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Governor's Letter

Happy New Year my Family Rotarians,

I hope you enjoyed the holidays with family, friends and your fellowship with your family of Rotarians!! I hope our new year is full of good health, wise choices and nurturing humanity.

The 2017 year was spectacular, purposeful, exhausting, exciting, and educational, and well worth every waking moment of being District Governor! The excitement in the district and in your clubs has/is a joy to experience!! You all have touched my heart!

I am sure that we all have made New Year's resolutions! Many of them we will fulfill, some we will do when we remember, and there are those that sounded promising, and we know what happens to those! We order dessert!

I haven't asked for much while being District Governor, but I am going to ask *every Rotarian in District 6630* to make a resolution and a conscious effort to follow and remember the premise of the "4-way test." *Even thought —"of the things we think, say or do", is not one of the 4 quotes. Remember it is OUR beginning. We are fortunate to find good friends and other community professionals*

that share many of the same values. Of the things we think-remember we haven't walked in a different set of shoes. Of the things we say, we need to think about comments, some that may seem funny, may be derogatory and offensive. Of the things we do-how are we effecting others? Now, more than ever we need to be cognoscente of the words that we speak and of our actions. If we want to gain in membership we need to think of the perception a potential member may take away from your club. We need to stop inappropriate comments, jokes that the members of our clubs are making. Whether it be when a speaker is speaking, opening comments, club announcements, or just heckling each other. This is not the culture we want to portray as Rotarians.

The History of the 4-way test:

From the earliest days of Rotary, Rotarians have been concerned with promoting high ethical standards in their professional lives. One of the world's most widely printed and quoted statements of business ethics is The 4-Way Test, which was created in 1932 by Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor (who later served as Rotary International's president) when he

was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word test for employees to use in making decisions in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with suppliers and customers. The survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, the 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways.

It asks the following four questions:

Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

I will thank you now for making this resolution! Putting this resolution in to the hands of "**People of Action**", I know we can enrich each other, grow our membership and become stronger and a more purposeful and passionate group of just what we re....."ROTARIANS!!!! "

Happy New Year!

Amy Kapostasy,
District Governor 6630

Summer Youth Employment Program

The Summer Youth Employment Program has been around for 35 years and in that time has placed approximately 160,000 young people with a work experience, and in many cases, a permanent position. Even though this program is called The Summer Youth Employment Program, we do hope it creates a career pathway, especially for our 18-24 year olds. This allows for these young adults to gain workforce experience and learn financial independence.

Please see below if you can help us find more employers for next summer:

I am an Employment Specialist with Youth Opportunities Unlimited, overseeing the Summer Jobs Program, which provides subsidized summer employment for teenagers and young adults ages 14-24. The youth are paid through our program with subsidized grants and donations. This summer we placed over 4,000 young people to work at over 800 worksites throughout Cuyahoga County. In order for this program to continue to be a success, we are looking to increase employer participation to host these young people next year.

The Summer Jobs Program is geared to look for entry-level positions for a few weeks during the summer. We find that our current employers benefit from having additional help during the peak vacation months and they have the opportunity to mold new people into potential permanent hires. The Summer Jobs Program breaks the cycle of poverty by allowing more cash flow into the household, instilling a sense of financial independence, as well as learning new skills

necessary to become successful.

If your organization would be interested in participating as a worksite, please contact Karen Curtis at 216-973-0996 or kcurtis@youthopportunities.org. For more information about how your organization can get involved in other ways visit youthopportunities.org

Kind regards,
Karen Curtis
Summer Youth Employment Specialist
Youth Opportunities Unlimited (216) 566-5445 x250
(216) 973-0996 (Cell)

YouthOpportunities.org

“End Polio Now” is a Winner

We had another great “End Polio Now” evening with the Indians last August and everyone was a winner.

We raised \$3,300 for End Polio Now, the Indians beat the Yankees, and we had three winners in the First Pitch Raffle and many Chinese auctions and raffle winners.

The First Pitch Raffle winner was Gary Dodge, a police officer from Canton, Ohio.

He threw out the first pitch on Sunday August 27, 2017. Winner of the two lower box seats to the Indians game was Shari and Gary Hook.

It has always been great fun at the Indians “End Polio Now” baseball game. So mark your calendars now for next July 12, 2018—“Indians vs the Yankees”. More details next month.

It is sure to be another winner!!!!

News From TRC Port Summit

On November 9th, the Port-Summit Rotary Club held their annual Veteran's Dinner at the Russell M. Pry Community Center in Mogadore, Ohio. At the event, dinner was served by the club members and veterans were honored for their service. We were also delighted to have the Mogadore Jazz Ensemble perform and a gentleman play the bagpipes.



Judge Kathryn Michael spoke to our club on November 16th about domes-



tic violence in our community and programs that are available in our area. Of the individuals that come through her court room and participate in the diversion program that Summit County Courts created, only 5% return to her court room for the same type of offense. Judicial systems all over the country are wanting to replicate their program.

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

Letter From Fr. Rick Frechette

Dear Friends,

Christmas is the celebration of both motherhood and childhood, the double doorway through which almighty God chose to come to into our difficult human world, to try to lead us to peace.

As I write these words, 84 children in the United States, ranging in age from just a few months to teens, were just freed from a multistate network of 120 human traffickers, who have been arrested.

The plight of children in the world is fearsome: child slaves, child prostitutes, child soldiers, and child gangsters. The numbers of children living at the lowest levels of poverty, the amount of childhood hunger, the extent of infant and child illness and mortality are daunting.

Also as I write these words, according to the United Nations Refugee Agency, there are 65 million people in the world who are displaced from their homes, belong to no country (are stateless) or are refugees.

Roughly half of these are women, of whom millions are pregnant, or with nursing and small children.

Central to the Christmas story is that Mary, as a young pregnant girl, had to leave home and take to rough roads, under the orders of the Roman governor in Syria, so the Jews might be "counted," in the town native to the husband.

Also central to the Christmas story is that immediately after the birth of her precious baby, on a bale of hay as a displaced woman,

she had to flee to Egypt and spend years as a refugee, or her son would have been killed by a jealous King in Jerusalem, city of peace.

It is not only trees beautifully lit, and sweet carols, that make Christmas familiar to us.

But in fact, Christmas is also familiar because of how similar the rough and painful

experiences of the Holy Family are, to the tragic daily fare of millions of women and children today, two thousand and seventeen years later.

Very recently, as I was driving through Port-au-Prince on my way to anoint the dying and try to heal the destitute sick whose death might be delayed with proper care, at one of the clinics of Mother Teresa's Sisters, a very sick woman on the road caught my eye.

The first glance showed that she was young, she was pregnant, and she was in a lot of trouble. She could not help at all as two people as young as she was, tried to lift her and lay her down in the simple tap-tap, the public transport for the masses. I wondered why they were leaving a hospital, instead of going into it.

I asked what happened, and was told there was no room in the hospital. I learned they had been refused at another hospital

already, and there would be no guarantee of a place where they would go next. Thank God for our maternity wing at our own NPH St. Damien Pediatric Hospital. The young girl was nearly in a coma, and driving any more around the city looking "for a place at the inn"

would kill her. And surely a manger was no place for a woman with eclampsia, which was her fairly evident condition.

With no time to lose by calling our ambulance, I paid the tap-tap to take her to St. Damien.

Andre, who was raised from infancy in our children's home in Haiti (and is now 25 years old), works with me. I sent him with them, to be the Angel Gabriel, to guide the tap-tap the fastest way to St. Damien. I continued on, to see the sick waiting for me across town.

My vehicle is a four-wheel drive, off road, Jeep-ish kind of thing they call a "Polaris." It has no windows, makes a lot of noise, is very hot, and all street noise comes in. So I didn't hear my cell phone ring. Again, and again, and again.

When I arrived at the Sisters, my heart dropped to my feet when I saw 13 missed calls from Andre.

This could not be good news. The tap-tap had broken down.

I raced to the scene, a good 30 minutes away, also trying at the same time by phone to send one of our ambulances from St. Damien, but they were all out on calls. I was trying to figure how I would carry the poor comatose girl in the Polaris.

Very shortly after, I saw an empty tap-tap, and I promised him a good stipend if he would follow me and finish an urgent delivery to St. Damien Hospital.

We made the transfer in the middle of the street, the poor mother nearly lifeless, as we lifted the sheet she was on, to carefully change trucks. Archangel Andre is a rookie on my team, he was sweating and in a holy panic, but brilliant and compassionate.

Once they got to the hospital, and I was at the Sisters, I got a call from St. Damien. The mother was 17 and in a coma, the family with her was even younger than she. The treatment for eclampsia is, of course, delivery of the baby, and in this case by Cesarean, because the baby is preterm. The question was, did I know the mother or father? The young girls said they were in the province. Who would give the consent?

They were all under age, and the one concerned was in a coma. On sonogram, the baby's heart was beating but there were no other movements of the tiny body. The baby's survival was unlikely because of the gestational age. But without the Cesarean both would die. Who would give the con-

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

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

[See letter on pg. 8](#) 

News From TRC Chagrin Valley

The 250 students and three teachers of the Guatemalan school will now have a kitchen thanks to the generous attendees at the Chagrin Valley Rotary's "H(e)arts for Guatemala, New Heart for Haiti" fundraiser. The Hart family adopted a son from Guatemala and have continued to work to make life better for those struggling in the poverty that grips Guatemala. We were proud to work with the Hart family to enhance the lives of the students and teachers.

Former Chagrin Falls mayor Tom Brick was our choice to be honored at the district Paul Harris event in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park. Tom served as Chagrin Falls mayor for ten years and continues to volunteer as a member of the board of University Circle, the Chagrin Documentary Film Festival and many other charitable causes.

Rotarians and Interact students were out in full force during December ringing the red kettle bell for the Salvation Army. This yearly event, held over two weekends, gives Rotarians an opportunity to be seen out and about in the communities of Bainbridge and Chagrin Falls. We were joined by the students from the newly-created Interact Club from Chagrin Falls High School.

Each month we honor outstanding seniors from Chagrin Falls High School and Kenston High School. Attached are Kenston superintendent Nancy Santilli and Chagrin Falls superintendent Bob Hunt and the Rotary seniors for the month of December.



Our regularly Tuesday morning breakfast meeting was replaced by



our yearly orchestra and choir concert performed by Kenston High School students. Performing in the Robert A. Lee auditorium, named after Rotarian and former Kenston superintendent Bob Lee, the students displayed talent and showmanship to the delight of the Rotarians and their partners.

We continue to feed the hungry by delivering Meals-on-Wheels on Tuesdays and Fridays every week through the Geauga County Department on Aging. Thanksgiving and Christmas saw us increase our efforts through food baskets and groceries delivered to needy families in the Chagrin Valley.

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Medina Sunrise Rotarians Build Bears wi Juvenile Court

Medina Sunrise Rotary volunteers were a big help this holiday season distributing personally made, stuffed Build-a-Bears to children in Medina County.



Medina County Common Pleas Court Probate and Juvenile Divisions' Judge W. Kevin Dunn personally takes part in the Build-a-Bear program which began in 2007, as a community service project of the Juvenile Court. It provides stuffed animals to disadvantaged children so they could have toys at Christmas. The lovable bears were given to local foster children and distributed to some of those who currently attend Medina County's Windfall School - MCBDD.

Medina Sunrise Rotary contributions include annual scholarships for graduating high school seniors, Rotary Youth Exchange and high school leadership programs, support for the Medina Back-to-School and Christmas Shopping programs, Project LEARN, Shop with a Cop, Feeding Medina County, The Children's Center, Medina Creative Housing, and numerous MCRC programs, including the new outdoor deck. Medina Sunrise Rotary Club supports its community giving programs through its annual Wine & Roses Benefit Dinner to be held at Weymouth Country Club on February 10, 2018.

A Single Handed Triple Play That Even the Indians Would be Proud of

Friday December 15, 2017 Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club had a rare triple new member induction that was made even more rare because all 3 were sponsored by a single Rotarian!. From Left to right, the attached picture shows Current Club President Bob Slanina, Past Club President Richard Heart, Triple Sponsor Harold Levine, and new members Ron Myers, Cosmo Danielly, and Coleen Flowers.



Read more about his event and our other club activities on our club Face Book Page: <https://www.facebook.com/Chagrin-Highlands-Rotary-708298722632827/> and websites <http://chagrinhighlandsrotary.org/> and <http://chagrinhighlandsrotarycharity.org/>

Bruce DeBerry, Chagrin Highlands Past President and 2017-2018 District 6630 Assistant Governor for Cuyahoga County Southeast-Summit Clubs.



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December 23-26, closed
December 27-29, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Youth Exchange Overnighter Brings Knowledge and Fun For Students

By Beth Mlady

Inbound youth exchange students from Rotary District 6630 joined prospective local outbound students, as well as some past participants (rebounders), at Akron Rotary Camp Dec. 2-3 for a fun weekend of training and camaraderie.

Activities included discussions about in-bonders' Thanksgiving experiences as well as interactive exercises to



Rotarian Brian Chima and RYE students partied in fun costumes with Akron Rotary Camp special needs children.

explore the concepts of culture shock and tips to aid in adjusting to a new culture. Students worked in small groups to construct tall towers from spaghetti and marshmallows, but each group member was assigned a particular personality type to portray, which created additional challenges to their team dynamic.

Current inbound exchange students addressed their fellow in-bonders,



RYE students gathered by the lake with their home country flags.

as well as future out-bonders, about their home countries. The question-and-answer session provided unique insights to the overseas lives of those spending their exchange year here in Ohio.



teambuilding exercise involved making towers with spaghetti and marshmallows.

Special needs children who also were spending the weekend at the camp combined with Rotary Youth Exchange students to dance and play after Saturday's dinner. Everyone also spent Sunday breakfast together before cleaning up their cabins, assembling their belongings and, for most, heading home. Potential outbound candidates remained on site and participated with their parents in RYE interviews Sunday afternoon.

The next Rotary Youth Exchange group event will be tobogganing Jan. 13 at The Chalet in Strongsville.

Rotary Club of Hudson Inducts Five New Members

The Rotary Club of Hudson announced that four new members will join the community service organization, including one with a distinguished service record in another Rotary club. The inductees are:

John Hopkins, born in Cleveland and a graduate of Georgetown University Business School, enjoyed a 35 year business career in the Great Lakes shipping industry for The Interlake Steamship Company. He was responsible for the company's marketing and sales direction, developing new business, negotiating transportation contracts and supervising the traffic department.

John was involved in numerous professional organizations, including The Lake Carriers Association, the Traffic Committee of the American Iron and Steel Institute, President of The Lake Erie Maritime Council and Treasurer of the Council of Lake Erie Ports. He also served as President of the Dads Club at Western Reserve Academy in 1995 and 1996.

John and his wife Debbie are 32 year residents of Hudson with three sons and six grandchildren. John is retired and enjoys golf and fishing in South Florida.

Sue Carter, long time Hudson resident and graduate of Hudson High School, earned a BSBA degree from East Carolina University. Sue's husband, Jay, is a graduate of Western Reserve Academy and they have two sons, one at Kent State and the other at Miami University of Ohio.

After college, Sue worked for Key Bank where she was a VP/Great Lakes Region Service Manager. She is currently a Shift Officer/Paramedic with Hudson EMS where she has served the community since 1979.

Sue's passion and goal is to give back to her community where she has been active as a school volunteer as VIP co-coordinator at HHS, President of Hudson PTO, co-chair of the Pancake Breakfast and involved

in the Booster Club. She is also on the Board of the HPSEF, VP of the Hudson City Schools Foundation and active in Hudson Community First as chair of the Community of Concern committee focusing on drug addiction/education.

Richard Nebiolo, grew up in Linden, NJ and Langhorne, Pa and then earned a Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science degree from Drexel University followed by an M.S. from Carnegie Mellon University in the same field. Richard enjoyed a 50 year career in the specialty steel industry, mainly with Latrobe Steel, but also with Timken Co. and Republic Steel in Canton. He retired as Director of Technology in 2015.



Richard and his wife Lynne have lived in Hudson for 31 years raising two daughters who graduated from Hudson H.S. and then each graduating Summa cum Laude from college. They have a granddaughter who is a junior at Hudson H.S. and who recently won a Rotary scholarship. He also has two grandchildren living near Cincinnati.

Leisure time for Richard is spent cycling locally and in the CVNP, hiking, traveling and volunteering in the community. He is excited to be a new member of Hudson Rotary and looks forward to contributing time to its many charitable projects.

Ralph Day was raised in Maple Heights, OH graduating from high school in 1954. He then earned a BA in Math at Ohio Wesleyan University advancing to Case Institute of Tech-

nology for a BS in Management Science. After completing three years as a data processing officer at McGuire Air Force Base, NJ, he earned an MBA in Marketing from the Harvard Business School.

Ralph's first job was a market research analyst at Polaroid and later moved to new product development at Pillsbury and Campbell Soup. Then he became the first Director of Development and Marketing at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Later he served as principal in his own consulting firm, an officer in a consumer advertising firm and Marketing Director for a high tech startup.

Selected to be a Fulbright Senior Scholar in Riga, Latvia Ralph had "a life changing college teaching experience for six months". His not for profit board experiences included the Ohio Wesleyan University Alumni Board, the HBS Club of Philadelphia and the Swarthmore, Pa Rotary Club. He and his late wife, KayAnne have two children, Bryan and Karen and five grandchildren. Ralph lives in the Laurel Lake Retirement Community.

Interested in joining this talented group of new members and the 50 active members of The Rotary Club of Hudson? Please contact New Member Chairman Rich Warfield at rwarfield@warfieldandcompany.com or President-elect Evan McCauley at mccauleyevan@gmail.com.

Sue Carter--new member

Rich Warfield--Recruiting Chairman

John Hopkins--new member

Ralph Day--new member

Richard Nebiolo--new member

Kathryn Sines--President

TRC Chesterland Suffers Loss

The Chesterland Rotary Club has lost a true friend. Twenty five-year member James P Kisicki passed away in late November. He will be missed for his leadership, inspiration, comradery, wit, and involvement in both the club and the community. One of his earliest jobs in the Rotary club was chairman of the newsletter. Those were the days when the newsletter was typed, copied and mailed to all the members.



Jim was elected president for the 2005 – 2006 term. Under his leadership as president, the Chesterland Rotary club purchased two used bookmobiles, refurbished them and sent them to Gulfport Mississippi to be replacement libraries for ones that had been destroyed in hurricane Katrina.

Jim always had a love for reading and the English language. So during his term as president, he started the dictionary project. Dictionaries are given to third grade students in three area elementary schools. In the 12 years that the project has been in place, over 2000 dictionaries have been handed out. The students have always been excited to receive these dictionaries and learn from Jim all the extras that this book had to offer.

Other passions were acting and the fine arts, and he appeared in numerous plays and movies. To pass on and inspire students with some of this knowledge, Jim had volunteered in the production of many musicals at West Geauga High School. This led to a new scholarship, the “James P. Kisicki Scholarship for the Performing Arts”, which was established in 2013. The scholarship is awarded to a senior at West Geauga for “exemplary academic standing in the performing arts along with the courage to be a leader in today’s challenging world”.

Jim Kisicki was a “Man for All Seasons” and will truly be missed!

TRC Akron’s 28th Chili Open

Mark your calendars for Akron Rotary’s 28th Annual Chili Open Golf Classic benefiting the Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special need. It will be held on February 3, 2018 at Hale Farm and Village, in Bath, Ohio. ([Watch Chili Open Video Here](#))

Since its inception, the Chili Open has raised over \$2.9 million to provide support to families with children with special needs. At Rotary Camp, campers are provided the opportunity to experience traditional camping activities, develop relationships, learn life skills, and create memories that last a lifetime. Currently, Rotary Camp annually serves almost 2,000 children and adults along with their families with a wide range of developmental and physical disabilities and mental health disorders through our day, overnight, and year-round respite camp programs.

Our goal for the 28th annual Chili Open is \$250,000 and in order for us to have another successful event to support the Camp WE NEED YOUR HELP. If you or your company would like to provide a Sponsorship, please contact the Akron Rotary Camp Office (330) 644-4512.

There are also many other ways to get involved:

- Purchase a CAMPERSHIP for only \$500. It will provide one week of camp for a child with special needs.

- Purchase ADVERTISING in the Chili Open Tabloid Newspaper that is distributed to over 135,000 households throughout Summit County.

- Purchase RAFFLE TICKETS or ask friends, family, and co-workers to buy tickets at only \$20 per ticket. Every one stands a



ry one stands a chance to win one of three great prizes that includes a 2018 Chevrolet Spark LS, a LG 55” 4 k Smart

LED TV and a Fox Sports Ohio Behind-the-Scene Media Package to a 2018 Cleveland Indians Game. 5 tickets for \$100 will give you an entry into Snowmania for a chance to win \$50,000.

Please visit **Chiliopen.net** for more information about the Chili Open, to purchase a sponsorship, register to golf, purchase a Clubhouse pass, or to purchase a raffle ticket. Thank you for helping us achieve the mission of Rotary Camp “*Creating a world where there are only abilities!*”

With Gratitude, in the spirit of camping,

John Margida and Wanda Whipkey
Co-Chairs, 2018 Chili Open

News From TRC Strongsville

By Neal Klabunde

The Rotary Club of Strongsville is wrapping up a successful calendar year that started with Past President Ken McEntee and ended with President Cassie Weber with a flurry of projects ending in December.



The club hosted a Christmas luncheon for the senior citizens of Strongsville on December 1st. Entertainment was provided by the Strongsville High School's show choir, the "Mustang Express." This annual event was attended by over 400 seniors who look forward to the luncheon every year.

On Saturday, December 2nd the club members assisted in the city's annual "Breakfast with Santa" at the recreation center.

Friday, December 8th saw the distribution of \$35,000 to the Strongsville Emergency Food Bank and several other area food banks. Representatives were on hand from the Brunswick, North Royalton/Broadview Heights, and Parma Rotary clubs to receive funds to distribute to their local food banks. A check was also presented to the St. Augustine Hunger Center in Cleveland. The money was raised with the once again successful "Taste in Strongsville" even held in October at the Strongsville Petitti's Garden Center.

The event which has grown each year was chaired by Second Vice President Bill DeMarco, with the assistance of George Schindler, Steve VanDette, Bob Ciesick, and committee, plus the assistance of many Rotarians who helped with the set-up and tear-down that went into the conversion of the garden center into the party venue. We also gratefully acknowledge the assistance and support of the Petitti family and their staff in making this event possible.

After the December 8th meeting, many Strongsville Rotarians manned the red kettles for the Salvation Army all day with the wind chill in the teens and collected over \$700 for them.

Then on Saturday, December 9th, the club members with the assistance of the Strongsville High Interact club finished sorting, boxing, and distributing tons of clothing, enough to fill a 24-foot truck 1 ½ times, to area churches. Special thanks to W.B. Mason for their generous support providing the truck and driver for the day. Rotarians Tom Snow, Bruce Kahn, Connie Hatch, and George



Tomko headed up the drive, again with the support of many other club members. Many local businesses; also participated by serving as donation points for collecting clothing as well as Strongsville Mini Storage for allowing us to have a place to temporarily store the clothing as it was collected over the past month or so. Over the 20 years they've been doing this, the club has collected and distributed over 1/2 million pounds of clothes to the indigent and homeless of greater Cleveland!

All work and no play make for a dull club and the Strongsville club is anything but dull. On December 13th they held their Christmas party at Triv's Restaurant. Many of the club members packed the restaurant fulfilling the club's fifth rule of the Four Way Test- "Will it be fun?"

There's no rest going into 2018 though, as the club is already getting ready for the 27th annual Chili Open which will be held on February 24th.

Letter cont'd

sent? I was the only possible choice. I consented, and took my rosary beads from my pocket.

The first joyful mystery, the annunciation of the nativity of the Messiah - don't fail us now.

The baby survived. A tiny girl, peering curiously out of her incubator. The mother came out of her coma about four hours later. Our tender staff, who are also mothers, showed her how to nurse the baby at her breasts.

The story of Christmas is old, and yet ever new. The blessings called children, the heroism of mothers, the Archangels Gabriel and Andre who are never far off, and soar into the story at the critical moment in order to save the day.

This Christmas as we celebrate again the wonders of moms and children, let's also pledge to stand with them in their agonies and ecstasies.

When we stand for what is right and true, God blesses our ways.

When we strive to create safe havens for pregnant mothers in distress, like St. Damien Hospital, and when we create safe havens for children in our homes in nine countries, God's blessing is sure.

Thanks to all of you for your ongoing help, which make all this possible.

God's blessing at Christmas, and throughout the new year of grace.

Fr. Rick Frechette
President, Board of Directors
Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos Haiti

News From TRC Chesterland

By Reena Kanner

The last quarter of 2017 has been very productive for Chesterland Rotary and we are already making great headway for 2018.



Winterfest was a great community event, largest crowd in over 20 years,

Breakfast with Santa again largest crowd in 28 years. This year we added a table for the community to sign Holiday cards for our troops. The cards were donated, and we had families and children lined up to sign, draw a picture, or write a few words. This was Very well received.



Gary Palermo and his membership committee inducted 4 new members and have 3 more possible. Skip Claypool, Kathy Mrazek, Adam Lariccia and

Elena Gomer have joined our ranks and already been involved with our November/December activities.

December also had members ringing the bell for Salvation Army Geauga and Interact also did 2 Saturdays.

Plans are underway for Shining Stars February 17, St Noels. Our partners are Red Tulip (building a home for Women with opiate problems), Gliding Stars of Northeast Ohio(provides individuals with disabilities the opportunity to increase personal potential through ice skating), and our own Interact club, (monies toward their commitment for St Thomas) Tickets are \$150. Per couple, open bar, live music, sit down dinner, silent auction, Chinese auction and great fun. Save the date!

Looking forward to a great 2018-

A Christmas Wish List

I wonder how many Christmas wish lists I have scribbled out over the years... have I ever skipped a year? As a kid, I remember paging through an immensely thick Sears catalog looking at the mini-bikes and go-carts I was always putting on my wish list... I never did get them. I didn't get the BB gun or jack knife on my list either but don't feel sorry for me... Santa has always been plenty good to me!

Christmas was never as much fun as when my children were young, and they made their Christmas lists. We would go to see Santa at Tower City and their lists, written in crayon on the back of wrapping paper, would be left with the big guy in red only to be found, once again, with their stockings on Christmas morning... Christmas magic!!!

We all still write our lists and Santa still leaves notes behind to be found on Christmas morning but, until there are grandkids in the picture, the Christmas magic is a bit more subdued than it once was. To be honest, I have a tough time filling my list... I feel privileged in that I lack for very little. That certainly doesn't mean

there isn't a lot that I wish for it's just that the things I wish for can't delivered under a tree.

As a gardener, I wish for a mild winter, an early spring and a long summer of sunny days with light evening showers to water my gardens.

As a father, I wish for the continued health of my family and friends while praying for the healing of those who are sick and recuperation of those who are injured.

As a driver, I wish that everyone would use their turn signals and that the left lane on the freeway was only used only for passing. (I had a better chance of getting a mini-bike!)

As a business person, I wish for a continual growth of confidence in our economy and in the leadership of our country.

As a human being, I wish that people could find a way to treat one another with the respect and dignity they deserve not because they are our friends or neighbors, not because they look like us or think like us, not because they pray to the same God

or have had the same life experiences... but because, like us, they are humans and that is what they deserve. Unfortunately, I doubt this wish will ever come to pass... perhaps it is not in our nature? What comes to me as more frustrating is that I don't feel I can make a significant difference on a global scale by myself. What is one left to do? I am left to focus on what I can do. I am going to do what I can to make the world a better place to live, work and play and do all I can to inspire others to do the same. I will join with the like-minded members of our community and together we will make a difference both locally and globally. We will spread dignity, we will encourage respect and we will inspire.... one person at a time.

My final wish would be that you join me in my pursuit and that together we achieve what none of us alone could possibly realize.

Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and nothing but the best for you and yours in the New Year.

Now go outside and play in the dirt!

Almost 1,100 Strong in Area Interact Clubs Embark on an Ambitious Service Project

Operation Education Restoration

Interact continues to grow in District 6630. After a long awaited census, we have 1,097 Interact students as of December, 2017, with a new club; Grand Valley Area Interact, starting in January, 2018. "It is a combination of Rotary clubs wanting to get their schools involved and the overall excitement that has been generated with the Interaction events and the District Conference", said Bob Oborn, District Co-Chair of Interact & Rotaract. "We completed two significant District Interact projects in the last two years with Bookcases and books for Battered Women's Shelters and 4,000 pairs of shoes for Shoes for the Sole, providing shoes to children in Senegal, West Africa. Both generated a lot of publicity and interest", Oborn said.

In 2018, the District Interact Clubs are taking on a new and much larger project with the help of District Rotary Clubs, and matching district and International Grants. **Operation Education Restoration** is an effort to raise \$35,000 for materials pertinent to education and literacy in the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. It is spearheaded by the West Geauga High School and Chesterland Rotary Club and adopted as a district project at Interaction 2017

held in November. Chesterland has been in contact with the Rotary District Governor of the Virgin Islands to assist us in partnering with schools there and in Puerto Rico to provide much needed materials and supplies. The District Goal is to raise \$10,000, and have District and International grants match the rest.

Operation Education Restoration will go into a full launch after the holidays with Interact Clubs presenting the plans to their Rotary Clubs and holding fundraisers. It is their hope that Sponsoring Rotary Clubs will pitch in to help them reach their goals. They also hope the other Rotary Clubs in the District will help support them in this worthwhile project. Rotary Clubs and Rotarians wishing to donate can send their checks to RI District 6630 PO Box 578 Burton, Ohio 44021. Please put "Education Project" in the memo portion of the check. Please contact Chelsea Talty at chelsea.talty@westg.org or Bob Oborn at boborn@kentelastomer.com for additional information. The area Interact Clubs and number of members are listed below:

Interact Schools	Members
Aurora High School	137
Chagrin Falls High School	148

Chardon High School	31
Cuyahoga Falls High School	51
Grand Valley Local Interact Starting 2018	
James A Garfield High School	30
Kenston High School	20
Kent Roosevelt High School	2
Lakewood High School	20
Lutheran West High School	33
Mayfield High School	205
Nordonia Middle School	10
North High School	10
Revere High School	8
Rocky River Middle School	25
Shaker Heights High School	40
Solon High School	25
Stow-Munroe Falls High School	25
Strongsville High School	22
Tallmadge High School	27
Twinsburg Area Interact	20
Wadsworth High School	65
West Geauga High School	136
Woodridge High School	7
Total	1,097

Nominees for District Governor Sought

Under the direction of Immediate Past District Governor Jim McKee, the following members will serve on the nominating committee for the 2020-2021 District 6630 Governor.

- Julia Brouhard (Cleveland)
- Thomas Craig (Barberton)
- Shelia Hedrick (Cuyahoga Falls)
- Jim Lechko (Lakewood & Rocky River)
- Jackie Minotas (Hillcrest SR)
- PDG David Skrzynski (Berea)
- Robert Voss (Chesterland)
- Wayne Brodnan (Mentor)
- PDG Jack Young (Conneaut)

District 6630 is seeking applicants for our **2020-2021 District Governor**. One of the most important decisions we make as a District is choosing our future leaders. We are seeking the most qualified person for the position of District Governor. If you have a demonstrated history of leadership and collaboration as a Rotarian and are willing to share your passion and talents as our District Governor, please seriously consider this opportunity.

1 A Governor Nominee must:

1. Be a member in good standing of a Rotary Club in District 6630;

2. Be a Rotarian maintaining full qualifications of membership;

3. Have served as president of a club for a full term or be a charter president of a club having served the full term from the date of charter to 30 June, provided that this period is at least six months.

4. Demonstrate willingness, commitment and ability to full fill the duties and responsibilities of governor;

At the time of taking office of Governor, been a member of one or more Rotary clubs for at least seven years and must have attended the Interna-

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IN Memory of PDG Roderick “Rod” Grant

It with much sadness that I announce the passing of Past District 6630 Governor, Dr. Roderick P. Grant, who was very devoted and served in Rotary for 61 years. He was member of the Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls, serving as president in 1970-71 and upon retiring, transferred to a club in Sun City, Florida.

Dr. Grant was honored to serve as our Governor in 1983-1984. The Rotary theme that year was *Share Rotary- Serve People*, which fit him perfectly as this is what he did throughout his life. Examples of his service includes providing eye exams and glasses to refugees in Thailand (November 1987), leading a Rotary Group Study Exchange team to Brazil (1989), and led a Rotary Friendship Exchange to South Africa (1991).

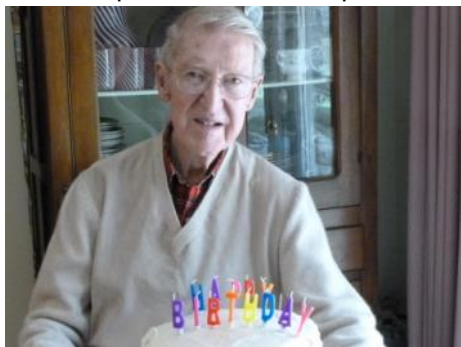
His full obituary follows:

Roderick Pepper, Grant O.D., of Sun City Center, Florida and formerly of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, died December 5, 2017.

He is survived by his wife of 70 years, Felicia Adams Grant; three sons, Peter (Nancy), Stephen (Peggy), and Timothy; he is also survived by six grandchildren, Geoffrey (Ana), Kathryn Haas (Jereme), Benjamin (Sinéad), Zachary (Megha), Edwin (Lindsey), and Curtis (Amy); and five great-grandchildren. He was preceded by his siblings, George H. Grant, Eleanor Thompson and Charles L. Grant.

He was born in Akron, Ohio, March

31, 1924, to the late L. Harrison and Helen Pepper Grant. He attended King School in Akron and graduated from Western Reserve Academy in Hudson, Ohio in 1941. He matriculated to Middlebury College in Vermont but left in his Sophomore year to volunteer for service in the Army. A veteran of [World War II](#), he drove ambulances as a member of the 320th Medical Battalion, 95th Infantry Division, 3rd Army and later 1st Army, in the European Theater of Operations.



Rod married the love of his life, Felicia Adams on August 9, 1947 and the family recently gathered to celebrate their 70th wedding anniversary.

Rod enjoyed a 45-year career as an optometrist, during which he served two terms on the Ohio State Board of Optometry, the second as Board President. Having initially joined his father's optometry practice in Akron (already the 2nd generation of Grant family optometrists), he later established his own practice in Cuyahoga Falls. He retired in 1994 at age 70. The Grant family of optometrists continues in Cuyahoga Falls through his

niece Drusilla (4th generation) and in Beachwood Ohio through his grandson Edwin (5th generation).

Rod devoted much effort to various forms of service. In his 61 years as a [Rotarian](#), Rod served as a district governor for Northeast Ohio (1983-84), provided eye exams and glasses to refugees in Thailand (November 1987), led a Group Study Exchange team to Brazil (1989), and led a Friendship Exchange to South Africa (1991). After retiring to Florida, he continued in Rotary for the next 23 years. As a young man Rod served as chairman of the Cuyahoga Falls YMCA board (1963) and as president of the Cuyahoga Falls Family Service (1965). He also belonged to the Akron Jaycees. A lifelong Congregationalist, Rod was a member of West Congregational Church in Akron and Pilgrim United Church of Christ in Cuyahoga Falls, where he served two terms as moderator.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions in Rod's memory to the Rotary Foundation. Rotary Foundation Scholarship Endowment, c/o Rotary Club of Sun City Center, P.O. Box 5382, Sun City Center, Florida 33571

Sincerely,
Cheryl Warren
District Secretary 2017-18
Rotary International Past District 6630 Governor (2015-2016) | Home Club: Akron, Ohio
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Nominees Sought, cont'd

tional Assembly (to be held in January 2020) in its entirety.

[\(Duties of a Governor can be viewed at Rotary International Bylaws – article 16.090\)](#)

[Applications](#) must be submitted by **US Mail** prior to **January 10, 2018**. Please note that the form requires your club secretary to attest that the club is aware of

and endorses your application.

Also include the [Additional Information Form](#).

Please send the completed [Application](#) (signed by the nominee and club secretary) and the [Additional Information Form](#) by **January 10, 2018** to:

Jim McKee, IPDG / Nominating Committee Chair
1174 Mount Pleasant N.W.

North Canton, Ohio 44720

Please direct any questions to Immediate Past District Governor Jim McKee, Nominating Committee Chair, via e-mail to hunnee1997@aol.com or by phone (330) 807-9945. *Nominees will be notified of date and time of interviews.*

News From TRC Berea

Linda G. Kramer
Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Berea

Berea Rotary & Rotaract Serve Cocoa & Cookies for Jack Frost Festival

Rotarians joined with the Rotaract Club of Baldwin Wallace University to serve cocoa and cookies during Berea's annual Jack Frost Festival of Lights and Parade. Berea Rotary donated cookies and cocoa. BW also donated some of the hot chocolate. Thousands of Bereans and residents of surrounding communities attend the nighttime festival, which includes rides, games and a fireworks display in the downtown. Thanks to Marc West, Berea Rotary's adviser to the BW Rotaractors.



The Rotaract Club of Baldwin Wallace University decked out in seasonal hats supplied by Rotaract adviser Marc West, second from right, back row



Berea & Parma Rotary Celebrate at Holiday Party

The Rotary Clubs of Berea and Parma combined to celebrate the season at Berea's annual Holiday Party at Bucci's J'Bella restaurant in Strongsville. Also attending were members of the Brunswick Rotary Club.

District officials in attendance were PDG Dave Skrzynski and DGE Bev Skrzynski.

Rotarians and guests dined on strip steak, chicken piccata and cod Milanese while enjoying each other's company.



PDG Dave & DGE Bev Skrzynski, Jim & Dottie Walters



Berea Rotary Supports Food Pantries



AG Linda Kramer presents checks to Lona Gruber, left, of SCAN, and Judy Murphy of Church Street Ministries

The Rotary Club of Berea presented \$500 checks to SCAN pantry and Church Street Ministries at the meeting on Tuesday, Nov. 28. A check had already been presented to Berea Community Outreach in October.

Lona Gruber, executive director of SCAN, told how the number of families fed has increased every year. Many of the clients have needs other than food supplies, she said. Many have mental health issues and housing issues. Lona attempts to direct them to the proper resources to obtain additional help. SCAN serves residents of Berea, Middleburg Heights, Brook Park, Strongsville, Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township and Columbia Station.

Judy Murphy, president of the board of Church Street Ministries, said her pantry is a choice pantry – clients can select items and take what they want and need. The CSM pantry serves on average 572 families each month from the Greater Cleveland area. They distribute 22,000 pounds of food. The Second Mile Shop revenues support the pantry with a special emphasis on aiding veterans. Each month, CSM's "Giving Calendar" requests certain donations. In December, the need is for Christmas gifts and hams.