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 District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

I have been thinking about membership this month. Why? Because August is Rotary membership and club extension month. This is the time we all should be putting extra effort and focus on both new member accusations and member retention.

Before we begin inviting everyone we know to a meeting and visit our clubs we should evaluate what it is that they are going to see when they arrive. Taking the same path every week it is easy to miss the gradual changes occurring. I equate this with walking into my office. It is easy to miss the smudged windows, or possibly the stain in the carpet. But, the person taking this path for the very first time would have a whole different prospective.

If we had mystery member shoppers what would they see? What feedback would they give if he/she walked into your club? I remember a few years ago visiting a

club that could have easily been a strangers class reunion. Few people were wearing name tags, no one greeted or spoke to me and no one seemed to know the price of the meal or who to pay, and I wasn't even offered a make ups slip.

Before you put too much effort into membership recruitment, ask yourselves what do others see and feel when walking into your clubs. The family of Rotary is much more than a simple slogan. Would our spouses, adult children make an addition to you or another club? How about a friend, a neighbor, a co-worker or the new business owner that just moved to town?

Remember to share the Rotary story with the parents of the children your clubs honor, with the presenters that present to your clubs. Great Rotary candidates are all around, and it is our job to invite them join.

Next to finishing the job of eradicating Polio, membership is without a doubt our next single most important priority. To Rotary International President Ian Riseley the theme "Making a Difference", is a reflection of his desire to encourage Rotarians to continue to make a difference in the lives of others. But without continuing to attack new members, making a difference to others will slowly fade. None of us can let that happen. Thank you for all that you are doing to build membership as we continue to "Making a Difference", together!

In Rotary,
 Amy Kapostasy District
 Governor 6630
 2017-18

Twinsburg Rotary River Run

On Sunday July 9, the Rotary Club of Twinsburg held its inaugural Rotary River Run, the first of three sessions slated in July. The weather was perfect as



participants in 39 kayaks were sent down the scenic Tinkers Creek at staggered times throughout the day, enjoying the natural beauty that is rarely seen from the running trails or other inac-

cessible areas. Kayakers were shuttled from Glenmeadow Park to East Idlewood Park and dropped off for the approximate 30-minute trip down the slowly meandering waterway; later treated to hot dogs and other refreshments upon their return, as well as the



opportunity to play cornhole, giant checkers or just relax while recalling their first time kayaking down Tinkers Creek. s a partnership with the City of Twinsburg, which will also be the

beneficiary of the fundraising, as the Rotary will be beautifying areas around Twinsburg. This year, the club's focus is the firefighter memorial garden located around the message at



Twinsburg fire station #2.

The Rotary Club of Twinsburg would like to thank all of our sponsors who have made the Rotary River Run possible, including all of our friends who lent us kayaks.

Sponsors: Gionino's Pizzeria Twinsburg, Guy Gentile, Parade of Flags, Jilek Roofing, Jim Mirgliotta, Cindy Leonard, Andrena Righi, Twinsburg Police Association, Twinsburg Fire Local 3630, D & L Towing, A Short Adventure Kayak Rental and Widows Sons Passkeepers MRA.

Special thanks to the City of Twinsburg, Twinsburg Parks & Recreation, Twinsburg Public Works, Twinsburg CERT and Turtle Construction for prepping the entry and exit sites, use of transport vehicles and for shuttling our guests and kayaks. We could not have done it without you!

Burton Middlefield & UH

University Hospitals Geauga Medical Center recently completed a four-part expansion project with the remodeling of the pediatric, orthopedic and cardiac wings of the hospital. It also included the construction of a new 11,500 square foot expansion to the hospital's cancer center.

Rotary Club of Burton Middlefield made a \$25,000 matching grant donation to the expansion project. The gift will be spread out over a five year time period and will be matched for a total gift of \$50,000.00.

While the remodeling of the three existing wings has been completed, the ground breaking for the Cancer Center was held in October of 2016 and the new Center opened on Monday, July 24, 2017. A

large part of this project was made possible by the individual donations of residents of Northeast Ohio.

A ribbon cutting ceremony was held on Tuesday, August 15, 2017. BMR received naming rights for two plaques. One was for Rotarian, Michaellean Pesek and is mounted in an examination room in the Cancer Center. The other is in a patient room in the orthopedic wing in the name of Rotarian, John Gander.

The new Cancer Center will be under the direction of Judah Friedman, MD, and is the only center in Geauga County offering comprehensive cancer care in one location.

News From TRC Chagrin Valley

The Chagrin Valley Rotary helped kick off the start of school in the Chagrin Falls and Kenston School districts. Rotarians in blue Rotary vests stood outside each school district's auditorium, greeting all employees as they entered, wishing them a successful school year, and giving each a one dollar off coupon to the local donut shop. The local donut shop will be reimbursed fifty cents for every one dollar coupon redeemed during the month of August.

The start of the Chagrin Falls High School year will see a transition of the 190-member Key Club into a Rotary Interact Club. Chagrin Valley Rotary already recognizes an outstanding Chagrin Falls High School senior each month, provides five, \$2,000 scholarships to selected graduating seniors, as well as

hosting a Teacher of the Year program. The addition of the Interact Club will continue our service to the school district.

Football was the theme of our weekly Tuesday morning meeting before the Cleveland Browns opening game. Eight members who played college football talked about their relationship with football, their teammates and their experiences. A former high school cheerleader spoke about starting a cheerleading squad in her high school and the lifelong bond that developed amongst the members. CVR member Emie Kellermann, who played for the Cleveland Browns, Cincinnati Bengals and Buffalo Bills, entertained the members with stories of his career and how his life changed because of football.

TRC Kent Fills Christmas Boxes for Children of the Dump in Nicaragua

For the ninth consecutive year, Kent Rotarians reached into their pockets and donated money to support the district's Christmas Box project for children



who scavenge for food in a dump near Chinandega, Nicaragua. But this summer, all members of the club helped assemble the 50 boxes and pack items during their August 1 meeting.



After a suggestion by co-chair Sue Hetrick, the committee decided to involve all members in the process so they could see the items purchased for the children and be a part of the fun. Member Carol Crimi traveled to Chinandega last January to distribute boxes and had updated members on the reactions of the children when they received their gifts—and the needs of the people in Nicaragua.

Committee members Glenn Saltzman and Walt Strawman put together boxes and Sue's grandchildren, who were visiting from Michigan, distributed five boxes to each lunch table.

Following instructions from co-chair Mary Beth Harper, members walked through an assembly line picking



up notebooks, folders, school supplies, an outfit, hat, flip flops, undies, socks, a t-shirt, soap and soap boxes, shampoo, toothbrushes and toothpaste and a toy. After the boxes were packed and closed, members carried them out to Mary Beth's car for delivery to Jack Young.

Donations from members included toothbrushes and toothpaste from Dr. Chris Martin, D.D.S., t-shirts from Tom Tadsen and Jeff Roeger, manager of Walgreens.

Akron Rotary Camp to Hold Regatta Celebration and Fundraiser

For the past 93 years, the Akron Rotary Camp has served children with special needs throughout Northeast Ohio. Thanks to the generous support of so many in our community, we have made tremendous strides to fulfill our mission

of "Creating a world where there are only abilities!" Please join us for the 3rd Akron Rotary Camp Regatta on Saturday, September 23, 2017 at 6pm at Ak-



ron Rotary Camp. Enjoy cocktails as you stroll along the beautiful lake campgrounds with friends while you sample on some gourmet creations from the one and only Chef Beau Schmidt from Beau's Grille and Beau's on the River. Explore the camp and experience all the wonderful facilities and activities our campers enjoy throughout the year while listening to the sounds of local musicians, Hard to Handle. The night promises an entertaining live auction with one-of-a-kind items and exciting getaways, concluded with a fireworks spectacular over the lake.

All proceeds of the event will be used for the renovation of the dining hall that was originally constructed in 1963. It will include expansion for storage, accessible restrooms, kitchen upgrades and an addition of a sensory-friendly dining area balcony designed with a focus on color, lighting and sound to create an immersive sensory experience. Many of our campers with autism have difficulty

at mealtime related to the sensory experience of eating in crowded, noisy and uncomfortable surroundings. Many times, they demand to eat outside in the quietness of nature – with the heat of summer and cold of winter which isn't an

ideal situation. Our new dining hall will help resolve this challenge. We need your support as we continue this voyage of making a difference in the lives of special needs children and their families. Please consider a sponsorship, tickets to the event, or a donation to support this cause. Visit rotarycampregatta.com for more information.

More than 1,800 children and adults with disabilities attend each year, where they participate in a variety of programs and activities, learn important life skills, grow confident, and build friendships that last a lifetime. Akron Rotary Camp is also committed to offering financial assistance to those who may qualify. In 2016, more than \$184,000 was provided to help over 600 families be able to have a camp experience. With the support from the proceeds raised for the Regatta event, Akron Rotary Camp will be able to continue to reach out and serve special needs families in the community.

For information about the Akron Rotary Camp Regatta –, please visit rotarycampregatta.com or call the camp office at (330) 644-4512.

TRC Willoughby's Masquerade Ball

Dear Friends of the Willoughby Rotary,

For over 50 years the Willoughby Rotary has been providing financial as well as other types of support to local organizations that demonstrate a meaningful financial need and commitment to the community. Over the years we have donated hundreds of thousands of dollars to more than 30 local and meaningful organizations. Our principal fundraising event is our annual charity ball.

On October 28, 2017 we will be hosting our 32nd annual charity ball. This year we are having a Masquerade Ball to be held at the La Malfa party center at 5785 Heisley Road in Mentor Ohio. This will be an elegant affair including dinner, open bar, an amazing live band, a live auction and a silent auction.

This year we will continue our main project which is to purchase iPads for children with autism.

We will also be supporting:

Santa's Hideaway Hollow which is a wonderful replica of the North Pole and provides terminally ill children and their families one last wonderful Christmas together.

Food banks
Share a Vision
Various scholarships
Hospice of the Western Reserve and many other charities

Please consider getting a group together to attend the ball or choose from several sponsorship opportunities. We also need silent auction items as well as live auction items. If you have any questions, would like to arrange a pickup of your donation, or would like more invitations please contact Scott Murray at jsmurray@animalhospitalinc.com.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,
Scott Murray, DVM
President Elect, Willoughby Rotary Club

Shoe Boxes in Westlake Bay Village

PDG Jack Young, recently visited the RC of West Lake Bay Village when they were assembling the items for the Shoe Boxes for the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua. This year there are around 800 Shoe Boxes and 70 Layette Bags that our district is supporting and will be handing out in December. For more information



and if you would like to join those going to Nicaragua in December of this year, please contact PDG Jack Young (440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com) A special thank you to all Rotarians and Clubs who supported this International process.

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

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Hear Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor at TRC West Shore Sept 5th

West Shore Rotary Club is having a fundraiser. Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor will be speaking on just about anything she likes. \$35 for lunch and a chance to hear her speak, meet the Chief Justice, and ask questions. Tuesday Sept 5 from 12-1 at 100th Bomb Group. Lunch buffet is included in the event. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-talk-with-ohio-chief-justice-maureen-oconnor-tickets-36698173224> Would love to see many of you at this event. Thank you!
Sincerely,
Angelo Russo Esq
21380 Lorain Rd, STE 201
Fairview Park, OH 44126

Make Your Rotary Year Count!

Rotary International will apply your club and individual member's donations to the Rotary Fiscal Year based on the day of receipt of the check. Please avoid the mistake we made by sending in our EREY check at the end of the month of June. RI counted it for 2017-2018, not for the 2016-2017 Rotary Year. This means that our club does not have the per capita minimum amount in 2016 - 2017 to be eligible for Grants.

Very respectfully,
David Lariviere

Walkers and Runners welcome!

October 15, 2017 at 8:30 AM
Location Mentor Senior Center (5454 Munson Rd)

FEES/REGISTRATION (Includes Gel-Fit Shirt)
\$20 if received by Friday, October 6th
\$25 October 7th through the day of the race

AWARDS:
Top 3 Overall Male & Female and
Top 3 Age Group Finishers Male & Female

AGE GROUPS
M & F (Males): 15-19, 20-29, 30-39, 40-49,
50-59, 60-69, 70+

RACKET PICK-UP
Day-of-Race at 7:30 AM at Mentor Senior Center

ONLINE REGISTRATION
www.gobikeandrun.com

WHERE TO MAIL?
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6700 Mentor Ave, Mentor Ohio 44060

WRITING A CHECK?
Make payable to:
Mentor Rotary Foundation

NAME: _____ **AGE ON RACE DAY:** _____

GENDER: M or F **T-SHIRT SIZE:** S M L XL XXL

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE: () - -

EMAIL: _____

Walkers and Runners welcome!

By registering I affirm that I am providing my acknowledgment to participants in this event. I understand that I am responsible for my own safety and that I am releasing the organizers from liability for any injury or damage that may occur. I understand that I am responsible for my own safety and that I am releasing the organizers from liability for any injury or damage that may occur. I understand that I am responsible for my own safety and that I am releasing the organizers from liability for any injury or damage that may occur.

Signature _____ Date _____ Signature (Parent/Guardian if under 18) _____ Date _____

94 Year Old Contributes to Rotary Efforts

Last year, 94 year old Helen Shurance of Seville, Ohio saw an article in the Medina newspaper about the shoe boxes and baby layettes that were being sent to the children of the Dump in Nicaragua. She then contact PDG Jack Young and Marsha Pappalardo indicating she wanted to do something to hopefully make the lives of the newborn babies begin with a smile. Therefore, in 2016 she crocheted 125 dolls to be sent to the children in Nicaragua.

She was so impressed with Rotary was doing she contact PDG Jack Young and has crocheted 200 dolls for Jack to send to the new born babies of Nicaragua. She hand crochets dolls that are both male and female. At the young age of 95 years old, she just wants to do something to make the lives of children a little better and give them something that is theirs. Helen loves doing this for children and just wants to do things to help children as long as she is able. A special thank you from Rotary District 6630 for supporting the Children living in and around a garbage dump in Nicaragua.

Rotary District 6630 Foundation Report

The final numbers for foundation giving for the 2016/2017 Rotary year are in and District 6630 again increased the amount of giving to the annual fund. This number takes on importance as it is used to determine the amount of District Designated Funds (DDF) that the district will receive back from the foundation three years down the road in the 2020/2021 Rotary year. This in turn determines the number and size of district and global grants we can participate in. I am still troubled by the fact that in spite of generous giving by the district membership, we continue to have four clubs, give or take one or two, every year, that give nothing to the foundation. Since our foundation is the fuel that drives Rotary's engine, I feel this is an area that all of us in 6630 need to address in some form and eliminate. I will discuss this with DG Amy and try to find a solution. A total lack of giving to the foundation does not make a viable Rotary club. If you are reading this and are not aware of where your club stands in giving, please ask your club president what your club is doing this year for YOUR foundation.

That being said, the rest of the district's clubs seem to "get it" and continue to drive strong giving. Giving to Polio Plus continues to be strong for a small district at over \$100,000, led by giving from a few very generous members and families. Rotary is helping to win the battle for polio eradication but it is certainly not over and our continued support remains critical to a final victory. Consider having your club give a portion or percentage of your gifts to the Polio Plus Fund this year, along with continued giving to the annual fund.

these points belong to your club or someone in it. PHF recognition is not limited to a Rotarian but can be a non-Rotarian who has helped the club or community in some humanitarian way.

There are 66 members who are eligible to join the Paul Harris Society (PHS). This is different from a Paul Harris Fellowship. Membership in the PHS is determined by giving \$1000 to the foundation yearly. Since there are 66 district 6630 members who gave this amount last year, and there are currently 33 PHS members, there are 33 who either are not aware of, or have not been told, that they are eligible for membership in this exclusive society. If you are one of the 33 please contact District Rotary Foundation Chair Bob Johnson or Paul Harris Society Chair Jim Lechko about becoming a member of this exclusive group. We would be honored to talk to you.

The district currently has 83 members enrolled in Rotary Direct. This number should be far higher as this, without a doubt, is the easiest way to give to The Rotary Foundation (TRF). A simple enrollment process will allow Rotary to automatically deduct any amount you choose from your checking account monthly or put on a credit card. You still maintain complete control over your giving with a simple phone call to increase, decrease or eliminate your contribution at your discretion. If you seriously believe in the work that Rotary does and want to continue your support please consider this simple and safe process. You can go on line to "My Rotary" at the RI web site and go to foundation and giving to sign up or call Bob or Jim for assistance.

Robert "Bob" Johnson – District Rotary Foundation Chair

District 6630 is also doing well in recognition areas. We established 224 new Paul Harris Fellows, an increase of 22 over the previous year. RI records indicate that there are over 32,000 recognition points for our district just sitting out there not being used. This means that 32 people could be recognized now as a Paul Harris Fellow without the expenditure of any additional money. Check with your club president to see if any of

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YES I INTEND TO GIVE \$1,000 OR MORE ANNUALLY AND WILL JOIN THE PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY*

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Club number _____
Billing address _____
City _____ State/Province _____
Postal code _____ Country _____
Phone _____
Email _____

*Contributions are tax deductible unless otherwise stated by law. For security purposes, please do not send cash and mail contributions on wire.
*Please do not have a duplicate membership that you give \$1,000 or more each year to the Annual Fund (Polio Plus Fund) or a sponsored foundation grant (see www.rotary.org/donate).

GIFT DESIGNATION (choose one)

Annual Fund (DDF) Polio Plus Fund
 Providing Clean Water Fighting Disease
 Supporting Education Saving Mothers and Children
 Promoting Peace Growing Local Economies
 Other _____

RECURRING GIFT AMOUNT (minimum US\$10)
 \$25 \$45 \$100 \$150 \$1,000 Other _____
Currency of gift US\$

FREQUENCY
 Monthly Quarterly Annually (specify month) _____

CHECKING ACCOUNT (please attach a voided check
Available for US and Canada bank accounts only – not available online)

CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD
 Visa MasterCard Amex Discover

Card number _____
Expiration _____ CVN _____
Signature _____

Eighth Annual A Taste in Strongsville Oct 4th

STRONGSVILLE – Some of North-eastern Ohio’s finest cuisine will be featured at The Rotary Club of Strongsville’s Eighth Annual A Taste in Strongsville, on Wednesday, October 4th, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The event will take place under glass at the Petitti Garden Center, in Strongsville.

A Taste in Strongsville, which supports the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank and other area food pantries, offers the opportunity to sample delectable food, hors d’oeuvres and desserts prepared by about 25 plus of the finest restaurants in and around Strongsville.

A Taste in Strongsville is sponsored by Petitti Garden Centers, Giant Eagle Market District, Sheiban Jewelers and Medina Auto Mall.

Along with wine tasting and unlimited food sampling, A Taste in Strongsville will feature a silent auction and the raffling of a four-day, three-night “trip of a lifetime” for four to the vineyards of Napa Valley, California. The value of the trip is more than \$12,000.

In addition to the main event, premium tickets are available for the Sheiban Jewelers VIP Lounge, featuring wines by Silver Oak and cocktails by Top Shelf Martinis and Manhattans.

In conjunction with A Taste in Strongsville, Rotary is raffling a Wine Country Experience of a Lifetime for

four to Napa Valley, California. The package to the premier travel destination includes a three-night stay in the historical hamlet of Yountville with limousine service to a variety of winery tours, and a \$2,500 stipend to defer the cost of airfare. Raffle tickets are limited in quantity and cost \$100 each.

the main event and the exclusive VIP Lounge, cost \$150 per person.

Tickets are now on sale at www.tasteofstrongsville.com.

Complimentary valet parking will be available. Petitti Garden Center is located at 18941 Pearl Road, In Strongsville.

Participating restaurants at the 2017 A Taste in Strongsville include:

- A Slice Above
- Alladins
- Barrio
- B-Spot
- Bucci's J.Bella
- Butcher & Brewer / Tremont Tap House
- Carrie Cerino's
- Cleveland Chop
- Corleone's Ristorante & Bar
- Don's Pomeroy
- Johnnys Bar
- Mitchell's Ice Cream
- Market & Rocky River Wine Bar
- Nothing Bundt Cakes
- Old Carolina BBQ
- Olympia Candies
- Rito's Bakery
- Rosewood Grill or Kingfish
- Shinto's
- Starbucks
- Square 22
- The Cute Little Cake Shop
- Tom+Chee / BW3
- Town Hall
- Trivs

Wednesday October 4, 2017 6:30pm - 9:30pm
 Tickets \$85 each \$1 and Over

Culinary Creations by:
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Exceptional wines
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Sheiban Jewellers
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Petitti's Garden Center
 18941 Pearl Road
 Strongsville

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Rotary
 Proceeds benefit local food banks

a Taste in Strongsville
 Savor the Flavor

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A Slice Above • Aladdin's Eatery • B Spot • Bambi
 Bucci's J. Bella • Butcher & Brewer / Tremont Tap House
 Carrie Cerino's • Cleveland Chop • Corleone's Ristorante & Bar
 Don's Pomeroy House • Johnny's Bar • Kingfish Seafood /
 Rosewood Grill • Market & Rocky River Wine Bar
 Mitchell's Ice Cream • Nothing Bundt Cakes • Old Carolina
 Barbecue Company • Olympia Sweet Treats & Grill
 Rito's Italian Bakery, Deli & Catering • Shinto Japanese
 Steakhouse & Sushi Bar • Square 22
 Starbucks Coffee Company • The Cute Little Cake Shop
 Tom+Chee / BW3 • Town Hall • Trivs Restaurant & Lounge

A silent auction will be held, along with raffles, including a Rolex watch courtesy of Sheiban Jewelers,

Seating at A Taste in Strongsville is limited. The event has sold out in each of its first seven years. Main Event tickets cost \$85 per person. Exclusive VIP tickets, which include



Interaction 2017

Cuyahoga Falls High School

Saturday, November 4th

Noon – 3:30pm

2300 4th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221

Have your Interact clubs sign up now for this great event. Attendees will receive a free t-shirt designed by CFHS. CFHS is also providing pizza for all attendees and just asks that each club bring water, pop, and snacks to share. We will also be conducting a food drive for non-perishable foods for the Akron-Canton Food Bank.

- Food Drive – bring your items to the conference!
- Keynote speaker will be announced soon!
- Each club will introduce themselves and tell your story!
- Celebrate being in a vibrant Interact District
- Interact Project for District Conference will be decided by the clubs
- Additional details to follow!
- Email bborn@kentelastomer.com with questions and list of who will attend with t-shirt sizes.

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

Mobile Ophthalmic Van Operates in India

From: Birkett Gibson
 Rotary Club of Cleveland
 International Service Committee
 Cleveland Rotary Foundation
 Rotary Club of Chagrin Highlands
 District 6630
 In Collaboration with: Rotary Club of
 Bangalore West District 3190



Through the tireless and diligent work of District 6630 Rotarians Ramesh and Jaya Shah, hundreds of citizens in rural India have received cataract surgeries at no cost. They have rallied Rotarians to make this Mobile Ophthalmic Van a reality. The Rotary Club of Cleveland, The Rotary Club of Chagrin Highlands, RI District 6630, The Rotary Club of Bangalore West, and RI District 3190 all pooled funds to purchase this vehicle which is capable of going deep into the Indian countryside where no hospitals or clinics exist to serve the population. The members of the Association of Indian Physicians of Northeast Ohio, AIPNO, pay their own way to travel to India for 7-10 days to perform cataract surgeries at no cost to citizens in need of health care that would not be affordable to them otherwise. Hundreds of surgeries are done in a short period of time. Even though the mobile clinic is able to drive into the interior, it is not unusual for patients to walk 4 hours to obtain services from the physicians. The logistics of coordinating all the details, grants, contributions, and philanthropy are huge. Many thanks go out to Ramesh and Jaya Shah and the countless Rotarians who joined with them to make this project possible. Rotary Works!

Kent State Legendary Golf Coach Speaks to the Rotary Club of Hudson

Herb Page, Director of Golf at Kent State University, revealed to the Rotary Club of Hudson, during a recent meeting, that his men's and women's teams are both in the NCAA playoffs this year. For over 37 years, Herb has coached the Kent men's team which has won the Mid-America Conference Championship for the past seven years. This year's men's team set a MAC team record of 20 under par and is ranked 6th in the nation going into the NCAA playoffs.

Herb arrived at Kent State in 1970 as an undergraduate three-sport athlete in golf, hockey and football. He was a football teammate of Nick Sabin, Head Coach of Alabama, and is a manager of Ben Curtis winner of the British Open. In 1972, Herb was named the MAC Scholar-Athlete of the year and in 1985 was inducted into the Varsity K Alumni Association's Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also inducted into the



Golf Coaches Association of America Hall of Fame in 2004.

One of the most respected golf coaches in the country, Herb has regularly convinced local high school talent to play for Kent, including Ben Curtis, John Hahn and for next year, Will Kertz of Hudson ranked #1 in Ohio. Two of this year's players were recruited from Iceland and each has over a 3.5 scholastic average in addition to their excellent golf achievements.

Herb spearheads the main Kent fundraiser--the Rango Invitational, held every August at Windmill Lakes Golf Course which over the years has helped fund the unique Ferrara & Page Golf Training & Learning Center. Herb is married to Dr. Paula Treckel and resides in Kent.

For information about the Rotary Club of Hudson regular Wednesday breakfast meetings and the slate of highly entertaining speakers, please go to www.rotaryhudson.org.

TRC Willoughby Donates iPads

The Willoughby Rotary at their weekly lunch meeting gave away 40 iPads as part of their WRAP program, Willoughby Rotary Autism Project. Groups receiving iPads were the following:

Northeast Ohio Autism Group
 Autism Speaks
 Lake County Board of D.D. (Deepwood)
 Mentor Cares

These 40 iPads will now be put to work improving the lives of many. To date, the WRAP program has given away over 300 iPads to wonderful and productive recipients.

For more information on this program, please call:

DAN RUMINSKI – 440-376-6486



Join in the fun at our

32nd Annual Willoughby Rotary Masquerade Charity Ball

Saturday, October 28th
 6:00 p.m.
 LaMalfa Party Center
 5783 Heisley Road
 Mentor, Ohio 44060

Gold Mask Sponsors
 \$1250.00

Silver Mask Sponsor
 \$1025.00

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News From TRC Berea

Linda G. Kramer
Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Berea

Berea Rotary celebrates summer at Steak Roast

The Rotary Club of Berea hosted its annual Steak Roast at the home of President Bob Hugel and Past President Judy Stull. More than 40 Rotarians and guests enjoyed steak on the grill, baked potatoes, salad and more. Thanks to chefs Bob Hugel and Bob Hammer.



We line up for the buffet at the Berea Rotary's annual Steak Roast - steak, baked potatoes, salad and all the fixin's. Thanks to Marianna Peris and her crew.



Yvonne Fulimeni, Kate O'Donnell & Judy Stull



The McKee family attended Berea Rotary's meeting on Tuesday, Aug. 8. From the left, Linda Boardman, Caleb Robinson, Kaylee McKee, Grandma Isabell McKee and PDG Jim McKee.

"Youth Exchanges in Spain & Paraguay: Two different worlds"

Kaylee McKee shared her experiences as a Short-Term Rotary Youth Exchange student in Spain (last year) and Paraguay (this summer). The two visits were similar in some ways and very different in others.

Kaylee is the first Rotary Short-Term Youth Exchange student to visit Paraguay from the U.S. She was hosted by the Rotary Club of San Lorenzo, which is very involved in the Rotary Youth Exchange program. They are supporting nine outbound students this year. She said she spent a lot of time with the club and made friends with an exchange student from Germany.

Kaylee's host family included a father, who is an engineer, and a mom, who is an accountant, plus three daughters. The older two sisters were very involved in dance, so Kaylee spent hours with the youngest sister, who was 3 years old. Kaylee did not attend the same school as her host sisters. She attended a private school with no heat or air conditioning. Classes were from 7 a.m. to noon. There were no extra-curriculars.

Hot water was at a premium. Showers could be no more than 5-6 minutes before the flow stopped. Kaylee found herself going to a local salon to have her hair washed.

The motto of Paraguay is "Peace and Justice" but she found that laws were frequently not enforced. Stopped for a traffic violation? Give the police a pay-off and you're on your way. There is no legal drinking age. There are voting age restrictions, however. Citizens can vote from age 18 to 75. After age 75, you lose your voting rights.

"Stray dogs were everywhere," Kaylee said. "There is no health code and public bathrooms had no toilet paper." The streets were dirty and litter-strewn and public transportation is poor, she said.

Her experiences in Spain were quite different, she said. Spain has a higher standard of living. Her host family

there was considered upper middle class. Her host family in Paraguay was middle-class by that country's standards. But Paraguay is a Third World nation. "I learned so much in both places," Kaylee said. Since she's only a junior in high school, she'd like to take a third Youth Exchange visit, possibly to Germany to visit her new-found friend.

Her Paraguay sister Steffi will visit here in December.

IN MEMORIAM

The Rotary Club of Berea expresses its deepest sympathy to the family of Don Voigt on the passing of his wife, Mary Alice Voigt. Mary passed away on Aug. 3. Mary and Don had been married for more than 60 years. Don presented her with a Paul Harris at the President's Dinner in June. She is survived by children Kenneth, Richard, John and Paul and by seven grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Memorial contributions to Southwest Hospice, 18659 Drake Road, Strongsville 44136

T-Shirts for Nicaragua



Judy Stull delivers more than 200 T-shirts to PDG Jack Young and Marsha Pappalardo, who will take the shirts to Nicaragua. There the shirts will be converted into diapers. Infants in rural areas have no access to diapers and disposables only add to the landfill where many families live. The shirts will be shipped in August.

Rotary ShelterBox and Hurricane Harvey

Dear all District 6630 Rotarian's, Leadership Teams and Friends of Rotary

I have been in continual contact with the offices of Shelter Box USA regarding the unfortunate happenings in Texas with Hurricane Harvey. Unfortunately there has been one death so far but the devastation has been horrific. Below us the up date that has been sent to me this evening. I am asking all clubs to notify their members and friends of Rotary as to the involvement of Shelter Box. As always your support in the past and in the future is greatly appreciated.

After reading the information below, if you or your club would like to help, please contact me at the following:

PDG Jack A. Young,
Shelter Box USA
Board of Directors 2007-14
Board of Director Emeritus 2015-17

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Brunswick, Ohio 44212
or C-440-759-4000
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Ambassador Update: Hurricane Harvey

Dear Jack,

By now, you have likely heard of the impact of Hurricane Harvey in Texas and beyond. Harvey, described as a life-threatening storm, has the potential to bring up to 20 inches of rainfall, storm surges up to 4 feet, and 100 mph winds in what could be the fiercest hurricane to hit the US since Hurricane Wilma in 2005. The storm has the potential to cause catastrophic flooding that could result in structural damage to buildings and complete destruction to mobile homes.

ShelterBox stands ready, when and if called up, to provide appropriate supplies. FEMA has specifically been calling us for information about our ShelterKits/tarps. As of Friday, they were looking at options for the Rapid (Temporary) Repair of dam-

aged structures/homes. We do have 2,000 ShelterKits pre-positioned in Panama, which would be the largest quantity close to the U.S. There is no commitment from ShelterBox that we will send these, but we have informed FEMA of this and there is the potential for a request. In general, it is great that we have this door open with FEMA, because it paves the way for a future Memorandum of Understanding and underlines why we would want to have some aid pre-positioned here in the U.S., so that we could deploy rapidly here in the future if needed.

While ShelterBox works with FEMA and other contacts in the U.S. to determine our response, here are some things you can do in your area to stay in touch with your donors, especially Rotarians.

Be sure to check ShelterBox USA updates on Twitter and Facebook and share updates from your own social media accounts.

Assemble a list of key donors you have worked with in your area – Rotary/Rotaract/Interact clubs, individual donors, corporate supporters, etc. Have email addresses and phone numbers handy so that you can quickly reach out to your key contacts to communicate ShelterBox's response when updates become available.

Find out who the District Governors are in your area. Coordinate with other Ambassadors in your area, if appropriate, to coordinate contact.

Refresh your contacts with local broadcast and print media so that you can be ready to forward press advisories.

Stay tuned for additional updates from ShelterBox USA via email and social media for specific messages and action steps.

Do:

Continue to thank donors. Major disasters like Harvey, close to home, highlight the importance of preparation and donations in advance of when disasters occur.

Emphasize the importance of unrestricted cash donations. Disaster Response organizations, including ShelterBox, often purchase items based on specific needs of families affected by the disasters. Many times, these goods are purchased in country.

Remind donors that we are currently responding to 9 active deployments and monitoring many more.

Do not:

Speculate on how ShelterBox might respond.

Commit that we will definitely be sending aid, unless we notify you that this is the case.

ShelterBox Operations will continue to monitor the storm and will activate an immediate response if needed. The ShelterBox USA-based Response Team members, several of whom live in Texas, are standing by to assist in the delivery of aid to impacted areas.

See LIVE UPDATES via NY Times

Stay prepared courtesy of Ready.gov/Hurricanes

Additional Speaking Points:

ShelterBox is preparing every day for the worst day ever, and on the gulf coast this storm has potential to be devastating. ShelterBox is a charity that provides emergency shelter and lifesaving supplies on the frontline of disaster situations. We have deployed in Katrina, Sandy, and in hundreds of these situations around the world. In advance of Hurricane Harvey, ShelterBox USA has been in continuous contact with FEMA to discuss potential shelter options for displaced people and repair options for damaged homes, including the provision of ShelterKits to help families affected by the flooding or storm surge. FEMA Administrator, Brock Long, who Kerri Murray, ShelterBox USA President met with last month, has said, "Texas is about to have a very significant disaster." We have

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been working with FEMA to prepare for this type of emergency. The FEMA Mass Care team has expressed a need for Rapid Repair kits for damaged structures. Our ShelterKits are deployed often in hurricane and flooding disasters, each containing tarps and tool needed to repair damaged homes.

ShelterBox Operations has been monitoring this storm to activate an immediate response when needed. ShelterBox USA has Response Team members in Texas that are standing by to assist in the delivery of aid to impacted areas. We will know a lot more in the next few days the devastating impacts of this storm.

This week marks the anniversary of Hurricane Katrina in 2005. The storm devastated communities all along the coasts of Alabama, Louisiana and Mississippi with hurricane-force winds and a storm surge that sent walls of water several miles inland. Aid from ShelterBox was the first help to reach many survivors of the Katrina disaster. Response Team volunteers worked with local Rotarians, government officials and partner agencies to distribute tents to thousands of people who had seen their homes and possessions destroyed.

ShelterBox relies on donations to do the disaster relief work around the world and here in the US. For up to date information, go to ShelterBox-USA.org

Thank you for your support!

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The Rotary Club of Berea presents



The Lou Groza Charity Golf Event

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Rotary Global Rewards

Dear Rotarian or Rotaractor,

Not long ago, you took our survey on Rotary Global Rewards, our member benefits program. Thank you.

Nearly 4,000 people responded to our survey. Here's some of what you told us:

51 percent of Rotary and Rotaract members surveyed said that Rotary Global Rewards adds value to their membership.

54 percent indicated that listing businesses in Rotary Global Rewards was a benefit of membership.

20 percent said that the program was a factor in their decision to join or remain a member.

Members appreciate offers that give them discounts as well as giving back to Rotary.

The program needs to be promoted more within clubs and districts so that all members will know about it.

Rotary Global Rewards should have more offers in some countries and fewer offers in others.

The program should be easier to use.

Many members do not sign in to My Rotary to use Rotary Global Rewards.

We're grateful for this infor-

mation and are taking action in response. Rotary Global Rewards now includes:

More merchant offers that give users discounts and also give back to Rotary

New offers from Amazon and other online retailers that do not require users to sign in to My Rotary

An enhanced desktop display that shows details of offers and streamlined categories for filtering them

We also plan to:

Introduce a simplified mobile version of Rotary Global Rewards later this month

Work with districts and clubs to promote the program to all members

Develop video tutorials that will give users in-depth training in navigating Rotary Global Rewards

You can access Rotary Global Rewards on your [computer](#) to view these enhancements or on your iPhone or iPad with the [Rotary Club Locator app](#). If you have any questions, please write to rotaryglobalrewards@rotary.org. Thank you again for telling us how we can improve this benefit for all members.

Sincerely,

Rotary Global Rewards Committee and staff