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ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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#RotaryRocks16

District Conference & Training Assembly April 22-24, 2016

700 Beta Banquet & Conference Center, Mayfield, Ohio

Your conference committee selected this theme to represent the changes that we all have embraced to secure Rotary's future as the most vibrant and effective service organization in the world.

As leaders continue to join our clubs, Rotary will continue to thrive and the service we provide will grow because of the committed work of each of you.

We will Join Leaders, Exchange Ideas, and Celebrate our Clubs, Members, Students!! There will be a lot of fellowship, fun, laughter and yes, probably a few tears will be shed as we honor Rotarians who have given of their time and utilized their talents and efforts to make a difference in the lives of others to **Be a Gift to the World**.

Friday: 10:30 am Annual Meeting, Lunch, Breakouts; 5:30 pm Cocktail Party & Dinner.

Saturday: 7:45 am Breakfast, District Training Assembly, Lunch; 2:30 pm Special Rotary Social with our RI President's Representative (featuring a Bourbon/Whiskey Tasting); 5:30 pm Cocktail Party, Dinner Buffet & Dancing.

Sunday: 8:00-10:00 am Breakfast with other Rotarians.
9:15 am Non-denominational Memorial Service will follow breakfast in separate room.

EVENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 12th

RSVP Online: RotaryDistrict6630.org
or if you do not have access to a computer
please call Kathy Berkshire at 216-970-8887.

This year we have provided several packages for you to choose from when registering.

Take a few minutes and read through the options on the back of this flier carefully. The all-day packages are discounted.

If you are bringing a spouse, partner or guest, the registration options allow for dinner only reservations.

Please note that your hotel room reservations are made separately from the event registration.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS DEADLINE APRIL 1st

Hilton Garden Inn at 700 Beta Drive
(connected to conference center)

Join us overnight so you can enjoy our hospitality suite on both nights and on Saturday we will have dancing and music by Monica Robins & The Whiskey Kings.

To reserve rooms at your special group rate go to www.hqiclevelandeast.com and enter the group code R16 or call 440-646-1777 and refer to the name of the group (Rotary District 6630) or the code.

The Rotary District 6630 rate is \$119/night. Hotel room registration must be done separately from the event registration.

Keynote Speaker Briefs: visit RotaryDistrict6630.org for more information and breakout sessions.



Gregory B. Roche, Rotary International President's Representative
Rotary International District 7950 Bourne Sandwich, Massachusetts Rotary Club
District Governor 2007 – 2008 (D7910)
Rotary District Foundation Chair 2008-2011 (D7910) Rotary District Foundation Chair 2013-2015 (D7950) RLINEXA Executive Director (2014-2017)



G. Kwame Scruggs has over 20 years experience using myth in the development of urban male youth. He holds a Ph.D. and MA in Mythological Studies with an emphasis in Jungian Depth Psychology from Pacifica Graduate Institute in Santa Barbara, California. Kwame also holds a MS degree in Technical Education with an emphasis in Guidance and Counseling from the University of Akron where he also completed all coursework for a Masters degree in Community Counseling.



Josh Bleill, Indianapolis Colts Community Spokesperson: Marine Corporal Josh Bleill is a native of Greenfield, Indiana. After graduating high school, Josh attended Purdue University. Upon completion of his education, Josh decided to serve his country by joining the United States Marine Corps in 2004, and was activated for a tour of duty in Iraq in 2006 where he was severely injured, resulting in the loss of both of his legs.



Scott L. Scarborough, Ph.D., President, The University of Akron: He became the 16th president of The University of Akron on July 1, 2014. He had previously served as provost and executive vice president for academic affairs at The University of Toledo since 2012. Scarborough was UT's chief academic and operating officer, responsible for 12 colleges and the divisions that managed student affairs, enrollment management, libraries, registrar's office and the university teaching center.

EVENT REGISTRATION DEADLINE APRIL 12

RSVP Online: RotaryDistrict6630.org (you will view meal selections at time of registration)
or if you do not have access to a computer please call Kathy Berkshire at 216-970-8887.

Registration Packages:

Full Conference Package (Friday/Saturday/Sunday) \$220 per person
Includes ALL meals/cocktail parties, breakouts, District Training Assembly (DTA) & activities:
Friday: Annual Meeting, Lunch, Breakouts, Cocktail Party and Dinner
Saturday: Breakfast, DTA, Lunch, Special Rotary Social with our President's Rep
(featuring a Bourbon/Whiskey Tasting), evening Cocktail Party, Dinner Buffet & Dancing.
Sunday: Breakfast with other Rotarians.
Optional attendance at Memorial Service will follow breakfast in a separate room.
Drink Tickets: Two drink tickets included for weekend.

Two Day Conference Package (Friday /Saturday) \$195 per person
Includes all items listed in above package except Sunday Breakfast

Dinner ONLY Package (Friday & Saturday Evening) \$135 per person
Includes Dinner/Cocktail Parties on Both Nights - Friday & Saturday (NO drink tickets included)
Select this option if you are ONLY coming to the two dinners and no other meals/sessions.

Friday - Full Day Package \$80.00 per person
Includes all Friday events: Annual Meeting, Lunch, Breakouts, Cocktail Party, Dinner (NO drink tickets included).

Friday - Half Day Only (does NOT include Dinner) \$35.00 per person
Includes Friday annual meeting, lunch and breakout sessions (or any portion of these activities)

Friday - Dinner Only Package \$50.00 per person
Includes Friday Dinner/Cocktail Party (NO drink tickets included).

Saturday - Full Day Package \$135.00 per person
Includes all Saturday events: Breakfast, DTA, Lunch, Special Rotary Social with our President's Rep (featuring a Bourbon/Whiskey Tasting), evening Cocktail Party, Dinner Buffet & Dancing (NO drink tickets included).

Saturday - Half Day Package (Does NOT include dinner) \$60.00 per person
Includes Saturday breakfast, DTA, Lunch
Does not include the Rotary social or cocktail party or dinner

Saturday - Lunch Only \$35.00 per person
Includes only Lunch on Saturday
If you are a member who is attending the District Training Assembly on Saturday morning, please select the "Saturday - Half Day Package" instead of this option. Thank you!

Saturday - Dinner Only \$85.00 per person
Includes Saturday Dinner/Cocktail Party/Dancing (NO drink tickets included).

Sunday Breakfast & Memorial Service \$25.00 per person
Enjoy breakfast with other Rotarians.
Optional attendance at Memorial Service will follow breakfast in separate room.

Thank you to our Conference Sponsors:



Haiti VTT2 Moves Ahead Quickly

As you read this article, the second VTT project to establish a pediatric heart surgery unit at St. Damien's Hospital in Haiti should be approved by RI. This new VTT Grant has taken an incredible amount of effort and hours to coordinate all of the resources. This year we are expanding the project greatly with a total of at least seven partners working together. Our final goal is making the lives of young Haitians with varying heart defects no longer a matter of a life of suffering or, more likely, early death. We will continue to train some of the previous intensive care unit specialist from last year, bringing them closer to being completely self-sufficient in staffing their new unit at St. Damien's in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. At the same time we are very excited to include in this year's VTT, a scholarship that will allow for one year of training for, what will eventually be, the only pediatric heart doctor in Haiti. She will eventually be part of the new unit at St. Damien's.

The VTT partners, Rotary District 6630; Akron Children's Hospital (ACH); Gift-of-Life Northeast Ohio (G-of-L NEO); Gift-of-Life International (G-of-L -I); the RC of Port-au-Prince, Haiti; St. Damien's Hospital (SDH); and the University of Martinique are all part of this grant. Dr. Jeff Kempf leads the team at ACH. Rotarian Ken Fogle who also heads G-of-L NEO has coordinated much of both grants. Rob Raylman and Brenda Small of G-of-L -I have been a tremendous help on the ground in Haiti.

Brigitte Hudicourt from the RC of Port-au-Prince who will lead the team coming to ACH to train has been a valuable liaison between her French speaking club and all of the other partners. Father Rick Frechette and his staff at St. Damien's continue to offer any assistance we need including reduced cost housing and food service to team members in Haiti. Dr. Noisette, a young doctor from Haiti will continue her pediatric heart doctor training for one year at the University of Martinique. The key part of this giant puzzle is the grant writer Jim Eldridge. Jim is a member of the RC of Burton-Middlefield and previously served on the District 6630 Grants Committee. He has worked tirelessly pulling all of these pieces together and coming up with the final application. Jim traditionally shuns notoriety but his work cannot go unappreciated or unrecognized.

This entire effort has been made possible by the incredible generosity of 16 Rotary Clubs in District 6630. The RCs 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 have collaborated in over \$26,000 in club cash. This has been enhanced by a \$5000 contribution from our neighbor district 6600 to the west and \$300 from the RC of Port-au-Prince. Our District 6630 Grants Committee has approved \$24,200 in matching DDF.

When all of the Rotary Foundation funding matches are secured, our total VTT grant amount will be over \$100,000! I am so proud beyond words of the support from so many of our district's clubs. When I asked for support, to a club you all stepped up. All Rotarians from District 6630 can be proud as some of their foundation donation dollars have helped somewhere. Since my days as District Governor and the beginnings of the Rotary Foundations New Grants Model in 2013 I have tried to show that partnerships and multiple donations will be the path to bigger and more high impact projects. Everyone taking part in this effort has proven that.

I also want to point out that along with the personnel training, this VTT grant will provide almost \$40,000 in new equipment for the ICU at St. Damien's. Most of this equipment is being purchased at reduced costs through the efforts of G-of-L NEO, G-of-L-I, and ACH. These people are constantly on the lookout for American Medicines perfectly good but "out-of-date" cast offs that any country in the third world, especially Haiti, would be thrilled to have.

Robert "Bob" Johnson
Rotary District 6630 PDG
2013/2014
Rotary District 6630 VTT
Coordinator

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An Interesting Way to Support the Centennial

Here is how The Rotary Club of Hillcrest-Sunrise enticed members to not only participate in but also sponsor the Centennial Celebration 100th Anniversary Concert. One member had an idea and took action. He sent this email to our members:

If you were still at dessert last night when the discussion began you will know that as part of the 100th Anniversary Celebration for The Rotary Foundation there will be a special concert by the Cleveland Orchestra at Severance Hall. The date of the concert is Sunday Oct 23rd. 2016. The Club is considering being a sponsor of the event. The sponsorship of \$1000 comes with (4) Dress Circle tickets. As an incentive to promote attendance at this event we have created a raffle. We propose to sell the Balcony Seats to members for \$125 per ticket. These preferred balcony seats normally would cost \$100. So why would you agree to spend an extra \$25 per ticket? Simple, for each balcony seat you purchase at the \$125 rate you will get one chance to get your money back and also win the (4) dress circle seats that come with the sponsorship. The additional \$25 investment will go toward the \$1000 sponsorship. Our hope is to get at least 9 to 12 members to participate (hopefully buying pairs of tickets). If we accomplish this the maximum

amount that would come out of our club foundation and be sent to The Rotary Foundation would be \$550 (instead of the \$1000). Sounds like a win for the member who ultimately wins the (4) dress circle tickets. It's a win for our Hillcrest Rotary Foundation because the cost of the \$1000 sponsorship will be defrayed by \$450 or more. It will be a win for The Rotary Foundation because it will benefit from the \$1000 sponsorship and the proceeds from all of our ticket sales.

The results were better than expected with over 1/3 of our Club buying in. The bottom line was that members purchased (20) tickets to the event at the \$125 rate; \$25 went toward covering the \$1000 sponsorship. The Club only had to come up with \$500 of the \$1000 sponsorship. One member won the (4) dress circle seats that are part of the sponsorship package and that winner received their \$250 investment back as well.

Perhaps your Club can try this or some other creative way to get your members to enjoy a great event and support the Rotary Foundation at the same time.

TRC Chardon Starter Basket Project

Our "starter basket" project is a well-received project that serves an underserved population. Perhaps getting some recognition would encourage other clubs to take it on. Below is a brief description.

The project provides young adults aging out of foster care with some basic items needed to begin independent living. Many of these

on other aspects of living independently. The baskets include basic kitchen and bath items, cleaning products and more.

We have assisted young adults in need before but chose to pursue a district grant to assist in helping many more and having the products available to Job and Family Services to distribute as needed. Thanks for your consideration and don't hesitate to contact me for more information
Vicki Dailey
Clerk of Court
Chardon Municipal Court

****EDITOR'S NOTE****

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FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT... MANY OF THEM ARE LINKS
TO VIDEOS, WEBSITES, PICTURES
OR OTHER GOODIES**

young adults find themselves seeking assistance once they are emancipated. In most cases funding for this population is limited and the procedure is lengthy.

By providing these baskets we can help them with basic needs without delay so they may concentrate



Successful women mentor youth through Rotary

Rotary has given Clara Montanez a platform to mentor young women as they balance career and family. Jackie Huie has used her Rotary connections to create a program that matches high school juniors and seniors with a mentor in the career they would like to pursue. Learn more about how [Rotary inspired these two women](#) and read Montanez' blog post on the [five concerns facing professional women today](#).

Akron and City in Ghana Forge Partnership

December 15, 2015 Akron Beacon Journal

Akron city officials welcomed the mayor of Ghana's capital city at an event Monday to commemorate a new partnership between the two cities in the fields of science, business, culture and education.

Alfred Oko Vanderpuije — the mayor of Accra, Ghana — met with Akron Mayor Jeff Fusco and a host of other government, business, nonprofit and higher education officials on Monday morning. Fusco said in an interview that the "cooperative city agreement" between the cities makes sense because they're so alike.

"Accra reminds me a lot of Akron," Fusco said. "We are very aggressive here in Akron whenever it comes to the global market. It's not uncommon at all to see international business leaders coming through City Hall. We've been recognized for our aggressive pursuits, and Accra has been recognized too."

The agreement is similar to a sister-city decree. By signing the agreement, the cities' governments declare their intentions to help the other progress for the betterment of both.

Accra is the most populous city in the African nation, with a population of more than 2.3 million. Vanderpuije, who was appointed to the position by Ghanaian President John Atta Mills in 2009, visited Akron with a group of delegates.

Considerations for establishing a city partnership began in the fall, when Fusco met an Accra Chamber of Commerce official at a conference in Tel Aviv, Israel. The mayors then met in Ohio to discuss the potential for collaboration before making it official on Monday.

Vanderpuije said in a statement that the agreement between the cities would help both.

"This will open the door of a relationship between the people of Accra, the capital city of Ghana, and the city of Akron, Ohio," he said. "Having lived in the U.S. for over 30 years working in the area of education, and having served as the mayor of Accra for seven years now, I believe that this relationship is long overdue — but it has come at the perfect time."

"I'm here to say that this cooperation is needed for the progress of our communities."

Fusco said he was glad to have met Vanderpuije and to cooperate with Ac-

cra.

"The world is getting smaller and smaller every day," Fusco said, "and this agreement helps us set up valuable partnerships with the international community."

While the agreement with Accra is not a sister-city decree, Akron does have two international sister cities — Chemnitz, Germany, and Kiryat Ekron, Israel.



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HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP

As we approach the district conference (April 22-24) I want to urge Clubs to participate in the House of Friendship. This is an area reserved for Club displays of projects they have accomplished. They may include many different types of media to demonstrate their clubs accomplishments in the community/world.

This year we will judge the displays in the following categories: Incorporating the theme "Be a gift to the world", Displays each of the following avenues of service – Community, Youth, International, Vocational & Club; Creativity and Originality (Non-Commercial), Incorporates Conference Theme "Rotary Rocks"

Judging will take place on Saturday afternoon and announced at Saturday cocktails. Ribbons will be placed on the winning Club Displays and a Certificate will be printed for the Club. We challenge you to show off YOUR CLUB! This was always a big part of the Conference and we want to bring back the Competition and FUN!

The displays will be set up Friday morning from 9-11 and remain until Saturday night. So that we may plan for space and electricity needs please respond below.

We thank you for your time and effort – along with your service to our communities.

1. The Rotary Club of _____ Contact Person & Phone _____

Table displays ONLY and space is limited!!

Space required 3' 6'

Is electricity needed YES NO

PLEASE RESPOND BY APRIL 3 by emailing this form to either

Marsha Pappalardo mpa@acra@aol.com 216-410-4844 OR

Judy Shull jashd@aol.com 440-476-2473

Book Donations Requested from Rotary Clubs For District Conference Service Project

District 6630 Interact, Rotaract, and Youth Exchanges students will be doing a service project at the District Conference on Saturday, April 23rd at the Beta Center in Mayfield Heights. The project is making bookcases and filling them with Children's books and donating them to community centers in need within our District. We are asking all Rotary Clubs in the District to collect new or gently used children's books for children for birth to 3rd grade. We will also gratefully accept any cash donations to buy books. If our Club Presidents and Interact Chairs could share this with their members and collect books, we would greatly appreciate it. We hope to have 50 or more Interactors, Rotaractors and Youth Exchange students there to make several bookcases. For more information or for a book pickup, please contact Bob Oborn at 330-689-0485 (please leave a message) or email at boborn@kentelastomer.com. Our Club's futures will be a product of how we support these groups as they are our future. We hope to make the service project an annual event at the conference.

Bob Oborn
District 6630 Interact / Rotaract Co-chair
Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls

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TRC Painesville & Hope For The Homeless

The Painesville Rotary Club had a 3 month Charitable campaign for local organizations!

The first month the club members were asked to bring in any lightly used (cleaned), or new blankets. The picture is of Stuart Lucker, the club president, delivering the blankets to Judy Burr, the Executive Director of Project Hope in Painesville.

The second month we collected non-perishable food items and donated that to the St Gabriel's Food Pantry in Concord.

The third month we collected school supplies and hygiene items and do-

nated those items to Forbes House in Painesville (Domestic Violence safe house).



Picture Caption: Stu Lucker, Club President delivers Blankets collected by the club to Project Hope in Painesville

Project Hope for the Homeless

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<http://www.projecthopeonline.org/>

Who We Are

Project Hope is Lake County's only homeless shelter. In addition to providing the area's homeless with safe temporary housing, we also perform the following services:

- Needs Assessments, goal plans and referrals
- Daytime advocacy, support groups, aftercare
- Security deposits
- Mental health outreach
- Substance abuse prevention
- Survival skills workshops (budgeting, employment, life skills)
- General health exams, blood pressure checks, nutrition, stress management workshops
- Bible study, testimonials, prayer and praise music
- Pastoral guidance and support by the Freedom Chaplains, a group of local pastors



District 6630 Newsletter Policy
 Submit story suggestions to Mike Johns, Jr.
 at stonecut@sbcglobal.net.
 We accept article ideas about club and district successes, including fundraisers, publicity efforts, service projects, and membership drives. Please include descriptions, high-resolution photos, and contact information in your email. Due to the high volume of submissions, we cannot promise to feature your story.
PLEASE USE "ARTICLE FOR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER" IN THE SUBJECT LINE

News From TRC Port Summit

The Ducks are Coming

What happens when ducks fly upside down? They quack up! Hahahaha...

Jokes like this are just some of the fun that will be part of Port-Summit Rotary's first ever Dizzy Duck Derby, a Rubber Ducky Race through Hyre Park in Akron's Ellet neighborhood. Over a thousand rubber duckies are expected to take to the waters of the



Springfield Lake Outlet on Saturday, May 21st in search of fun and riches. An entire afternoon of family fun is planned around the race that will result in a winning Thousand Dollar Duck. Top prizes include:

1st Place- \$1,000
2nd Place- \$500
3rd Place- \$250
4th Place- \$125
5th Place- \$125

Ducks are available for Adoption now at www.porsumro.org. Adoptions fees are:

\$10- One Duck
\$20- Three Ducks
\$50- Eight Ducks
\$100- Twenty Ducks

Feel free to contact Port-Summit Secretary, Ron Whitmer at rwhitmer@jogworks.org with any questions, or to request Adoption Papers via email. Our mascot, Dizzy Duck, posed for the picture below with Dr. Terry Albanese, Assistant for Education, Health & Families in the Cabinet of Akron Mayor Dan Horri-gan.

Skate Party "FunRaiser"

On Sunday, February 21st, Port-Summit hosted a FunRaising Skate Party at Rotarian Connie Krunich's

Springfield Lake Roller Rink. The two hour event was a rousing success. Besides skating, visitors enjoyed the opportunity to win gift baskets and learn about the many initiatives of Rotary. The kids especially enjoyed the chance to meet our new mascot, Dizzy Duck. He really "quacked them up"! pictured below are from left to right are Connie Brannon, Ralph Pet-it, Dizzy and Club President Judy Miller.



Special Olympics of Medina County Makes Presentation to Rotary

"We are thrilled to let you know that on May 12, 2016, Cloverleaf High School will be hosting the first Special Olympics Track & Field Day in Medina County," announced Heather Eckenrode.

The Medina County Special Olympics Track & Field Day will provide an inclusive opportunity for students with intellectual disabilities to showcase their athletic abilities with a group of their peers from Medina County,

while their families, friends, and community cheer them on!



We would like to thank Medina Sunrise Rotary for becoming a Silver

Level Track & Field sponsor and invite other Medina County organizations and individuals to consider supporting this worthwhile event through volunteering and your donations.

Special Olympics contributes to the physical, social, and psychological development of the athletes. Through successful experiences in sports, they gain confidence and build a positive self-image which carries over into the classroom, home, job and community.

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Rotary Branding

Since July a group of dedicated Rotarians from across the District have volunteered to serve on the PR committee. I want to thank them all for their commitment to assisting in the promotion of not only Rotary as a whole, but their clubs and the District.

Our top efforts have been to ensure the consistent brand of Rotary across the District. Please help us by using the correct Rotary Club logo design and theme design like the ones pictured here. These can be found at Rotary.org in the Brand Center or contact me personally to assist in your effort. These logos should appear in all of your communication outreach, whether it be printed, web-site, or social media.

Other areas where we need your help is in the areas of websites and



social media. Please use them both to further the message of Rotary. Be sure your websites and Facebook (or other platforms) are up to date and accurate. Promote your events, service, other club events and the District. Ask a club member to be your communications chair if you don't have one. As always I am here to help. Please contact me at jbrandle@metisconstruction.com.

Julie Brandle,

President
Metis Construction Services LLC
District PR Chair

Rotary
Club of Akron, Ohio



4 Way Test Speech Contest 2016 Come One, Come All!!!

Ready! Set! Go! We are now less than one month away from the annual 4 Way Test Speech Competition and we are looking forward to seeing all of you at this year's event! Several Clubs who have not participated in the past few years are expected to join the competition this year which will help to make this year's event even better! The event typically draws 150 people but this year we are anticipating that we will exceed this attendance number.

It is important that those competing arrive for the 8 a.m. registration. Registration will end at 9 a.m. and the doors will be locked. Entry for students and other attendees after that time will not be permitted.

Family and friends of the students are encouraged to attend and take advantage of hearing some talented speakers. Of course, it is always a plus for the students who are competing to have support from those in attendance!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT! This year unlike in past years, children 3

years of age and younger may come to the event FREE! In addition, kids who are 4 to 12 years of age will be charged half price for their admission (\$10). Adults will continue to pay \$20. Admission will include a continental breakfast, lunch and beverages throughout the day. We would ask that parents of younger children attending this event be mindful of the need for a quiet environment so that the student speakers can concentrate on delivering their speeches and the judges and other attendees can hear the speeches without distraction. Please consider not bringing children under 3 yrs. of age.

It's going to be a great event and we encourage everyone to come join us on Saturday, April 2nd at the Aurora High School in Aurora, Ohio.

See you all soon!

Scott Pease

District Chairman

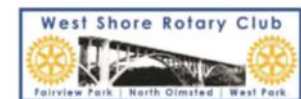
4 Way Test Speech Competition

mailto:scottpease@roadrunner.com

A Rotary Minute- Developing Your Team

Having just returned from All Ohio PETS, a repetitive theme permeated throughout the meeting. Presidents elect were implored to develop their leadership team now, in order to ensure a smooth leadership transition. Determine which Rotarians in your club have the time, ability, and talent, are passionate about Rotary and all the outstanding things we do in our towns, communities, and the world. Utilize those individuals by asking them and assigning them to your membership committee, and give them the "green light" to tell our story and bring in new, qualified members. You won't regret it.

Lance Chima
District Membership Chair



Bob DiBiasio, Cleveland Indians VP of Public Affairs
will be our speaker



Tuesday, April 12th, 2016
Noon

The 100th Bomb Group Restaurant (Crusky Room)
28928 Brookpark Rd., Cleveland, OH 44135

\$20/per person

Buffet Lunch

- 2 Minute DVD: Cleveland Indians Presentation
- State of the Indians discussion with Bob
- 2015 Ticket Sales Opportunity
- Q and A Session
- Raffle Drawing

Bob DiBiasio is entering his 37th season with the Indians and his 36th in Major League Baseball. He started in 1979 as Assistant PR Director, was named Director of PR in 1980, and named Vice President of PR in 1988. The Lakewood, Ohio native was promoted to his current position in 2013. His last season away from the Tribe was 1987 when he served as PR Director for the Atlanta Braves.

Spring fever 2016 is here...let's talk Cleveland Baseball!!!

RSVP to Luisa at luisa@ohiofoto.com or 216-355-0516 by April 5th

News From Shelter Box

Not only was Rotary District 6630, PDG Jack Young and Past President of the RC of Conneaut, recognized as the Volunteer "Ambassador of the Year" for 2015 by Shelter Box USA, we are pleased to announce that he was the top volunteer fundraiser for Shelter Box USA for 2015. During last year PDG Young and Shelter Box Past Board Member and 2015 Board of Director Emeritus, was directly/indirectly responsible for raising in excess of \$ 187,000 for the Disaster Relief organization. The entire Volunteer Ambassador team in 2015 was responsible for fund raising over 33.5 per cent of Shelter Box USA overall donations for the year.

Further, Volunteer Ambassadors credited donations were a 72 percent increase over the 2015 SB USA Goals. Congratulations to this great organization and Project Partner to

the Rotary Foundation. It should also be noted that Shelter Box also partners with all scouting organizations, working together to help others in the world in time of need.

For further information on how you, your Rotary club, youth organizations or community organizations can support Shelter Box or request for a club presentation, please feel free to contact District 6630 PDG Jack Young at (Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000) Shelter Box is a501c3 organization.

Ladies Royal Tea Apr 16

The Rotary Club of Hudson will be hosting a Ladies Royal Rotary Tea on April 16 at the Laurel Lake Community room located at 200 Laurel Lake Drive in Hudson. The time is 1-3 on Saturday. Included will be a wonderful variety of tea, a scrumptious light lunch and a magnificent musical interlude. Wives of Rotarians, Lady Rotarians, daughters, granddaughters and special friends are welcome. Reservations are required and are available from March 10 -April 2. Please make checks payable to Rotary Club of Hudson PO Box 323 Hudson Ohio 44236. \$22/p and \$18 for 12 and under. We invite you to be part of the fun by wearing a hat for the afternoon. Any questions call me 330 212 7384. Ask for Liz Ramsey. Thank you

Elizabeth Ramsey
<kentgrandma@gmail.com

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 22

Listen and Learn		Explore our District	
2:30-3:15	Community Involvement Through the Eyes of Non-Rotarians In this session, a panel of non-Rotarians will explore: a) what service in the community means to them; b) what a non-Rotarian looks for in a service organization; and c) how a non-Rotarian would like to be involved in a service organization.	Our History In this session, attendees will meet our district historian and learn about the District History Project, explore interesting facts about our development into District 6630 and other salient features. There will also be time to ask our Historian questions. Attendees will also get a sneak preview of the finished work of the History Project.	
	What Rotary Means to Me (Members of 5 years and less) In this session, Rotarians will share responses to the following questions: a) What attracted you to join; b) What caused you to stay; c) What concerns/frustrations do you have with our Rotary; and d) What are your aspirations for your membership in the next five years.		
3:25-4:10	What Rotary Means to Me (Members of 6 years and more) In this session, Rotarians will share responses to the following questions: a) What attracted you to join; b) What caused you to stay; c) What concerns/frustrations do you have with our Rotary; and d) What are your aspirations for your membership in the next five years.		
4:20-5:00	Creating a Vibrant Club - Coming Together to Join Leaders, Exchange Ideas, and Take Action Intended for all conference attendees, this session will begin with a summary of the sessions with non-Rotarians, Rotarians with five or fewer years of service and those with 6 years or more. We will explore ways to make our clubs and district more vibrant and appealing to current and prospective members of all ages. Ideas gleaned from the above sessions will be discussed and shared. Attendees will be able to pull together ideas from non-Rotarians, new members and long-time members in order to help a club be vibrant and responsive to the needs of its membership.		

District 6630 Annual Conference of Clubs

Schedule for April 22-23, 2016
Breakout Sessions

and

District Training Assembly



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SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 23

9:00-9:50	Budget Session - Leadership and Education Opportunities: Looking Forward - PEER Required	Club Secretaries and Treasurers - Exploring alternative ways to share the responsibilities.	Building the Future of Rotary: Engaging High Schools & Students - RYLA, 4-Way Speech, Interact, Rotaract	Becoming a Vibrant Club: Effective Strategies to Attract and Retain Members	Building Awareness of and support for your Rotary Club's community service through effective Fundraisers: An Idea Exchange	Public Image: Best Practices for raising Community Awareness of your Club's Work
10:00-10:50	Presidents Elect Session: Making the Most of Your Year: Leading Your Club, working with diverse volunteers running effective club and board/business meetings and building consensus. This will include the info in the next block	Leadership Techniques for working with diverse volunteers and how to conduct an Effective Meeting: (Assistant Governors and Incoming District Committee Chairs - others welcome)	A Hands-on and Interactive Introduction to My Rotary: How to Find the Information you want and need.	Membership: Idea Exchange for Orienting and Engaging New Members	The Rotary Foundation: Hands on Community Service Projects Idea Exchange - Identifying, Planning and implementing	Keeping your membership informed: Best Practices for Club Communications
11:00 - 11:50	Working with the District Leadership: An opportunity to ask Assistant Governors, District Committee Chairs and the District Governor Elect and Nominee	A Hands-on and Interactive Introduction to My Rotary: How to Find the Information you want and need.	Laying the foundation for International understanding and peace: Youth Exchange Programs	Celebrating a Century of Service - The Rotary Foundation at Work - History, Programs and Benefits to our District.	Creating Fun and Informative Club Meetings: a panel discussion of alternative meeting formats and finding attractive speakers.	

From Your District Fndn Chair

By Jim Lechko
Foundation Chair
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.

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

It's time to start thinking about your club project for 2016-17:

If your club would like to participate in the matching grant process for a District Grant next year, your Grant Inquiry must be in ClubRunner no later than May 15, 2016. Those from your club who attended a Grant Management Seminar (GMS) will be able to tell you more about this. District Grants are available from \$500 - \$3,500.

TRC Willoughby WRAP

For the last five years our Willoughby Rotary Club has promoted a program called WRAP, Willoughby Rotary Autism Project. Our purpose is to distribute iPads to needy individuals and groups who deal with autism on a daily basis. Over the years we have given away over one hundred iPads.

Currently we are looking for those folks who are dealing with autism and who have need for an iPad. Applications can be found on our club website <http://willoughbyrotary.org> If further information is needed, I can be reached at dan@floormat.com or my cell phone (440) 376-6486. Thank you for your interest and assistance.

Best wishes,
Dan Ruminski
Martinson – Nicholls, Inc.

Pizza Shop Killing Charity Event

Most of you will recall that the person who was killed in the armed robbery at the Akron pizza shop in December was a University of Akron Student. Zak Husein was an International Business major in the College of Business Administration. A coalition of student groups from across campus, including members from Rotaract, have joined together to perform a charitable act in Zak's name and memory.

I'm working with the students who are organizing and promoting the Zak Husein event. Justin Cohen introduced this at lunch a couple of weeks ago. He is busy with his internship so I will be mentioning this at lunch when I can. We have started to do some promotion now and will promote more heavily after spring break.

The event will take place on April 19 in the evening. In preparation for that, the students are gathering contributions to reimburse StopHunger-Now for the supplies that will be used that evening. We're looking forward to having community groups join in and work side by side with students as they pack meals. I have invited the students to wear organization shirts, etc. and others to indicate their own outside groups as well. "Rotarian at Work" shirts would be welcome.

I've reminded the students that it is customary to recognize major contributors in some way in conjunction with this kind of event. We're 25% to the goal already thanks in large part to some contributions early in the game.

The attached flyer has details but the easiest way to contribute is through the website:

<http://akron4zak.weebly.com/>

The site includes a link to a University of Akron managed account to ensure deductibility and tracking (I liked that better than GoFundMe although the students are more familiar with the latter). Checks to the University (Foundation I think) also work noting the event in the memo. If you prefer GoFundMe (although they do take a percentage of the contributions) there is a page at

<https://www.gofundme.com/wmn8uxvw>

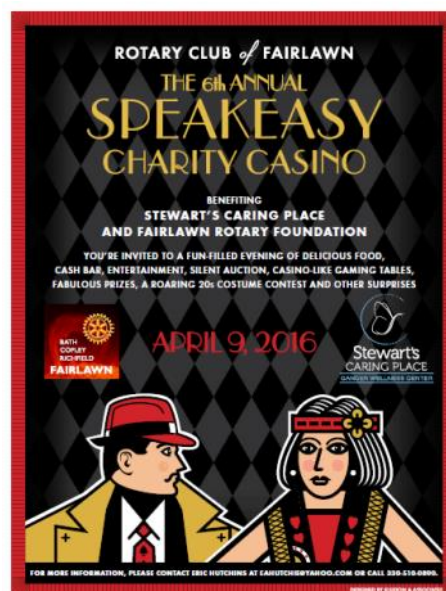
Please share with other individuals and organizations organizations as you see appropriate. It is very rewarding to see the breadth of participation so far.

Please let me know if you have questions,

Doug

Douglas Hausknecht

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Opportunities in El Salvador

Please publish the message & attachments in the District Newsletter if possible. Ivan works with CocoDa which is the NGO that is our "boots on the ground" for the water projects in El Salvador & other countries in Central America.

Thank you,
Carol J. Crimi
Managing Attorney Student Legal Services, Kent State University

Between the violence in El Salvador and the zika virus, we're encountering hesitancy from everyone on sponsoring trips to Central America. This has strained our finances since a good part of our revenue is dependent on delegations.

In response, we're trying to reach out to the adventurers who might still be

interested in traveling individually with us this summer. I've attached several pdfs we've created about these summer experiences.

You are close friends and people I respect and you all know for my love and passion for the work that we do in El Salvador and Central America.

As a favor, I am asking if you could help us promote these opportunities with friends and family, colleagues, your church, etc, or consider participating on a delegation yourself.

Anything you can do to help us promote this will be truly appreciated.

With all my love and respect,

Ivan
Ivan J. M. Villasboa
ivantravel@icloud.com

Breakfast with the Birds @ Shaker Lakes

By Maria Kaiser

In collaboration with the Nature Center at Shaker Lakes, The Rotary Club of Shaker Heights had its annual "Pancake Breakfast with the Birds" fundraiser. Friends and neighbors met for pancakes, sausages, orange juice and coffee in the Nature Center's community room which looks out over the wooded paths between North and South Park between Cleveland Heights and Shaker Heights. This is where, back in the sixties, the beautiful string of little lakes were saved from becoming a six lane highway and now provide natural areas for people to enjoy.



Children were invited to do crafts during the morning. Many nature lovers chose to walk the paths after filling up with a good breakfast stopping to see a variety of birds at the many bird

feeders. This is where Julie West (Cleveland Club) bands birds three mornings a week during the Spring and Fall migrations and welcomes interested onlookers with questions.

Many club members and their spouses helped which resulted in the club's most successful pancake breakfast to date.

Due for special commendation are the volunteers who came from the Shaker Heights High School YEH (Youth Ending Hunger) /INTERACT (Rotary) club. There were five of them, pictured here, who worked from 8:00 am until the last dish was washed at 1:00 PM. They were friendly, hard working and moved in to help wherever it was needed.



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2016 Migration/Immigration Tour
Exploring Issues of Migration and Immigration in El Salvador
Sunday, July 24th – Sunday, July 31st, 2016



2016 El Salvador Service Learning Delegation
"El Roble School Construction"
Sunday, July 10th through July 24th



2016 Public Health Tour
Understanding Zika and Other Public Health Challenges
Sunday, July 24th – Sunday, July 31st, 2016



2016 Nicaragua Service Learning Delegation
"Zacataloza Latrine Construction"
Sunday, June 19th – July 3rd

2016 Friends of CoCoDA
El Salvador Tour
Sunday, October 2nd – October 8th, 2016

District RYE Game Night Overnight at Akron Rotary

By Susan Colville-Hall, Rotary Club of Akron.

Outbounders attending District 6630's RYE Game Night February 20 and 21, 2016 consisted of Casie Ackerman, Isa Perez, Christine Larson, Elayna Gros, Lauren Klann, Kaylee McKee. Jennifer O'Donnell and Alex Rollins were there Sunday only. Our faithful Rebounder, Jenny Sureemee (S. Korea) was there both days to facilitate activities. Inbounders attending from all over the district were Antonella Ramos Jerman, Justine Altmeyer-Wagner, Ben Reichel, Suphakrit Disthaphongphakdee. Andrew Hewitt was a special guest assisting the Akron club. Rotarians in charge of Game Night were Susan Colville-Hall, Brian Chima, Leslie Tierney. District coordinators Patrick Kelley, Tim Snell, Bob Heydorn, Bob Huge and Judy were also present and ready to answer questions of Outbound students and their parents.

After the welcome, everyone gathered in a circle. Students held hands with a bicycle wheel or hula-hoop looped over a pair of students' arms with the task of passing the hoop around the circle without breaking the hand lock. Each student did a short introduction while passing the hoop. The goal of this activity was to introduce students to one another. Next, using smart iPhone pictures, students shared their favorite photo with another student. The conversation was directed to explain why it is the favorite and to share this information with others in the larger group.

To examine culture, the students participated in Wookies & Wahoos, a simulation exercise that demonstrates culture clash through role playing. The activities leader divided the class into two equal-sized groups, designating one as Wookies and the other as Wahoos. The leader separated the groups by moving one to another room, and read aloud the sheet titled "Wookies Society", while modeling the cultural behaviors of that group. While the Wookies decided what they manufacture and practiced their new cultural habits, the leader trained the Wahoos in the

same way. While the Wahoos practiced and selected the product they manufacture, the leader checked on the Wookies. After twenty minutes or so, each group was ready to send an ambassador to the other group. During the ambassador visitation, they became aware of difficulties they were encountering. Each group had to reach a trade agreement either as a group or individually. After about another twenty minutes, all groups returned to the meeting room. When everyone re-assembled, they responded to the questions below resulting in an active discussion of the challenges presented by the activity.



To which group did you belong? How would you characterize your culture?

What was your first impression of the other group?

What challenges did you find in communicating with the other group? Why?

Describe the trade agreement you reached and tell what cultural accommodations you had to make in order to do business.

What did you learn from this exercise? What will you take into your own classroom practice from this experience?

Students found this experience to be of great use in helping to understand the challenges of living in another culture and of setting goals of behavior for navigating other ways of doing things.

After pizza and salad, students listened to Andrew Hewitt, a University of Akron graduate who earned a master's degree in Australia. He

talked about his experience studying in a foreign country, his challenges while living abroad and shared ways to become more successful in crossing cultural borders.

Later, RYE students working in teams created a sculpture using lasagna, lentils, straws, pasta, & marshmallows, to represent cultural understanding. Amazingly, all finished sculptures were very different one from the other, yet consisted of the same raw materials. Each team explained how the sculpture created represented some aspect of cultural understanding. Winners were awarded posters from the Canton Museum of Art.

For the rest of the evening, RYE students got to socialize and have fun while playing card games or board games such as Apples to Apples, Cats, UNO, Mille Bornes, or Pass the Pigs. Playing games in the Great Hall until late in the evening, students enjoyed the event and tried a variety of different games.

The next day brought on the task of Goal Setting. Individual RYE students received envelopes with goals they had set at previous meetings. Inbound students were asked to examine goals set in November and analyze how well they have done meeting the goals. Then, they were asked to set new goals for May. Outbound candidates set goals for getting ready to go abroad.

After debriefing the weekend, what worked and what could be improved for the next cultural orientation meeting, all students lent a hand to put Akron Rotary Camp back in order.

PhotoAlbum:

<https://pi-casaweb.google.com/100660552040133873552/RYEGameNight2016?authkey=Gv1sRgCMKul-y24bbwMw>

Santa's Impact Lasts Well Beyond December!

By Sandy Naragon
President Rotary Club of Akron
Akron Cleveland Association of REALTORS

According to the calendar it's March. But the weather and ongoing Christmas Spirit in Akron says otherwise! Annually for over 40 years, the Rotary Club of Akron has hosted a visit from Santa. For most of those years, his visits were to Barrett Elementary. About one-third of Barrett's 150 students had special education needs.



When Barrett closed in 2012, Akron Rotary & Santa started visiting the S.U.P.E.R Learning Center. It is con-

sidered Ohio's leading cognitive development center and autism school.



The visit begins when Santa arrives on a fire truck. Thanks to Santa's helper, each child is greeted by name and talks to each about their personal interests. Just imagine the excitement Santa's attention sparks! The time with Santa ends with a gift selected especially for each child. Rotarians in attendance receive a gift too! Annually, the children perform a thank you play! They also make Christmas/Thank You cards for Santa.

This December's visit proved to be

particularly timely. One of the learning center students is a young mother. Her Christmas Wish was to be able to provide a nice Christmas for her daughter. Upon Santa's stop by Akron Rotary's holiday luncheon, he asked for help granting her wish. Generous Rotarians funded gifts for the baby, gift cards for groceries and other necessary baby supplies. Snow melts and temperatures warm, the opportunities to change lives is endless.



News From TRC Bedford

Mark your calendars for April 24th, which is "Sunday FunDay" in the Bedford City School District. Plan to spend the morning at BHS with neighbors, friends and family, and compete in a 5-mile or a 2-mile race or enjoy a more leisurely 2-mile walk, feast on a delicious pancake and French toast breakfast, and enjoy a myriad of marvelous student artworks at the District Art Show.

Bedford Schools Foundation Run/Walk

The day begins with the 23rd Annual Bedford Automile Run/Walk sponsored by the Bedford Schools Foundation. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and the race starts at 9 a.m. Participants can choose from a 5-mile Run or a 2-mile Run or Walk. Registration is \$22 (postmarked by April 20) or \$25 on race day. Age 12 and under is \$12. Registrants will receive a moisture management t-shirt, while supplies last, and a free all-you-can-eat pancake/French toast breakfast (valued at \$7) in the cafeteria. Proceeds go toward scholarships for

Bedford High School graduating seniors. Event co-sponsors are the Bedford Auto Mile, UH Bedford Medical Center, Road ID, Automated Packaging Systems, Morgan Stanley and Road ID. For more information, contact Bud McNellie at bud_mcnellie@bedfordfoundation.net or call 440-247-3129. Flyers, course maps, photographs, online registration and race results are available at www.bedfordfoundation.net.

Bedford Rotary Club Pancake/French Toast Breakfast

The Bedford Rotary Club will sponsor its longstanding, popular all-you-can-eat pancake and French toast breakfast from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Bedford High School cafeteria. Adult tickets (ages 13 and up) are \$7; children (ages 6-12) are \$3; and children five and under are free. Tickets are available at the door. Guests can also enter a raffle for four tickets to a Lake County Captains game, a 32" television and gift baskets. Raffle tickets are \$1 each or six for \$5.

Ticketholders need not be present to win.

Bedford City School District Art Show
The annual District Art Show will be set up in the high school cafeteria from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. More than 3,500 student works of art from Bedford students in grades preschool through 12 will be on display, including paintings, drawings, hand-crafted jewelry, clay projects, masks and handmade dolls. High School students will demonstrate pottery making. Admission is free.

All activities are open to the public.

RC of Gandevi & Medical YATRA-AIPNO Team up in WASH Initiative

By Wendy Chan, Intern from Australia & Rotarian Ramesh Shah

To further broaden the volunteer experience of the Medical Yatra they organized a 2 day Community Engagement and Education program. We were welcomed and thanked by the local schools and 'Harijan' Community of Sonavadi with song and dance. We had a tour of the Gram Seva Trust Hospital, & we participated in "Swachh Bharat" abhiyan which is an initiative by Prime Minister Modi to clean up local community and reduce littering. We also visited local communities touring their water filtration facility, local dairy milk collection facility/co-op and also visited the installed toilets which were made possible through Rotary Clubs of Cleveland & Chagrin Highlands teaming up with AIPNO.



Sonavadi (population 2,000) has been adopted as an 'Ideal Gram' by Rotary Club of Gandevi, Guj. because of NO defecation, NO garbage dumps, Clean streets, CLOSED gutters and great community support system. Sonavadi also is RCC-Rotary Community Corps.



The Gram Seva Trust was established by husband and wife team Dr. Harsha and Ashwin Shah in 1994

starting as a 30 bed hospital with 5 staff has now grown to 80 bed facility with 100 staff and includes running of many community project which aims to assist women, children and the elderly including the establishment of libraries, boarding facilities for children, mobile clinics, and education on health, nutrition and hygiene. More on Gram Seva Trust can be found: <http://www.gramseva.org/>

Toilets as a human decency & disease prevention initiative



Those of us from more developed countries take for granted our access to toilets. We were initially a little puzzled by our tour of several villages just to see the constructed toilets however this is actually a very important initiative for the villages as we were told stories of women being raped when they ventured out for the bathroom alone. Prior to the construction of toilets, the women would meet up as a group to go to a secluded spot in the field to do their business. That defecation causes diarrhea, cholera, malaria and host of other diseases.



Heifers as a Micro Enterprise



The local dairy facility we visited has become its' own social enterprise and is a co-op for the local community. The sale of the milk has made it possible for the community to save and fund additional local initiatives such as heifer micro-lending program. The heifers are purchased via a loan and once the cow produces milk and thus an income the loan is repaid. The villager is then able to have a continuous sustainable income going forward for their families. Because of it's success, this co-op will be used as model for nearby villages.

Fogger attachment



To prevent infections from mosquito and other insects, AIPNO Medical YATRA donated Fogger attachment to tractor as requested by Sonavadi community. This attachment will serve 6 local villages and hopefully reduce malaria related deaths



Bhanuben & Vanitaben proudly shows Pads they made; Now they want to have their own machines.

YATRA-AIPNO cont'd

Sanitary Pads Machines

By far my favorite community initiative was the sanitary napkins women empowerment project. This is run by the women for the women and provides improved health and education as well reducing the stigma around menstruation. The sanitary napkins are made by hand from cotton and wood pulp which importantly are also biodegradable. These are then sold by women to women in their local villages at much lower cost to that which are mass produced and made from plastic and other non-biodegradable materials. This facility was based within the Gram Seva Trust Hospital and with this success they are looking to expand and replicate this to up to 15 facilities.

UNICEF Water, Sanitation, Hygiene (WASH) Initiative

According to the latest estimates of the WHO/UNICEF Joint Monitoring Program. for Water Supply and Sanitation (JMP), 32 per cent of the world's population – 2.4 billion people – lacked improved sanitation facilities, and 663 million people still used unimproved drinking water sources in 2015 Inadequate access to safe water and sanitation services, coupled with poor hygiene practices, kills and sickens thousands of children every day, and leads to impoverishment and diminished opportunities for thousands more. Poor sanitation, water and hygiene have many other serious repercussions. Children – and particularly girls – are denied their right to education because their schools lack private and decent sanitation facilities. Women are forced to spend large parts of their day fetching water. Poor farmers and wage earners are less productive due to illness, health systems are overwhelmed and national economies suffer. Without WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene), sustainable development is impossible.

Warriors' Journey Home Gala



February 2, 2016

Dear Friends

Please accept this invitation to be a part of the 2016 Warriors' Journey Home Gala. This year's event will be held at Guy's Party Center on Thursday, April 7, 2016. If you have supported our programs in the past, "Thank you" and if you are new to this invitation "Welcome!"

Our mission at Warriors' Journey Home (WJH) is to **Embrace the Warrior's Journey**, providing a safe, supportive grassroots environment for our veterans their families, and community find wellness.

This year we are pleased and delighted to have as our keynote speaker, Ohio Supreme Court Justice, The Honorable Evelyn Lundberg Stratton, (Retired). We will also recognize and honor the work of Valor Courts presided over by Judge Amy Corrigan-Jones and Judge Gerald Larson, of Summit County and Akron, Ohio; and the Honor Court in Canton, Ohio presided over by Judge Taryn Heath. Our veteran guest speaker is Sgt. Andrew Mull, USMC who served as a member of the Peace Keeping Force in Beirut, Lebanon. Mr. Mull is an active member of WJH.

Approximately 125 people attended last year's Gala and we are confident we can double that number this year! The evening includes a Silent & Live Auction, dinner, speakers, "Got Your 6" Recognition, and "Pass In Review" (a video presentation of the year's activities and future plans.) We hope that you will support this special evening by becoming a **Sponsor or Patron; donate to the auction; and attend the Gala Dinner.**

Your donation will be publicly noted and each donation is tax deductible. Donations may be dropped off at the First Congregational Church of Tallmadge, UCC at 85 Heritage Dr. Tallmadge, Ohio 44278; or we will be happy to pick up your donation. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us.

We hope that we can count on your support to make this event a success to heal the invisible wounds so that our veterans can come home "All The Way!" Thank you for your consideration and generosity. We remain,

Sincerely,

John M. Schluep, D.Min.
Founder

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Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference: Camp RYLA

By Marc West
Rotary Club of Berea
Baldwin Wallace University

It is a Thursday night at 7:30 pm in June, and we have just concluded the banquet for another successful Camp RYLA. The majority of the camp participants are crying and the confused parents are wondering what could have possibly happened at a mere 5-day camp that could have caused such an emotional uproar in their teens. The campers seemed to be experiencing some type of odd separation anxiety! The exhausted staff is preparing to conduct check out and is consistently interrupted by campers seeking to give hugs and extending heartfelt goodbyes. "I'm really going to miss you" and "This changed my life" are typical comments that are made to staff. It becomes readily apparent by those witnessing this scene that participating in this five day camp has been a uniquely transformative experience.

Sponsored by our District Rotary Club, Camp RYLA, has changed the lives of more than 1000 young people and leaders in northeast Ohio. Read more about Camp RYLA and see how your club can get involved by sending a participant this year.

This year's camp will take place Sunday, June 12, 2016 – Thursday, June 16, 2016 on the campus of Baldwin Wallace University in Berea, Ohio.

A Brief History of RYLA:

District 6630 has a gem in Camp RYLA (Pronounced Rye-la). This New Generation program has been featured by our District since 1991 and was developed by Rotarians Rich Humphries, Lyle Pohly, and Dr. Bob Jackson. While serving as District Governor and after returning from the Rotary Convention where he learned about the RYLA program, Rich worked with Lyle and Bob to establish a program in our District. It was determined that, due to its remote setting and centralized location for Clubs in the District, Hiram Col-

lege (OH) would be an ideal location for the camp. A meeting with Hiram College's Dean of Students, Dr. Stuart Tennant sealed the collaboration. In June of 1991, the first RYLA Camp was held at Hiram College from June 16 - 21, 1991.

Dr. Bob Jackson served as the Chair of the District committee from 1991 – 1997, and continued on the committee until 2011. Lyle Pohly served on the committee from 1991 – 2008 and assumed the primary responsibility of arranging the speaker series for the program. Dan Svede then served as the Chair of the District Committee



from 1997 – 2011. Other prominent Rotarians from District 6630 that have served on the District Committee are John Wilson, Tim Wright, and Shelia Hedrick. Marc West, at the time a Hiram College staff member, was selected as the On-Site Director and served in that capacity through 2015. West now serves as the Chair of the District Committee, a role he assumed in 2011. During the summer of 2012, RYLA was moved to Baldwin Wallace University, its current location. To date, RYLA has served 1039 participants assisted by 108 staff members through the 25 years of the program.

What is Camp RYLA?

Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a 5-day leadership training camp that gives high school students the tools and skills necessary to focus on their personal and professional development. Rotary clubs throughout the world are committed to helping shape the leadership skills of today's youth and Camp RYLA is one way Rotarians achieve

this goal.

Why CAMP RYLA?

Strong leaders ARE MADE, not born!
Leadership principles ARE
LEARNED not inherited!

Camp RYLA will connect talented youth to their like-minded peers and is an ideal opportunity for participants to hone and improve their leadership skills. Camp RYLA is a powerful peer networking opportunity and enjoyable and valuable experience for those who can meet the challenge.

What will a Student get from CAMP RYLA?

Camp RYLA participants will gain confidence in their leadership ability and make friends along the way. Students will work in teams to exchange ideas, opinions, and beliefs about real life and broader world issues with other students in a relaxed, retreat style setting. At camp, they will be involved. Participants will leave camp a more effective role model, team player and leader.

How does CAMP RYLA work?

High school students, who will be seniors in the 2016-2017 year, are eligible for this scholarship award. Clubs are asked to send no more than two students that are in attendance at the same high school. The total number of camp participants is typically around 55-65 talented and enthusiastic leaders from high schools throughout Northeastern Ohio. However, the camp is designed for a diversity of leaders with some serving in established leadership roles while others are considered emerging leaders. Camp RYLA proves that a student can make friends— and have FUN —while learning & growing!

What is a typical day at CAMP?

Days begin early with breakfast to get the body moving. Throughout the morning, students attend speaker sessions. Afternoons are comprised of speaker sessions, interactive lead-

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ership activities, and peer discussion groups. Evenings have social events that allow participants to socially interact with other campers. They conclude their day back in the residence hall (on-campus housing) for group discussions. Discussion time allows campers to reflect on the day's experiences and on what they have learned. Even the most shy and reserved students eventually find themselves engaged and engrossed in the process.

Some of the speakers that have participated in Camp RYLA have been the following:

Linda Rea; Dave Mager; George Cochran; Sarah Shumate; Kathryn Craig; Bob Bryson; Lori Fox; Todd Rose; Eric Dickens; Cherrymae Aromas; Kacee (Farrell) Snyder; Debbie Sprang; Betsy Bishop; Lyle Pohly; Trinidy Jeter; Cassy Bailey; Jaime Gray; Chris Bragdon; Kim Dettmer; Evelyn Ashley; Daniel Powell; Hale Chatfield; Dick Kluge; Brad Shumacher; Sean Gilmore; Glenn Zaltzman; Diane Swoope; George Lilja; Robert Kobak; Denny Taylor; Matt Hils; Steve Hallan; Ron Taggart; Frank Vaughn; Michael Schwartz; Lawrence Simpson; Dorothy Jackson; Mark Albrect; David Pyper and Dee West.

All speakers have provided their services pro bono, which has been appreciated.

During the later years, we have included a Myers Briggs Type Indicator Inventory (MBTI) session. Low rope activities have also been provided by the Institute for Creative Living which has been a great addition to the Camp.

Who will I "Hang Out" with at CAMP RYLA?

Upon arrival, campers participate in "ice melters" that will help them get to know the other people at the camp. During this time they will also meet the Counselors (who, for the most part were campers 2 years prior or current college students) and the On-

Site Director. Later on that day, participants, with ten to twelve other campers, will be assigned to their discussion group for the rest of the week. Participants will be in a group of diverse student leaders representing high schools from throughout the Northeastern Ohio area. Teamwork, communication & consensus building skills are developed as the students face the week's challenges together. Through these experiences they will find they have many things in common with other participants. These experiences will be the source of many of their camp memories.



Looking to Get Involved with RYLA?

The District RYLA Committee is always looking for members. If want to be a committee members, please contact Marc West, mwest@bw.edu or (440) 826-3483.

STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS TO SEND A STUDENT TO RYLA:

Establish a Chair for your Club to head up the effort. Send that person's contact information to the District Chair – Marc West (mwest@bw.edu)

Visit the District Website for RYLA for promotional materials (letters; brochures and flyers) and the application. Edit it for your Club's use.

<http://rotarydistrict6630.org/SitePage/ryla>

Determine the amount of participants (no more than two students from the same high school) that you want to send from your Club.

(Cost is \$450 per participant, so be sure to check the Club's budget)

Establish a timeline to meet the deadline of May 20, 2016 to submit the application(s).

Work with the high schools in your Club's area to generate an interest in sending a participant(s) to the Camp. Provide the high school counselors/staff person with information about the camp to give to students and applications.

Select participants:

Have the high school counselors/staff person select students to apply and distribute applications.

Have the Club's Chair gather the applications from the high schools.

The Club selects the participants (some Clubs choose to interview the applicants).

Send in the application(s) and payment to the District Chair. Deadline: Friday, May 20, 2016.

Applications should be mailed to:

Marc West

Baldwin Wallace University/
Student Life Center

275 Eastland Road

Berea, Ohio 44017

Checks in the amount of \$450 per participant (made payable to Rotary District 6630) should be included with the application(s). In the unlikely event that the camp reaches its cap of 65 students prior to your application(s) arriving, you will be notified immediately, and your Club's check will be returned to you.

Have 2 Club members offer to drive the participants to Camp (optional).

Have 3 Club members attend the closing banquet on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at 6 pm and be prepared to be amazed about your investment in the program for youth!

Support For the Children of the Dump in Chinandega Continues to Move Forward

The Rotary Shoe Box Project involves Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and friends of Rotary from across the United States. They purchase items to be placed in a Rotary Shoe Box filled with predetermined items for children living in and around a city garbage dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. Teachers from the schools surrounding the dump provide Rotary with a list of students who attend classes and who meet the requirements of having, good grades, good attendance and who are recommended by their teacher. A list of gift items is furnished to guide each Rotarian as to what is placed into each shoe box by age and gender.

Other Rotary Districts and Rotary Clubs have been working together from Ohio, Pennsylvania, Georgia, Iowa, Michigan and Texas on this project.

Over 10 years ago, PDG Jack Young, was asked by a PDG from Michigan to join him on a trip to Nicaragua to see these children. The group was headed by two Rotarians from Texas, Jim Kite and Frank Herzo. Over the past 10 years, twenty of our District Rotary Clubs and three Interact Clubs have supported the Children of the Dump Shoe Box process in Nicaragua. We have also had one Rotary Club in Georgia join our District Clubs in this process.

In addition, some 70 Rotarians, friends of Rotary, high school students and college students from Hiram College have journeyed from our district to Nicaragua with Conneaut Rotarian and Past District 6630 Governor Jack Young. During this time, Marsha Pappalardo, past club president of the Rotary Club of Brunswick, who coordinates the shoe box/Layette project also has visited the Children of the Dump in Chinandega,

Nicaragua. Marsha has been the cornerstone in coordinating the Shoe Box process for the clubs in our district.

After 10 years of providing leadership to the Shoe Boxes sent to these children, Jack and Marsha will be transferring the coordination of the Shoe Boxes process in district 6630 to Lila Webster and her husband Bill. Roger Cram, past club president of Aurora,

has traveled a number of times to Nicaragua will be serving as the club adviser during this transition period.

During 2016, PDG Jack and Marsha will be working with Lila, Bill and the Rotary Club of Aurora members, familiarizing them with the project intricacies. The

training and education process will include introducing new Rotary Clubs, Interact Clubs, Service Organizations and other Rotary District Clubs to this wonder "Children of the Dump" project. The team will also encourage prior participating Rotary Clubs to continue their involvement. Securing club pledges, ordering shoe boxes, working with other Rotary Districts and dealing with International Shipping laws and regulations are all part of this complex process.

In addition to the Shoe Boxes, Rotary Clubs have been involved in providing Infant Layette Bags for new born children, three ambulances, a fire truck, medical supplies, Jaws of

Life and other medical equipment along with firefighting equipment have been shipped from Rotary District 6630 to Nicaragua. Along with this, PDG Young has taken down to Nicaragua, both physicians from the Cleveland Clinic and fire fighters from Stow to education local medical personnel on how to use various equipment.

Along with medical supplies and equipment, the Children of the Dump Trade School has benefited from the medical supplies to their clinic, welding shields for the welding school and other school supplies for the teachers. The total items contributed from District 6630 to Nicaragua will exceed \$ 775,000 after another ambulance and fire fighting equipment waiting to be shipped arrive in Chinandega.

Past District Governor Jack Young will continue to be involved in sending medical supplies, heart pace makers and other emergency equipment to Nicaragua. It should be noted that both PDG Jack Young of the RC of Conneaut and Rotarian Roger Cram of the RC of Aurora are on the Board of Directors for the American Nicaragua International Hope and Relief Foundation through 22017.



Lila Webster, RC of Aurora Rotarian reviews the book that has been prepared regarding the time line and box content for the Shoe Boxes for the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. Both Marsha and PDG Jack Young will be working with Lila and her husband during this transition period.

All District 6630 Rotary Clubs who have not contacted Jack, can contact Lila to participate in the Shoe Boxes for the Children of the Dump for this year. It should be noted, that during the transition year a number of clubs have already contacted Jack and that both Marsha and Jack will remain involved to help Lila in the Shoe Box portion of the Children of the Dump during 2016 and will be available to answer any questions.

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Due to some International Challenges in the world today, the next trip to deliver Shoe Boxes/Layettes will be during the first week in January 2017. For further information if you would like to join those going to Nicaragua to deliver the Shoe Boxes and experience first hand the children living in and around the Dump, please contact PDG Jack Young (Jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000)

All of us offer a special "thank you" to current, prior and future Shoe Box Project Partners. Your kind and loving support to these children will benefit these at Risk children beyond your imagination. With our clubs joining other Rotary Clubs and Districts, we have certainly continued our Motto (Service Above Self)

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,

PDG Jack A. Young and Marsha Pappalardo
Roger Cram

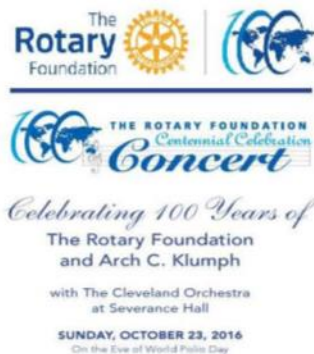
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and change lives forever, a good investment that started with \$24.50 and the dream of one man, PRIP Arch C. Klumph

On 23 October 2016 Rotarians of District 6630 will join Rotarians of the original District 7, who are partners in the celebration, and bring the world of Rotary philanthropy to Cleveland Ohio USA. This international event will attract Rotarians from all over the world to hear the Cleveland Orchestra preform a tribute concert honoring the life dreams of Arch C. Klumph to start a foundation "**To do good in the world**". You and your club should be part of the celebration.

The idea for the concert was a dream of local Rotary leader for our district, Richard "Dick" C. Farkas, member of the Rotary Club of Akron and DGN for 2016-17 until his untimely passing last July. Rotarian's PDG David & DGND Bev Skrzynski & Mike Johns Sr. picked up the ball and are leading a very active committee to assure the success of the celebration on Sunday afternoon. PDG Julie West is chairman of the Foundation Celebration Dinner in the evening. Another international event, World Polio Day will be celebrated on Monday 24 October 2016. Many Rotary leaders from around the world, including, RIPE John Germ will be in Cleveland to help us celebrate.

Consider inviting visiting Rotarians as guests in your home as a home stay visit. If you do your Rotary International experience will be even more greatly enhanced as you create new bonds with likeminded folks who have the same common goal, "**To Do Good in the World**".

Muster your club, gather a group, block out a section of tickets so you can all sit together. Invite non-Rotarians and show them what a few likeminded people can do when they pool their resources both intellectual and financial "**To Do Good in the World**" For more information ask your club president or contact Dave Skrzynski dnb9899@aol.com or Jack Harig Jack@twinoaksoh.com A WEB site will be up soon coming to you as an E-mail blast on Clubrunner.