees are coachable, he said. That is where his latest venture comes in. Mencini has founded Maximum Value Partners with Adam Sonnhalter. It is a business coaching firm with clients throughout the country.

Businesses fail because of three factors, he said. They don't understand marketing. You have to know how put your product out there. They don't understand financials. Business owners must know how to read a balance sheet and a profit and loss statement. They don't have a plan.

Mencini is a big booster of small business. "Take an idea and know how to connect it into doing something," he said. "That is how small businesses start." It can be any kind of business – manufacturing, online, public relations, non-profit. "If you want to change the world, do it," he said.

Win a 2016 Chevy Cruze

Berea Rotary is selling raffle tickets at \$10 each for a chance to win a 2016 Chevy Cruze donated by Serpentine Chevrolet of Strongsville and the Chevy Network. Half the proceeds of ticket sales will go to The Education Foundation of the Berea City Schools and half to Rotary. Winning ticket will be drawn at the Berea-Midpark High School basketball game on Dec. 18. For more information, contact Linda Kramer, lindagkramer@yahoo.com.

Friendship Through Rotary

Friends are the family you choose. Since we consider Rotary as a big family, we understand that a friend is what the heart needs all the time. That may be the reason that Past Rotary International President Bill Huntley chose the theme "Be a Friend" for his year 1999-2000.

In ancient times friendship was something sacrosanct almost like a marriage. People extended their hands over fire to take an oath to remain as friends, sanctifying the friendship and ensuring that the commitment was not flippant. Such rituals may be meaningless today, but the process of inducting a new member into a Rotary club could certainly be made more meaningful. Aren't we extending our hands in a special kind of friendship, Rotary friendship?

Friendship will grow only when there is integrity between the persons involved. Integrity means there is coherence between what you say, what you think, and what you do. If you shift your focus from yourself to others, extend your concerns

to others and cultivate the thought of caring for the well-being of others, you will be opening up your life enabling you to reach out. This is how friendships are made to last a lifetime.

Friendships never die a natural death. They are murdered by ego, attitude, and ignorance. A friend is someone who understands your past, believes in your future, and accepts you today the way you are. So, Friendship isn't a big thing. It is a million little things.

Rotary teaches us to learn how to love without condition, to give without any reason, and most of all, to care for others without any expectation. Life is not about milestones, but about moments we spend with others. These others are the people who walk into your life as friends.

So, how do we make a new member feel at home and comfortable in a short period of time? Play a genuine game of, "Here's what I love about you." This is exactly the ice-breaker that new members need.

If only all of us Rotarians could sense how important we are to the lives of those we meet, how important we can be to people we never meet or even dream of, we would be astonished. You may never know when, where, or how you will change another's life, but surely you will. There is something of yourself that you leave at every meeting with another person. Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of kindness. Every one of these has the potential to change a life. Everyone needs a friend during each stage of his or her life. Only the lucky ones have the same friend in all stages of life. Rotary makes us lucky and often gives you friends who can be with you in all stages of life.

This is what I believe is truly "Friendship through Rotary."

PRID Mike Johns, Sr

News From TRC Medina-Sunrise

Medina County Court of Common Pleas Judge Joyce V. Kimbler welcomed Medina Sunrise Rotary to her beautifully refurbished courtroom on the occasion of the



Rotary 40-Year Perfect Attendance: Aaron Lewis & Rev. Reid Miller

Rotary New Member Induction of Aaron Lewis and Veterans Recognition Ceremony.

Aaron Lewis became the newest member of Medina Sunrise Rotary this morning.

He was sponsored by his father Robert, who is a distinguished member of the Rotary Club of Oakwood in Dayton, Ohio. Rev. Reid Miller represented Aaron's father for the ceremony. Following his induction, Aaron presented Reid with a "40-Year Perfect Attendance in Rotary"

pin, which was remarkable for Lieutenant Colonel Reid Miller's 31 years of active duty as a Military Chaplain in the U.S. Army and Air Force.

Judge Kimbler presided

over the Veterans Recognition Ceremony, at which USAF Major Aaron Lewis was presented with a Rotary Veterans Certificate and lapel pin by Rotary Past District #6630 Governor Jack Young. Judge Kimbler warmly thanked Aaron, Reid, SFC

Justin Miller, who was with us to represent the U.S. Army Ohio National Guard, and all our veterans for their service, courage and love of our country.

Jeff D'Annolfo, club president, thanked Judge Kimbler for her hospitality, Judge Judy Cross for facilitating this morning's



Judges Kimbler & Cross Welcome Rotary: Judge Joyce Kimbler & Judge Judy Cross Ben Reichel, Roger Hassler, Daryl Kubilus, Bill Hutson, Pat Furey, Tob Coss, Reid Miller, Lisa Hamilton, Mike Carlson, Shail Jain, Mark Morse, Aaron Lewis, SFC Justin Miller, Will Koran, David Lariviere, Mike Cunningham, Jeff D'Annolfo, Jack Young

visit to the court, and SFC Justin Miller (Army ONG), Ben Reichel (Rotary Youth Exchange Student), and Trish Danku

(Garrettsville-Hiram Rotary) for joining us this morning to continue Rotary's commitment to world peace and "Service Above Self."

TRC Willoughby Recognizes Veterans

The Rotary Club of Willoughby recognized their club members who have also served their country. Special Rotary Armed Services Pins were presented on behalf of Ohio Rotary District 6630 by Past District Governor and U.S. Air Force Veteran Jack A. Young. PDG Young emphasized the important role that these Rotarians play in not only their contribution to Rotary International and service to others throughout the world but also their service to our country.

Col. Lamar Ratcliffe also gave a presentation to the club about how and when we can serve our veterans. Col. Ratcliffe is a 1968 WestPoint graduate and served our nation until 1979 as an active duty officer. We were blessed with how the Rotary can serve our nation by contributing to the USO's adopt a unit program. It is easy to do and very much appreciated. What you

are doing when you agree to adopt a unit you are saying you will get to know the service people in your community and their families. You will invite those Active Services members to be part of your holiday celebrations with your family or company. Finally, if you are unable to participate with these service men and women, you can contribute to the USO's Adopt a Unit program by contacting Ralph Burr at (440)715-0425, or send him an email at RRegis62@windstream.net.

The theme of Rotary International is "Service Above Self" and certainly these Rotarians and Veterans meet the high standards of Service representing both Rotary and our country. Thank you for your service.

Albert G. Hehr, III Esq.

Meyers Roman Friedberg and Lewis LPA

Rotary Veterans Honored

PDG and Vietnam Era Air Force Veteran Jack Young presented Rotary/Armed Forces Pin to Veterans of the Rotary Club of Chagrin Valley at their November meeting. Each one introduced themselves and informed all attending their branch of service they represented. Thank you to all for your service to our country and to Rotary.



Take Advantage of the Membership Resource Guide

The **Membership Resource Guide** is a comprehensive list of RI publications, tools, reports, webinars, and other useful resources that can help you in your efforts to attract and engage members. All of the items listed have hyperlinks so you can easily and quickly view and/or download the resources you need.

In addition, here is a heads-up about new membership resources on the way::

Membership Leads is the new, simplified prospective member, referral, and relocation tool on www.rotary.org available sometime in December (a how-to guide will be sent to you at that time).

- **Membership Assessment Tools** will replace **Club Assessment Tools** in early 2016.

The **Membership** section of the **Rotary website** will be redesigned in the coming

months to make it easier to identify and locate the resources you need: <https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/learning-reference/learn-topic/membership>

I hope this is helpful. Please feel free to contact Lance Chima (District Membership Chair) or me if you have any questions or need further assistance. I wish you success in your membership endeavors.

Governor's Letter cont'd

where clubs will be able to enter good speakers they have heard and access speakers to invite to speak. More to come!!

HELPFUL TOOLS AND RESOURCES

Best times to post on social media

Why Rotary? <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0Rc2iBzTHwY&feature=youtu.be>, this video can be customized for a club or district for a fee by contacting Rotary Public Image Coordinator Greg Maciolek at zone30arpic@imrtn.com or by phone at 1-865-548-3700.

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All my best,



World Health Organization Wild Polio Virus Update

Week ending 17 November

Total cases	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Globally	56	17	290	47	359	56
- in endemic countries	56	0	271	44	340	52
- in non-endemic countries	0	17	19	3	19	4

Headlines:

In 2015, wild poliovirus transmission is at the lowest levels ever, with fewer cases reported from fewer areas of fewer countries than ever before. In 2015, 56 wild poliovirus cases have been reported from two countries (Pakistan and Afghanistan), compared to 290 cases from nine countries during the same period in 2014.

However, in the end stages of polio eradication, with most of the world polio-free, the risks posed remaining vaccination coverage gaps anywhere is becoming more evident. On extremely rare occasions, in areas of chronic vaccination coverage gaps, circulating vaccine-derived polioviruses (cVDPVs) can emerge to cause outbreaks of polio cases. This is not a side effect of the oral polio vaccine, but rather an effect of low vaccination coverage in a community, which is enabling such strains to emerge. Though typically less virulent than wild polioviruses (ie typically causing fewer cases and having a lower profile for geographic spread), such strains nevertheless are this year causing paralysis in children at a rate greater than wild polioviruses. More countries are affected by cVDPV outbreaks (Ukraine, Guinea, Lao, Nigeria, Madagascar) than wild polioviruses (Pakistan and Afghanistan); 3 WHO Regions are affected by cVDPV outbreaks.

Afghanistan **Three new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) cases were reported in the past week**, from Faryab and Nangahar provinces. The most recent case had onset of paralysis on 27 October, from Nangahar. The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is 16.

Pakistan: **One new wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) case was reported in the past week**, with onset of paralysis on 22 October. It is the most recent WPV1 case in the country, from Peshawar in Federally Administered Tribal Areas (FATA). The total number of WPV1 cases for 2015 is 40.

Countries	Year-to-date 2015		Year-to-date 2014		Total in 2014		Onset of paralysis of most recent case	
	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV	WPV	cVDPV
Afghanistan	16	0	20	0	28	0	27-Oct-15	NA
Pakistan	40	0	245	20	306	22	22-Oct-15	13-Dec-14

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On Sunday, November 15, District 6630 celebrated Foundation month at the Hilton in Fairlawn. In addition to a fun and even educational art auction, the District recognized those clubs that reach certain levels of giving.

Our District as a whole:

Contributed a grand total of \$238,345 to the annual fund.

That giving put us in third place in our zone for total Annual Fund giving.

We also achieved a level of \$114 per capita.

Contributed \$111,000 to Polio Plus (Third place in the zone)

The Top Three Giving Clubs

#1	RC of Fairlawn	\$518.40 per capita
#2	RC of Hillcrest SR	\$449.64 per capita
#3	RC of Medina SR	\$401.11 per capita

We had 20 clubs this past year that answered the call for 100% participation to Our Foundation. Each of these clubs received a Paul Harris to award to a person of its choosing.

The Rotary Club	PRESIDENT 14-15	RECIPIENT
Akron	Shon Christy	Jeff Sitz
Aurora	Dick Rowley	Jeff Wright
Bedford	Ed Treat	Joseph E. Bright
Burton-Middlefield	Tom Blair	David Brigham +2
Chagrin Highlands	Josh Berger	Harold Levine +2
Chardon	James McCaskey	Mariann Goodwin +8
Cuyahoga Falls	Dave Everhard	Louise Heydorn
Fairlawn	Betsy McIntyre	Eric Hutchins
Hillcrest Sunrise	Janet Schiciano	Dana DeCapite
Lakewood Rocky River	Todd Lessig	Ed Gallagher
Medina	Fran Hober	Mayor Dennis Hanwell
Medina Sunrise	Barb Evatz	Linda Glass
Mentor	Amy Kapostasy	T. R. Hatch, Jr. +1
Nordonia Hills	Bill Klingenberg	Lisa Ennis
Northampton Township	Jim McKee	Linda Boardman
North Royalton Broadview Hts	Rick Cernavik	Geneva Prince
Port-Summit	Vince Rosnack	Vince Rosnack
Rockcreek Grand Valley	Jack Nettis	Dan Koziol
Strongsville	Ashley Gay	George Schindler
Tallmadge	Christine Higham	Christine Higham

The Following clubs received their EYER Pennant which indicates at least \$100 per capita and 100% participation

CLUB	PRESIDENT 14-15	FOUNDATION CHAIR 14-15
Akron	Shon Christy	William Manby, Sr
Aurora	Dick Rowley	PDG Al Conners
Bedford	Ed Treat	Daniel Sutherin
Burton-Middlefield	Tom Blair	PDG Bob Johnson
Chagrin Highlands	Josh Berger	PRID Don Kwait
Chardon	James McCaskey	Nancy Chartrand
Cuyahoga Falls	Dave Everhard	Bob Heydorn

2014~2015 Foundation Awards cont'd

CLUB	PRESIDENT 14-15	FOUNDATION CHAIR 14-15
Fairlawn	Betsy McIntyre	Arne van der Heyde
Hillcrest Sunrise	Janet Schiciano	Dana DeCapite
Medina	Fran Hober,	Don Spickler
Medina Sunrise	Barb Evatz	Will Koran
Mentor	Amy Kapostasy	Rick Cooper
Northampton Township	Jim McKee	Hans Becker
Port-Summit	Vince Rosnack	Randy Rininger
Strongsville	Ashley Gay	Dick Kiplinger

The following clubs have reached the **Sustaining Member Recognition**. For these clubs, every member contributed at least \$100 to Our Rotary Foundation.

The Rotary Club of Bedford	2014-15 President	Ed Treat
The Rotary Club of Fairlawn	2014-15 President	Betsy McIntyre
The Rotary Club of Chagrin Highlands	2014-15 President	Josh Berger
The Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls	2014-15 President	Dave Everhard
The Rotary Club of Port-Summit	2014-15 President	Vince Rosnack

The following clubs are being recognized by the Rotary Foundation for their significant contributions to **Polio Plus**.

The Rotary Club of Akron	President Shon Christy
The Rotary Club of Chagrin Highlands	President Josh Berger
The Rotary Club of Chardon	President James McCaskey
The Rotary Club of Cleveland	President Paul Qua
The Rotary Club of Strongsville	President Ashley Gay
The Rotary Club of Wadsworth	President Greg Wohlend

There are 83 district members who are enrolled in Rotary Direct. For the last 4 years to help encourage participation in this easy way to donate, the district has offered a Paul Harris to one of these individuals. This year the winner was selected in a drawing at our One Rotary Summit on October 17. The lucky winner is:

Kris Heinrich, from the RC of Strongsville. She received her Paul Harris +1

Thank you to Rick Pollak for arranging to procure the points that were used to award these Paul Harris Honors. A very special thank you to **Janet M. & Robert Wm. Smith** for their donation of all the points needed to award these.

In a final presentation, PDG Mike Davanzo awarded his wife, Judy, a Paul Harris in recognition for all her help and support.

This successful event was chaired by Marsha Pappalardo along with PDG Jack Young. Many thanks to our DG, Cheryl Warren, for all her work and efforts in making this a premier event.