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# ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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## Governor's Letter

### What the heck is THE ZONE INSTITUTE?

Much like our Clubs are incorporated into "clusters" our Districts are part of "Zones" - District 6630 is in Zone 29. The Director for Zone 29 also has responsibility for Zone 28 - hence we refer to it as Zones 28-29 ([view map](#)).

The week of September 9<sup>th</sup>, many people from our District attended the Zones 28-29 Institute in Detroit, Michigan. The days were filled with a full schedule of breakout sessions which gave us an opportunity to not only exchange ideas and increase our Rotary knowledge but also to develop both personally and professionally as individuals.

A few of the featured speakers included Rotary International President-Elect John Germ, Princess Zebu of the Swat Valley and John W. Barfield, Founder, The Bartech Group. We heard stories, gained inspiration and expanded our insight about Rotary and service to others. We participated in a flash mob in front of the Spirit of Detroit which was draped in an End Polio Now shirt and the event was capped off by a Motown concert "Zonjic Meets Motown" with Alexander Zonjic, Martha Reeves and the Vandellas and the Contours. We also had the option to attend a walking dinner at the

Ford Museum which was spectacular - I had not been there since 6th grade!



[Click Here for more photos](#)

It was a special pleasure for me to have an opportunity to personally meet and learn about Past District Governor, Dr. Sylvia Whitlock, who was a member of the club that changed the face of Rotary forever - she was the second woman to join the Rotary Club of Duarte - but at the time women were not allowed to be in Rotary so Duarte was removed as an official club. The rest is history - the club sued Rotary International and won. Dr. Whitlock went on to become the first woman President of a Rotary Club and has now also served as District Governor. Her journey was amazing to hear.

This event occurs annually for Zones 28/29 - and all Rotarians have the opportunity to come and enjoy the world-class speakers and entertainers, educational sessions and to exchange ideas and continue to be motivated do good in the

world.

Next year, the Institute will be held in Cleveland, Ohio September 29-October 2, 2016.

**Why attend?** To change the world, have fun with like-minded leaders, be inspired to exchange ideas and be motivated to take action. [www.legacyzone.org](http://www.legacyzone.org) for more information or to pre-register.

### FLEXIBLE

flex·i·ble

fleksəb(ə)l

*adjective*

capable of bending easily without breaking

Able to be easily modified to respond to altered circumstances or conditions

**Synonyms:** adaptable, adjustable, variable, versatile, open-ended, free (of a person) ready and able to change so as to adapt to different circumstances

**Synonyms:** accommodating, amenable, willing to compromise, cooperative, tolerant

Clubs must embrace rather than shun flexibility as an organizational trait. We can maintain our tradition and values while applying flexible contemporary ideas.

Club leadership can leverage the trust and respect already present to create flexible, efficient and ultimately clubs that become even more successful. Many forces - changing fami-

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lies, changing jobs, changing technology - push us to work in new more flexible ways. Despite the presence of these forces, many leaders struggle with how to provide flexibility that works for their club and its members while continuing to contribute to the overall effectiveness of the organization.

So how can your club harness the power of flexibility so it works for your members as well as the organization as a whole?

Flexibility is often thought of as a problem - something that can make it more difficult to run a club. In fact, flexibility can be powerful and is often underutilized by leaders.

Discussing flexibility in your clubs can actually spark ideas on how to better meet the needs of your members resulting in increased membership, annual giving and your ability to support even more service projects.

For example creating a flexible meeting time can be the difference of members feeling energized instead of being

ready to leave the meeting as soon as they can.

Clubs must remain relevant and to do so, can't be afraid to change - they can't be afraid to do things differently.

RI President-Elect John Germ used these examples when discussing the need for flexibility:

"Who says a club has to serve a meal?"

"Who says you can't bring spouses/partners?"

"Who says we have to have a meeting every week - perhaps substitute a service project once a month"

"Why can't a club have a satellite dinner/evening club even though they have a noon club?"

"Who says we can't partner with other like-minded organizations in our communities?"

Remember - flexible arrangements can and likely will be modified - they should be a work-in-process. Examine and redefine what is and is not working for your club. Don't forget the most basic principle

- ask your members to help spark ideas.

Rotary clubs can maintain the traditional values while being contemporary thinkers. Go for it!!

Please share your flexible ideas by emailing them to me. Just put FLEXIBILITY SUCCESS STORY in the subject line so I can identify them and include your club name. I will compile them and post them to share with other clubs.

**6630 SERVICE HOURS in 2015-16 ~ Can we do it??? YES we can!!!**

Wouldn't it be great for our District clubs to be provided over 6,630 hours of service to our local communities this year

and be able to promote the projects, funding and their impact?

That's the goal for our District as a whole . . . so please remember to enter the service hours for your projects into Rotary Club Central. I will start letting you know the totals and where we stand in future correspondence. Thanks for all you do!

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# One Rotary Summit

## Attention enthusiastic Rotarians!!

The District 6630 "One Rotary Summit" will join together Rotary leaders to exchange ideas and provide take away cutting-edge ideas on how to energize and bolster your club for growth, service and public interaction.

"One Rotary" refers to the synergistic relationships among Membership, Foundation and Public Image and how success in any one area benefits the other two. For example, Doing Good in the World through Foundation funded programs enhances the public image of Rotary and makes it easier to attract new members.

In one place, on one day, you can help shape your dream of what the future of your Rotary club will look like doing good locally and globally. Become a

champion to help strengthen your club and Rotary by joining us. By definition all Rotarians are leaders - so all club members are welcome with a strong emphasis on club leadership. The One Rotary Summit is designed to engage current and future leaders with fresh new thinking so you can walk away with hands on tools to help strengthen your club's mem-

bership, public image and involvement in Foundation programs.

*All Club members are welcome!*



[Click the image above to register](#)

This is not a lecture. Attendees will discuss issues in small groups with fellow Rotarians and seek to find solutions to problems and identify areas of concern and possible remedies. I encourage you

to attend this summit with your fellow club members.

*Join leaders, exchange ideas and take action.*

**What:** One Rotary Summit

**Date:** October 17, 2015 (Saturday)

**Time:** 8:00 Hot Breakfast  
8:30 - Noon - program

**Cost:** \$30 per person

**Location:** 700 Beta Conference Center, 700 Beta Drive Mayfield Village, Ohio



## How you can help on World Polio Day

Nigeria and the continent of Africa have gone a year without a polio case caused by wild poliovirus. But as significant as these accomplishments are, we have not yet reached our goal of a polio-free world. To mark World Polio Day, Rotary will host a streamed global status update on 23 October, sharing information about these recent milestones and focusing on the work that remains to be done.

[Learn how you can participate](#)

[Add the streamed event to your calendar](#)

[Download the World Polio Day tool kit](#)



## Road trip revs up interest in Rotary

In August, a four-member team dubbed Rollin' with Rotary visited nine U.S. cities in nine days to promote Rotary through fun events. "Our aim was to make Rotary look cool, hip, and relevant. And I think we did it," says RI Director Jennifer Jones, who traveled with the team. [Read more](#) and [see videos on Facebook](#).



## The Citizen Experience

Ms. Morris joined Cleveland Clinic in 2013 as the Chief Government and Community Relations Officer. Her areas of responsibility include cultivating and maintaining relationships at the federal, state and local government levels to monitor development and influence legislative outcomes that affect the mission of the Cleveland Clinic; fostering continual development and partnership with the gov-



**Kristen Morris, Chief Government and Community Relations Officer, The Cleveland Clinic**

ernment agencies to conduct critical research and share best practices; her goals include ensuring good relations, communications and involvement with the city of Cleveland and its civic organizations; developing and leading community relations strategies and initiatives that support public health goals in the neighborhood; and creating and engaging civic education programs to promote education in the sciences and health disciplines.

Ms. Morris' background includes ten years representing the biotech and medical device industries, eight years as the Vice President of Legislative Affairs for the American Hospital Association and several years representing physician associations including a stint at the American Medical Association. She also lobbied on behalf AdvaMed, the medical device industry's primary trade association.

Ms. Morris graduated from Purdue University. While in college, she interned for the Ways and Means Committee in the U.S. House of Representatives. She returned to D.C. after graduation to serve as a legislative assistant on Capitol Hill from 1986-1990.

Ms. Morris' presentation was a brief overview of how the Cleveland Clinic is fulfilling its goal of improving the "patient experience" by promoting personal responsibility, collaborating with local and state governments to enact "patient friendly" legislation, working with local communities to enhance economic development, and to close the gap in infant mortality, chronic diseases, and addiction.

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.

## Akron Rotarians Shine

On Thursday, September 3rd, The Greater Akron Chamber held their 9th annual 30 for the Future Awards Banquet. 30 for the Future recognizes 30 young professionals (ages 25-39) who live and/or work in the Greater Akron Region, who are trendsetters in their industries, and who make an impact on the region through dynamic leadership and community service. This year 2 past award winners and



Akron Rotarians Mark Krohn and Shon Christy served as award presenters. But the highlight of the night was the Rotary Club of Akron was called out 4 times during the awards ceremony for recipients which included Blake Babcock from Focal Point Social Media, Greg Genega from First Energy, Jonathan Phelps from ComDoc and Senator Frank LaRose. Rotarian Mark Krohn is pictured presenting and the award winners Blake, Greg, Jonathan, and Frank are pictured with Immediate past president Shon Christy.



Thanks!  
Shon M. Christy  
TRC Akron  
President, Focal Point Social Media



### Reverse Raffle Dinner

**Saturday, November 14, 2015**

5:30 to 11:00 pm

**North Olmsted Party Center**

29271 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, OH 44070 (440-777-1900)

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 20<sup>th</sup> Ticket a Winner  
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Questions? Contact Committee Chairs:

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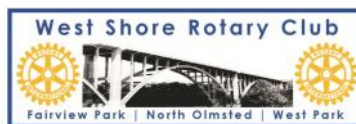
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## TRC Cleveland at Food Bank

Here is a photo of Cleveland Rotary's volunteers at the Greater Cleveland Food Bank. We go monthly on Tuesday evenings, and then retire to Muldoon's for Rotary Fellowship.



**Left to Right in photo: Lora Dudick, PP Birkett Gibson, PDG Julie West, Gary Newman, PP Ed Thomas, PP Paul Qua, PHP RADMET Tony Fugaro.**

## Interaction Facebook Event Page

The Interact Club of West Geauga request that we create a Facebook Event Page for Interaction 2015 to help the Interact clubs organize this event - here is a link::

<https://www.facebook.com/events/1486752874970860/>

**Interaction 2015 is less than 8 weeks away!** This is your Interact Club's opportunity to have fun helping other Interactors, getting ideas for your club, and making friends with Interactors from other clubs. Start having Interactors throw out ideas, be creative, have fun, and consider using the Facebook event to collaborate with Interactors from other club(s) on a part of Interaction 2015. **Post everything to the Facebook event so other clubs can see what is going on!**

Looking forward to a great Interaction 2015!

Arne R. van der Heyde

District 6630 Interact/Rotaract Co-Chair  
2015-2016



## News From TRC Berea

*By Linda G. Kramer  
TRC Berea  
RYLA celebrates its 25th year*

The Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) camps became part of District 6630 in 1991 and Marc West, now District RYLA chair, was there. At the time, West was an administrator with Hiram College where RYLA campers first met. He was asked to help out.

"I was a RYLarian before I was a Rotarian," West said. "After a while I decided I better find out what this group was that was sponsoring RYLA." He joined Rotary in 1997 and is a member of the Rotary Club of Berea.

West said the first RYLA was held in Australia in 1961. It became a Rotary program in 1971. More than 60 percent of clubs send campers to RYLA each year. Some RYLAs are geared toward college students. In District 6630, RYLA is for high school seniors.

"Most (of the students) are established leaders in their schools," he said. At RYLA, "they can develop connections, network and share experiences."

The District 6630 camp, now held on the campus of Baldwin Wallace University where West is director of student life & involvement, includes five days of speakers, exercises and workshops that emphasize ethics (the 4-Way Test is stressed), leadership, communication and problem solving. This year the District hosted 59 youths from 24 clubs.

"Most students say it changes their lives," West said. He said Rotary needs to capitalize on that and steer RYLA campers to Interact, Rotaract and eventually to Rotaract.

West said RYLA also has had an impact on him. "It's a big part of my life. I can see the changes it makes in students."

### *Lou Groza Golf Outing earns money for youth sports*

Berea Rotary's 11th annual Lou Groza Charity Golf Event was Sept. 3 at Coppertop of Cherokee Hills in Valley City. Proceeds benefit youth sports and scholarships for high school seniors.

The event is supported by the Cleveland Browns where Lou "The Toe" Groza was a

Hall of Fame placekicker and offensive tackle until his retirement in 1967. He played 21 years for the Browns. He passed away in 2000 and had been an active member of Berea Rotary.



**Don Cockroft signs a copy of his book on the Kardiac Kids for golfer Jerry Burke.**

Browns alumni taking part in the golf outing were Don Cockroft, Ernie Kellerman, Kevin Mack, Greg Pruitt and Steve Zahursky along with Rod Morris of the San Francisco 49ers and Tony Dick, manager of alumni relations for the Browns. Lou Groza's son-in-law Fred Shubert and Shubert's son Jeb also participated. Jeb Shubert won the 50/50 raffle and donated half the money back to Rotary.



**Greeting golfers are Ann Socha, Kathy Olmeda and Jim Walters.**

The Browns donated memorabilia to the raffle including a signed Joe Haden jersey, a signed Josh McGowan helmet and a football signed by Browns alumni. Other raffle items were lottery tickets, wine baskets, golf packages and other sports memorabilia.

Over the years, proceeds from the golf outing have been used to provide lights for the Groza Recreation Complex, a scoreboard for the Lou Groza Football Field at the Roehm Athletic Complex, funding for Lou Groza Youth Football and equipment for the Berea-Midpark High School Titans football team.

# A Guide for Conducting a Community Survey

**Step 1:** Establish a working committee - Any community development project is a people project; its success depends on how well people with a stake in the community are involved. The first step for all community initiatives is to create a survey committee that represents a broad spectrum of local interests.

What groups should be represented on the assessment committee? Identify at least five groups from the community whose representatives can serve on your survey committee. It is important that your committee represents a wide variety of interest groups in the community.

**Step 2:** Assessment - identify significant needs... The first task of the survey committee is to identify significant community needs and opportunities that should be addressed by the survey. Don't take on too many different issues, stay focused.

**Step 3:** Identify stakeholders Stakeholders are citizens who are affected by the issues addressed in the needs and resource survey. For many development issues, every citizen is a stakeholder. For other issues, specific stakeholders can be identified.

Stakeholders should be included in planning the survey instrument and disseminating the results. For example, if your survey includes questions related to education in the community, then someone from the school district should participate in the survey process. This kind of buy-in will assure that results are shared with the appropriate interest groups.

**Step 4:** Decide what you want to know This is the most important step. There is nothing worse than collecting information and still don't have the answers you need. So, be very clear on what you want to know and why you want to know it. This will take discussion with your organizer and the committee.

**Step 5:** Select questions This is the next crucial step. The questions can be asked in an open-ended format or a closed in format. Both have advantages and disadvantages. Most questionnaires will allow opportunities for respondents to answer in both formats.

**Step 6:** Identify respondents - who is to be surveyed? What is the target population from which you will choose the sample? Is this survey intended to obtain feedback from a special population - high school students, elderly people, businesses, farmers, members of an organization? Or is this survey intended for all the members of the community? How is the community defined? Does it only include residents who live "in town," or does it include everyone in a particular zip code? Clearly define the intended recipients of your survey.

Publicize the distribution of the survey! An-

nouncing the program to the public will greatly enhance the response rate. It gives citizens a sense of ownership in the effort and it allays fears that the sponsoring group may have ulterior motives. The message should inform the public about who is organizing the survey, the date of the survey distribution, what its purposes are and who may be contacted to participate in the survey.

**Step 7:** Collect the data - ask the questions There are many different methods used to distribute a survey. It is difficult to determine which is the most effective. Consider how much time you have to invest into this survey, how many people you have available to work on this project and how much money you have allocated for the survey.

- Mail surveys
- Telephone surveys
- Personal interviews
- Drop-off survey
- Web-based surveys

**Step 8:** Analyze the data - review the answers After you have collected the information from the survey. Now is the time to analyze the results - what were the responses to your questions. This should be done by both the project leader and shared with key committee members. This will allow for good evaluation of the results.

**Step 9:** Write the report Organization of the Written Report Executive Summary A brief, interesting summary of the report's highlights. It should include a description of the population surveyed, the response rate and the results of the key issues.

1. Introduction describing the purpose or objective of the report.
2. A description of how the data were collected, the sample size, response rate, etc.
3. A description and interpretation of the most relevant or significant findings.
4. Recommendations for committees to consider issue by issue.

Acknowledgments and recognition of persons who helped in the survey effort. Include the volunteers - individuals and organizations that contributed financially, provided publicity, recruited volunteers or otherwise participated.

**Step 10:** Share the results Where will you disseminate the results of the survey? Members of your survey committee represent various stakeholder groups in your community. Each member can share these results with the organization they represent. List each stakeholder group and the date of their next meeting, where members can present survey results. Can a committee

representative share the survey results at each meeting listed?

Now that you've collected information and drawn some conclusions, let people know! They will be interested. There are many ways to share this information with stakeholders. In addition to widely distributing a formal report, it would be more effective if the survey results were disseminated at town meetings or at meetings of the various stakeholder groups involved in the survey.

## Next Steps

- The community survey can be used to identify key strategic areas or critical issues that will be explored in the future. Use the results of the survey to help you identify these key strategic areas. Focus on the future, on your community vision. Reorganize and begin the long-range planning process.
- Revisit the major issues. Although many issues were featured in the survey, your planning committee can address only a few. What are the top issues?
- Identify the stakeholders in your community that represent each of the issues you identified on the previous page. You can have more than one stakeholder group for each issue.

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On Tuesday, August 18, 2015, Rotary Club of Nordon Hills hosted new teachers and staff to the Nordon Hills City School District. Nordon Hills City Schools Superintendent and Rotarian Dr. Joe Clark introduced 17 new hires to the Nordon Hills community. Each guest was afforded the opportunity to present themselves and given a hearty welcome from Rotarians.



Thanks for the opportunity to share!

Lisa Ennis  
Executive Director for Nordon Hills YMCA  
Diabetes Prevention Program Coordinator  
Akron Area YMCA

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## **"A TASTE OF HILLCREST"**

**Sponsored by the Rotary  
Club of Hillcrest - Sunrise**

**At Executive Caterers at Landerhaven**

**Thursday, October 1st, 2015 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Join us for an evening of fun, food and entertainment and help support our club's charitable works, including Meals on Wheels, local Special Olympics, health initiatives, Community Grants, and Senior/Youth Programs.

*This year, bring a clean, gently-worn winter coat for local distribution to someone in need and be entered in a drawing for a special surprise!!! (1 entry per donor)*

Enjoy the offerings of 20+ restaurants, live entertainment, 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets are \$35.00 each and include food, soft drinks and entertainment. Cash bar available. Groups of 10 or more tickets can be purchased in advance for \$30.00 each. Limited number of tickets available at the door. (\$20.00/ticket tax deductible contribution).

FOR MORE INFO OR TICKETS, PLEASE CALL 440-605-7144

## Every Smile has a Story!

### **Join us for the Akron Rotary Camp Regatta Celebration and Fundraiser**

After spending countless hours in meetings throughout Wilson's childhood discussing only what he couldn't do, his parents, John and Melinda, were relieved and overjoyed by the kind of conversations they were having at Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs. No longer did it seem like everything was centered around what Wilson couldn't do, but focused rather on what he could do.

"He'd never spent a night away. Of course, we were very anxious. Would he like it? How would they know what he needed? We couldn't wait to pick him up. When we came back, he was full of smiles. This meant the world to us," said John and Melinda. "He was able to expand his interests by trying new things, like boating and fishing, as well as doing one of his favorite activities - swimming!"

"Wilson is just one of the many stories behind the smiles of children and parents who have been impacted by the nurturing, supportive, and safe environment of camp," said Dan Reynolds, Director of Endless Possibilities at Akron Rotary Camp. "Akron Rotary Camp is dedicated to giving campers and families a true camp experience all year round, by creating a world where there are only abilities. When parents of our campers share their accomplishments and stories with us, it makes us smile too."

This year, Akron Rotary Camp supporters will gather for an Evening of Jazz on the Lake at Akron Rotary Camp on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 6pm. All proceeds from the event will be used to continue to make a difference in the lives of special needs children and their families by providing them with quality programs, improved special needs facilities, and fi-

nancial assistance.

"It's a wonderful, relaxing evening to stroll around the new and improved, beautiful lakefront campgrounds with friends and enjoy the cool sounds of jazz, Beau's Grille delicacies, and an evening sky bursting with celebratory fireworks! Hearing about the families and the difference camp has made in their lives would be more than enough fanfare," said Rennick Andreioli, "but Akron Rotary Camp puts on a fantastic Regatta so everyone feels their appreciation for the support."

More than 1,700 children and adults with disabilities attend each year, where they participate in a variety of programs and activities, learn important life skills, grow confident, and build friendships that last a lifetime. Akron Rotary Camp is also com-

mitted to offering financial assistance to those who may qualify. In 2015, more than \$121,000 was provided to help over 300 families be able to have a camp experience. With the support from the proceeds raised for the Annual

Regatta event, Akron Rotary Camp is able to continue to reach out to special needs families in the community.

"Akron Rotary Camp staff train hard each year to prepare and deliver the best possible experience to our campers. From respite weekends, siblings camp, and adult weekend retreats to summer camp and special events, our dedicated staff are always looking for new ways to make camp exciting, engaging, and comfortable for our campers and families. Their motivation is a smile, because they know every 'Every Smile Has a Story'," said Dan Reynolds.

For information about the Akron Rotary Camp Regatta - an Evening of Jazz on the Lake, please visit [rotarycamp.org/regatta](http://rotarycamp.org/regatta) or call the camp office at (330) 644-4512.

### **HELP EMBRACE VOCATIONAL SERVICE**

**Please be sure to include your Name, Club Name and Company Name, in the body of all articles submitted**

**Thanx, The Editor**

## News From TRC Jefferson

TRC of Jefferson will hold its 31st year of our Bean Soup fund raiser at the Covered Bridge Festival in Jefferson on Oct 10 & 11. The club cooks ham and bean soup in iron kettles over open fires with preparation starting at 5:30 am and soup sales starting about 11am. Visitors come from far away just to get our soup. You can find us easily amidst the smoke at the Trinity Historical Church on East Jefferson St. The festival is held in downtown Jefferson and will feature a pancake breakfast starting at 9 am, a car show, an Abe Lincoln actor and much entertainment. Details can be found at [www.coveredbridgefestival.org](http://www.coveredbridgefestival.org).



For the 9th year in a row the Rotary Club of Jefferson placed congratulation signs in the front lawns of seniors graduating from the Jefferson Area High school. This year we placed over 140 signs across Ashtabula county. This service is well received by the families involved and raises the awareness of Rotary in our community



## Clambake in Chesterland

**What:** Clambake (\$20 per person) Cash bar or BYOB

**Where:** Sunnybrook Preserve Park in Chesterland

**When:** Friday, Oct. 2nd @ 6:00pm

The Rotary Club of Chesterland is inviting anyone in the District who may be interested in joining us for a casual social evening of good food, fun and learning. We are having a clambake at one of our beautiful Geauga Park pavilions. We plan to have a nice outdoor fire going while we personally grill your steaks and steam your bakes!

We welcome everyone! Our guest speaker is Julie West, Past District Governor of Rotary 6630. She will be speaking about the Rotary International Foundation and how you can become a Paul Harris Benefactor!

For more information, please contact Bob Voss (440) 759-6148.

## TRC Hudson Supports Gift of Life NEO

At the Hudson Rotary club meeting on August 26, 2015, Ron Strobl (left), Rotary Foundation Board Member, presented Ken Fogle (right), current Chair of Gift of Life Northeast Ohio for District 6630, a grant of \$4000 for the Gift of Life Program. Ken is a member of the Chagrin Valley Rotary Club, Club President in 1996, Assistant Governor of Rotary District 6630 in 2000-2002, and has held a number of other district and international assignments. He currently is the District 6630 Committee Chair for The Gift of Life Program. The Gift of Life NEO has been a featured beneficiary of the Hudson Rotary Gala for the past few years.

Gift of Life is a Rotarian-based organization that over the past 4 decades has helped more than 18,000 children from emerging countries receive treatment for their heart disease. These children have come from 71 different countries and otherwise would not have been treated.

There are over 70 Gift of Life programs throughout the world. The majority of

these programs are based in Rotary Clubs or Rotary Districts on 5 continents. Rotary District 6630 and Akron Children's Hospital are collaborating on the initiative in Haiti.



The Gift of Life also sponsors a global initiative that focuses on the development of sustainable pediatric cardiac surgery and aftercare programs in Haiti, Uganda, El Salvador and Jamaica. These programs are defined by the empowerment of doctors and nurses to care for their own children. Ongoing training, essential equipment acquisition and supplement supply programs have been implemented in these

countries to ensure that children afflicted with congenital heart defects (CHDs) can be cared for on a sustainable and reliable basis. More than 1,800 Haitian, Salvadoran, Ugandan and Jamaican children have been treated through this program. The Rotary Club of Hudson is proud to support such a worthy initiative.

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 7:00am 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/>



## World Polio Day Oct 23rd

Dear fellow Rotarians:

It is our pleasure to announce Rotary's annual World Polio Day kickoff event on 23 October in New York City. We'll 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.

July and August brought great milestones in the polio eradication effort. For the first time in history, Nigeria - then all of Africa - marked one year with no new polio cases caused by the wild virus.

We are closer to making good on our promise to end polio forever, but there's still work to be done. As we protect the progress made in Africa, we focus even more sharply on Afghanistan and Pakistan.

Our World Polio Day kickoff event is our opportunity to update participants around the world on our progress and next steps and inspire them to share their voices, donate, or advocate for eradication as we near the finish line.

We invite you to join us and watch the event live, starting at 18:30 New York time (UTC-4) or later - a recording will be made available. We also ask you to raise awareness of our polio eradication effort in your own community and build a local audience for our World Polio Day event. Visit the End Polio Now website to download resources that can help you raise awareness and funds. Share this information with your Rotary clubs, districts, communities, and elected officials.

Thirty years ago, we told the world what Rotary believes: that we can achieve the eradication of polio. Our dream is becoming reality. For every child, on World Polio Day, let's push ahead to the reality of a polio-free world.

Warm regards,

Rotary International President K.R. Ravindran and Rotary Foundation Chair Ray Klinginsmith

## Plan Ahead For Next Year's Grants

By: Jim Lechko  
Foundation Chair  
District 6630

Here are some thoughts from Neil McBeth, Regional Rotary Foundation Coordinator - Zone 29:

### THINKING AHEAD ABOUT NEXT YEAR'S DISTRICT GRANTS

It is never too soon to consider your club's goals for District grant projects for next year. The sooner you start, the greater your chance of developing a strong application and guaranteeing a successful outcome.

Sometimes good ideas come like magic; other times they can seem elusive. For clubs who have a long history of projects, it might be time for new areas of focus. To help you as you start to think about how you can spread your Rotary service to a diverse group of needs, you might want

to consider the following partial list of deserving possibilities.

- Construct playgrounds
- Feed the hungry
- Encourage good nutrition
- Clothe mothers and children
- Beautify and equip parks and playground
- Teach children to read
- Provide easier access to homes
- Promote adoption awareness
- Humanitarian relief
- Educate the next generation about leadership

These examples all fit within the Rotary Foundation areas of focus and lend themselves to partnering with other community organizations or other Rotary clubs in our district. Your community no doubt has unique needs that need attention.

Starting early discussions with your club Foundation chair will make the application process much easier.

## Rotary Club of Brunswick

**PIG ROAST:** Bill Wilkinson is Chairman. He has tickets. We have 150 to sell. 92 tickets are out, leaving at least 58 more unsold. Cost is \$30, including a spot on the Big Board, dinner and unlimited beverage (Soda, beer, wine, coffee or tea. Dinner-only tickets are \$15. Kids 12 and under eat free!



Be a part of the Rotary Club of Solon's charity event to help the people of Chilpan, El Salvador get fresh water on Saturday, October 17, 2016. Thank you for your consideration of being a title sponsor for our 3rd Bowl For Water Event sponsored by the Rotary Club of Solon at Freeway Lanes in Solon. Rotary International is the world's largest service organization with over 1.2 million members and our efforts are captured in our motto, "Service above Self." Our goal is to give back to our communities and to improve the standard of living and education around the world.

The Solon club's mission is to be a cornerstone business and philanthropic organization giving back to the local, regional and global community. We sponsor a monthly mobile Food Pantry, give to many local non-profits, recognize first responders and local student leaders, and provide scholarships to exceptional Solon High School Students.

In 2016, we will sponsor our first international service project to provide fresh water to the citizens of Chilpan. This year's Solon Rotary's Bowl For Water will support this effort.

Thank you for considering a sponsorship to our fundraising event. Freeway Lanes is Northeast Ohio's premier family entertainment venue. As a title sponsor for this event, not only will you be helping people in need of fresh water, your company will be exposed to over 3000 visitors per week for three weeks at Freeway Lanes. During the event, the band the Angry Young Men will perform right over the lanes, and we will have entertainment in the bar.

Supporting our efforts are Paul Dolan, President of the Cleveland Indians, and Susan Drucker, Mayor of Solon, a member of our Rotary Club.

We expect over 300 people from the Solon Community will join us to help with our cause.

Visit our website, [www.clubrunner.ca/solon](http://www.clubrunner.ca/solon), or contact us at [solonrotaryclub@gmail.com](mailto:solonrotaryclub@gmail.com) for more information.

Platinum Sponsor:



Gold Sponsors:



**Platinum: \$3000**

- Your logo on the program, signage and all other event marketing materials.
- 1 month of branding at 7 Game and Freeway Lanes Entertainment centers logos on scoring systems and event signage (Your branding will be exposed to over 2,000 bowlers in a weekly basis)
- Your logo and information highlighted on our scoring system in front of an estimated 30,000 bowlers September 1<sup>st</sup> - December 31<sup>st</sup>
- Platinum Recognition and Logo on the quarter page ad running consecutively in the Solon Times and on several websites including the Rotary Club of Solon's website
- Logo on the websites of Game Entertainment, Solon Rotary Club and the event welcome banner and posters
- Free company party for 20 including bowling and shoes
- 3 Lane Sponsorships
- 2 Lane Sponsorships
- 20 tickets to the Bowl For Water event
- Option to pass out literature or take away at the event
- Recognition of your company during the evening's live performances

**Gold: \$2,000**

- Your logo on the program, signage and all other event marketing materials.
- Your logo and information highlighted on our scoring system in front of an estimated 30,000 bowlers September 1<sup>st</sup> - October 30<sup>th</sup>
- Gold Recognition and your logo on the quarter page ad running consecutively in the Solon Times and the Rotary Club of Solon's website
- Logo on the websites of Game Entertainment, Solon Rotary Club and the event welcome banner and posters
- 2 Lane Sponsorships
- 20 tickets to the Bowl For Water event
- Option to pass out literature or take away at the event
- Mention of your company during the evening's live performances

**Silver: \$1000**

- Your logo on the program, signage and all other event marketing materials.
- Silver Recognition and your logo on the quarter page ad running consecutively in the Solon Times and the Rotary Club of Solon's website
- Logo on the websites of Game Entertainment and the event welcome banner and posters
- 1 Lane Sponsorships
- 10 tickets to the Bowl For Water event
- Option to pass out literature or take away at the event
- Mention of your company during the evening's live performances

**Lane Sponsorship: \$250**

- Your logo on a large banner over your sponsored lane.
- Your name on a large banner that will be displayed through December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Honor Your Rotarian Veterans

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

For those clubs who did not participate last year and for those clubs who inducted new Rotarians who were Veterans this past year, you are encouraged to join in this special recognition. In addition, if your club had a Veteran member who has

passed, you can consider inviting family members to a special Rotary meeting in which you can present this special Veteran/Rotary Pin.

Along with the presentation do not forget to invite a representative from the local news media to be present. This certainly falls into our Public Image objective



for each club. PDG Jack Young has put together a short presentation that he can present at each Veteran/Rotarian ceremony.

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

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

For more information please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young at 440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com.

## TRC Shaker Hts Inducts 2nd Generation Rotarian

On September 8, 2015, at an induction ceremony during a meeting of the Rotary Club of Shaker Heights, Dr. William Benish agreed to the Principles of Rotary International and received the Rotary pin from his father, Jack Benish.

"Bill", who recently retired from practicing medicine at University Hospitals, now spends many weeks each year working in a clinic in Haiti. "The needs are many" he says and he finds "great satisfaction in being able to provide critical services."

It is interesting to note that Bill's father, Jack Benish, who recently moved from Birmingham, Michigan, into The Judson Retirement Community in Cleveland Heights, has 59 years of perfect Attendance. He was a long time member of the Birmingham, Michigan Rotary Club before joining the Rotary Club of

Shaker Heights, April 1, 2014.

Never let it be said that members of the "older" generation are technologically illiterate. Recently, when Jack has been challenged with health issues and has had difficulty going to a Rotary meeting, he has mastered the art of "going-on-line" to attend meetings. His family remembers what it was like when they were kids and on vacations together... "Everything stopped when it was time

to find a place where Rotarians were meeting."

The Rotary Club is so pleased to have another Benish among its members. His father confides "I tried for years to get

members of my family to join Rotary when we lived in Michigan but I guess it took moving to Ohio to do the trick!"



## Open World Program

The Open World Program is available only to Rotary clubs in the United States, and provides an opportunity to build fellowship and friendship to strengthen international understanding by hosting emerging Eurasian leaders from Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, and Ukraine in your community. Rotary clubs are needed to host six-participant delegations for eight days and nights and prepare a professional program related to business, community, and civic life in the United States.

The program focuses primarily on developing a network of leaders who have an understanding of how American communities deal with contemporary issues and who want to maintain contact with their new American contacts and other counterparts. Often, these collaborations lead to service projects between Rotary clubs in the two countries.

Is your Rotary club interested in working on an international project, hosting six Open World participants (emerging and/or current Eurasian leaders) for eight days, and willing to develop an intensive week of programs based on a selected Open World theme? Review the Open World Program Brochure and Host Request Form and email the completed form to [open-worldprogram@rotary.org](mailto:open-worldprogram@rotary.org) by Thursday, 15 October 2015.

Find out more about the Open World Program or email us at [open-worldprogram@rotary.org](mailto:open-worldprogram@rotary.org).

Sincerely,  
Natalia Kunzer  
Open World Program Officer

**Rotary**  
District 6630

As the Home District of Arch C. Klumpp, Father of The Rotary Foundation,  
Rotary International District 6630 in Northeast Ohio is pleased to invite you to join us at our

*Foundation Awards and Art Auction*  
**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2015**  
Hilton Inn Akron/Fairlawn  
3180 W. Market Street, Akron, Ohio

Registration/Art Preview 12:30 pm    Program/Art Auction 1:00 pm  
\$26.50 per person  
Door Prize - Raffle Prize  
Wine/Cheese - Hors D'oeuvres - Dessert & Coffee - Cash Bar

**Register by November 8, 2015**  
[www.RotaryDistrict6630.org](http://www.RotaryDistrict6630.org) or call Marsha Pappalardo at 216.410.4844  
Major Credit Cards Accepted - Featuring Art in All Media & Price Ranges  
attire: smart business casual

Proceeds from this event will provide support to the  
The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund to help with local Rotary Club grants or The End Polio Now Campaign.

**TO REGISTER VIA MAIL, COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM TO: Marsha Pappalardo P.O. Box 735 Brunswick OH 44221**  
Use back of form for additional names of guests.

Name:	Guest Name:
Email (required):	Club Name:
Phone (required):	
Payment Information:	Check <input type="checkbox"/> or Credit Card (Visa, Mastercard, Discover, American Express)
If paying by check, include with this form. Make checks payable to: Rotary District 6630 Foundation Fund	
Credit Card #:	Exp. Date:
Name on Card:	
Billing Address:	
City:	State:
Zip:	Phone:
Signature:	Date:

INDICATE ANY SPECIFIC GENRE REQUESTS:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Seascapes	<input type="checkbox"/> Impressionism	<input type="checkbox"/> Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Christian
<input type="checkbox"/> Americana	<input type="checkbox"/> Jewish	<input type="checkbox"/> Primitive	<input type="checkbox"/> Children

Additional Requests: \_\_\_\_\_

Please donate proceeds from my purchase(s) to: \_\_\_\_\_ Annual Fund (Supports Local Rotary Club Goals) \_\_\_\_\_ End Polio Campaign



## Rotary Youth Exchange News

Listening to the various accents as campers arrived at Rex Lake, it was evident that something different was up. We heard excellent levels of English and observed a couple of students who had some difficulty understanding explanations. Smiles and open minds set the tone for our newly arrived exchange students. The District 6630 conducted RYE Orientation at Akron Rotary Camp for this year's Inbound students who hailed from various countries: Kaho Mochizuki (Japan), Justine Altmeyer-Wagner (France), Germán León (Chile), Antonella Ramos (Peru), Ben Reidel (Germany), Suphakrit Disathongphakdee (Thailand) and Gabriel Mendes (Brazil), who was unfortunately absent because of chickenpox. Participating clubs sent their youth exchange officers and counselors for training. District 6630 clubs hosting this year include Lakewood for Justine and Kaho, Chardon for Germán, Mantua for Antonella, Medina for Ben, Garrettsville for Suphakrit (or Art) and Akron for Gabriel (going to school in Stow). What a wonderful group of young people!! Words we would use to



describe our RYE students: friendly, caring, eager to get to know you, energetic, engaging, smart and fun-loving. Host families also participated the second day to better understand Rotary's rules and regulations and to get to know the entire group of international students.

District Governor, Cheryl Warren, was on hand to welcome our new Inbound students and award certificates of Rotary Exchange completion to four American students: Alexis Lopano (Chile), Rodrigo Corrigan (Germany), Jacob Beckwith (Brazil) and Marisa Graham (Spain). Program organizers (and district officers) Bob Heydorn, Patrick Kelley, and Tim Snell led the information sections of the two-day session. Susan Colville-Hall presented program elements dealing with culture and the discussion "How to cross cultural borders?" Brian Chima was responsible for the fun afternoon activities and, then, later, challenge games around the camp-



fire. RYE students also enjoyed camp activities of kayaking, swimming and canoeing, grilling hamburgers and picnicking, building a campfire, sharing photos and taking selfies.

**Upcoming events.** All clubs are invited to participate in the activities organized for District RYE students. The more Rotarians who get to know our RYE students, the better. To start year-long training the first RYE meeting was August 29 and 30 with Inbound students, Rebound students and host families attending.

**Fall.** In September, the Mantua club will host a canoe outing on the 26th. RSVP to [kendrab@camphicanoe.com](mailto:kendrab@camphicanoe.com) A Hal-

loween party hosted by Lakewood is scheduled for October 25 at 5 pm. RSVP to [martyharris1@att.net](mailto:martyharris1@att.net)

November 14 is Cleveland Day and over-



night at Camp. In addition, there will be an information meeting geared toward potential **Outbound long-term scholarship student candidates** and parents). Interviews for Outbound students are scheduled for December 5. (Check the district webpage for more information about your club's participation in district 6630 long term scholarship.)

**Winter.** Strongsville's club will host the Toboggan party January 16. Akron's club will host a night to the Cavs game (date to be announced in February). Game night retreat is scheduled for February 20-21 at Rotary Camp. RSVP Brian Chima at [Brian@ChimaTravel.net](mailto:Brian@ChimaTravel.net)

**Spring** dates will be confirmed later. **March** trip East Coast; **April 22-23** District conference; **May** -Haven of Rest; **June** - Farewell Picnic.

This year's goal is not only to make certain all RYE students feel welcome and have an excellent experience with American culture, but to also encourage local Rotarians to cross cultural borders and learn more about our international students and their worlds.

## It's a Beautiful Universe Out There

Attached is a letter from the Summit County Astronomy Club. This group was started by the districts and the rotary Club of Fairlawn's generosity. The SCAC has reached over 350 people since its inception in May of this year. I do programs at Rotary Clubs, other organizations and schools. If a Rotary Club would like an Astronomy presentation, with a bit of Paul Harris information, let me know. [summitcountyastronomy@gmail.com](mailto:summitcountyastronomy@gmail.com)

The summit County astronomy club is a 501C3 organization whose goal is to inspire curiosity about the sciences and arts through outreach. A great way to inspire is looking through a telescope and realizing how large and beautiful universe is. Nighttime meetings will be held on Saturday nights and impromptu occasions at the Bath Nature Preserve. Please visit our

Facebook page or drop an email to be added to our email list.

The club is also the benefactor of the gen-



erosity of the Fairlawn Rotary club in receiving a grant and temporary startup funding for a solar telescope. This scope will allow outreach to many more people than those who would come out at night. Schools, service clubs, and public events will be the main avenues of outreach. Membership in the Summit County As-

tronomy Club is \$20.00 per family per year. All membership and any donations are tax exempt. All programs are always free and open to the public.

If you would care to support this organization, please send your check and email address to:

Summit County Astronomy Club

2701 W. Market St.

Fairlawn, OH 44333.

[Summitcountyastronomy@gmail.com](mailto:Summitcountyastronomy@gmail.com)

Go to the SCAC Facebook page for program updates.

<https://www.facebook.com/SummitCountyAstronomy>

Please include your e-mail for a receipt and notices a future events.

Hope to see you outside!

Sincerely,

John L. Shulan

## Katie Spatz Writes

Hi! Bonjour! Salut!

I know it's only been a week, but I wanted to send a quick report back just so I can get on schedule to send one on, or around, the first of the month.

Belgium is absolutely amazing! I arrived last Tuesday and immediately after landing was whisked off to my first Rotary meeting. I stayed at the house of Hubert (the RYE organizer in my club) until Friday, because that was when my family could take me, which gave me time to explore a little of central Brussels (where Hubert lives).

On Friday I went to my first host family's house, which is in a suburb of Brussels, which is a very very big house! Everything is so modern and cool (they even have this robotic lawn mower that just rolls around the yard and cuts the grass of its own accord, which really freaked me out the first time I saw it...). My family lives right by a tram station which makes transport to Brussels and elsewhere so easy! I love it!

Over the weekend I went to the sea with my family because they have an apartment there. It was really cool and another exchange student from Australia came with

us so it was great to meet her also. The sea was absolutely beautiful and my host mom's brother took us out on his sail boat!!

These past few days I've finally been able to settle in to the neighborhood. My host sister has taken me out a few times to see the town and today we went out to her university (which is about a 20min train



ride south of Brussels). I've tried the chocolate (and loved the chocolate) and the waffles (and I loved the waffles too) along with some cool fish dishes that are a specialty of Belgium.

We had our first rotary activity last Wednesday and it was a tour of the Royal Palace and of the Federal Parliament and Grand Place. My first orientation is this weekend and my first day of school is

Thursday. This morning, though, I went in with my mom (who is the teacher of the youngest children at my school; they started today) to help with the first day of school. So I got to see a bit of my school and it's so much bigger than mine in Cleveland!

My French is already so much better than when I arrived just last week. I had enough of a base in French that I could actually understand a lot of conversation right from when I got off the plane (which really surprised me). My family can only speak French which has also helped me so much! Some of the common phrases and word compilations are starting to come naturally to me. But there's so much to learn!! Since my mom's a teacher, she has been very helpful in teaching me new words. Also, there are a lot of children's books here that so I can practice reading as well.

So that's that I suppose! It's been a great first week and there's a lot planned for the future that I can't wait to do and try! Au revoir!

Katie

[CLICK HERE FOR ANOTHER ARTICLE ABOUT KATIE FROM THE WEEKLY VILLAGER](#)



## Shoe Boxes Continue Their Journey to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua

By: PDG Jack A. Young,  
Board of Directors - American Nicaragua  
Hope and Relief Foundation 2007-17

*This is the 9th year that Ohio Rotary District has sent Shoe Boxes and other items to Nicaragua.*

With the support of 15 District 6630 Rotary Clubs, 2 Interact Clubs and friends of Rotary, 486 Shoe Boxes, 110 Layette Bags for new mothers and their babies, medical supplies, wheel chairs, school supplies for teachers, Dictionaries and base ball equipment began their trip this past Saturday to the Children of the Dump in Chinandega. On Saturday morning, all items were packed into a trailer owned by Ron Wilkinson from the Rotary Club of Ashtabula and taken to Canton, Michigan. About 25 Rotarians in Michigan packed all items, at a Walmart under the direction of PDG Larry Wright and Sarah was joined by Past Rotary International Director Mike McCullough, loaded on pallets that will be shipped by Walmart.

From Michigan, they will be transported to Waterloo, Iowa and combined with their supplies, continue their journey to Houston. In Houston, Texas they will be combined by those items from their Rotary District, taken to the port of Houston to be loaded in a container and onto a freighter and shipped to Nicaragua and finally delivered to Chinandega. A special thank you to all of the clubs involved this year along with medical items donated by Rotarian Pat Carlson, Rotary Club of Brunswick, Rotarian Chris Adams and Rotary Club of Hillcrest-Sunrise for donating 550 Spanish-English Dictionaries and other items from Rotarians and Rotary Clubs.

In December of this year, Rotarians and Friends of Rotary will be going to Nicaragua to help distribute these items and the only Christmas gift these children will receive based upon good grades, good attendance and recommendation by their teacher.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF THIS ONCE IN A LIFE TIME TRIP, FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE TRIP THIS DECEMBER, PLEASE CONTACT PDG JACK YOUNG - (440-759-4000 or

Jack1villa@aol.com)

A special thank you to Brunswick Rotarians Tiffany Safran, Marsha Pappalardo, Stan Socha, Tony Giovinazzo, Marsha's son Jim Isaac and Ashtabula Rotarian Ron Wilkinson for loading the trailer. A special thanks for Ron Wilkinson for donating his trailer and truck and driving all of the items to Michigan. ALSO A SPECIAL THANK you to Lou Ann Wilkinson, RC of Ashtabula who is responsible for assembling 90 of the Layette Bags for the women and children in Nicaragua.

ONE FINAL NOTE. The conservative estimated value of all items from Rotary District 6630 for 2015 is over \$ 40,000 dollars.

In the 10 trips that I have been involved in to Nicaragua and the 9 trips that our district has been involved in sending items ( over 3600 Shoe Boxes, Layettes, a fire truck, 3 ambulances, various fire fighting supplies, 2 jaws of life, fire fighting bunker cloths, extra school supplies, various medical equipment, various clothing and baseball equipment from students at Hiram College and much more. In additional, we have had District 6 6 3 0 Rotarians who have personally financially sponsored children from the dump in getting their college education.

When you combine the value of everything that our District Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Friends of Rotary have done over these past 9 years, it is conservatively estimated that your district has been involved in providing items valued at \$ 650,000 dollars to the children and villages in Nicaragua. Many of you will never get to meet those you have helped or see their faces, but I can assure you that the children and their families truly appreciate what you have done and that they will be better individuals.

The only thing that Marsha and I can say to each one of you is THANK YOU for what you have done. You are truly a Gift to the World.

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,  
PDG Jack Young and Marsha Pappalardo



**Rotarian Marsha Pappalardo, RC of Brunswick organizes and packs items for the Shoe Boxes going to the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. Her garage turns into a mini warehouse for shoe boxes, medical supplies and others items. This year, Marsha involved children of Brunswick Rotarians who received special service credit from their high school to help with the shoe boxes.**



**Marsha's mini garage warehouse**



**Trailer loaded and ready to travel to Michigan.**



**Shoe Boxes and medical items packed in boxes in Michigan to begin their journey to Nicaragua**