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ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

As the 2015-2016 Rotary year comes to a close, it is a time for reflection. I am so humbled to have served as your District Governor this year. It seems like yesterday when I was writing my first Governor's article and now it is my last.

It has been a sincere pleasure getting to rekindle old friendships and make so many new ones. I will be forever grateful for this opportunity to work with so many amazing individuals throughout this District. I heard incredible and inspiring stories of service projects, attended numerous fundraisers and have seen the impact that our clubs are making to improve the quality of life for someone else.

Our Members. Our Strength.

Volunteers truly change the world – you don't wait around for someone else to make the difference – you are the someone else!

There is a passion among our members – an enthusiasm, drive and commitment that brings positive change to our local and international communities. It takes special unselfishness to get your hands dirty, go where no one else wants to, and give of your time, talents and treasures. All of our 52 clubs are accomplishing

our mission of Service Above Self and have indeed been A Gift to the World during the 2015-2016 Rotary Year and will continue this spirit. Thank you for your dedication and the pride you all exhibit in who we are as Rotarians.

A Team Effort.

Transition from year to year only works when you have a team. This District has worked diligently to build consistency from year to year. To do this, we work as a team with our past, current and future governors, assistant governors and committee leaders. We are blessed to have a great and dedicated team in District 6630 and because of this, our future is in good hands moving forward.

We might not make sweeping and sudden changes, but we make lasting changes bit by bit, one step at a time. It's the little changes added up together that influence generations upon generations and help us keep this District strong.

Champions of Change: District 6630

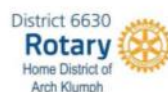
This was a year of change and our District 'Rocked the Change' including at our District Conference!!

Change comes in many forms – from the flexibility for our clubs (approved by the recent Council On Legislation) to all of the new technology being implemented. We have diligently worked with Rotary International and our District leaders to strengthen communications to help clubs understand the changes, any impact on members and the purpose for the change. Embrace the changes and the new opportunities that your clubs face as the new Rotary Serving Humanity continues to define our efforts as the best service organization in the world!

Your indelible marks of love and compassion are a Gift to the World. Thank you for your friendship and the honor of working with you during the 2015-2016 Rotary year.

Your Partner in Rotary Service –

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Chagrin Valley Rotary Remembers Our Men and Women in Military

By: Ann Anasuya Rapisarda

Memorial Day was originally called "Decoration Day". It is a day of remembrance for those who have died, both men and woman in the service, for the United States of America. The town of Waterloo, N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May, 1966 and a federal holiday.

President Ronald Reagan (the 33rd Governor of California and only Governor to become President) is credited with reviving the practice of honoring Memorial Day and pledged to never forget the true meaning of Memorial Day.

Memorial Day was first widely observed in 1868. The celebration commemorated the sacrifice of the Civil War.

Let us not confuse Veterans Day with Memorial Day.

Veterans Day is a public holiday held on the anniversary of the end of World War II and to honor victims of all wars. It eventually replaced Armistice Day.

A ROTARIAN PERSONAL STORY

That being said allows me in to share a personal story. It is depicting two very special Rotarians; Linda Hein and Jack Young. It all started on this past Veterans Day meeting at the Chagrin Valley Rotary in Chagrin Falls, Ohio. Linda Hein is our current president and she worked very hard to honor our fellow Veterans with a special line-up in front of our meeting room. Jack Young, Past District Governor, was invited to the Club's meeting to present a dignified Veterans Pin to the Veterans in attendance.

A ROTARIAN VETERAN TRIBUTE

Then there was me, Ann Rapisarda, a Rotarian widow of a Vietnam soldier, who can still remember writing love letters to her then future husband, Frank. Frank was stationed in Germany and slated for Vietnam in the bomb disposal unit of the U.S. Army. Linda and I agreed that it would not have been appropriate to have to stand in the lineup since I was not a Veteran. Linda then found herself in a predicament and she just wasn't sure how to work me into the rotation.

INSPIRED BY A HIGHER POWER

I had recently returned from Charlotte N. C where my second daughter Dr. Clarice Rapisarda King resides with her family. I took the opportunity to attend the Ballantine Country Club Rotary and proudly returned with a North Carolina Rotarian banner. Club President Linda Hein then invited me stand with her to present the Southern Hospitality Rotarian Banner during our morning meeting. I began to walk back to my seat when Linda took me by surprise and asked, "Ann would you like to tell everyone why you were in N.C.?" I was not expecting to share my story but I stated bravely that I was in Charlotte, North Carolina to visit my late husband's resting place in a Columbarium Garden at St Matthews Catholic Church. I explained it is the anniversary of my husband Frank's death. He was tired of the cold Cleveland weather and his final wish was to go warm.

Frank was buried from The Church of the Holy Angels,

in Bainbridge, Ohio on November 11, 2014 at 11 a.m. that would be 11-11-at 11 the very date that Veterans Day was enacted. Rev Father Daniel Schlegel said, "It was a fitting day and not by chance that this Vietnam Vet is buried today."


A PROFOUND ACT OF RESPECT AND KINDNESS

The room was silent as I began to walk back to my seat. I could feel my face getting red while fighting back the tears in my eyes while looking down. Suddenly a hand reached out to me. It was Jack Young and he said, "Let me shake your hand and thank you personally for your husband's service." He then selflessly removed his own beautiful Veteran Pin and placed it on my jacket. Never have I experienced such respect

for one man's military service. Jack exemplified the true Rotarian spirit.

I looked at Jack and said, "I know my husband is proud of me today because I was able to receive this pin in his honor. I will always remember your kindness especially in a time in my life when it meant so much to me. I promise to wear it proudly because it has your courage attached to it too."


Let us all remember the gift of service that our soldiers have given to each of us.....not just on Veterans Day or Memorial Day, but every day. Display your flag at your home and place of business. May we all remember something from Jack's exemplary virtue as he lived the Rotary Four Way Test!



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TRC Ravenna Awards Scholarships

On May 23, 2016, Ravenna Rotary awarded \$6,500.00 in scholarships to graduating seniors from Ravenna High School,

memory of Reba Cook and Brad Dillman, two wonderful Ravenna Rotarians who passed away in 2015.

Stephanie Rummel, President Elect says, "Ravenna Rotary is able to do this and more because of your support of our annual events, Harvest Breakfast, Mum Sales and the Spring Reverse Raffle. For more information, please visit

www.ravennarotary.com, or be our guest for lunch. We meet Mondays at 12:00 PM at the Elk's Club - 776 North Freedom St. Ravenna, OH 44266." Stephanie Rummel

Director of Development



Seated from l to r: Dave Miller-Counselor from Maplewood, Kalee Basquin-Counselor from Rootstown, Christian Griffin-Counselor from Ravenna & Ravenna Rotary President-Donna Kovolyan. Standing from l to r: Ashley Jenior-Maplewood, Marissa McGurk-Rootstown, Megan Miller-Ravenna, Allysen Grimes-Ravenna, Charles Lindsey-Ravenna, Gina Nagella-Ravenna & Maplewood and Steven Farhat-Ravenna.

Maplewood Career Center, and Rootstown High School. Numerous scholarships were given in

United Way of Portage County

Shoe Boxes to Nicaragua a New Record

Jack Young, PDG and Board member of the American Nicaragua International Hope and Relief Foundation reports that our district and clubs are supporting 700 Shoe Boxes and 110 layette bags to the children of the Dump in Nicaragua. This is an all-time high for the past 11 years that clubs and Rotarians have supported this international project. A combination of 22 clubs and 1 Interact Club in District 6630, 2 clubs in District 6650 and one club in District 6600 have joined this year in our efforts to support the 700 Shoe Boxes and 110 Layette Bags for expecting mothers.

A special thank you for those committing to help those children and mothers less fortunate receive a Christmas Shoe Box and/or layette bag to help take care of their newborn child this year. A more detailed story will follow describing this significant accomplishment. For more information, Please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young of the RC of Conneaut at Jack1villa@aol.com or Marsha Pappalardo, Past President of the RC of Brunswick at cmpappapa@aol.com or call 440-759-4000.

A Word From the District PR Chair

Julie Brandle, President Metis Construction District PR Chair, Rotary Club of Akron

It's been an extremely successful PR year for Rotary! From local news articles on the good work of our clubs to a fantastic District Conference to stories on the world stage, Rotary is everywhere! But our job to promote 'Service Above Self' isn't finished.

Some ask why do we need to publicize our service, we don't need recognition. Let me invite you to imagine this topic a little differently. As Rotarians, we are charged with helping others. As we help others and ask people to do the same, we need to tell our stories. Telling those stories helps us build awareness of our brand, the brand of Rotary, the brand of 'Service Above Self'.

Raising awareness of Rotary and the service projects we dedicate ourselves to sparks interest and those interested may ask to visit our clubs to learn even more. Ed Bond, District PR Committee member, said "People like to surround themselves with other successful people." If we are telling our success stories, people will want to get involved! It may not even stop at Rotary, people may want to further help the highlighted organization or do something similar for another organization. The results of telling our stories are endless.

I encourage each club to nominate someone to get involved in the District PR Committee to help promote not only other club events and what is happening nationally, but the events and successes of the District as

a whole. Whether it be attending the monthly meetings the first Monday of each month or receiving the email updates and committing to sharing the information at the club level, committee members will be helping to build awareness of Rotary.

I also encourage each club to tell its stories! Pre-event press releases with photos from the previous year's event or post-event press releases with photos to our local papers are just the beginning! Invite your community, invite media, and ask your local newspaper editor or reporter to join your membership!

Does your club tweet or have a Facebook page? Promoting your events and service through social media will also help build awareness. I invite you to follow the District 6630 Facebook Page and help spread your club's good news across the District.

Does your club have a website? Does it include current information, updates on recent events, photos of service projects and other events? Websites are another way to build awareness of Rotary and encourage others to get involved.

It's been a successful year for Rotary PR and I want to thank this year's committee for their dedication to telling our stories.

If we can help in any way please contact me at jbrandle@metisconstruction.com.

Rotary Youth Exchange News

By: Susan Colville-Hall
Rotary Club of Akron
District 6630 Rotary Youth Exchange

Listening to the various accents as the Rotary Youth Exchange Inbounders arrived at Crystal Lake June 4 was very different from the sounds of their arrival last August. With a very fluent English, they were eager to see the international friends with whom they had spent many fun-filled moments during their 11-month their stay in northeast Ohio, the friends who will also be departing for their home countries soon. District 6630 provided this opportunity at the beautiful Crystal Lake in Silver Lake Village (Cuyahoga Falls) for the last



official gathering of these RYE students: Kaho Mochizuki (Japan), Justine Altmeyer-Wagner (France), Jermán León (Chile), Antonella Ramos (Peru), Ben Reidel (Germany), Supahakrit Dithaphongphakdee (Thailand) and Gabriel Mendes (Brazil). Joining them were RYE Outbound students who will be leav-

ing this fall: Christine Larson (Peru), Jennifer O'Donnell (Mexico), Casie Anderson (Brazil), Isa Perez (S.Korea), Clara Watkins (Taiwan), Lauren Klann and Elayna Gros (France). In addition to just talking about all the fun things they did together this year (prom, sports events, the Cavs, etc.), students could join in boating and fishing activities, swimming, basketball, hanging out on the beach, grilling hamburgers, sharing



photos, taking selfies and picnicking with their buddies.

It was all so very worthwhile, getting to know these energetic, engaging, smart and fun-loving young people. Host families also shared how much they enjoyed the opportunity to explore in depth another culture of the world. Kudos to the District clubs hosting this wonderful group of young people this: Lakewood, Chardon, Mantua, Medina, Garrettsville and Akron.

Smiles turned to sad faces at times as they exchanged many hugs.

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Honoring our Heroes

For the fourth year in a row the Stow-Munroe Falls Rotary Club took to the streets and made a huge impact on some important, deserving families in our community. The rain held off all morning, giving us a chance to make our 4th Annual Heroes' Day in May a wonderful success!

More than 200 volunteers came out for the morning to rake leaves, do yard cleanup, mulch, weed, and plant flowers in order to serve the homes of some of our local veterans and surviving spouses, as well as our retired police officers and firefighters.

Our army of volunteers was able to divide and conquer to serve a total 25 local families.

We finished the day back at the Church in Silver Lake for lunch with our heroes! For many of us, this was the icing on the cake – what a huge



privilege to sit and talk with these men and women who have given their lives in service to our country and community!

Would you like to try a Heroes' Day in your community? We're happy to share the wealth! Pulling on lessons learned and improvements made after four years of running the event, our coordinator Jacqui Bowman has put together a rough notebook to explain more about the event itself, as well as a basic outline of how we do it. Simply email Jacqui Bowman JacquiBowmanSold@gmail.com and she can set up a time to visit your club meeting and talk about the project.

Hudson Awards Scholarships

Hudson High School teachers presented the five 2016 Rotary Scholarship winners at the Rotary Meeting on May 18th. Teachers introduced the students by sharing what made the scholarship winners so exceptional. Each student winner gave a short presentation sharing their high school experience and appreciation for their sponsoring teacher, and a few words about their future plans for college.

Mr. Nicholas Chiorian presented student Audrey Bagarus, Ms. Lani Banner presented Arielle Dalea, Ms. Jen Romanic presented Alexandra Ritchey, Ms. Amanda Wasserman presented Elizabeth(Ellie) Stiles, and Mr. Brian Carbaugh presented Simon Turner. The Rotary Club of Hudson is proud to sponsor these student scholarships and especially appreciated the feedback provided by the students.



From left to right, Amanda Wasserman, Elli Stiles, Lani Banner, Arielle Dalea, Audrey Bagarus, Brian Carbaugh, Nicholas Chiorian, Simon Turner, Alex Ritchie and the teacher in front is Jen Romanic

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 club meets each Wednesday at 7:15AM at the Laurel Lake Retirement Community Main Dining Room. The Rotary Club of Hudson welcomes visitors to learn more about their club.

A Thousand Dollar Duck

The waters were indeed raging at Port-Summit Rotary Club's first-ever Dizzy Duck Derby, a result of a steady downpour for two hours preceding race time. A thousand-plus rubber duck flotilla raced down the Springfield Lake Outlet on Saturday, May 21st in hopes of enriching their adoptors. An entire afternoon of family fun was planned around the race. Much of the fun had to be moved indoors at the Ellet Community Center while the "Fowl Weather" passed. Top prizes went to:

- 1st Place- Sarah McBride: \$1,000
- 2nd Place- Lakemore UMC Men's Club: \$500
- 3rd Place- Linda Moeller: \$250
- 4th Place- Kim DeBenedictis: \$150
- 5th Place- Lori Long: \$100

In addition to the cash prizes, random ducks were plucked from the stream as they crossed the finish line, winning multiple gift cards, gift certificates, gift baskets and other prizes for their lucky Foster Humans. Other event included; a Mascot Race including Zippy from the University of Akron and Webster from the Akron Rubber Ducks; a sponsor's Boat Race; a 50/50 Toy Boat Race; carnival games; Food Trucks and a performance from Dance Beatz Dance Studio!



PSR offers sincere thanks to over 50 sponsors and supporting businesses who helped to make the day such a big success, despite the weather. Event Co-Chairs, Ron Whitmer and Tom Brandt would like to offer a special thank you to our Title Sponsor,

The Church Agency of Akron for helping us get the event off the ground. We



also appreciate the support of Akron Ward 6 Councilman, Bob Hoch and Assistant to Mayor Horrigan, Terry Albanese. The Ellet Community Center



staff was a pleasure to work with. And a final thank you to Angel with Mattie J's Food Truck. She took a chance on us and came out on a day when the crowds did not. Thank you, Angel! You will be first in line for next year's event. The event raised thousands for local causes, which will benefit from the generosity of all involved.

Thank you DISTRICT 6630!!!

Service Projects and Activities Reported in Rotary Club Central
2015-16

143 PROJECTS REPORTED
2,153 VOLUNTEERS
8,480 HOURS
146,787 USD CASH
25,276 USD IN-KIND VALUE

Clubs for Young Leaders

	2015-16 GOAL	2015-16 YEAR TO DATE
Number of Rotaract clubs	3	4
Number of Interact clubs	18	19

RYLA Participants

If you have not reported in Rotary Club Central how many RYLA participants you sponsored this year, would you please do so before July 1st?

Thanks!!

TRC Hudson Gala Big Success

The Rotary Club of Hudson's Gala was judged by the over 270 participants to be a roaring success. All enjoyed the excellent dinner and wide array of donated items to be purchased at the Twinsburg Hilton Inn held last Friday Night, May 13, 2016.

Almost all of the over 200 items on auction were purchased, and many donations were made to achieve the goals of the Gala to fund The Gift of Life (a project which brings young children from third world countries for open heart surgery), Hudson EMS (assisting them in buying a second automated CPR device), Hudson Boy Scouts, the Hudson Rotary Scholarship Program, and the Hudson City Schools Service Learning Class.

Gala Committee Chair Ron Strobl announced at this week's meeting that while final financial information was not yet available a preliminary review indicates this year's event may set a record.

The Rotary Club of Hudson wishes to thank all of the Gala Sponsors, Individuals and businesses who donated items for the auction and all of the participants for making this important event a success and making possible our funding of the important beneficiaries in the Hudson Community.

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Bedford Art Festival & Classic Car Show

Join artists from different genres as they display their unique talents at Bedford's Plein Air Art Festival & Classic Car Show, July 16, from 11 am to 7 pm, on the Commons, 730 Broadway in historic Bedford.

This event blends the creative expression of artists with the craftsmanship of classic automobiles. Festival-goers will have the opportunity to view artists painting their canvases outdoors within a setting of five buildings on the National Register of Historic Places. They also can see classic cars from the 40's, 50's, and 60's, including muscle cars and hot rods; and visit the Bedford Historical Museum's exhibit of the once famous racing venue – Sportsman's Park.

While strolling the art show in the park-like setting of the Commons, one-of-a-kind artwork will be available for purchase at the Wet Paint sale. Attendees can also taste Ohio Craft beers and international wines sponsored by the Bedford Rotary Club. Proceeds

benefit the Rotary Foundation Scholarship Fund. Enjoy fabulous food from the Stone Pelican Rolling Cafe or Bedford Falls Café all while rocking to the live band, Eli's Coming.

The City of Bedford is partnering with the Ohio Plein Air Society, Bedford Rotary Club, the Bedford Historical Museum, and Old Time Automotive to present this event free of charge. Come experience the charm and history of Bedford. For more information phone: 440-232-1600 or visit www.bedfordoh.gov. Like us on Facebook.com/
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From The District Foundation Chair

Jim Lechko
Foundation Chair
Rotary International
District 6630
Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY):

Be a part of the 100%! Our District goal for The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund is 100% participation in our District. Be a part of something great. As of May 2016 we have 662 out of 2099 District 6630 Rotarians that have given something to the Annual Fund this Rotary year. Last year, 1435 Rotarians participated. Let's beat that number this year and get to 100%.

\$10, \$100, \$1,000 or \$10,000, all donations are welcome. If you truly believe in what Rotary does both locally and around the world, how can you not be a part of this effort?

Your club can be an EREY club with 100% participation and a \$100 aver-

age per capita rate of giving. This would entitle your club to a Paul Harris Fellow to award to a deserving individual.

The Rotary Foundation: District 6630 Fundraising – Race to the Finish!!!

See the attached District 6630 Fundraising Analysis report through May 2016. We are at 91.4% of our Annual Fund Goal and 398% of our Polio Plus goal! Wow! Our total giving in all categories, Annual Fund, Polio Fund and Endowment Fund is \$303,690. Thanks so much for your generosity.

We currently have 10 Non-giving clubs. Remember to get your contributions in before the year-end deadline of June 30, 2016. Thanks in advance for your attention to this matter.

Youth Challenge Van Wash

Dan talked to the powers that be at Youth Challenge and has arranged for our cluster to wash the Youth Challenge vans on Saturday, August 13, from 10-12 at the Youth Challenge facility, 800 Sharon Drive in Westlake. The date for the Brunch, also at their facility, is Saturday, October 15, 11-1. The check from the cluster will be presented at that time as well as the plaque honoring the founder.

Dan is asking that each club have a minimum of 3-5 members at the van washing and his club will provide lunch for all afterwards.

Please encourage your members to check out the web site to see all the good Youth Challenge does and how their programs impact all of our communities.

www.youthchallengesports.com

Questions – do not hesitate to ask. Enjoy the day and thanks -

Kathy Berkshire

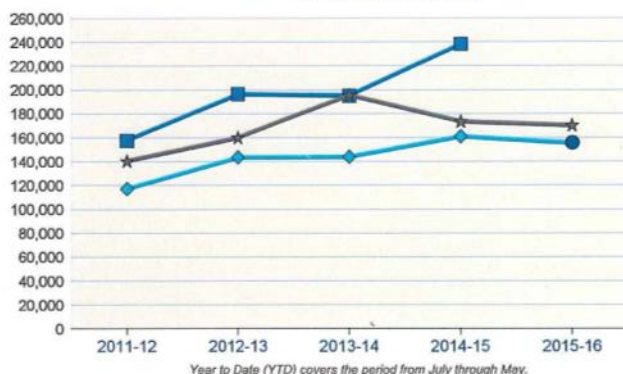
Rotary DISTRICT 6630 FUNDRAISING ANALYSIS

Interim Results For July through May 2015 - 2016

	Number of Members	Annual Fund					Non-Giving Clubs	PolioPlus Fund					Endowment Fund	Total Giving**
		Goal	% Goals Received	Total	Per Capita	Goal Achieved		Goal	% Goals Received	Total	Goal Achieved	Non-Giving Clubs	Total	
2015-16	2,099	\$170,141	82.7%	\$155,452	\$74.06	91.4%	10	\$23,090	67.3%	\$91,908	398.0%	29	\$10,000	\$303,690
2014-15	2,083	\$173,427	100.0%	\$238,346	\$114.42	137.4%	4	\$34,070	96.2%	\$106,936	313.9%	27	\$1,420	\$367,151
2013-14	2,117	\$195,700	100.0%	\$195,239	\$92.22	99.8%	2	\$26,500	100.0%	\$133,105	502.3%	14	\$1,500	\$342,451
2012-13	2,184	\$160,065	98.1%	\$196,453	\$89.95	122.7%	4	\$30,000	59.3%	\$132,393	441.3%	25	\$505	\$390,757
2011-12	2,228	\$140,610	98.1%	\$157,961	\$70.90	112.3%	9	\$47,580	59.3%	\$73,432	154.3%	29	\$550	\$246,091

**Total Giving Includes term gifts and funds for approved grants.

Annual Fund Measures



Year to Date (YTD) covers the period from July through May.

Recognition and Endowment Measures

	PHF	Bene- factor	Bequest Society*	Major Donor*	Major Gifts	EREY Eligible	Sustaining Member	PHS Eligible
All-time	3,381	145	31	36	--	--	--	--
2015-16	141	2	2	4	5	662	343	36
2014-15	214	2	2	4	3	1,435	781	54
2013-14	189	3	3	4	2	1,187	691	44
2012-13	181	0	0	3	6	1,047	657	41
2011-12	227	1	1	1	1	821	572	27
Paul Harris Society Members:			29	Rotary Direct Participants:			84	
Total Endowed Funds:			2	* Joint Major Donor/Bequest Society counts as one.				
Market Value:			\$406,517					
Market Value Date:			30-Apr-2016	EREY, Sustaining Member and PHS Eligible includes all individuals, not just active club members.				
Foundation Recognition Points:			27,207.63					

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The Rotary Club of Fairlawn and Dr. James Lehman Receive a \$52,650 Grant

News From TRC Jefferson

TRC of Jefferson recently completed two community projects. For the 10th year in a row we placed congratulation signs in the front yard of all graduation



seniors from the Jefferson Area Schools. These signs are a big hit with families in our village and provide our club with a very visible and positive image. In addition we have completed renovation of the memorial fountain in front of the county courthouse in the center of town. Our club restored the fountain 20 years ago but it was in need of some tlc. Club members repainted the base and built a new fountain ring to bring it back to peak operating condition.



Dr. James Lehman, President of the Rotary Club of Fairlawn, received a \$52,650 grant to purchase a complete portable Fiber-optic Endoscopy Evaluation of Swallowing (FEES) system. Dr. Lehman travels annually to the Craniofacial Cleft Lip and Palate Center, in Vina del Mar, Chile where he donates his skills to repair birth defects such as cleft palates and missing ears on poor children. This system will enable improved repair of craniofacial cleft lip and /or palate birth defects in children by plastic surgeons and speech pathologists. Portability allows this system to be used in remote clinics where some operations will be performed. The system's real-time camera provides surgeons with a better view potentially enabling improved and shorter operations. The grant was received due to the efforts of the Rotary Club of Fairlawn who wrote the grant

materials, submitted the grant request and sought matching funds from the Northeast Ohio District and the International Rotary Foundation.

After surgery, many of these children require speech therapy donated by a local practitioner as well as follow up evaluations of the surgery. Both of these post-operative activities require pre-and post-operative pictorial documentation of each patient's surgery. Currently sketches are used which, unfortunately, may not record details whose importance is only realized later. In addition, sketches are of limited use in teaching surgical and /or

therapeutic techniques. The high resolution images generated by the FEES system enables comprehensive and comparative evaluations to be done as well as providing educational reference images for surgical and therapist training.

An estimated 150 poor children per year, in the areas surrounding Vina del Mar, will benefit from the improved surgery and therapy enabled by this system.

This project will improve the results of an existing pro-bono plastic surgery and speech therapy team. The team is supported by the Rotary Club of Renaca, mostly staffed by local physicians and therapists.

Repairing birth defects and providing speech therapy give poor children a chance at a normal life. The state-of-the-art medical equipment this project is providing to improve these procedures will enable more children to be treated, enhance the team's skills, provide automated patient

record keeping, and provide data for studies. Review of high resolution images acquired before, during, and after surgery can be used to improve surgeries and therapies.

This is one of many projects that the Rotary Club of Fairlawn supports. The Club meets weekly at Fairlawn Country Club on Wednesday mornings at 7:30 am. We welcome visitors and new members who wish to have a significant effect on our community and our world. For information, please contact Gurinder Rana, President at 330-861-3499 or gmrana111@gmail.com.



Dr. James Lehman, President of the Rotary Club of Fairlawn

A Life Changing Trip to Nicaragua

I hope you will join us for our August, 2016 trip to Nicaragua. We will be leaving from Houston on Wednesday August 10, 2016 on United flight # UA1421, at 6:04 p.m. and arriving in Managua at 8:19 p.m. We will return from Managua on Tuesday August 16th on United flight # UA1423 leaving Managua at 8:15 a.m. and arriving in Houston at 12:45 p.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 \$665.00 per person (double occupancy in hotels). Add \$200.00 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 July 10, 2016 or we will not be able to be sure that we can have hotel reservations for you. AFTER THIS DATE WE MAY NOT BE ABLE TO GET ADDITIONAL RESERVATIONS.

PLEASE NOTE: Do not buy your tickets until we have confirmed that

we have enough people signed up for the trip. We MUST HAVE at least 12 paid sign-up sheets in by July 10th or we cannot have the trip. So wait until after July 10th when we will send you a confirmation that we have the 12 minimum travelers for the trip or that the trip has been cancelled. If we have to cancel the trip those who have signed up will receive a refund of their trip charge.

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 really hope you can go with us. Please let me know and call me if you have questions.

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Local Entry Wins Photo Contest


Dear Ramesh:

We remember in early April that the photograph you took of the two young boys in Dharampur, India (and how beautifully you had captured them) had been selected by RI for inclusion in an issue of The Rotarian.

And now I turn to page 42 of June's The Rotarian and see your photo on a two-page, 4-color spread and see that you have won first place in the Rotary International Photo Contest "How to Frame a Winning Photo" for the category - PEOPLE! Keith



Jenkins (digital strategist for National Geographic) who selected your photograph spoke of the depth and control of the imagery you portrayed - it is truly "friendship" in its purest form. Congratulations, Ramesh - we are so proud of you! I hope you will be at Rotary on Thursday so we can celebrate this incredible honor! Beverly A. Ghent-Skrzynski


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AUGUST 2016 Trip to Nicaragua
Reservation Form
Humanitarian Expedition

6 DAYS
August 10 - August 16, 2016

☐ Yes, I am interested in joining our Rotarians during the next trip to Nicaragua

Prospect Information (Please type or print your information)

District Number: _____ State/Country: _____

Club Name: _____

Your Name & address
(name as it appears on your passport)

Business Telephone: _____ Facsimile Telephone: _____

Residence Telephone: _____ Mobile Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

This is an uplifting experience that will stay with you for life. During this trip you will have the opportunity to visit the projects that we have developed over the past fifteen years thanks to your generous contributions. You will be able to see The School of the Children of the Dump, Santa Lucia (children's house of the land), Refugee Balm (pregnant women's shelter) (Balm's trade school), The Village of Hope Rotarians, and much more.

Date and time of departure: Aug. 10, 2016 @ 6:04 pm on United # UA1421 from Bush Int. Airport, Houston, Tx. Arrive at Managua at 8:19 pm.

Date and time of return: Aug. 16, 2016 @ 8:15 am on United # UA1423 arrive at Bush Int. Airport, Houston, Tx. Depart at 12:45 pm.

(Cost of hotels, meals and ground transportation, etc. is \$665.00 per person (add \$200.00 if you require a private room). Please send payment to Hope & Relief International Foundation, Inc., 10700 Gerke Rd. Brenham, Texas 77833 no later than July 10th. You should bring YOUR OWN ITINERARY making sure that they coordinate with these flights to arrive and leave Managua within more or less one hour of the times shown above.

Deadline for reservations: July 10, 2016 in order to allow time to guarantee that we can secure hotel reservations. ~~2016-08-10~~ with at least 6 months before it expires. Late reservations are not required to have a list.

Payment Type (circle one): ☐ Check ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ American Express

Card Number: _____ Expiration Date: _____

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(Passengers from Houston as well as destinations other than Houston should book and coordinate with these flights. Please send this form with either check or credit card information to Hope & Relief at the above address.)

News From TRC Berea

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

GO FISH: It's all about attitude

FISH! Philosophy all started at a real fish market in Seattle. Selling and preparing raw fish can be a pretty mundane job. Workers at the World-Famous Pike Place Fish Market made it fun. They benefited and their customers definitely benefited.



Marc West brought FISH! to Berea Rotary on Tuesday, June 7 – complete with his “Crabby Hat.” Marc says he wears this when co-workers tell him he’s having a crabby day. It’s a reminder to change his attitude.

Attitude is one of the keys to FISH! Rotarians had a hands-on experience with finding out just what FISH is all about. We divided into groups to define the four tenets of FISH philosophy as applied to the Computer Roundup:

PLAY

MAKE THEIR DAY

BE THERE

CHOOSE YOUR ATTITUDE

The results of our brain-storming are attached. As one vendor in the video succinctly put it, “It’s not all about the fish – it’s about service.”

Play: Have fun.

Make Their Day: Appreciate the client. Smile. Engage with the client.

Be There: Stay focused. Be a team-mate.

Choose Your Attitude: Be positive. Show that you enjoy what you are

doing.

In a nutshell: FISH! Philosophy can lead to a workplace where everyone chooses to bring energy, passion and a positive attitude with them each day.

Read the book: “FISH! A Remarkable Way to Boost Morale and Improve Results,” by Stephen C. Lundin, Harry Paul and John Christensen.

Museum exhibit takes us back to the Flourishing ‘50s

“We (Berea) grew like crazy in the 1950s,” Mahler Museum executive director Nancy Gillahan told Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, May 24. Hence, the title for the museum’s latest exhibit – The Flourishing Fifties. Rotarians viewed the exhibit and toured the museum after a catered dinner by Marianna Peris.

The Post World War II era was a time for stability and growth for much of the country. “For most of the decade the mayor was Ed Manning,” Gillahan said. It was the era of “I Like Ike” and watching tanks test drive at the Cadillac Tank Plant – now the I-X Center. It also was the Cold War and children and adults practiced “duck and cover,” hiding in cellars and under desks in case of a nuclear bomb attack by the Russians.

Local sports saw Lou Groza lead the Browns to a national title. Berea swimmer L.B. Schaeffer made the Olympic squad. And local rocker Ricky Vac and his band the Rockaways were in the forefront of the new music craze – Rock ‘n’ Roll. Ricky’s jacket and shoes are part of the Mahler Museum’s display.

“The Projects” were built near the airport to house workers at the tank plant and GI’s coming home and looking for temporary housing. The Berea City School District was bursting at the seams. Eight new schools were built in the 1950s.

All of these seminal events and more are depicted in the Flourishing Fifties exhibit, which will be on display through the end of the year. The

Mahler Museum and History Center, 118 E. Bridge St. is operated by the Berea Historical Society and is open free of charge from April through December. Tours are 2-4 p.m. Sundays and Tuesdays or by appointment. Office hours are 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Call (440) 243-2541.



Flying high to save lives

For Robbi Cwyner, being a Flight Nurse at the Cleveland Clinic is “the funnest job I’ve ever had.” It’s also the most challenging. She is often the medical professional in charge during critical flights. The hours are long and she never knows from day-to-day where her travels will take her.

The Clinic has two Sikorsky helicopters with a range of 250 miles. That means Cwyner could find herself in Buffalo, N.Y., or Charleston, W.Va. – sometimes both in the same day.

For long trips, the Clinic has a jet parked at Burke Lakefront Airport. There also are four mobile intensive care units that are used when weather isn’t conducive to flying.

“People may think we just sit around waiting for a call to come in,” said Cwyner, who was guest speaker at Berea Rotary on May 17. “We don’t sit around and watch TV.” From the moment she reports for duty, her day is pretty much a whirlwind of stocking the plane with medical supplies and getting ready to lift off. She can make three to four flights in a day – that’s a 12-hour shift. The Clinic’s fleet of planes visited 40

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News From TRC Berea cont'd

states and 20 countries last year – for 5,932 emergency trips.

To qualify for the flight crew, nurses must have critical care nursing experience, have a master's degree and undergo constant training, especially with local fire departments. Cwyner said they host Trauma Days, where the Clinic flight crew practices with local paramedics. Medical personnel also spend time in the cadaver lab.

When the chopper is called to transport a patient, it's usually a critical situation, Cwyner said, most often it's a cardiac case. She remembers one call to Buffalo where the patient was so critical, she arrested several times before the crew reached Erie, Pa. They landed there and rushed the patient to a nearby hospital. Cwyner was able to reach the husband so he could meet them there. The woman didn't make it. "But I was so glad we were able to reach him so he could be with her. I didn't want her to be alone."

That's probably the hardest part of being a critical care nurse, Cwyner said. "My faith does play a large part," she said. "Sometimes it's your turn. You do everything as a medical professional that you can. You do everything right and people don't make it."

Shred Fest collects 6 tons of paper



Part of the Rotary crew takes a break between customers. Secure Shred

shredded more than 12,000 pounds of documents during Shred Fest on Saturday, May 21. The truck can handle only 10,000, so we called in a second vehicle. Thanks to all our helpers and especially to Marc West, who honchoed this project, and to the BW students who did a lot of the heavy lifting and passing of the donation jar.

Cars were lined up all morning to drop off papers for shredding. Customers could watch the process via the small TV screen on the truck.

That sign let visitors know how Berea Rotary helps the community. Drivers were very generous.

Helping adults learn to read

"By being active in Rotary, you are helping to improve the lives of people around the world," said Karla Robinson, executive director of Project Learn Medina County.

"That 's our mission, too," Robinson said.

Project Learn offers one-on-one tutoring plus books and other materials to adults who want to learn to read and those studying for the GED. That includes those who are learning English as a Second Language.

To support Project Learn, the agency operates three used book stores, which provide 60 percent of its funding. Berea Rotarians have shopped at The Bookshelf on Pearl Road in Brunswick, just a few doors down from Penny's Sweet Supplies, operated by Rotarian Ann Socha and her mother.

Robinson said adults without a high school diploma face all sorts of barriers to good job opportunities. "Even if you're a hard worker and honest, you often can't even get a job interview," she said. "That's when they come to see me." In Fiscal Year 2014-15, Project Learn Medina County served 202 students for literacy, GED training, ESL and prepping for such tests as the Armed Forces Aptitude test with the help of 168 tutors.

Sometimes, Project Learn also helps

with the cost of the GED test, which runs to \$120. The test is given in four sessions. Tutors have to be flexible when preparing students. "We have to be available whenever they are available and we tailor the curriculum to each student," Robinson said.

ESL students come from 30 countries – from Tibet and Senegal to Cuba and China. "They need English to function at work and to improve themselves," Robinson said. Often ESL students are highly educated in their own countries but lack communication skills in English.

For example, she said one student was very skilled in the construction trade but didn't know what to call the tools in English. His tutor took him to Home Depot. As they walked the aisles, the tutor would name the tools.

Tutors are volunteers, Robinson said. Little training is needed. "Our biggest job is to be a cheerleader," Robinson said. "Their job is to do the work."

For more information on Project Learn, go to www.projectlearnmedina.org or call Robinson at Project Learn headquarters in Medina, (330) 723-1314.

In Cuyahoga County, GED and ESL classes are offered at Tri-C and Polaris Career Center.

ROTARY DAYS: Members of the Berea and Strongsville Rotary Clubs took part in RED Days sponsored by Keller Williams Realty on Thursday, May 12. Bob Hammer was the head chef, Bob Huge supplied propane and grill. Linda Kramer rode along with the photography team to visit veterans. She conducted the video interviews and posted a story and photo gallery on Cleveland.com. Jay Dzirilla and Paul Richards of Strongsville Rotary escorted clients of Hanson House in Berea. Hanson House serves those with traumatic brain injury at RED Days.

Haitian VTT Team Visits 6630

On Saturday, June 4th seven members of the Haitian Vocational Training Team (VTT) that is here in District 6630 for six weeks of training at Akron Children's Hospital (ACH) were treated to a fabulous BBQ lunch at Blazin Bills BBQ in Troy Twp., OH. They were hosted by the RC of Chagrin Valley and president Linda Hein and pres.-elect Joyce Piteo. Ken Fogle, a Chagrin Valley member and chairman of Gift-of-Life Northeast Ohio, accompanied the group on their tour which went from



Blazin Bills to the Holden Arboretum where they enjoyed a climb to the top of the new "Tree Top Viewing Platform". The weather cooperated and a good time was had by all. While enjoying lunch and some of our fine Midwest culture and food the group was joined by VTT Chair Bob John-



son and VTT Grant writer Dr. Jim Eldridge both of the RC of Burton-Middlefield. It was a great opportunity to meet the group and finally put names to faces, not to mention the world class food. The Haitian team has 2 more weeks of training at ACH before returning to Haiti. The second phase of the grant will take place in September when

the training staff at ACH will travel to Haiti to continue the training, continue setting up and establishment of the ICU at St. Damien's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti and also perform as many as 15 possible surgeries on young Haitian patients who will be screened in August. We are moving ahead steadily on Gift-of-Life International's goal of another pediatric Heart Surgery Unit in a country where previously there was no such facility. Gift-of-Life has been a wonderful and cooperative partner in this Rotary VTT grant. As Rotarians in District 6630 and especially as members of the 16 partnering Rotary clubs of Akron, Burton-Middlefield, Chagrin Valley, Chardon, Chesterland, Cleveland, Cuyahoga Falls, Hillcrest, Hudson-sr, Lakewood/Rocky River-noon, Mentor, Northampton Twp, Port Summit, Solon, Stow-Munroe Falls, and



Wadsworth and a generous contribution from District 6600 that has funded this work, we should all be proud.

Robert "Bob" Johnson PDG- VTT Coordinator

Dr. James Eldridge - Grant author

Interact Talent Show

STOW, OH--FRIDAY, MAY 7--The Interact Club of Stow-Munroe Falls High School held their annual talent show in the high school auditorium. Interact is a volunteer club that is associated with the Stow Rotary.

Approximately 20 acts were presented to the audience by talented SMFHS students. Noah Barr, President of Interact, was the emcee for the event and carried the crowd through the night with jokes and fun facts. The top five acts were as follows: 1st place – Gwen Shehorn, Victoria Black, and Lilly Hauck (dancing); 2nd place – Khylee Kridler (singing); 3rd place - Bailey Bender (singing); 4th place - Gabriela Apaestgui (acrobatics), and 5th place – Tulsa Baral (cultural dancing). Each winner received a trophy and a gift card provided by Stow Rotary.

Interact is a volunteer club open to all students at the high school. Meetings are every Monday after school. Many of the volunteer activities the students are involved in are the Polar Express, Alzheimer's walk, Akron-Canton Food Bank, Books for Children, Holiday Wrapping Party, Salvation Army, and making plats (plastic mats) for the homeless to sleep on to insulate them from the cold. For more information on Interact and becoming involved in the community email st_mowls@smfcsd.org.

Click the links below to see photos of some talented contestants:

 [Gabriela Apaestgui.jpg](#)

 [Kyle Miner.jpg](#)

 [Lauren Fair.jpg](#)

 [Left to Right is Gwen Shehorn, Victoria Black, ...](#)

 [Tulsa Baral.jpg](#)