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ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter



Our youth are our future!

If we want to grow - it starts with our Youth Services Programs and Projects.

District 6630 Youth Services Project 2016!

Many clubs in our district are participants in Rotary's youth and young adult programs such as Interact, Rotaract, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA), The Four Way Speech Contest and Rotary Youth Exchange. Youth service recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. The RI Strategic Plan encourages clubs to balance their activities in all five Avenues of Service, and regarding the New Generations Avenue of Service, it acknowledges the exceptional work that Rotarians do to support youth programs.

Thank you to Bob Oborn (RC of Stow-Munroe Falls) for contributing to this article and for organizing a Youth Service project during our 2016 District Conference and working with over **60 Interact and Rotaract students** who sorted over **6,000 books**. Books were donated by district high school and college



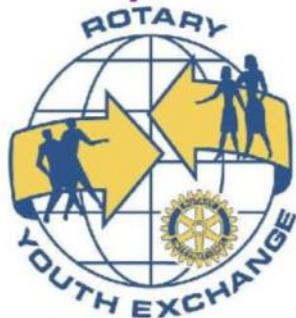
Clubs and district Rotary clubs to fill bookcases destined for community centers and battered women's shelters. Lowes in Brimfield donated the wood. Julie Brandle (RC of Akron), owner of Metis Construction, cut the wood into the patterns and Kent Elastomer built the bookcases. Interact clubs from Woodbridge High School, West Geauga High School, James A Garfield High School, Twinsburg and Stow-Munroe Falls High school painted them and worked with the Rotaract Club of Kent State University and Mayfield High School Interact to sort books and fill the cases. The remaining books were donated to the United Way to replenish books in bookcases they have at various locations.

We hope this is the first of many District Service Projects by our great Interact and Rotaract clubs within the district. We hope to double the amount of clubs participating next year and hope to see everyone on November 5th at Interaction 2016 being hosted by West Geauga High School. More details to follow. Rotary Rocks and so do the district Interact and Rotaract clubs! Thanks again to Bob for contributing this information for our news article!!

Welcome to our newest Interact and Rotaract Clubs



Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Students Help Feed Homeless



On April 15, 2016 19 RYE students, Rotarians and volunteers met at the Haven of Rest to feed the homeless. Prior to our service, we took a tour of the facility. Many of our students were in "awe" at such a well-run facility mostly run by volunteers. There was some sadness among the younger students that men, women and children were homeless, a concept that some had never been exposed to. During dinner, our duties including sanitizing the chairs and tables, setting the tables, delivering food. After the meal we had clean up, sweeping, mopping and sanitizing again. At the

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4 Way Speech Contest Winners

On April 2nd Scott Pease (RC of Aurora), once again did a wonderful job as host and chairperson of our District 6630 4-Way Test Speech Contest. WOW! What amazing presenters. Our judges had their work cut out for them. Winners are:

1st Place:

Anthony Harris, Whitney M. Young Academy
"America's Failing Economy"
RC of Cleveland

2nd Place:

Kate Greer
Hudson High School
"Books and Reading"
RC of Hudson

3rd Place:

Anthony J. Pilla
St. Ignatius High School
"Troublesome Words"
RC of Cleveland

Honorable Mention:

Everett T. Walker
Harvey High School
"Importance of Family"
RC of Painesville

Honorable Mention:

Tyson Sinclair
Cardinal High School
"Texting While Driving"
RC of Burton-Middlefield



Our Youth Exchange Students - We wish you all the best!!

OUTBOUND STUDENTS 2015-2016

ZACHARY ONCALE	BRAZIL	BEREA
KATHERINE PELLEGRINO	BELGIUM	CUYAHOGA FALLS
KYLE COLLINS	JAPAN	GARRETTSVILLE-HIRAM

OUTBOUND STUDENTS 2016-2017

CASIE ACKERMAN	BRAZIL	HUDSON
RODRIGO CORRIGAN	BRAZIL	LAKEWOOD RR
ELAYNA GROS	FRANCE	LAKEWOOD RR SR
CHRISTINE LARSON	PERU	LAKEWOOD RR
JENNIFER O'DONNELL	MEXICO	CHESTERLAND
MARGARET MCILWEE	GERMANY	LAKEWOOD RR
ISABELLA PEREZ	SOUTH KOREA	LAKEWOOD RR
CLARA WATKINS	TAIWAN	MEDINA SUNRISE

SHORT TERM 2016

LAUREN KLANN	FRANCE	LAKEWOOD RR SR
ALEXANDER ROLLINS	ITALY	WILLOUGHBY
KAYLEE MCKEE	SPAIN	NORTHAMPTON TWP

Be sure to read through this issue of your District Newsletter for more about our Youth Services Projects.

Other District News & Reminders

Club & Member Awards Picnic - June 25, 2016, Noon - 3:30PM

All Rotarians and your families are invited to have fun and celebrate as we present our 2015-16 Rotary Club and Individual Awards on June 25th. The festivities start at Noon at The Akron Rotary Camp. Kick off with a picnic lunch of hamburgers & hot dogs followed by the award ceremony. The camp has a playground and weather permitting, pontoon boat rides will also be available.

June 25, 2016 | Noon - 3:30 PM.
Akron Rotary Camp
4460 Rex Lake Drive | Akron, OH

[CLICK TO REGISTER](#) or call Amy Kapostasy at 440-622-9538.

Wear your casual picnic attire . . Hawaiian, Ugliest, or Most Fun Shirts encouraged!!

\$10.00 per person / children under age 10 are free.

Bring your future Rotarians!!

District Rolls out Strategic Plan for 2015-2018

At our 2016 Annual Meeting on April 22, 2016 we rolled out our new 3 year Strategic Plan. Thanks to all who participated on the committee. Bob Wilson, VP of Marketing at Swagelok

and President of the Solon Rotary Club led us and facilitated the sessions. He helped us visualize our aspirations and focus on the elements of each strategy using the SMART framework that will enable action. [View the Plan.](#)

District 6630 Clubs Rocked the Change!

Thank you to everyone who attended the *Rock'n the Change* District Conference in April . . . What a tremendous weekend! There were wonderful breakout sessions, speakers, panelists, live social media feeds, fellowship and fun. We were honored to have RI President's Representative Gregory B. Roche and his wife Donna here for the event. He delivered updates from RI and inspirational messages throughout the weekend.

Thank you again to the **tremendous** committee who made the weekend possible and to all of our sponsors!

Check out this life-sized version of Arch Klumph that was on display -- made by DGN Amy Kapostasy (I'm 5'4 and in flats to give you a sense of the size) - Amy is an amazing artist!



There are a lot of [photos on the District website](#) along with a [video of the Friday night keynote speaker, American hero, Josh Bleill](#).



And yes, you heard right . . . Elvis WAS in the House . . . Cleveland Rotarian Ron Felgenhauer joined us on Saturday as "Elvis", an impersonator that would rock your socks. Thanks to Sandy Naragon from the RC of Akron who rocked out as Pat Benatar!

Report Club Officers to RI

Although the 1 February 2016 deadline has passed for reporting the 2016-17 club officers for the print version of the Official Directory, it is still important to inform RI of these changes. Please update your officers and other club changes via *My Rotary/Manage/Club Administration* or by sending them to datacorrections@rotary.org.

Council on Legislation 2016

RI's Council on Legislation recently concluded in Chicago with representatives in attendance around the world. The Council's approved changes will take effect on 1 July 2016. Vote totals can be seen on Rotary.org and within the next two months the "Report of Action" of the Council will also be posted there. For first-hand knowledge of the Council, read the article in this issue by our representative, PDG John Bosco.

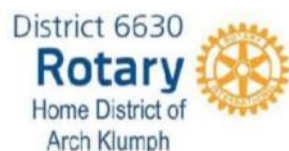
Thanks for supporting our Youth Service Programs and for being a Gift to the World!

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Deadline for Applications:

- **Friday, May 20, 2016** **Cost: \$450.00 per student**

Checkout the Recruitment Video:

- <https://youtu.be/7EhY0vJvS64>

Application Information:

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

For more information contact the District Chair:

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Award Recipients Rock the District 6630 Conference!

The Rotary International Service Above Self Award - Rotary's highest honor - was presented to Jack Hopkins of the RC of Geneva.

It recognizes Rotarians who demonstrate Rotary's motto, Service Above Self, by volunteering their time and talents to help others. The award is **internationally** competitive with only 150 recipients worldwide annually.

To deserve consideration for the Service Above Self Award, a Rotarian must have performed continuing humanitarian service in any form. This award is intended to recognize especially those who actively help others through Rotary. It is not awarded solely in recognition of one's performance in an elected or appointed Rotary assignment, and financial contributions to The Rotary Foundation or specific projects are not be considered.

Prior Recipients from District 6630:

- 1995-96 - Dr. Arturo Basa from the Strongsville Club
- 2004-2005 - Dr. William Brinker from the Kent Club
- 2009-2010 - Jack Young from the Conneaut Club

Jack was nominated by District 6630 Governor Cheryl Warren and selected by the Rotary International Board of Directors to receive the 2015-2016 Service Above Self Award. The RI Board of Directors created this award to recognize those Rotarians who truly embody Rotary's motto of "Service Above Self." The Board considers this award to be Rotary International's highest honor to bestow on a Rotarian.

About Jack and his Service



Jack is a missionary who saves babies from dying of dysentery. He has spent the last decade bringing potable drinking water to remote African villages.



He is the "go-to" guy when dealing with tribal elders and village chiefs in Africa. He has installed 11 water wells in Liberia. It is estimated that he has supervised and raised funding for 65 to 70 wells in Liberia. Thousands of lives have been impacted for the better as a result of that work and the support from Rotary.

He has been involved in every single aspect of service projects with his Club. Service Above Self is his mission in life.

He has personally raised funds for his Club projects and developed partnerships for water well and agricultural projects for Africa.

He also works with farmers in rural Liberia to help them improve agricultural productivity. A semi-retired horticulturist, he seeks the best varieties of vegetables suitable for the soil and growing conditions. He purchases the seed and equipment necessary to implement the new crops, then gives them and his expertise as a gift to the village.

Among the tasks facing him are: planting an orchard at a middle school where he has had a well drilled and has plumbed the school building. Along with another water well project in Zimbabwe. He also started a poultry program in Liberia and got their agriculture department up and running. He is involved in a project that helps victims of rape and incest in Liberia.

A totally selfless man - Jack knows the difference he can make by using his vocation and personal contacts to help save lives. He said that children who otherwise may not have any chance of surviving past their fifth birthday now have a better chance because of these projects.

Jack - we thank you for being a Gift to the World. You are an exemplary example of "Service Above Self".

Named for our first recipient, the newly established **District 6630 Gary M. Neuman Spouse/Partner Service Award** recognizes spouses and partners of Rotarians who have demonstrated exemplary humanitarian service within Rotary District 6630. Unlike the Rotary International Spouse/Partner Award, this award is based solely on the humanitarian service rendered through Rotary District 6630, with an emphasis on personal volunteer efforts and active involvement in helping others. An especially important aspect of this award is that it may be presented posthumously if the spouse/partner has passed during the current Rotary year in which it is being presented.

Personal financial contributions to Rotary, its Foundation, or any individual project are NOT relevant considerations for this award.

Any non-Rotarian spouse or partner of an active Rotarian in good standing may be nominated by the Club President, except for spouses or partners of current and **immediate** past district governors, current RI directors, current RI trustees and other RI officers. An individual may receive the award only once.

About Our 2015-16 Recipient:



Gary M. Neuman
nominated by The Rotary Club of Cleveland.

Gary's contributions to the District were countless. He shared in the spirit and supported "all things Rotary," from his involvement in District 6630 and beyond in his community and love for 'birding'.

He had his own passion for Rotary and its outreach to those less fortunate, and especially for the Group Study Exchange Teams he helped shepherd in our district for so many years.

The nomination from the Cleveland Club stated "We don't think we ever heard him say 'no' to anything Rotary."

Many of us will always continue to look for that wonderful smile "above the crowd" at our Rotary meetings and events where he always served as Sergeant at Arms and provided help anywhere he was needed.

He leaves an indelible mark on each of us and on Rotary - the only thing missing was the pin on his lapel. He was a kind and gentle man and his love for Julie and for Rotary was amazing.



In addition to serving our District he served his country with honor and distinction having served in the U.S. Marine Corps. The warmth of his smile and his sense of humor were renowned and I have not met anyone who didn't like him upon the *first shake of his hand*.

It was an honor to present the inaugural Gary M. Neuman Award to his partner Julie West posthumously for Gary in recognition of his service and dedication to District 6630.

Congratulations to our 50 year Rotarians:



Phillip Ardussi, 55 years of service , RC of Cleveland



John Daily, 50 years of service, RC of Akron



Jim Myers, 53 years of service, RC of Kent



Shel Schwikert, 50 years of service, RC of Hudson Clocktower

The Rotary International Vocational Award

recognizes Rotarians who make a significant impact in advancing vocational service. This year's recipient was Dr. Brian Kane, RC of Painesville. We thank Dr. Kane for exemplifying integrity and high ethical standards, in his vocation and in Rotary. He used his vocational talents to serve the community by



- Mentoring a young person to help that person succeed in vocational pursuits
- Organizing a vocational service discussion or group workshop to inspire others to take action
- Teaching other club members about his vocation by participating in a classification talk
- Participating in a business networking event that introduced non-Rotarians to the principles of vocational service
- Implementing an activity to celebrate Rotary's Vocational Service Month
- Participating in other vocational service projects to help local needs

The Citation for Meritorious Service was presented to Jim Lechko, RC of Lakewood Rocky River. An individual may only receive this award once in



their lifetime and it recognizes individual Rotarians who have demonstrated outstanding active service to The Rotary Foundation for more than one year. Jim has provided Service on Foundation committees at the club and district level, participated in Foundation grants and programs, supported our Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows, Group

Study Exchange teams, and vocational training teams. Thanks for all you do for Rotary Jim!

Interact & Rotaract Clubs Make a Difference at the District Conference

Interact and Rotaract in District 6630 wanted to make a difference at this year's district Conference held in Mayfield Heights in April. At last year's Interaction 2015, they voted to construct and fill bookcases for children age birth to 3rd grade at the conference to donate to various charities. What a great job they did in following through and making a difference.

Metis Construction was able to get a donation of materials from Lowe's in Brimfield and cut the wood to a pattern supplied by United Way of Portage County. Kent Elastomer Products constructed the bookcases and delivered

Interact, Rotaract and Rotary clubs throughout the District did an exemplary job of collecting and delivering over 6,000 books to the conference on Saturday, April 23rd. The Interact Clubs of Mayfield High School, Stow-Munroe Falls High School, West Geauga High School, James A. Garfield High School, Twinsburg Community Interact, Leadership Hudson and the Kent State University Rotaract Club attended lunch at the conference where they listened to the winners of the District 4-Way Speech Contest. After lunch, the project started. Over 60 students sorted books by age

and loaded bookcases made for this occasion. The rest of the 6,000 books were donated to the United Way of Portage County that will be used to re-fill bookcases in their area.

The bookcases went to the following places:

The Oasis of Hope in Medina: a parenting support

center

The Haven of Rest in Akron: a homeless shelter for individuals and families

WomenSafe in Geauga County: a domestic violence shelter

Blessing House in Lorain County: a temporary safe home for children of families in crisis

FrontSteps Shelter: a safe and secure environment for homeless individuals and families

"We are very fortunate to have 18 Interact and 4 Rotaract clubs within our district" said Bob Oborn, Co-Chair of Interact / Rotaract Clubs in district 6630. "We are working hard to get the other clubs within the district to come to more District events. We had 8 total clubs involved this year; we would like to double that next year. If Rotary Clubs with Interact or Rotaract Clubs could send me their contact infor-

mation for their advisors and Club Presidents, I will make sure they are copied on any event news", Oborn said

The next district event for Interact and Rotaract clubs will be Interaction 2016, a gathering of clubs for exchanging ideas and working together on projects, which will be held at West Geauga High School on Saturday, November 5th. The Rotary Club of Chesterland is the sponsoring club for West Geauga High School and works closely with Interact Advisor, Chelsea Talty. The Chesterland Club and Chelsea are excited about hosting the event.

Anyone who is interested in being copied on future District events for Interact or Rotaract, or are interested in sponsoring and starting a club of their own, please contact Bob Oborn at boborn@kentelastomer.com or at (W) 330-673-1011 or (H) 330-689-0485.

Bob Oborn
Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls

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them to clubs to paint. The Interact Clubs of Woodridge High School, West Geauga High School, James a Garfield High School, Twinsburg Community Club and Stow Munroe Falls painted the bookcases. The bookcases were delivered by the clubs to the District Conference in April for the project.



Kudos to Clubs From Ashtabula AG

Russ, Congratulations regarding the excellent article and picture in today's Star Beacon regarding Conneaut's new program "Summer Recess". What a wonderful new program AND with the new partnership of the Conneaut Library and the City of Conneaut. I'm positive that the "more than 200 youngsters" will long remember this program. Conneaut continues to "Support the local community with an emphasis toward youth".

Jim, The Andover Club should be very proud of your premier "4 Way Speech Contest" and its impact within the PV High School.

Julie, The Ashtabula Club's new Boy Scout Program certainly is appreciated by the youth of Ashtabula as is your support of the Leadership Program, and Little League.

Rich, The Geneva "Breakfast of Champions" is a positive sight to behold. One-hundred select academic students from the Geneva HS. We could all see their glow of pride – as

well as their parents and grandparents broad smiles! Nearly 300 present for the event.

John, The Jefferson Club's unique and special recognition of the graduating seniors from Jefferson HS. What parent wouldn't take pride in having that special sign in their front yard!

Dan, The RC/GV "Scholarship Breakfast" for the students of GV HS is a semi-annual highlight for your community. You pack the room with dignitaries from the County and State – all to acknowledge these young people.

I know that I have left out so many of your programs, but these certainly are some of the very best! Congratulations! What you do for your communities does make a difference and highlighting them "Lights up Rotary". I'm very proud of each and every one of you!!!

Joe Rodgers AG Ashtabula

District Welcomes New Interact

On Saturday, April 23 at the district conference, the Interact Club of Mayfield High School was presented the Certificate of Organization by Gregory Roche, Rotary International President's Representative. This new club has over 225 members and was formerly the Key Club of Mayfield High School. This will be the largest Interact Club in District 6630. The new Interact Club was sponsored by the Rotary Club of Hillcrest Sunrise.

By joining Interact, the Mayfield High School students will be uniting with over 345,000 young people in 140 countries who belong to over 14,900 Interact clubs around the world. In speaking with club President, Michelle El Badaoui, they are all excited and look forward to not only to being involved in the community, but to partner with the Rotary Club of Hillcrest to develop their leadership and professional skills. In turn, the Hillcrest Rotary Club will have gained increased support for projects and new ideas while helping to develop future Rotarians.

Events and Interact activities are scheduled to begin at the start of the new school year in September, 2016.

Rotary Youth Exchange Students Volunteer

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From Hudson Clocktower

By Pat Myers

The Rotary Club of Hudson Clocktower sponsors Leadership Hudson and the 2014 class project to benefit Hudson and surrounding cities was to bring solar energy to Hudson, demonstrate savings by placing panels on city building, and incorporating alternate energy, including solar energy into the classes at Hudson public and private schools.

They obtained corporate sponsors, raised funds to purchase the panels; including a District grant from Rotary Foundation for signage and education materials in the schools.

On Earth Day, August 22, 2016, the class, government and school leaders, along with the Hudson Clocktower Rotary members attended the ribbon cutting with Rotary on a brass plaque beside the permanent real time display of energy being generated. We are very proud of Rotary's involvement as "Hudson Plugs into the Sun." Because of this initiative, all residents and businesses in Hudson are able to link to new city equipment and have solar panels installed if they wish.



News From TRC Tallmadge

On April 29, 2016, Tallmadge Rotarians put their passion for literacy into practice. The Rotarians read poems to Dunbar Primary School students in grades Kindergarten through second. The students then had an opportunity to visualize the poems, a skill that is useful for reading development. The Tallmadge Rotary was



also pleased to present \$500 to Dunbar Primary to replenish and replace books used for reading groups. One of the focuses of Rotary International is literacy. Another focus of Rotary International is maternal and child health. On May 1, 2016, Tallmadge Rotary hosted an early mother's day celebration at the Highlands, a teen pregnancy shelter.

2016 Rotary International Council on Legislation

By PDG John Bosco

This year's Council was held April 10-15 at the Chicago Marriott Hotel. 524 of Rotary's 534 Districts were represented. I was honored to represent the Rotarians from District 6630.

The new edition of the Manual of Procedure to be published in August 2016 and will contain several revolutionary changes to the Rotary Constitution and By-Laws. These enactments will need to be reflected in the Club's Standard Constitution and Club By-Laws. An official report of the action taken by the Council will be compiled, sent to every Club, and posted on line. If a Club wishes to oppose any action taken by the Council it may record its opposition within two months of receiving the official report. If 5% of the Clubs oppose an action it is suspended until a ballot-by-mail is conducted. All Council action goes into effect July 1, 2016.

The 2016 Council will (in my humble opinion) be remembered as one of the most progressive and "forward thinking" in Rotary history. Because of the actions taken by this Council, for example, individual Rotary Clubs will have more freedom to decide their meeting schedule and member-

ship requirements. The Council was extremely sensitive to allowing clubs to decide what parameters best serve their needs.

A dues increase of \$4 per year starting July 1, 2017 for 3 years was approved after a very heated debate, 317 in favor and 197 against. The Board of Directors told us that the increase would be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership. I hope the Board and the General Secretary use the increase wisely.

A very comprehensive review of the actions taken by the Council can be found on line at Rotary Council on Legislation ([click here](#)).

I strongly urge each Club to discuss the new enactments and the Manual of Procedure at one of your meetings. The 2016 MOP, which encompasses all of the changes, will be available from R I in August. Members are encouraged to propose enactments that they wish to be presented at the next Council to be held in 2019. The closing date for submitting enactments to Rotary International is December 31, 2017. Your club's proposed legislation needs to be endorsed by the District and the best time and place to get this approval is at the District Conference. The next due date for submitting resolutions will be June 30, 2017 for the 2017-18 Council on Resolutions.

If you have any thoughts or questions, I am available to speak to your club about the 2016 Council and to assist in the drafting of proposed enactments or resolutions.

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***

TRC Stow-Munroe Falls Celebrates 35 Years

The Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls celebrated its 35th year serving the community on Friday, April 15, 2016, at the Silver Lake Country Club. Over 100 members and supporters were in attendance to mark the milestone.

The evening began with cocktails and passed hors d'oeuvres followed by a three course dinner and program. The keynote speaker was Jeff Hoffman, co-founder of Priceline.com and director of the EX[L] Center at the University of Akron. Hoffman detailed his journey as a social entrepreneur and described his "year of yes" traveling around the world to help those in need. His inspiring speech was treated to a standing ovation from the crowd.

Club President, Andrea Denton, and Event Chair, Annie Hanson, then recognized the 8 charter members of the club, presented a plaque honoring their service efforts over the years, and provided a short history of the club. Rotarian and charter member, Marvin Mills, described one of the first service projects the club worked on. "Our first big project in the community was purchasing the city's first jaws of life. I had no idea at the time that the first victim that equipment would save would be my daughter." Mills went on, "I am forever grateful to my fellow Rotarians for helping to save my daughter."

Rotarian and charter member Ron Taggart discussed the international service projects completed by the club to support polio eradication, clean water efforts, and access to healthcare in developing countries.

Finally, charter member and service chair, David Renninger, discussed the club's commitment to serving the Akron Canton Regional Foodbank. "What was originally a one-time volunteer opportunity has turned into a hugely successful monthly commitment combining the efforts of our club, the Interact of Stow-Munroe Falls High School, and our families and friends. I am so proud of the contribution we have made over the past three years."

"The Rotary Club of Stow-Munroe Falls has been a steady source of service over the past 35 years dedicated to making a difference in our local community and around the world," said Andrea Denton, president. "Looking back at the achievements of our club has been a good exercise to appreciate the visionary leadership of our charter members who have truly exemplified 'Service Above Self.'"



Seven charter members attended the celebration: Front Row L to R: Marvin Mills, Mark Lucco, Tony Falcione. Back Row L to R: Dick Spangler, Ron Taggart, James T. Stimler, David Renninger.



Rotarian Carol Flask looks at a photo collage documenting the service efforts of the Stow-Munroe Falls club. Carol's late husband, Dr. Robert Flask, was a charter member of the club.



Jeff Hoffman, co-founder of Priceline.com and Director of the EX[L] Center at the University of Akron delivered the keynote address.

News From VTT

The Vocational Training Team (VTT) project that will provide a pediatric heart surgery unit at St. Damien's Hospital in Port-au-Prince, Haiti has received final approval from RI. The project will begin on May 18th. with the arrival of an eight member team of medical specialists from St. Damien's Hospital (SDH) to begin their training at Akron Children's Hospital (ACH). They will spend 8 weeks here and are scheduled to assist and train with the staff from ACH on 2 or 3 heart surgeries on young Haitian patients. This is a great opportunity for your club to be involved in a truly international project by providing a Saturday of sightseeing and cultural exchange for the team. They will be available on May 21st, May 28th, June 4th and June 11th. Please talk with your club members as this is a once in a lifetime opportunity for these Haitian team members to learn about our great country. Contact Bob Johnson (440-384-7574 ©) if you can provide for one of the Saturday's. The VTT project will culminate in the pediatric heart surgery unit from ACH travelling to St. Damien's Hospital in September or October for a week where they will continue the training of the Haitian team and help establish the surgery unit at SDH. 12 to 14 surgeries will be scheduled during this visit. Along with the training from last year's VTT the Haitian staff is moving closer to being able to fully staff the new surgery unit at SDH. The VTT2 grant also contains a scholarship component that will begin training a Haitian pediatric doctor to eventually work at the new unit at St. Damien's. Training of the doctors, especially a pediatric surgeon will take some time but when that occurs, the support staff and the unit will be ready. A total of 16 clubs in district 6630 along with the grants committee

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Cuyahoga Falls Heroes Day

On May 7th 2016 the Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls participated in Heroes Day by giving back to our veterans. We went to three Cuyahoga Falls residents homes and cleaned up their yards and planted flowers, we also had some help from our Cuyahoga Falls students.

Kristy Rice

Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls



News From TRC Ashtabula

The Annual Service & Scouting luncheon hosted by the Rotary Club of Ashtabula on May 10, 2016 showcased Scouting's long relationship with Service and Rotary. The event was coordinated by John Brkic, club



Rotarian and District Representative for Boy Scouts of America.

Guest speakers included Nathan Egan Steadman, Troop 11, Kingsville



OH; and James Moyer, Ashtabula County United Way. The keynote speaker, a U.S. Marine Corps sniper, was scheduled to speak until his

Special Forces unit was recently re-deployed overseas. He did share his comments to us via a prepared video. His name and image are not shared as U.S. officials urge military personnel to scrub social media of anything that may attract or help extremists learn service members' identities. The Rotary Club of Ashtabula respects these concerns and is honoring the request of the speaker to not be identified.

The Rotary Club of Ashtabula was pleased to provide its continued support of Ashtabula's Cederquist Park, home to the Ashtabula Little League. The park is named after the late Emil Cederquist, a long-time Rotarian who



was instrumental in starting local Little League play on May 26, 1951. The current donation will go towards erecting a new 'Welcome' arch over the park entrance.

Christopher T. Carraher

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From The District Foundation Chair

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. As of May 15, 2016 we have 568 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?

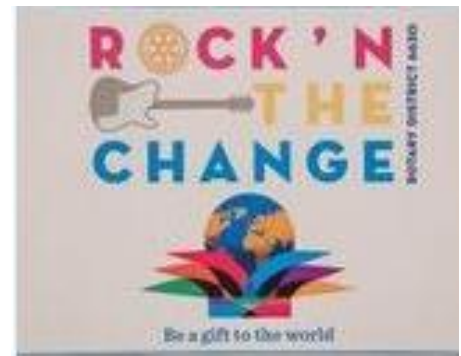
Your club can be an EREY club with 100% participation and a \$100 average per capita rate of giving. This

would entitle your club to a Paul Harris Fellow to award to a deserving individual.

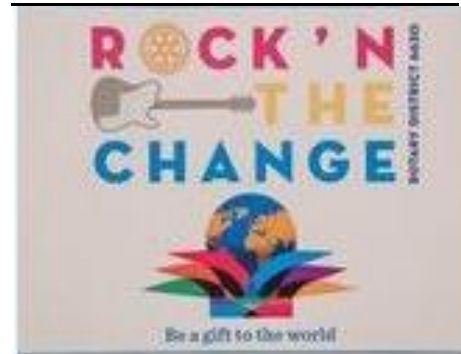
The Rotary Foundation: District 6630 Fundraising

See the attached District 6630 Fundraising Analysis report through May 15, 2016. We are at 82% of our Annual Fund Goal and 380% of our Polio Plus goal! Wow! Our total giving in all categories, Annual Fund, Polio Fund and Endowment Fund is \$284,078. 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.



[Click here to view photos from day 1 of the District Conference](#)



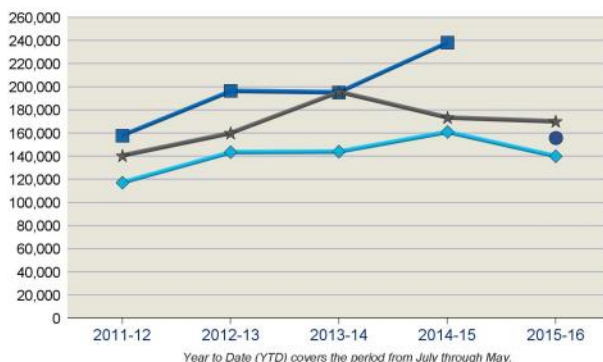
[Click here to view photos from day 2 of the District Conference](#)

Rotary DISTRICT 6630 FUNDRAISING ANALYSIS Interim Results For July through May 2015 - 2016

	Number of Members	Annual Fund				Non-Giving Clubs	PolioPlus Fund				Non-Giving Clubs	Endowment Fund		Total Giving**
		Goal	% Goals Received	Total	Per Capita		Goal	% Goals Received	Total	Goal Achieved		Total	Total	
2015-16	2,099	\$170,141	82.7%	\$140,000	\$66.70	10	\$23,090	67.3%	\$87,748	380.0%	31	\$10,000		\$284,078
2014-15	2,083	\$173,427	100.0%	\$238,346	\$114.42	4	\$34,070	96.2%	\$106,936	313.9%	27	\$1,420		\$367,161
2013-14	2,117	\$195,700	100.0%	\$195,239	\$92.22	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	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	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	3,374	145	31	35	--	--	--	--
2015-16	122	2	2	3	5	568	305	30
2014-15	214	2	2	4	3	1,435	781	54
2013-14	190	3	3	4	2	1,188	692	44
2012-13	181	0	0	3	6	1,047	657	41
2011-12	227	1	1	1	1	822	573	27

Paul Harris Society Members: 28

Rotary Direct Participants: 84

Total Endowed Funds: 2

Market Value: \$401,274

Market Value Date: 31-Mar-2016

Foundation Recognition Points: 27,207.63

* Joint Major Donor/Bequest Society counts as one.

EREY, Sustaining Member and PHS Eligible includes all individuals, not just active club members.

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VTT cont'd

from district 6600 (Toledo) have contributed over \$30,000 to this project. Along with district matching funds from DDF and matches from TRF, total funding for VTT2 is \$101,750. What a great statement about the Rotary Foundation and doing good in the world. I am so proud to be working with such a great group of Rotarians and our partners in the project. Gift-of-Life Northeast Ohio has been the main driving force behind the long term organization of this effort. Gift-of-Life International, Akron Children's Hospital, St. Damien's Hospital, The RC of Port-au-Prince and District 7020 (Haiti) and the University of Martinique have also provided incredible support. The cooperation of representatives of all of these partners, plus the diligent efforts of grant writer Jim Eldridge (RC of Burton-Middlefield) is what has given us a very successful start to this work. In the future when the pediatric heart surgery unit is finally up and running at SDH, Gift-of-Life will have completed their third such unit in the world and given hundreds and even thousands of weak and sick children a chance at health and a new life where before there was none. This is the perfect partnership for Rotary to do its work and create more good in the world.

A special thanks to 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, Wadsworth and the grants committee of District 6600 for their generous support of VTT2.

Robert "Bob" Johnson - RC of Burton-Middlefield

TRC Bedford Honors Career & Technical Students

Outstanding Bedford High School Career and Technical Education (CTE) students were honored at the Bedford Rotary Club's 58th Annual Recognition Banquet May 4th at the Birchwood Party Center in Walton Hills. Dan Sutherin, president of the Sutherin-Melling Insurance Agency, gave the keynote address. He has served for 26 years as president of Bedford Rotary Foundation and was chairman of the Polio Plus Committee that raised funds to vaccinate over 220,000 third world children from polio. Sutherin served twice on medical missions to Nicaragua, Central America, and developed educational filmstrips for use by the Peace Corps. He stressed to the students the importance of community service and explained to the audience how Rotary International has created positive, lasting change around the world.

Teachers select CTE student award winners based on their demonstration of a positive attitude, professional image, academic performance, initiative, judgment, dependability, creativity, leadership, craftsmanship, and job performance. Bedford is part of the Maple Heights-Bedford Ohio Career Technical Planning District, and as such, the two districts share programs for the most efficient delivery of career-technical program offerings for all the students. This year's honorees, along with their business sponsors and teachers, are:

Classes housed at Bedford High School:

Jared Zenda & Abdoulaye Dia, Automotive Technology

Sponsor: Old Time Auto Service; Teacher: Matthew Walter

Destiny Vannoy Bill, Biotechnology

Sponsor: Swift Filters; Teacher: Nathaniel Marron

Chanel Spencer, Business Management

Sponsor: Liberty News & Views; Teacher: Glenn Yorkievitz

Raven Baldwin, Financial Management

Sponsor: Sutherin-Melling Insurance; Teacher: Felicia McMiller

Jayna Zenda, Health Science

Sponsor: University Hospitals; Teacher: Thelma Ford

Christian Howard-Smith, Marketing Education

Sponsor: Oswald Companies; Teacher: Melanie Kirin

Classes housed at Maple Hts. High School:

Miriamba Garba, Cosmetology

Sponsor: Mary Kay Cosmetics; Teacher: Renishia Houchins

Jarod Greene (Maple Hts. student), Building and Property Management

Sponsor: CT Consultants; Teacher: James "Buddy" Bell

Dante Bonner, Media Arts

Sponsor: Lake Tec Communications; Teacher: Tricia Wintergerst

Robert Taylor Jr. (Maple Hts. student), Teacher Academy

Sponsor: Non Ferrous Heat Treating, Inc.; Teacher: Richard Wakefield

Rebekah Davison and Myiah Matlock were co-winners of the Ernest F. Petrilli Memorial Scholarship Award. This scholarship was named in honor of Mr. Petrilli, who was the first director of Bedford High School's CTE (formerly Vocational Education) Program. A total of \$2000 was awarded in Rotary scholarship funds that evening. Over its 90-year history, the Bedford Rotary Club has supported student achievement. Since 1993 over \$126,000 in 152 scholarships have been provided to local students.

In addition to the student awards, Bobbie Lindenbaum, longtime Bedford School District employee and Rotary Club member, was presented the Rotary's Bernard Raimier Vision Award for her vision and contributions to the Bedford Rotary Club, to the district's CTE programs and to the community. This award was named after Bernard ("Bunny") Raimier, a local businessman and Rotarian who, along with Petrilli and Bedford High School Principal Warren Miller, had the vision 58 years ago to recognize the vocational education students for their hard work. "Building Tomorrow Together"

ShelterBox Challenge



Dear Ambassadors,

This week, I had the distinct privilege of spending the day with Rotary International President-elect, John Germ, in Evanston. During one of our many discussions, I shared with John the journey of volunteers Tim and Sharon Bridgman, the couple who set off in June 2012 on a round-the-world cycle to benefit ShelterBox. After two years, 21,000 miles cycled through 26 countries, they reached Bolivia, where in April 2014 Sharon was hit by a truck and killed instantly. After taking several months off, Tim knew he had to return to Bolivia to complete the quest that he and Sharon started, an effort to raise awareness for the charity that helped people that lost everything in disasters. It's a journey that Tim started with his wife Sharon, but in a few months Tim will finish it alone, in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska.



ShelterBox USA president Kerri Murray with Rotary International president elect John Germ on May 10, 2016

Tim has been quietly cycling around the world, and been an inspiration to countless people along the way. With Tim fast approaching the final leg of his journey, I am reaching out to request your participation. In honor of Tim and Sharon's journey, a dedicated donation page has been set up, and we are requesting ambassador

help to ensure Tim reaches his goal. Since crossing into the west coast of the United States, Rotarians have been reaching out to Tim in exemplary ways- providing meals, moral support, and shelter. On Tuesday, May 17th, Tim will make a stop at the Rotary Club of Portland where he will share his story.

Thank you to all who have offered support along Tim's journey. Please share this story and donate in honor of Tim and Sharon's journey.



The Challenge:

Mr. Jack Young, Rotarian and member of the ShelterBox USA Board of Directors, was moved by the story of Tim and Sharon Bridgman and their dedication to ShelterBox. Upon learning that a generous donor was supplying a \$10,000 matching donation (for the first \$10K raised), Jack went to the Rotary Clubs in his home state of Ohio and challenged them to collectively raise \$10,000. The Buckeye State accepted and has now challenged EVERY state in America to join! So far, six states have accepted the national challenge: Georgia, Illinois, New York, Texas, Washington, and California. Will your state be next?

We request your help in expanding the challenge and raising awareness of Tim's effort.

Thank you for all that you do!

Kerri Murray, ShelterBox USA President



Ladies Royal Tea

By Liz Ramsey

Such a wonderful experience was had at the Ladies Royal Rotary Tea on Saturday April 16th. Friends, wives, daughters and grand-daughters of Rotarians from six different Rotary Clubs were represented - many wearing their best hats! In total, seventy-three ladies and children were in attendance. The event was organized by Liz Ramsey.



Excellent foods such as scones, crumpets, Devonshire cream, finger sandwiches, and fine desserts were served with pretty china and teapots on tables dressed in pink with floral teapot centerpieces on each table. Musical entertainment was provided by a variety of talents including those of a flutist, a harpist, a concert pianist, and the Hudson High School Show Chorus. Many prizes were awarded.

It was a delicious event!



News From TRC Berea

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



The Junior Girl Scouts of Troops 70325 and 70020 told Berea Rotarians about their Give Dignity project to collect duffel bags for foster children. They were accompanied by Troop Leader Gina Conner, left, and mom/helper Jane Rohfeld, back.

Scouts aim to 'Give Dignity' to foster children

The 12 Junior Girl Scouts in Troops 70325 and 70020 were looking to find a project to help them work toward their Bronze Award. They came up with several ideas but the final vote went to a suggestion by Scout Madelyn Williams – collecting duffel bags for foster children.

The Rotary Club of Berea supported the project, collecting duffel bags and filling them with personal care items and stuffed animals. The Scouts visited Berea Rotary to give an update on their campaign.

Many foster kids arrive at their new homes with belongings stuffed in plastic garbage bags, Madelyn said. "We would never want that to happen to us, so we didn't want it to happen to them."

Madelyn said she got the idea from a friend who knows children in foster care. "She made me see that this is not right," Madelyn said. One of the requirements for the Bronze Award is to complete "a project that helps the community in some way," Madelyn said.

The Scouts named their project "Give Dignity, Not Garbage Bags." Troop leader Gina Conner said the girls pretty much managed the campaign by themselves. The 4th- and 5th- graders created a Web site and a YouTube video. They wrote, directed

and filmed the video, Conner said. They passed out fliers at Halloween and placed collection bins at the Berea Branch Library and Grindstone Elementary School as well as the Berea Methodist Church, where the troops are based.

The goal was 110 bags filled with stuffed animals, writing and craft supplies, combs, brushes and warm blankets. In April, the girls delivered 255 bags to Cuyahoga County Children & Family Services. The donation was reported by Channel 19 News.

"We didn't think our project was unique but Children & Family Services said no one had ever done this before," Conner said. The Give Dignity campaign still is collecting bags and the goodies to put in them – at least until the end of the school year. Berea Rotary donated 10 duffel bags filled with items foster kids might want and need.

Scout Kaitlyn McCandless said one of the goals of the project was to make foster children "feel good about themselves."

Besides Madelyn and Kaitlyn, members of the two troops are Chloe Leggins, Janie Rohfeld, Eva Conner, Ellie Conner, Sydney Kuhn, Jazmyne Shaffer, Annalise Bennett, Shelby Bennett, Justice Drake and Madison Bond. Gina Conner and Danni Bennett are troop leaders.

Check out the Give Dignity Web site at bagsforkids.weebly.com.



Dave Skrzynski tells Berea Rotarians about plans for the Rotary Foundation's 100th anniversary. Arch Klumph was a guest.

Concert, dinner highlight Foundation's anniversary

The Rotary Foundation was started by Cleveland Rotarian Arch Klumph 100 years ago when he was RI president. The year-long celebrations will

begin with the Rotary conference in Korea this year and conclude in Atlanta in 2017. In the meantime, District 6630 is planning two gala events here on Oct. 23.

PDG Dave Skrzynski, a member of the Rotary Club of Berea, is on the planning committee and gave us an update on Tuesday, May 3. First on the agenda is a concert by the Cleveland Orchestra in Severance Hall beginning at 3 p.m. Tickets range from \$50 to \$250.

The concert will be followed by a dinner at the Intercontinental Hotel. Tickets are \$130. Rotarians or Friends of Rotary who make a new gift or commitment of at least \$1,000 to the Foundation by Aug. 31 are eligible to be honored as a Centennial Celebration Donor at the gala dinner. The goal is to raise \$2.65 million to commemorate the first donation to the Foundation of \$26.50 made by the Kansas City Club in 1917. The first grant of \$500 was made in 1930 to the Rotary Club of Elyria to support the Society for Crippled Children (now Easter Seals), which was founded in Elyria. The first polio grant was made in 1979, when the Foundation targeted \$760,000 to immunize children in The Philippines. Today, the Foundation's assets are more than \$1 billion.

Attending the Cleveland events will be RI President-elect John Germ and Rotary Foundation Chair-elect Kalyan Banerjee.

Dave listed five ways Rotarians can support the Foundation's 100th birthday.

- Become a sponsor. Dave has the forms and more information.
- Buy tickets to the concert.
- Buy tickets to the dinner.
- Donate to The Rotary Foundation.
- Volunteer to be a Home Stay Host. Rotarians from around the world will be visiting Cleveland for the gala.

For more on the [Cont'd on pg. 21](#)

News From TRC Berea cont'd

celebration, visit www.TRF100.org.



Phil Gehring describes his experiences as a passenger on a Great Lakes freighter.

Cruisin' on a Great Lakes freighter

Berea resident Phil Gehring took an unusual vacation – a trip on a Great Lakes freighter. Phil said a friend had received a gift from his wife – a cruise for six on the Kaye E. Barker in July 1992. "It was a chance of a lifetime," Phil said.

Phil described the trip to Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, April 19. He said the 767-foot-long freighter had a 25,000-ton capacity and carried coal during his stay. Phil is a friend of Rotarian John Spooner, who shipped aboard the Barker when it was the Edward B. Greene owned by Cleveland Cliffs. The boat later was sold to Ford Motor Co., which dubbed it Benson Ford. Now called the Barker, it is operated by the Interlake Steamship Co.

Phil said accommodations were very

comfortable and the food non-ending. "We had to learn to pace ourselves," he said. He boarded in Toledo and then sailed to Dearborn, Mich., then to Sandusky and on to Zug Island in Detroit. He said it was fascinating watching the crew load and offload coal from 23 hatches – most of the work performed by automated cranes. "They let us walk around everywhere on the ship, even the engine room," Phil said. The ship operates 24/7 and sometimes the loading operations took place in the wee hours of the morning. Phil got up anyway to take photos.

Phil said he was particularly interested in the trip because his father had worked in the Detroit shipyards in World War II.

Art & medicine at MetroHealth

First, Berea Rotarians learned a bit more about sleep before we tackled the art as part of our evening at MetroHealth's November Family Health Center in Middleburg Heights.

True or False: Older adults require less sleep than younger adults. OR Poor sleep is a normal part of aging.

A MetroHealth nurse practitioner had the answers to those and other questions. (The correct response to both of those statements is FALSE.) We

learned about sleep apnea, taking naps and snoring, among other topics and were given an Epworth Sleepiness Scale test form to find out if we need to see a sleep specialist.

After a catered dinner by Marianna Peris, Linda Jackson, head of the arts in medicine program for MetroHealth, and artist Christy Gray led us on a tour of the artwork displayed throughout the 57,000-square-foot facility.

The arts "play an incredible role in medical care," Jackson said. "We look for soothing artwork." She and a committee select works from northeast Ohio artists that "are a reflection of the community."

SPRING FLOWER SALE

May 1-31

J&J Greenhouse
26240 Folley Road, Columbia Station
(440) 236-6762

Berea Rotary is selling \$15 certificates. Each certificate entitles bearer to 1 hanging basket or 1 flat

Also, bring in container for 2 gallons of free liquid fertilizer

Contact Flower Sale Chair Marilyn Deucher for tickets

440-243-4592

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ShelterBox in Nepal

Last year after the earth quake hit in Nepal, the RC of Lakewood, Districts 6630 and 6600 raised over 175,000 dollars for ShelterBox. Unfortunately, one of our Rotarian's from the RC of Lakewood Rocky River Noon club, Kanchan Adhikary lost relatives during this disaster in Nepal.

Later in the year, PDG Jack Young received Shelter Boxes Ambassador of the Year for 2015 for his efforts on this disaster and many others. With that, he was presented a half brick that was brought back to the United States from a building that had been destroyed in Nepal and was given to him as a special gift for his efforts in supporting Shelter Box. There are

known only 4 1/2 bricks that were brought back last year from the Nepal earthquake to the United States by a Shelter Box Response team.

In recognition of Kanchan and his efforts and for his loss, PDG Young took a piece of his brick and placed it in a shadow box with appropriate engraving and presented it to Kanchan at last weeks Rotary meeting of the Lakewood Rocky River Noon Rotary Effort.

Kanchan thanked all Rotarian's and Rotary Clubs for their support to Shelter Box and all that they do to provide Shelter, Warmth and Dignity to those who have lost everything.

Akron Rotary Camp Provides Summer Adventure

The Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs is a place where disabilities and limits do not hold kids and adults back from enjoying programs that develop self-confidence, independence and social skills. It's a place where kids can be who they are and valued for what they can contribute.

While we offer several programs at Rotary Camp, overnight camp is our flagship program packed full of adventure, campfires, friends and fun! Children and adults with disabilities learn new skills, develop friendships, and gain independence through one week of overnight experience. While at camp, campers participate in traditional camping activities, which include swimming, kayaking, campfires, songs, crafts, games and much, much more.

Program areas are designed with the special needs of our campers in mind. Campers rotate with their cabin groups through the different areas in half hour blocks. Many activities are sensory focused, giving campers new ways to see the world. Whether it's

holding a lizard, trying new foods, or sitting in our state of the art sensory room, campers are provided with opportunities to experience the world in a different way. The Akron Rotary Camp strives to meet the individual needs of each of the campers. Staff will work with families, teachers, and other support services to help provide successful experiences.

The goals of Overnight Camp are to increase camper's independence and self-esteem; encourage campers to try new leisure activities and become more physically active; experience the natural world and develop social skills. These goals are accomplished through the natural dynamics of the overnight camp experience, intentional programming and staff leadership.

Rotary Camp is also offering a new program this year, called 'Moms At Camp.' This was created with the 'new camp mom' in mind to allow them to get involved, learn about our program, and to keep a watchful eye while their child attends overnight camp for the very first time. Moms will have the opportunity to stay the

week at camp and experience camp activities, but also support camp through volunteering in different areas. Moms will be able to interact with campers, counselors, volunteers and other parents. This program will allow mom to not only be a support for their camper, but to all the campers at camp.

If you would like to learn more about camp and experience our program first-hand, please join us for a Thursday night cookout during Summer Camp. Fellow Akron Rotarians and camp staff will be here to welcome you and your family. Dinner is served at 6pm. Please contact Amanda Warner at 330.644.4512 or amandaw@akronymca.org to RSVP. Dates are June 9, June 16, June 23, June 30, July 7, July 14 and July 21. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Amanda Warner
Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs
Akron Rotary Club