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ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

Where did July, August and September go?

50 Club visits, 42 meetings and almost 2200 miles later it is mid October! How time flies.

My appreciation to Mike Johns, Jr. who is very patient - even at the 11th hour when the newsletter is ready to go and he is waiting so I can include a video clip and recap from our most recent event.

ONE ROTARY SUMMIT - FOLLOW UP

Many thanks to the enthusiastic Rotarians from throughout the District who dedicated a Saturday morning to Join Leaders and Exchange Ideas at our first ONE Rotary Summit.

[Click here to hear testimonials from your Rotary peers about their experience!](#) or copy and paste this link into your browser: <https://vimeo.com/142958722>

A special thanks goes out to District Trainer Mike Davanzo and our Leadership Education and Development (LEAD) Chair Steve Zabor who worked tirelessly with me to help bring this new event to District 6630. Our conversations about this event started last year but no matter what amount of time and planning goes into an event - it is because of the Rotarians who attend and participate that these sessions are

successful and beneficial for the Clubs.

We were honored to welcome Zone coordinators Chris Etienne and Rhudzi Bakalli who facilitated the sessions. And a huge shout out to the entire Zone team who created the case studies and format for the event!

[Click here](#) for some bullet points that were compiled from the event - perhaps you will be able to extract an idea or two that will help your Club.

Watch for news about our next ONE Rotary Summit . . . there is more to come!!

WORLD POLIO DAY - WATCH THE EVENT LIVE

Rotary's annual World Polio Day kickoff event will be on October 23rd in New York City. We will use this occasion to shine a light on Rotary's leadership in the fight that has brought us This Close to ending polio.

The Livestream event, co-sponsored by UNICEF, will bring together our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative, government officials, and global health leaders from nongovernmental organizations and will mobilize more than 30,000 supporters.

Starting at 6:30 p.m. EDT Time [Watch the event live \(click here\)](#), or copy and paste this link into your browser <http://www.endpolio.org/worldpolioday>.

Annual District 6630 Foundation Awards & Art Auction November 15, 2015

November is Rotary Foundation Month and it's a good time to reflect on the great Rotary sponsored programs we support.

Join us on November 15th to honor our clubs and individuals for their contributions to The Rotary Foundation during the 2014-15 Rotary year. Our Foundation Awards Event will include an Art Auction this year -- bring your family and guests for a little fun and fellowship to help us celebrate!!

[Register online now to join us November 15, 2015 at 12:30 P M at the Hilton Inn Akron/Fairlawn, 3180 West Market Street, Akron, Ohio.](#)

What was YOUR Rotary moment?

Do you remember when you "got it"? That moment when Rotary changed your life?

During Jim McKee's Annual Giving presentation at ONE Rotary Summit - we were hon-

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ored to hear some of these stories. Be a Gift to the World by sharing your Rotary moment. Just email me at RotaryDistrict6630@neo.rr.com with your name, club and phone number and I will call you to discuss how you can make a difference by sharing your story. It's painless!!

Your's in
Rotary
Service,

Cheryl

A Membership Moment

Is Your Club Innovative and Flexible?

To quote Paul Harris, "This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it". In a changing world, the success of your club depends on its ability to be flexible and innovative. Studies show younger members are more likely to stay with Rotary if believe their club is willing to accommodate their interests, as well as, their work, family, and personal needs.

With that in mind, do your activities and traditions reflect current interests and what could be changed to make your club more relevant to prospective and younger members? There are so many components to consider changing such as meeting times, locations, days of the week, lowering fees, service projects, meals, or speakers.

Think like Paul Harris, make changes where needed and BE A VIBRANT CLUB!

Lance Chima, Membership Chair

Dear Fellow Rotarians and Friends of Rotary:

Though we realize that this news has already reached some of you, it is with deep sadness that I must share with you the sudden death on Saturday afternoon, October 10, 2015, of Gary Neuman, beloved partner and "best friend" of Julie West, Past President RC of Cleveland, Past District Governor and current District Vice Governor.

Gary had been admitted to the hospital last Wednesday evening and a procedure was done on Thursday afternoon and all were encouraged by his improvement. His continued progress and test results on Friday were encouraging. Gary was then discharged on Saturday after which he collapsed at the hospital and tragically they were unable to revive him. We know this is a difficult scenario to have to share with you.

Gary leaves an indelible mark on each of us and on Rotary - the only thing missing was the pin on his lapel. He was a kind and gentle man and his love for Julie knew no bounds. He served his country with honor and distinction having served in the U.S. Marine Corps. The warmth of his smile and his sense of humor were renowned and I don't know anyone who didn't like him upon the first shake of his hand. Rotary Bowling will never quite be the same nor will the worldwide network of birders who are experiencing the same sense of loss as we. We will truly miss him.

In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial contributions to Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, 2600 South Park Blvd., Cleveland OH 44120; Black

Sad News

Swamp Bird Observatory, 13551 W. State Route 2, Oak Harbor, Ohio 43449; and our Cleveland Rotary Foundation, 1122 Prospect Avenue, Cleveland OH 44113. The Family of Rotary may also wish to make a contribution in Gary's memory for the 2016 Cleveland Centennial Celebration [not a 501(c)(3) organization] as follows: NE Ohio Service Organization Planning Group LLC, P.O. Box 578, Burton, OH 44021.

Notes of condolence may be sent to Julie at 2774 Euclid Heights Blvd., Cleveland Heights, OH 44106. Her email is jwest@ameritech.net.

Please keep Julie and all the Neuman and West families in your thoughts and prayers. She knows that her Rotary

Family shares in her loss and stands ready to support her.

Most sincerely and Rotarily,
Cheryl Warren

The famous Rotary Club of Cleveland Singers' Table invites all District 6630 Rotarians, their families and friends, to a good time **HOLIDAY SINGERS' SUPPER CLUB** 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 scenic view from both the Powerhouse and Shooter's 1145 Main Avenue, Cleveland, OH 44113. The Doors will open at 4:00 p.m. The Sing-a-long 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 Singers' 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 Singers' Table has proven 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.musicboxclubrotary.org 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 Singers' 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!

Mentor:
The Singers' Table of the Rotary Club of Cleveland.

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Changes at District Secretary

As most of you know, Bonnie Housley has been dealing with many significant personal issues in recent months, including falling and cutting her head open and getting 80 staples out in along with her head shaved!

That was the day she found out that she was being evicted after over 30 years from her place of business (due to new ownership of the building) The financial and logistical hardships of the business relocation have become quite overwhelming and someone set up a go fund me page for donations to assist her. On top of all this, last week her husband, Michael became quite ill and underwent unexpected surgery.

Bonnie and I spoke at length earlier this week - although very sad, she made the difficult decision to step away from being District Secretary to focus on his needs and her business relocation. She plans to still work on All Ohio Pets as the Facilitation Chair (she feels she has done it for so many years that it is fairly a turn key operation at this point).

Bonnie's dedication to Rotary is unwavering, but she needs to redirect her energy and focus back to her family and business needs at this time. Please keep Bonnie and Michael in your thoughts and prayers as they get through this difficult time.

Following Bonnie's decision, I consulted our bylaws and moved forward with a replacement for our District Secretary. Effective immediately, Beth Mlady from the North Ridgeville Club will now serve in this capacity for the remainder of the 2015-16 Rotary Year. Beth has a tremendous background working in executive administration. She left the corporate world to go into freelance journalism where she reports and writes for the Sun News and other news outlets. She will continue her term as President of the North Ridgeville Club which is also compliant with our bylaws.

Please join me in welcoming Beth to the District team!

Please update your Directories with the following information for Beth:

Home Phone: 440-885-5123
Cell Phone: 440-479-3126
Address: 4709 Krueger Avenue, Parma, OH 44134
E m a i l : m l a d y - writes@yahoo.com

All my best -

Cheryl Warren

4-Way Test Speech Contest is Apr 2, 2016

GET READY!!! Rotarians!

By now many of you have been thinking about the upcoming Four Way Test Speech Competition event to be held on April 2, 2016. All information will be posted on the District website and updates regarding this event will be added to this site until the date of the event.

****EDITOR'S NOTE****
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Approximately 150 people attend this event each year which include the students, Rotarian sponsors, and family and friends of the contestants. Attendees from prior years have truly enjoyed the event and have commented very positively about how this event promotes the importance of public speaking and the value of being able to address a live audience. Young people of today face a variety of challenges in their future years. Being able to stand in front of a group and deliver their message in a professional manner is a true talent. I applaud all of the students who will be investing many long hours in preparation for their speeches.

Last year's event went extremely well and the addition of an ALL Rotarian judging panel was received very positively by those who attended and participated. The ALL Rotarian

judging group will continue as we move forward with this very fun event.

There was one small development that came up that I would like to mention. One of the judges overheard a contestant suggest that they use a speech from the past. While the concept of a speech can be repeated, a word for word reiteration is unacceptable and will be considered plagiarism. I strongly suggest that this point be communicated to the school representative and to the students in advance. The speeches must be original in content.

We have a well-oiled machine at this point and all aspects of the event seem to please everyone. I welcome your comments prior to this year's event. Hearing from you, my fellow Rotarians, will only help to make the event better.

Once again, I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, April 2, 2016 at the High School in Aurora, Ohio.

Thank you for your continued support of this event!!

Scott Pease

District 6630

Four Way Test Speech Competition

Chair

Akron Children's Hospital President Speaks to TRC Hudson

William Considine, President & CEO, Akron Children's Hospital presented a talk on the origins of pediatric care at Akron Children's Hospital in the 1890s to its future today. The hospital, once a daycare center and outpatient clinic for the children of factory workers, has become one of the foremost pediatric hospitals in America, with patients from all 50 states and a number of foreign countries. During Considine's tenure, the number of employed physicians and surgeons at the hospital has grown from two to over 500. The hospital would like to take responsibility for managing the successful outcomes of children's treatment programs in Ohio, Considine said.



Bill Considine has been the chief executive officer and president of Akron Children's Hospital since 1979. As one of the longest serving hospital CEOs in the United States, Considine has overseen exponential growth of the hospital while remaining involved in healthcare, educational and cultural organizations at the

local, state and national levels. He is a Fellow in the American College of Healthcare Executives and a board member of the National Association of Children's Hospitals and Related Institutions (NACHRI) and American Hospital Association (AHA). He is also chairman of Akron Tomorrow and the Austen BioInnovation Institute in Akron.

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. 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/>

A Fundraiser for Every Club

The 2nd Annual Celebrity Pie Auction was once again featured at the Mantua Potato Festival by the Rotary Club of Mantua and once again raised about \$100 a minute for the total of 35 minutes of auction time! We have a WINNER and we invite ALL CLUBS to contact Rotarian Sandy VerDuin to learn how to make this happen



Celebrity Pie Chefs represent: Rotary, Schools, Police, Fire, Businesses, Chamber of Commerce, Trustees, Clergy, Farmers, Funeral Homes, to name just a few!

in your area! WHY? TAKE A LOOK:

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2. Club costs average \$150 for entire event,
3. Year one: only 27 TOTAL volunteer hours needed,



Rotary President Steve Zabor takes a smack to rally the crowd

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Contact Sandy at sandyverduin@yahoo.com
for how to information.



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Kent State Has a Rotaract Club

The Rotaract Club Kent State University
Sponsored by: The Rotary Club of Kent

There is a newly formed Rotaract Club at Kent State University. Rotaract is one of Rotary's "New Generations" programs for people between the ages of 18 and 30. Members of Rotaract believe they can make a difference by serving both their local and their international community. Rotaract affords young men and women with opportunities for leadership and professional development. Rotaract clubs rely upon their sponsoring club for leadership and support. In turn, Rotaractors enhance the sponsoring club by being involved in its projects.

The Rotaract Club at Kent State meets the first and third Wednesday of every month from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m. in Room 322 of the Kent State Student Center. We ask any Rotarians who have friends or relatives who are students at Kent State to encourage them to join. For more information, they can contact Rotaract president, Sarah Payne at spayne10@kent.edu. Sarah promises to reply to any messages that indicate "Rotaract" as a subject.

ROTARACT Redefining Community

Meetings

**Every other Wednesday
6:00 PM- 7:00 PM
Kent Student Center Room 322
Sept. 23, Oct. 7, 21, Nov 4, 18**

Contact: ksurotaract15@gmail.com

Presidential Conferences to Focus on Humanitarian Needs

Rotary's areas of focus encompass some of the world's most critical and widespread humanitarian needs. Our members and partners around the world have rolled up their sleeves to promote peace, fight disease, provide clean water and sanitation, save mothers and children, support basic education and literacy, and grow local economies. We are proud to say that Rotary has become a global leader in advancing these vital goals.

It is our privilege to convene a series of presidential conferences in 2015-16 highlighting our areas of focus. Between January and March 2016, five conferences will be held around the world, each focusing on one of these areas:

15-16 January | Ontario, California, USA
| Peace and Conflict Prevention/
Resolution

19-20 February | Cannes, France | Disease
Prevention & Treatment

27 February | Cape Town, South Africa |
Economic Development

12-13 March | Kolkata, India | Literacy
and Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) in
Schools

18-19 March | Pasay City, Manila, Philip-
pines | WASH in Schools

All of the conferences are being led by local Rotary districts and are open to Rotary members and non-members. The conferences will feature engaging speakers, informative plenary sessions, and hands-on workshops. Attendees will have the opportunity to network with fellow leaders and take away new ideas and strategies to put into action. Visit the conference websites to learn more about each of the programs and register to attend.

Ohio Attorney General Speaks to TRC Bedford

Ohio Attorney General Jim Petro - a former prosecutor and Republican pro-death penalty State Legislator - was not on track to become a pro bono lawyer for the Innocence Project. His unlikely journey of awakening to wrongful criminal conviction is engagingly presented in his book: *False Justice - Eight Myths That Convict The Innocent*. The book will be the basis for a luncheon and talk by Petro and co-author Nancy Petro, sponsored by the Bedford Rotary Club, on October 20, 12:00 noon, at Catered Elegance, 1160 Broadway, in Bedford. The luncheon is open to the public. To make a reservation, phone 440-232-8111.

Petro's journey took a frightening discovery: the U.S. justice system and justice systems across the globe convict the innocent far more frequently than most imagine, and these tragic, costly errors cannot be written off as unavoidable human error. The talk will include actual criminal cases, summarize the causes and consequences of wrongful conviction, and expose eight common myths that inspire false confidence in the justice system while undermining reform.

Jim Petro retired as Chancellor of the University System of Ohio, February 2013. A graduate of Case Western Reserve Univer-

sity School Of Law, his legal career began with the prosecution of adult felony crimes as a Franklin County (OH) Assistant Prosecutor. His 40-year legal career included litigating cases in venues from Mayor's Court to the United States Supreme Court.

He was the first State Attorney General to intervene on behalf of an Innocence Project client and later became a pro bono lawyer for the Ohio Innocence Project. He received the 2010 Innocence Network Champion of Justice Award. Jim and Nancy's book *False Justice -Eight Myths That Convict The Innocent* earned a 2011 Constitutional Commentary Award and the 2012 Media Award from the Northern California Innocence Project.

A Phi Beta Kappa Denison University graduate, Nancy Petro followed a communications and business career with a focus in 2008 on writing and advocacy related to wrongful conviction and criminal justice reform.

Nancy Petro has written for *InBrief*, the magazine of Case Western Reserve School Of Law and the Ohio Innocence Project's Annual Review. She has co-authored articles and book chapters on the subject of criminal justice and is a contributing editor of the *Wrongful Convictions Blog*.

The George Voinovich Bridge Project Viewed by Rotarians

By Ann Anasuya Rapisarda

On the waning days of September, The Chagrin Valley Rotary ventured out on a planned "Fifth Tuesday" outing that was historical and educational. These outings provide an opportunity for members to socialize outside of the regular Tuesday morning meetings. The Club meeting that morning featured a presentation on the Inner Belt Bridge. Our president Linda Hein introduced Jeff Lechak, the son-in-law of the late Dick Pitcher, a long-time Club member and past president. Jeff described the bridge project and the agenda for that evening's excursion. This particular event was due in large part to Club member Mark Besand (also a Past president). We boarded a Precious Cargo Bus at 4 pm to begin our trek toward downtown Cleveland, Ohio. Though Mother Nature was determined to provide an ambiance of rain, we Rotarians marched through saucy sand and large popcorn gravel on uneven terrain toward our intended goal. With required safety glasses, hard hats and safety vests, we viewed the immense construction site of The George V. Voinovich Bridge.

Project History

This \$330 million dollar project will result in a bridge replacing the old Inner belt Bridge and is a third-generation river crossing at this location. The project is a critical link in connecting downtown Cleveland, spanning the Cuyahoga River on Interstate 90. One can hardly imagine that our roadways move about 140,000 motorists each day to work, social events, and daily activities; without these roadways we would be lost in a sea of inconvenience. Upon arriving at the site, we were provided the required safety clothing, as our engineering guide walked us through the vital reasons why the replacement bridge was going to be successful in mobilizing traffic in and out of downtown. She continued to explain that the bridge will not only enhance capacity, but boost our economy and help to ensure safety to its motorists. Our guide explained the building of the NEW WESTBOUND BRIDGE (\$293 million), the first of two new bridges, then brought our attention to the NEW EASTBOUND BRIDGE. She explained that the second

of the two bridges would run parallel to the first and look almost identical in structure. The original bridge was opened in August 1959 and was built at a cost of \$26 million.

Rotarians Walking in the Rain

Rush hour traffic raced passed us as we toured the gigantic 18in thick steel beams that were surprisingly hollow inside. We were told that all the steel had been brought in from various parts of the United States to Cleveland for this project. It is beyond imagination as to the engineering skills that took place in the planning stages of this historic project. Every detail had to be meticulously planned, and it was evident in all aspects, even the keeping of Cleveland's History of Rounded Arches linked the present to the past. Interestingly, we learned that Mother Nature's nesting birds caused a halt to this project until the babies were old enough to fly. On that note with smiles on our faces we boarded the buses again, to travel to the under bridge site.

Under Bridge Site



The sky was heavy with low hanging rain clouds hovering around the magnificent and mammoth equipment like Cairns that reached toward the heavens making room for this new gigantic steel structure. We witnessed the river sweeping by with local rowing schools crewing in the spirit of competition. Above our heads business continued as usual, with the roar of a twin engine locomotive pulling a seemingly endless number of tanker cars on what appeared to be an obsolete bridge. We witnessed history in action, both above and below.

Departing to Tremont for Dinner at the Treehouse

Martine Scheuermann and her partner Marty made a great choice for the group dinner in a location in Tremont, an area close to the Inter belt Bridge Construction area, Treehouse Restaurant. We entered the Irish pub and headed to a private room upstairs that was warm and inviting. The friendly atmosphere of the pub was an excellent venue for our family of Rotarians. From the variety of menu selections, both beer and burgers flowed, as the popular choice amongst our group.

A Precious Cargo Ride Home

After dinner, as we made our way home it was easy to tell that a good time was had by all! Mark lamented that he had wished that Mother Nature had been a little more cooperative, however, I commented that I had thought the rain added to the atmosphere of the tour. I thought to myself, "We are truly Rotarian's Troopers!". One Rotarian at the end of the bus ride asked, "Ann how did you enjoy yourself for the first time out with all of us?". I replied, "I love every part of it". He smiled at me and said "I love your energy; I am glad you are a part of us"!

Even in the Rain We Live the 4-Way Test



It always boils down to Attitude and our Object of Rotary.

That evening we WALKED OUR TALK in the RAIN.

The event was TRUTHFUL and FAIR. It helped me, as newly pined Rotarian, to BUILD GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS. Overall, it was historically BENEFICIAL for all CONCERNED, but most of all it was FUN!

Is Your Club Working Toward Recognition?

A.Z. Baker Service Awards

To encourage a reaching out in total service and the "development of resources" on the part of all clubs in District 6630, the A. Z. Baker Service Awards were established in 1978 at the recommendation of then District Governor James P. Banks, and by action of the District Board of Trustees. This award honors our own "Mr. Rotary," A.Z. Baker, from the Rotary Club of Cleveland who served as Rotary International President in 1955-1956. His dedication and commitment to Rotary truly exemplified SERVICE ABOVE SELF and this award was designed to honor his memory by encouraging all clubs in the district to participate in each of the Avenues of Service which are the foundation of club activity. [Click here to download the application](#)

ALBERT Z. (A.Z.) BAKER

Was born in 1890 in Whitesboro, Texas, and was named Albert after his father and Zachary after General Zachary Taylor. He attended county schools in Tennessee (the log cabin kind), graduated from Sparta (Tennessee) High School, and then enrolled in the University of Tennessee. He hoped to be an engineer, but the Great Depression dictated that he leave school. He later studied law at the John Marshall Law School of Ohio Northern University and was admitted to legal practice in 1922. He married Grace Anderson and they had twin girls and one son.

Albert Z. (A.Z.) Baker joined the Rotary Club of Cleveland in 1929 and his Rotary classification was "Stockyards," as he was President and General Manager of the Cleveland Union Stockyard Company. He was also President of the American Stockyards Association and Director of the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce. He was a Member of the Cleveland Bar Association and Delta Theta Phi, the legal fraternity. He served as a trustee of Baldwin Wallace College and as an Advisory Board member for the Salvation Army. He also served as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Cleveland Auto Club and as Director and Deputy Chairman of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland. In 1939, he was elected a Director; in 1940, Vice President; and in 1941, President of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. In 1942-43, he was elected District Governor of District 158. [CLICK HERE TO READ MORE](#)

A Life Changing Trip to Nicaragua

I hope you will join us for our December, 2015 trip to Nicaragua. We will be leaving from Houston on Wednesday, December 2nd on United flight # UA1421, at 6:22 p.m. and arriving in Managua at 9:42 p.m.

We will return from Managua on Tuesday December 9th on United flight # UA1423 leaving Managua at 7:08 a.m. and arriving in Houston at 10:33 a.m.

Getting group rates for tickets has gotten increasingly difficult. People are coming from so many different places and usually you can get much better prices on line than we can get as a group rate. So we are asking everyone to buy your own tickets directly but, you must coordinate your arrival and departure to match within an hour or so of the United flights shown above. I know that American and some others have flights through Miami which closely match this schedule. The ground travel, meals and hotel charges will be \$775.00 per person (double occupancy in hotels). Add \$210.00 per person if you require a private room. We will coordinate all of this as we always have in the past. If you will be on flights other than these United flights Please send me a copy of your tickets so that we will know when to meet you. Payments and sign-up sheets for this should be sent to:

Hope & Relief International
Foundation, Inc.

10700 Gerke Rd.

Brenham, Texas 77833

Fax 979-836-0614

We will schedule everyone on a first come, first served, basis as of the date we receive your payment. No one will be scheduled before payment is received. Attached is a reservation form which should be sent in by EVERYONE, with the information and your payment. Please provide ALL the information. In order to secure all the hotel reservations we need to have your registration by November 1, 2015 or we will not be able to be sure that we can have hotel reservations

for you. We will be staying at a different hotel in Managua than the one we have stayed at in the past and our cut-off date for reservations is November 1, 2015. This is a new and very nice hotel. AFTER THIS DATE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS.


Remember this is a tropical climate so dress accordingly. Jeans and shorts are great but you need to not wear sandals or open toe shoes when we visit the dump and the more rural areas. We will be staying part of the time at a beach resort so remember to pack your swimsuit, etc. A copy of our planned itinerary will be sent nearer to our departure date to all those registered for the trip. Remember that you will need a passport that is not within 6 months of expiring and please use the name exactly as it is on the passport for your plane tickets and on the registration form that you send us. We will need a completed registration form with up to date information.

We are planning on a large group and we really hope you can go with us. Please let me know and call me if you have questions.

Jim Kite

home ph. 979-251-8225, cell ph. 979-251-0840

e-mail jimkite@sbcglobal.net



You are invited to join us as we celebrate the

90th Anniversary

of the

Rotary Club of Ravenna

Monday, November 9, 2015
12:00 to 1:00 PM

Ravenna Elks Lodge
776 North Freedom St., Ravenna, Ohio 44266

Lunch \$10 payable at door.

Please RSVP by November 2, 2015 to
Donna Kavolyan [dkavolyan@htbnk.com]; 330-298-3104

Join Leaders Exchange Ideas Take Action

An Akron Rotarian is in Need

On Sunday Sept 27th, the Christy Family (Akron Rotarian and past president) returned home to a house fire. Thankfully, no one was inside and all are safe (even the dogs and hermit crab, per Brittany on Facebook).

The Stow Fire Department did a great job handling it quickly. Clean up will take a couple of months, so they are in need of our help! There are two ways to get involved:

They are looking for a four bedroom, furnished home in the Stow area to rent for a month or two. If you have a lead, email or call Shon at Shon@fclpnt.com or call him at 330-315-2011.

Take them a Meal! Heather Lajzer has organized a meal train. There are spots still open. If you have questions, Heather's number is 330-524-7012

Request for Help Contact Jack Harig 330-644-9862 if you have a lead on the following request:

1) An available vacant (Preferable furnished) 4 bedroom home that can be rented for two months plus or minus

your club who may know of a vacant 4 bedroom home they have listed that could be made available for short term rent.

3) A "Snow Bird" who has gone South or West that might be willing to help by making their home available for rent for 2 months plus or minus

4) If we located an unfurnished home, furnishings you might be able to loan the family to furnish a vacant home that becomes available for a similar time.

Special notes:

There is a generous insurance coverage to pay rent for the term.

We will find movers to move furnishings if necessary. An Akron Rotarian has made arrangements to have his company clean all of their clothing to remove all smoke odor and or soot. Others are helping with meals while the family of a lives in a motel.

The family are vegetarians and have a special needs child, they are a family of Rotarians from the heart of Rotary.

Location preferably in the Stow Area Ask your Realtor friends what they might have available.

OK Rotary, lets make this happen!

Jack Harig, Rotary Club of Akron 330-644-9862

Paul Harris Fellow Lotto

We Would Like To Thank Everyone That Is Participating In The Paul Harris Fellow Lotto.

Thanks to their generosity we are able to continue to take steps to achieve Rotary's goals, such as eradicating polio, providing clean water to countries without proper water filtration, ending poverty, and promoting peace, as well as many other worthwhile causes. Some of this money has even come back to our Rotary Camp for children with special needs!

This year ten participants will receive their Paul Harris Fellow, or added another Paul Harris Fellow stone. The newest Lotto winners are:

Barry Hollis

Earl Hamlin

David Koly

Sam Lupica

Bill Manby, Sr.

Thank You All So Much For Your Participation And Generosity!

TRC Parma Has New Home

Starting on Tuesday October 6th Parma Rotary will begin meeting at:

The Venue Bistro & Wine Bar
6384 Pearl Road
Parma Hts., Ohio 44130
440-888-0840

This is next to the old Integrity Chevrolet building. This restaurant is owned by Aaron Esposito, a past president of the Parma Area Chamber of Commerce. Aaron and his manager John were very excited to have us and were willing to meet our budget of \$11/meal. We would have a very similar set up to Vivo, in that they do not open to the public till 4:00, so we would have the place to ourselves. Please click on this link to view the restaurant. <http://thevenuebistro.com>.



Rotary Weekly





Frequently Asked Questions
 US Rotary Clubs and the IRS

The IRS requires that all clubs/districts in the U.S. and territories file an annual information return. If your club/district's tax year follows the Rotary year, the deadline to file is 15 November. More information available on irs.gov and in our FAQ.




West Shore Rotary Club
 Fairview Park | North Olmsted | West Park

Reverse Raffle Dinner

Saturday, November 14, 2015
 5:30 to 11:00 pm
North Olmsted Party Center
29271 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, OH 44070 (440-777-1600)

Full Buffet Dinner & Open Bar

Top Prize \$2,000

5:30 Arrival, Full Open Bar with Hors D'oeuvres
 6:00 Cocktails, Side Boards, Silent and Chinese Auction Items to Bid
 7:00 Dinner, Full Buffet with 3 Entrees with Salad, Potato & Vegetable
 9:00 Raffle Begins with every 20th Ticket a Winner
 \$2,000 Last Number Top Prize

Questions? Contact Committee Chairs:
Mike Aerni 440-315-5200
maik@aerni.com
Tom Elbe 216-390-4254
telbe@att.net

Choices: _____ \$ 65 Individual Dinner & 1 Main Board Ticket

_____ \$100 per Couple 2 Dinners & 1 Main Board Ticket

_____ \$130 per Couple 2 Dinners & 2 Main Board Tickets

Name(s) _____

Phone# _____ Email _____

Complete the information above and send in your check made payable to

The West Shore Rotary
 P.O. Box 26972
 Fairview Park, OH 44126
 Online ordering at: www.westshor Rotary.com




\$68k Donated to Solon Food Pantry

The Rotary club of Solon received a donation of \$ 68,000.00 in late August in support of their ongoing projects to help feed the needy of Solon and the surrounding area. The donation was made possible when a Solon resident and Civil Rights protection attorney Ron Frederick asked that a portion of a settlement be set aside for this endeavor after serving as a volunteer at the club's mobile food pantry distribution approximately a year earlier. The donation was made at a Happy Hour event held at Freeway Lanes in Solon where the club entertained the Food Pantry volunteers.

The Solon Mobile Food Pantry is a partnership between the Rotary Club of Solon, The Solon Senior Center, The Greater Cleveland Foodbank, and The Solon Interfaith Council and is conducted once a month on the 4th Tuesday of the month at The Church of the Resurrection in Solon. The distribution has grown in size over the 3 years of its existence highlighting the need that exists even in a city such as Solon.

The club plans on using the proceeds to further this mission and is putting the finishing touches on another distribution targeted for Solon senior citizens that struggle to make it to the main distribution of food.

Solon TIMES



Fresh fruits and vegetables often are available at the Solon Mobile Food Pantry offered each month in the Church of the Resurrection in Solon. The pantry serves in the fall of 2013 and hosts an event in 2014 outside a month.

Food pantry nourishes body, soul
By Bob Rice
A Solon resident has been volunteering at the Solon Mobile Food Pantry for over a year. He says the pantry is a great place to meet people and get involved in the community. The pantry is open every month on the 4th Tuesday of the month at the Church of the Resurrection in Solon. The pantry is a partnership between the Rotary Club of Solon, The Solon Senior Center, The Greater Cleveland Foodbank, and The Solon Interfaith Council.

Mayor vetoes law on island maintenance
By Bob Rice
The Mayor of Solon has vetoed a law that would require property owners to maintain their property on the island. The Mayor says the law is too restrictive and would be a burden on property owners. The law was passed by the Solon City Council in late 2012.

Former gas station lot likely to get a cleanup
By Bob Rice
The former gas station lot on the island is likely to get a cleanup. The City of Solon has approved a plan to clean up the lot and turn it into a park. The plan includes removing the old gas station building and installing a playground and walking paths.

Veronika's Dream
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Exchange Student Seeks Help

Please see the flyer at the bottom of this article. Veronika was an exchange student in Medina County with Rotary. Her host family visited her last year and can attest that her family cannot afford to pay for her college. She has been accepted at Otterbein University BUT the State Department requires her to have the \$40,000 on deposit before they will issue a student Visa. She will also receive a scholarship from Otterbein. That \$40,000 will be used for her tuition and she doesn't need to have the following years on deposit but they require this up front. She will work while attending college to earn future tuition payments. Her Host Family will continue to be her Host Family while here in the States! They are even willing to take a loan out for her for future tuition but Veronika cannot get students loans because she isn't a US Citizen.

Many Rotarians spend \$10-\$20 a week on coffee, lunches etc. I'm hoping that many will donate to this young lady and help her fulfill her dream!

Rotarilly
Marsha Pappalardo
216-410-4844

Veronika's Dream

If you believe in me and my DREAM, please consider donating to my campaign to help me achieve my dream of becoming a professional dancer.

<https://www.gofundme.com/Veronika>

MY FUTURE.....

It all started with Rotary!!

In 2012, a life-changing opportunity was offered to me by the Rotary International in my hometown of Bratislava, Slovakia: "Would you like to be an Exchange Student in America?"

This wonderful year in the United States has changed my life forever, and has brought me to the realization that I am a person of the world and that this wonderful place we call OHIO holds my heart so tight!

Upon returning to Slovakia after my year abroad, I became so apparent as to where my future lies, and with the loving support of my family in Slovakia, I have set out to build a future in America. And this is where you come in.....

I have always dreamed to become a Dancer, and I am working very hard towards this goal. However even though College in Bratislava like in Europe, the availability of spots in the professional Dancers are very limited, and my best option is to pursue this education in America. But as you know the Visa rules are very tight now, and require me to show that I have at least one year of funds in a bank, prior to getting an Educational Visa.

To begin my journey I must raise nearly \$40,000 prior to enrollment. This seems a daunting task to me, but with my drive and ambition, and the loving support of my friends around the world, I know I can make my dream come true.

VERONIKA KUCEROVA
18 years old
Dancer
Slovakia

KucerovaVeronika@gmail.com

Visit me on Facebook
<https://www.facebook.com/VeronikaKucerova>

West Shore Youth Challenge

Huston Nagy is the child our club sponsored for \$1500 for Youth Challenge Activities throughout the year. He and his family were so grateful to the club. Huston and his parents joined us at a meeting in May and Huston used braille to read his thank you speech. What a great young man! This is what Rotary is all about! **Service Above Self!**



Partnering to Help Refugees



Partnering to help refugees from Syria

More than 6,000 people leave Syria every day, fleeing the civil war that has been raging there since 2011. Rotary members are working with our project partner, ShelterBox, to supply basic aid and supplies to those displaced by the fighting. Learn more about [Rotary's response](#) to the humanitarian crisis and how [we work with partners](#).

Interaction 2015

RSVP TODAY! - The Rotary Club of Strongsville will be giving an "Interaction 2015" to attendee who RSVP with their t-shirt size by October 30th!

This year's Interaction Conference will be an exchange of projects, fundraisers, events, and everything else that makes your Interact or Rotaract Club GREAT! Here is what we have planned:

Every club will have a chance to share their successes

Then members of different clubs will breakout to discuss their ideas and challenges

Breakout groups will summarize their discussion to everyone

We finish up with a pot-luck dinner (bring food from a country of interest to your club, beverages will be provided)

A schedule for Interaction 2015 is attached

Where: Strongsville High School

When: Saturday, 7 November 2015 from 3pm to 6:30pm

Cost: FREE (we ask Rotary Clubs for donations to defray our costs)

Several clubs have already RSVPed - join them today for a great conference and t-shirt!

Looking forward to seeing Rotarians and your Interact/Rotaract club at Interaction 2015,

Arne R. van der Heyde

District 6630 Interact/Rotaract Co-Chair 2015-2016



DISTRICT 6630	
INTERACTION 2015	
Saturday, 7 November 2015	
Schedule	
Socialize	
3:00 pm	Sign-in and Socialize
Share	
3:30 pm	Club Introductions
3:45 pm	What You Like About Your Club (events, projects, fundraisers, fun)
	What Makes Your Club Tick (organization, new members, successes)
	How Your Club Works With Others (RIS, exchange, contests/awards)
4:50 pm	Break
Discuss	
5:00 pm	Video: Red Fundraising Ideas
5:05 pm	Break-out Sessions - Meet and Exchange Ideas
	Videos such as Video Contest Winners available
5:30 pm	Summarize Break-out Sessions
5:55 pm	Close
Dinner	
6:00 pm	Pot Luck Dinner - Bring dish(es) from a country of interest! Beverages provided (let us know how many are coming)
Socialize	
6:45 pm	Clean-up and Socialize
20025 Lumn Rd. Strongsville, OH 44149	

Rotary Outbound Exchange Student Katie Pellegrino

On October 2, 2015 Katherine Pellegrino wrote:

Hi! Bonjour! Salut!

Hi! Here's my nice "little" report for September!

I'm starting to get into the routine of life here. At the beginning of the month I started school at Le Sacre Coeur de Lindhout taking an art pathway. I never really had time in my course schedule to pursue art courses at my school in the US, so it's really nice to have the opportunity to take them here! My class size is generally just 11 people and at most 20 which is a lot smaller than I'm used to, but I like it a lot because everyone is friends with everyone and I've found it a lot easier to fit in than I had been expecting. The school works a little differently than my school in the states, but I think I've finally grown accustomed to it all and it's actually really great!

I also started music lessons at a music school located right on my school's campus. The building is very old and very beautiful. I'm taking violin lessons and I'm in a small chamber ensemble. I was very surprised to learn that they have different names for notes here. I thought I

could at least rely on music to be the same, but I actually have to go to a special music course to learn the French terms for notes. It's actually quite interesting and I think the people I've talked to in the class were rather interested in the difference as well!

Overall, I can't believe it's already been a month, but, moreover, I can't believe it's only been a month! I feel like I've done and seen so much already, its unbelievable! I try and go out and see things as often as I can and its really great to know other exchange students in my area. But its also really cool to have some Belgian friends from school! I celebrated my birthday last Friday and my friends from school surprised me with a cake and they took me to the movies after school! It was honestly one of my best birthdays ever! Then on Sunday my family had a nice dinner with me which was so kind and lovely!

The language is definitely getting easier, but the feeling comes and goes. At school I'm still very lost in class, with the exception of Science because a lot of the terms are the same in that class. The other weekend I went out with my host brother and I was able to converse fairly seamlessly with

the other Belgians. Yet, other times it's extremely difficult to understand people. I haven't yet reached the point where it makes sense, which I guess makes sense because it's only the first month. I dreamed in French a few times but they were small, basic things that actually didn't make a lot of sense. But at least I know my brain is trying!

Tomorrow I'm going to help paint my host sister's new house and then Sunday we will celebrate my host mom's mother's birthday! Also, each weekend my host mom and I go to this amazing outdoor street sale called Brocante. It's located in a different neighborhood each week and tomorrow is a really big one that I think we are going to! You can quite honestly find anything and everything at Brocante and it's quite amazing!

So there's September! Everything's great and awesome here and thank you again for making all of this possible!

Katie

- See more at: <http://portal.clubrunner.ca/5192/Stories/katie-s-report-october-2015#sthash.LcBb1QGx.dpuf>

Who Was Arch C. Klumph?

By Edward G. Thomas, Historian, District 6630

Thousands of Rotarians around the world know Arch C. Klumph as the “father” of The Rotary Foundation. Maybe most of them even know that he was given that “title” after the endowment fund that he proposed at the RI Convention in Atlanta in 1917 eventually became The Rotary Foundation. Arch Klumph has been dead since 1951, so the fact that he is still almost as well known as Paul Harris among Rotarians is a testament to the importance of the work of The Rotary Foundation during the past 98 years. But, even though Arch is revered in the Rotary world, how many Rotarians really know much about his background and character?

Without doubt, Arch C. Klumph is Rotary District 6630’s most famous past member. He was the fourth president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland (1913-14) and the sixth president of Rotary International (1916-1917). In addition to being known as the “father” of the Rotary Foundation, he could also be known as the “father” of Rotary districts, the “father” of district conferences, the “father” of Rotary attendance reports, and the “father” of the standard club constitution and bylaws because all of these ideas were introduced to Rotary by Arch.

As will be seen in the following discussion of Arch Klumph’s life, he was somewhat of a “Renaissance” man in Cleveland. In addition to being an iconic Rotarian, he was a successful businessman, a civic leader, a military man, and an aspiring musician.

Arch’s Early History

Arch was born in Conneautville, Pennsylvania, on June 6, 1869. Most of the short biographies of Arch that have been published say that he “is a direct descendent on the maternal side of James Fenimore Cooper, the American novelist.” In fact, Arch C. Klumph’s middle name was Cooper, although he always used only the initial. Ancestry on his father’s side has been traced back to John Thomas Klumph, who was born in Germany in 1729.

Arch’s father, Morton Klumph, was married to Emma Cooper, who was born in Conneautville in 1845. In addition to Arch, Morton and Emma Klumph had two other sons—Richard Clyde Klumph, who was born in 1866 in Conneautville, and Maurice Power Klumph, who was born in 1881 in Cleveland. It is not clear why, but all three sons were involved in the lumber business as adults.



The Klumph family moved to Cleveland when Arch was about 12 years old. Apparently the move was made so that Morton Klumph could take a job with the Travelers Insurance Company in downtown Cleveland. Unfortunately, like many young people of his time, Arch was forced to leave school at age 12 or 13 to go to work to help with family expenses. His first job after the move to Cleveland was as an office boy at the insurance office where his father worked.

Arch the Businessman

In 1885, Arch resumed his education by attending night school at a social settlement house. Lacking carfare, he usually walked the four miles each way. At about the same time he began attending night school, 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. Before long, Arch was working as a

bookkeeper in the firm, and, by 1898, he had worked his way up to the position of manager. In 1912, when the company’s president passed away, Arch acquired all the outstanding holdings and became the sole owner of Cuyahoga Lumber Company. At the time, the business was the fifth largest lumber company in Ohio by volume of trade, and it employed some 150 people.

Arch also was an executive with other businesses. In 1907, he founded the Buckeye Box Company, which manufactured wooden shipping and storage boxes. In 1908, Arch and Charles F. Laughlin, who would later serve as president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and as district governor, were co-incorporators of the General Auto Carriage Company, according to the July 2, 1908, issue of *The Motor World*. In April of 1916, Arch founded the Security Savings and Loan Company. Arch served as president of the company for many years. The institution specialized in loaning money to home builders on first mortgages and accepting demand deposits.

Arch served as an officer in several trade organizations during his business career. He was president of the Cleveland Board of Lumber Dealers, president of the Ohio Lumberman’s Credit Association, and vice president of the Ohio Retail Lumber Dealers’ Association. Arch was elected as president of the Builders Exchange for 1915, and he was re-elected for 1916.

Arch the Civic Leader

In 1913, the Cleveland director of public safety, the Cuyahoga County sheriff, and the Cleveland Automobile Club worked out a program whereby members of the Auto Club would be sworn in as “safety first” deputy sheriffs. According to an article in the September 8, 1913 issue of the *Plain Dealer*, Arch C. Klumph was one of 49 men chosen to participate.

One year later, Arch was a member of the Better Streets Campaign in Cleveland. As described by the *Plain Dealer* in its March 13, 1914 edition, the organization was calling for a city tax on automobiles and better upkeep of city streets and railway tracks.

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Who Was Arch C. Klumph? (cont'd)

Early in 1916, Arch became involved with the Committee of One Hundred Organizations that was formed to press for a municipally owned exposition hall and auditorium that would accommodate large conventions, expositions, and similar activities. The success of this organization is attested to by the fact that construction of Cleveland Public Auditorium began in 1920, and the building, which included a 10,000-seat auditorium and a 1,000-seat ballroom, was completed in 1922. It was the site of the Rotary International Conventions held in Cleveland in 1925 and 1939.

In 1920, Arch was a member of an advisory council to the City Plan Committee's Architectural Advisory Bureau. Arch was appointed the board of directors of the newly formed Cleveland Commission for Criminal Justice in 1921. In 1929, he chaired the Police Committee and, by 1931, he was the chairman of the entire organization. Arch was also a long-time activist with the Better Homes Association, an organization formed in 1929 to stimulate home construction in Greater Cleveland.

Arch the Military Man

Many of the "official" RI biographies of Arch Klumph identify him as a veteran of the Spanish-American War. If so, it was probably as a member of the Cleveland Grays, an independent private militia that was founded in Cleveland in 1837. Arch joined that organization in 1888 and remained a member for more than 50 years. Apparently he was an "active" member for 14 years. In 1896, he won first prize as the best drilled man in the company. After he

left active service, he still remained as a member of the organization, often speaking at the annual dinners and attending training camps as an observer.



Arch the Musician

Arch C. Klumph 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 Philharmonic Orchestra, which was founded in 1881 and lasted until 1895. After the Philharmonic was forced out of business by financial problems in 1895, Arch next played with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra, which premiered in January of 1900.

Arch played with the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra for 14 years, acted as one of its business managers, and was a financial supporter of it until it ceased its operations in 1915. Like its predecessor, the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra struggled with finances and was disbanded and reformed several times under a variety of names until its final performance in 1915.

Over the years, there has been some confusion about whether or not Arch was ever a member of the world-famous Cleveland Orchestra. Some of the biographies about Arch seem to indicate that he was.

What is now clear is that he was associated with several musical organizations that predated the founding of the present-day Cleveland Orchestra and one of those was named the Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. According to Ms. Deborah Hefling, archivist for The Cleveland Orchestra, part of the confusion is probably due to the fact that The Cleveland Orchestra, which was founded by the Musical Arts Association, performed from its first concert in 1918 until 1920 using the name Cleveland Symphony Orchestra. It adopted its current name in 1920. While Arch was not a member of The Cleveland Orchestra, he is included in the first list of contributors to The Cleveland Orchestra's Maintenance Fund (1918/19 season).

By 1906, Arch was also a member of the Hermit Club, a Cleveland club for talented men, and he enjoyed the friendship of many leading musicians and actors. Arch's brother Maurice was also a member of the Hermits, playing cello in its orchestra. The members of the club frequently put on shows and musical performances, both at the Hermit Club's headquarters and at various venues around the city.

So, there you have it—a short lesson in who Arch Klumph was. Arch once confided to a reporter that he would trade his business success for a career in music. "My heart is in music and my head is in business," he said. "I wish my heart could have controlled my life." Isn't it interesting to speculate about how the history of Rotary would have been affected if Arch's heart had controlled his life and he had pursued his music instead of becoming a businessman and a Rotarian?

2015 Shelter Box Ambassador of the Year

PDG of District 6630 and Past President of the RC of Conneaut Jack A. Young, returned from the October 2015 Shelter Box USA Conference in which he was selected as the 2015 Shelter Box Ambassador of the Year for the United States. Jack was a SB Board Member from 2007-14, Past Chair of the Rotary Relations Committee and is the 2015 Board of

Director Emeritus.

The selection was from ambassadors from Shelter Box ambassadors from throughout the United States who give their time and talents to continually support Shelter Box as a Disaster Relief Organization who provide Shelter, Warmth and Dignity around the world to those families who have lost everything from a disasters. In

addition, Jack was the number 6th financial fundraiser in the United States in which Rotary Clubs and Rotarians, and friends of Rotary were the key element in providing funds to Shelter Box. Earlier this year Jack was inducted into the Shelter Box Hall of Fame. Shelter Box is the only Project Partner of the Rotary International Foundation.

News From TRC Berea

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Berea Rotary hosts clambake

More than 40 Rotarians and guests enjoyed the annual clambake at the home of President Judy Stull and President-elect Bob Hugel. The menu included a dozen clams, half a roasted chicken, clam chowder, cole slaw, corn on the cob, baked potato, sweet potatoes, rolls, beverages and cake. The weather was perfect for dining inside and out.



It's clambake season!

Thanks to Bob Hugel & Judy Stull for hosting Berea Rotary's annual clambake for 43 Rotarians and guests. Catering was by Wright's Catering of Columbia Station.

Berea Rotary takes part in Harvest Fest



Berea Rotary passed out candy at Berea's annual Harvest Festival and Trick or Treat on Oct. 10. The daylong festival allows kids to trick or treat at downtown businesses during the day. The children and adults, most in costume, were also treated to games, crafts, a mini pumpkin patch plus Elmo and other characters. At night, the Festival included fireworks and an outdoor movie. Rotarians were busy helping with the various events.

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.

Berea Rotary Night at the Indians



Thanks to Jim Walters for arranging our annual Night at the Indians on Tuesday, Sept. 15, and for supplying the peanuts. We had fun in the bleachers complete with John Adams and his drum and a scoreboard that exploded with fireworks by mistake when Kansas City hit a home-run. The Tribe lost 2-0. It was one of those nights! But, mainly we had fun!!

A Letter From a Former Youth Exchange Student

School Year 2007/2008 was a wonderful experience for me. Coming for a Rotary Youth Exchange from Poland to Brunswick Ohio, I didn't really know what to expect. Very quickly I realized that a year abroad is a huge opportunity to improve language skills, travel, meet wonderful people and try so many different activities. Rotary Youth Exchange brings young people from all around the world together. After few years I still keep in touch with my friends from other countries and my amazing host families. I stayed with three different host families and each one of them was very kind and provided me with all kinds of attractions as trips, concerts, games and sightseeing. Among other great amazing things that happen, I managed to actually graduate from Brunswick High School. Even if a whole year

away from home might make you homesick, you gain new family and many friends. I really felt that this year made me more mature than I was before and



helped me realize that there are no borders, that you can go wherever - very far away and find there your very own place. Happy place.

After seven years after finishing law stud-

ies I finally made it to the United States again. It feels like a trip of a lifetime. This time I travel with my fiancé - we got engaged in New York City just few days ago. How great it is to show someone you love your home away from home. I must admit that I was a bit worried how it will be to see all of my American families and friends after such a long time, but surprisingly it seems like nothing has ever changed. All of these relationships are very strong and we feel wonderfully welcomed here. Again.

I would recommend Rotary Youth Exchange to everyone. It is truly a life-changing experience.

Best regards from Poland
Agata Duniak