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# ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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## Governor's Letter

### **CELEBRATE ROTARY**

Wow! The District Conference held last weekend in Cuyahoga Falls was so informative and so much fun! We heard from Rotarians about Rotary projects. We played games made by the InterAct Clubs at the Carnival. We celebrated the good works we do. The InterAct clubs collected over 4000 pairs of shoes to send to Africa! Wow! 'Shoes For The Sole' was a great success. Imagine the happiness when the people receive their first pair of shoes! This is Rotary in action, at its best! I am so proud of our youth who participated and the Rotarians who made it happen!

A conference is a great time to gather together, share ideas, and take action. I hope those who attended will tell those who did not attend what they missed!

### **DEADLINES**

Several deadlines are approaching. Remember to send me A Z BAKER forms by May 15th. Also grant ideas and MOUs should be submitted by May 15th to the Grants Committee. Make your Foundation contributions to the Annual Fund by June 1st so your clubs receive credit for qualifying for grants for next year. Please remember the amount we have to distrib-

ute in 3 years will be determined by our generosity this year. We have had a great year. Let's finish strong with a banner year for the Foundation.

### **ATLANTA**

We have about 80 Rotarians from District 6630 registered for the Atlanta convention. There is still room for more! Contact Jack Young for information. June 10th will be here before you know it!

### **DISTRICT AWARDS PICNIC**

It is time to buy your tickets for this years' awards picnic. It will be at Pioneer Water Park in Chardon on June 25th. Tickets are available from your Assistant Governors. The price is \$20 for adults and \$10. for children under 10. Parking will be free for us that day, and is near our pavilion. A picnic lunch, soft drinks and beer is included. This is a great opportunity to introduce family and friends to Rotary. There is so much to do! Don't miss out!

### **HAVE FUN!**

This Rotary year is going by so quickly! We have had a great time doing some great things to make our world a better place! 765 shoe boxes! 30 boxes of school supplies! A Centennial Celebration for the ag-

es! \$2,152,458.00 raised at the Centennial Dinner! 4 new charters for InterAct Clubs, with several more forming! Over 4,000 pairs of shoes! And.... We are having fun!

It doesn't get better than that! But, we have new projects, new leaders, and new ideas to work on! More fun! Wow!

### **SHARE THE GIFT**

Someone shared Rotary with you! Return the favor! Pass it on! When someone asks you about Rotary tell them, 'Rotary is a group of business owners and community leaders using their time and talents working together to make their communities and the world a better place.... And have fun doing it!' We all have a responsibility to share Rotary. We need more caring hands and willing hearts because there is so much to do!

### **THANK YOU!**

It has been the best year for me serving as your District Governor. We have 60 days to go before the new Rotary year begins. Let's finish the way we started! With a WOW!

Your Rotary Partner and District Governor, Jim McKee

## District Historian Publishes Biography of Arch C. Klumph

Just in time for the Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, District Historian Ed Thomas has published a biography of Cleveland Rotarian Arch C. Klumph. Best known to Rotarians throughout the world as the founder of The Rotary Foundation, Arch Klumph was also a past president of Rotary International and the “father” of the district concept in Rotary. He served Rotary for many years as chair of The Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees and as chair of the RI Extension Committee, which was charged with establishing new Rotary clubs around the world.

Entitled Arch C. Klumph—Rotary’s Renaissance Man, the book covers Arch’s life from his early boyhood in

Conneautville, Pennsylvania, through his life in Cleveland as a successful business man, a military enthusiast, an aspiring musician, a civic leader, an iconic Rotarian, and a dedicated family man. The book includes numerous photographs showing Arch at various stages of his life. Many of the photographs were provided by family members and have never been published before.



Copies of the book will be sold by District Governor Jim McKee for \$15 each as he visits clubs and participates in District events. Copies may also be ordered through the District 6630 website ([www.rotarydistrict6630.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6630.org)) for \$20 per copy, which includes postage and handling.

## County Executive to Speak at Chagrin Highlands May 5th

The Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club is honored to welcome Armond Budish, Cuyahoga County Executive, as our guest speaker on Friday, May 5, 2017. We meet at Maggiano’s Restaurant at Beachwood Place Mall on Cedar Road in Beachwood for lunch at noon. The meeting adjourns at 1:15PM. Please register by Wednesday, May 3, 2017 if you plan to attend. The fee for Rotarians is \$15 for lunch. John Newburger, phone 216-292-7737, or via e-mail at [jnewburger@yahoo.com](mailto:jnewburger@yahoo.com).

## Presidential Citation Reporting Due Date for 2016-17

The Presidential Citation due date for achieving and reporting goals is 30 June. The citation is an award that clubs can earn by achieving goals for timely payment of semiannual invoices, membership growth, Foundation giving, humanitarian service, and more. Earning the citation is a high honor that only 15 to 20 percent of clubs receive annually.

All members registered on My Rotary can view their club’s progress toward achieving the citation. Your members can learn more about citation reporting in this video, and see tips on reaching each goal from the citation achievement guide. Learn more about the Presidential Citation by participating in a discussion group — and achieve one citation goal by doing so. If you have questions about earning your club’s citation for 2016-17, write to us at [riawards@rotary.org](mailto:riawards@rotary.org).

### NOW ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR 2018-19 ROTARY PEACE FELLOWSHIP

Apply for a master’s degree or professional development certificate fellowship and study at one of our six Rotary Peace Centers.

- [Watch the application checklist video](#)
- [Take the eligibility quiz](#)
- [Submit your application by 31 May](#)



### LEARN MORE ABOUT THE ROTARY FOUNDATION CENTENNIAL

The Rotary Foundation turns 100 in 2016-17! Our Foundation stands at the forefront of humanitarian service, having supported thousands of projects to provide clean water, fight disease, promote peace, and provide basic education — as well as the historic project dedicated to eradicating polio worldwide.

- [Learn more about the history of The Rotary Foundation](#)
- [Find information on how to celebrate and download resources](#)
- [Purchase centennial commemorative book, "Doing Good in the World"](#)

## TRC Hudson Launches New Program

Rotary Club endorses new program, "What Every Senior Needs to Know Before Going to College"

The Rotary Club of Hudson will raise funds at its May 19<sup>th</sup> Gala Auction to help support an important new program offered by Hudson Community First to make all Hudson High School seniors aware of the challenges they may face upon entering college. Main topics addressed are anxiety/depression, binge drinking, drugs, date rape, fire safety and overall wellness.

Cheryl Rauch and Laura Gasbarro, co-chairs of the new program, stated in a recent presentation to Rotary members that "it is difficult for high school students to leave the protective Hudson bubble and therefore it is Community First's goal to provide a strategy for all graduating students to stay safe and healthy." They are "glad to partner with Rotary in this important program for seniors."

On April 11, all Hudson High School seniors were required to attend this college bound program which is part of the ongoing drug and alcohol education series, "No one Starts with Heroin."

The topics addressed in workshop sessions were:

### **Anxiety and Mental Wellness**

Anxiety is the top concern among college students, followed by depression and relationship problems. The number of college students diagnosed and/or treated for anxiety or depression has increased more than 10% over the past five years. Counseling centers say they are seeing an uptick in the number of students coming to college with long psychiatric histories.



left to right; Cheryl Rauch, Co-chair Community First, David Basil, Rotary President; Laura Gasbarro, Co-chair Community First.

### **Binge Drinking and Drugs**

Heroin and prescription pain relievers take increasing numbers of young Ohio lives, including more than a dozen Hudson youths. College aged youths are abusing prescription medi-

cations, over-the-counter drugs, illegal drugs such as Adderall, alcohol, cold medicines, OxyContin and medical marijuana. Binge drinking often begins around age 13 and peaks during the age range of 18-22.

### **Fire Safety & Other Safety Issues**

These issues also include Date Rape. Firefighters respond to an average of 3,810 fires in college residence halls and Greek housing each year. According to FEMA, the vast majority of these sometimes fatal fires could have been prevented through awareness and education. Over 25% of college women report that they survived rape or an attempted rape at some point in their lifetime.

The Rotary Club of Hudson is the sponsor for this newly launched program and has committed to continue its support on an annual basis.

If you share concerns about these issues and would like to join The Rotary Club of Hudson in ongoing support of this all-day workshop for seniors, please consider attending the Gala Auction on May 19<sup>th</sup> or providing a gift to be auctioned that evening. Information about the event can be found at [www.rotaryhudson.org](http://www.rotaryhudson.org) or contact Co-Chairs Ron Strobl, 330-524-1955 or Gail Royster, 330-608-4647.

## TRC Painesville Serves Meals

Here is a picture of the Rotary Club of Painesville serving the meal for the needy at St James Church. This month we had a whole bunch of volunteers from the 4H "Muddy Boots Club" come and help us! We also had one student from Painesville Harvey High School volunteer and help us as well!

Painesville Rotary serves this meal on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month and we welcome all Rotarians in the area to come and help us out.

Thanks,  
-Stu





## Gary Neuman Memorial Golf Outing June 27th

The Rotary Club of Cleveland has announced that it will host a golf outing in memory of Gary Neuman on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at Coppertop Golf Course in Valley City, Ohio. Gary was the partner of PDG Julie West and a friend to many Rotarians within the District. Gary passed away unexpectedly in October 2015. All Rotarians and their guests are welcome to participate in this event.



For those who want to play in the golf outing, the price is \$75 per person, which covers greens fee, cart, lunch, and a buffet dinner. The shotgun-start scramble will begin at 10:00 a.m. Bag lunches will be served at the turn, and dinner will begin at about 4:00 p.m. For those who only want to attend the dinner, the price will be \$25 for the Coppertop Picnic, which consists of western ribs, BBQ chicken, Italian sausages (with green peppers and onions), potato salad, and watermelon. Beer and soft drinks are included with both meals.

To register for the outing (for golf or dinner or both) or to get more information, email Cleveland Rotarian Ed Thomas at [edthomascsu@gmail.com](mailto:edthomascsu@gmail.com).

## The Rotary Club of Mentor Is “The Match”

In the spring of 1992 Carolyn Shandle-Cobb was diagnosed with Acute Myelocytic Leukemia, a deadly blood cancer. Her only chance of a cure was a bone marrow transplant. Carolyn's father, Mentor Rotarian Cliff Shandle approached the Mentor Rotary Club with an idea – that the Mentor Rotary Club should partner with the National Bone Marrow Registry to register willing, potential blood marrow donors to help those with deadly blood cancers.

The club agreed to pay 100% of the testing costs of any willing registrant at drives starting in the spring of 1993 - \$45 per person at that time. The first drive was held on May 23, 1993. Over 700 people were tested that day. So many people showed up that 300 had to be rescheduled for a June follow-up drive due to a lack of equipment at the first drive. A match was found in the National Registry for Carolyn, but it was unfortunately too late. Her system was too weak from the disease to fight off an infection. She died in July of 1993. Cliff and Shirley Shandle with the Mentor Rotary Club vowed to continue their partnership with the National Bone Marrow Registry – all had seen the promise of this effort to save lives.

In 1995, the first match was found from a registrant from a Mentor Rotary drive. His donation was to a 10 year old girl, saving her life. He was present in 1997 when the Mentor Chamber of Commerce awarded Cliff and Shirley Shandle the Mentor Citizens of the Year Award for their efforts with Be The Match. In his speech that night, Cliff said “I don't know what will happen to Shirley or I, but I just hope that the Mentor Rotary continues this until it is no longer needed.”

The Mentor Rotary Club has continued these efforts. We have partnered locally with Mentor High

School, The American Red Cross, Lake Catholic, Lake Health, Lakeland Community College, Lake Erie College and Notre Dame College. Over 5800 people have been registered to date. Fifty-seven were registered at our most recent event at Lake Erie College on April 11. As of 2005, 28 matches had been found. That closely matches National Bone Marrow Registry statistics which means that over fifty matches have been found over the life of the program to date. Four Mentor Rotarians have been donors through the program. The most recent known match was identified through this year's Valentine's Day drive at Notre Dame College. Each match equals a life saved from cancer.

The first recipient was so inspired by the program that she studied to become a nurse to work at St. Jude's Research Children's Hospital. This is a wonderful example of how Rotary can touch someone to inspire their own service.

Sadly, Cliff passed from this world in December 2016. He can rest peacefully knowing that the Mentor Rotary Club will continue to support Be The Match until that work is done.

### **Lake Erie College/Rotary Club of Mentor Be The Match Event 4/11/17**



# Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Conference: Camp RYLA

It is a Thursday night at 7:30pm in June and we have just concluded the banquet for Camp RYLA. The participants are emotional and parents are wondering what has just happened. The staff prepares for check-out, but are constantly being interrupted by hugs and goodbyes. Every student realizes the past 5 days has changed them for the better and they leave camp as stronger leaders ready to take on any challenge. This is the scene of a powerful program sponsored by our District Rotary Club. This program has changed the lives of so many 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.

**Dates for Camp RYLA 2017 are Sunday, June 11, 2017 – Thursday, June 15, 2017.**

## **History of RYLA:**

District 6630 has a gem in Camp RYLA (Pronounced Rye-la). This leadership 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 initiate the process of establishing the program in our District. It was determined that, due to its remote setting and centralized location for Clubs in the District, Hiram College would be an ideal location for the camp. Thus, the three met with Hiram College's Dean of Students, Stuart Tennant to discuss this 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 in the Residential Education department, was selected as the On-Site Director and served in that position through 2015. West now serves as the Chair of the District Committee, a role he assumed in 2011. David Vale is now the On-Site Director for Camp RYLA since 2016. During the summer of 2012, RYLA was moved to Baldwin Wallace University from Hiram College to meet the need for better accommodations at a more reasonable price. To date, RYLA has seen **1106** participants, and **115** staff members through the 27 years of the program.



## **What is Camp RYLA?**

Camp RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) is a 5-day leadership training camp, held during the second or third week in June, which focuses on personal and professional development of high school students. Rotary clubs throughout the world are committed to helping shape the leadership skills of today's youth. Camp RYLA is one way Rotarians achieve this goal.

## **Why CAMP RYLA?**

*Strong leaders ARE MADE, not born! Leadership principles ARE LEARNED, not inherited!* Through Camp RYLA, the partici-

pants, the "leaders of tomorrow", have the unique opportunity to be exposed to many facets of leadership by individuals who have learned to be leaders in their professions and fields. Camp RYLA is an enjoyable and valuable experience for those who can meet the challenge.

## **What will a Student get from CAMP RYLA?**

Camp RYLA provides participants with an opportunity to interact with other student leaders across the district & exchange ideas, opinions, and beliefs in a relaxed, retreat style setting. Students will not only develop new friendships, but also become a more effective role model, team player, and leader.

## **How does CAMP RYLA work?**

High school students, who will be seniors in the 2017-2018 year, are eligible for this scholarship award. The total camp participants are around 55-65 talented and enthusiastic leaders from high schools throughout Northeastern Ohio. Clubs are asked to send no more than two students who attend the same high school. Some of the participants are established and others are emerging leaders. Camp RYLA proves a student can develop their leadership skills and learn from professionals, all while making friends and having **FUN!**

## **What is a typical day at CAMP?**

Days begin early with breakfast to get the body moving. Throughout the day, students attend speaker sessions, participate in group activities, and share ideas with one another, all while developing self-awareness and self-understanding. Evenings offer social events for participants to continue interacting with other campers in a more relaxed setting. The day concludes back in the residence hall (on-campus housing) with small group discussions led by the Counselor staff. This time allows the campers to reflect on the day's experiences, contemplate on what they learned, and share what they will

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## Camp RYLA cont'd

take away from Camp RYLA.

Past speakers & presenters for Camp RYLA include:

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; Trindy 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 Hills; Steve Hallan; Ron Taggart; Frank Vaughn; Michael Schwartz; Lawrence Simpson; Dorothy Jackson; Mark Albrect; David Pyper, Christi Needham, Thad Doyle, Bob Dean, Roger Cram, Dave Mager, Marc West and Detra West

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

During the later years, we have included a Myers-Briggs Type Indicator (MBTI) inventory session. Low rope activities have also been added 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 Rotarian 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 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 to join. If you want to be a committee member, please contact Marc West, [mwest@bw.edu](mailto:mwest@bw.edu) or (440) 826-3483.

### **STEP BY STEP INSTRUCTIONS TO SEND A STUDENT TO RYLA:**

1. 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](mailto:mwest@bw.edu))

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

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 \$475 per participant, so be sure to check if the Club's budget can handle it)

4. Establish a timeline to meet the deadline of May 19, 2017 to submit the application(s).

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

6. Select participants:

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

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

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

applicants).

Send in a check, for the amount, for the number of applicants times \$475.00 to the District Chair. Deadline: Friday, May 19, 2017.

Mail to:

Marc West

Baldwin Wallace University/Student Life Center

275 Eastland Road

Berea, Ohio 44017

Checks need to be made payable to Rotary District 6630. In the unlikely event that the camp reaches, its cap of 65 students prior to receiving your checks, your Club RYLA Chair will be notified and your Club's check will be returned.

8. After receiving your checks, the participants will be notified with the Username and Password to fill out the forms online through the District website.

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

10. Have 3 Club members attend the closing banquet on Thursday, June 15, 2017 at 6pm and be prepared to be amazed about your investment in the program for youth!

#### **FACT:**

As students approach graduation, they will be making important decisions which will affect the rest of their lives.

#### **FACT:**

Our world needs qualified leaders - leaders who can motivate others, make sound decisions and execute their plans.

#### **FACT:**

This generation is the most competitive ever. Without skilled time management and self discipline, they may be left behind.

#### **FACT:**

Youth can have all the knowledge in the world, but if it is not properly applied, it will be wasted.

#### **Remember:**

**Knowledge + Action = Results**  
**CAMP RYLA can help!**

## From The District Foundation Chair Congratulations to Our Newest Paul Harris Society Members

From the Desk of:  
Jim Lechko  
Paul Harris Society (PHS) Chair  
Rotary International  
District 6630

### Congratulations to our newest Paul Harris Society Members:

**John Bosco Hillcrest-Sunrise**  
**Matt Lombardi Berea**

Thank you so much for your generosity and commitment to The Rotary Foundation (TRF).

How do I achieve Paul Harris Fellow status?

A combination of cash contributions to The Rotary Foundation (Annual Fund and/or Polio Plus) and/or PHF points equaling \$1,000/1,000 makes you a Paul Harris Fellow (PHF). Achieving the next level of \$1,000/1000 cash contributions or points puts you in the Multiple PHF category. At \$10,000 in cash contributions you will have achieved Major Donor Level 1 status with many more levels above that up to and including Arch Klumph Society status at \$250,000.

Recognition of your commitment to TRF for these contributions is made via the PHF pin with sapphire, ruby and diamond stones depending on your PHF level.

How do I become a member of the Paul Harris Society?

Consider joining me and a number of other fellow Rotarians in District 6630 in the fairly new Paul Harris Society. The only requirement to be a member of this distinguished group of Rotarians is to make a commitment of \$1,000 annually to the TRF Annual Fund and/or Polio Plus. Many of you have already made that commitment of \$1,000 per year but have not officially joined the club (PHS). Let me know if this describes you and we will get you enrolled.

Contributions to the TRF Annual Fund make their way back to District 6630 to fund the projects our clubs do through the District Grant and Global Grant process. Contributions toward the Polio Plus effort will assist Rotary in its' biggest effort ever in the eradication of Polio worldwide.

I was told many years ago that if you want to know what a man truly loves, look at where he spends his time and money. This is your opportunity to show that you truly love Rotary and all that it does.

If I have spurred your interest in the PHS, please contact me, I would love to discuss it further with you.

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/paul-harris-society>

file:///C:/Users/jlechko/Downloads/099en.pdf

Endowment Fund:

Would you like to see your TRF contribution continue to good work on into perpetuity? Check out the link below:

<https://www.rotary.org/myrotary/en/endowment-fund>

Jim Lechko  
Rotary International District 6630  
Paul Harris Society (PHS) / Endowment Fund Chair 2016  
216-529-5625 (B)  
440-376-9191 (C)  
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jlechko@ffl.net



Dear Rotarian,

This email is to inform you of a mandated sales tax increase in the city of Atlanta which went into effect on April 1, 2017.

Current Rotary hotel contracted rates include 16% tax, which has now increased to 16.9%. Your current confirmation letter did NOT reflect this increase. Upon checkout, hotels will recalculate this increase to include the .9% which will be noted on your final invoice.

Please reference the below links for additional information:  
[New Local Taxes](#)  
[Atlanta and Fulton County Tax Rate](#)

Thank you for your participation in the Rotary International Convention. We look forward to seeing you in Atlanta!

**District 6630 Newsletter Policy**  
**Submit story suggestions to Mike Johns, Jr.**  
**at [stonecut@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 Berea

### New Program Honors Veterans



Army Sgt. Willie Springer spent 14 months in Vietnam. "It wasn't easy," he said. And when he came home, he got caught in a spiral of alcohol and drugs. He was homeless. The VA could do little for him. There was no such thing as PTSD in the 1960s and '70s. "I was programmed but I was never deprogrammed," Springer said.

Flash-forward 20 years. Springer turned his life around and went to divinity school. He is now a chaplain with Pathways Hospice in Berea and the author of its Veterans to Veterans program. Springer and social worker Norma Kleem explained the veterans outreach program to the Rotary Club of Berea.

Kleem said the VA now is paying attention to PTSD and its consequences and is working with hospices in the area to care for ailing veterans.

Springer said he uses his experiences to relate to fellow vets. "When you beat your head against the wall as many times as I did, common sense comes out eventually," he said.

The Veterans to Veterans program pairs vets in hospice with fellow vets in the community for companionship and conversation. It is part of a national "We Honor Veterans" program, Kleem said. Pathways takes vets on field trips. Some have included a tour of the BW campus for a vet who was an alumnus or a trip to the Browns training facility for other sports-minded vets.

Many veterans are alone, Springer said. "We reach out to them. No vet-

eran should die alone."

When he visits veterans, Springer said he always makes a point of saluting. "They straighten up. They are always the proud soldier," he said.

"It's all about communicating," Kleem said.

Volunteers with the Veterans to Veterans program are trained by Pathways and fill a variety of roles, from visiting veterans and helping with field trips to writing letters or planning events. Interested volunteers can contact Pathways at (844) 835-2220 or [www.pathwayshospice.co](http://www.pathwayshospice.co). Pathways Hospice offices are at 885 W. Bagley Road, Berea.

### Annual Plant Sale begins May 1

Berea Rotary will again sponsor a spring plant sale from May 1-31 in conjunction with J&J Greenhouse of Columbia Station. The club will sell \$15 coupons good for a flat of flowers or vegetables or a hanging basket. Of that \$15, \$4 will go to the club. Patrons also will receive 2 gallons of liquid fertilizer if they bring along an empty container. J&J Greenhouse is located at 26240 Folley Road. For coupons, contact Spring Plant Sale Chair Marilyn Deucher, [mjdgwd@juno.com](mailto:mjdgwd@juno.com) or call (440) 243-4592.

### Shred Fest/Electronics Roundup set for July

The Rotary Club of Berea is holding a joint Shred Fest and Electronics Roundup on Saturday, July 22 in the parking lot of Berea-Midpark High

School, 165 E. Bagley Road, Berea. The Shred Fest will run 9 a.m. to Noon. Electronics will be accepted from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. or until the truck is filled. No TVs and no monitors will be accepted. The club also is collecting unused and/or expired prescription medicines for disposal by Southwest General Health Center and is collecting old eyeglasses, cases and frames for distribution to Lions International. The Shred Fest and Electronics Roundup is free but donations to Rotary are accepted.

### Paul Harris Society



Congratulations to Matt Lombardi for being inducted into the Paul Harris Society. District Paul Harris Society Chair Jim Lechko presented Matt with his pin and certificate. To be eligible for the Society, Rotarians donate \$1,000 a year to the Foundation. Matt has been a Rotary member for six years and is a past president. There are around 30 Paul Harris Society members in District 6630. Berea Rotarians Ed Montgomery and Don Voigt also are Paul Harris Society members.



## Why Rotary is Investing in Zero and Beyond

When was polio last in Europe? If you guessed 2002, the year the region was certified polio-free, you're wrong. The last

time polio affected a child in Europe was 2015. Outbreaks like the one that occurred in Ukraine that year are why, although we are so close to eradicating polio, we still need \$1.5 billion more to finish the job. Learn about the steps needed to ensure polio is truly gone forever.