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District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

Wow! I am amazed by all the good works done by the Rotarians in District 6630! So many events, so many passions, so many causes! Please look at our District 6630 website and utilize this newsletter for information on events in which you would like to participate. As always in February, our clubs have so many positive events to share!

FOUNDATION GALA

On Friday, March 3, at Hale Farm And Village, we will honor the clubs and individuals for Foundation giving. Fifteen Clubs earned a Paul Harris Fellow to award someone their Club found deserving. Many more clubs will be recognized with banners for their generosity. One club will be recognized as an All-Paul Harris Club! The Rotary Club of Northampton will be recognized as the first club in District 6630 to receive this distinction since the Rotary Club of Mantua in 1982! Wow!

The theme for the evening will be the 1850s. Casual wear is fine for this affair, but many folks will come in period costume. Two winners will be chosen who will receive free conference registration! That is a \$169. value!

Generous Rotarians have donated awesome prizes and experiences which can't be purchased anywhere else! Clubs have joined in with tickets to their events. Clusters have made baskets. There will be something for everyone. Don't miss it! You can register through 2/28. Tickets at the door will be \$30. Register now!

DISTRICT NIGHT WITH CAVS

On 3/14, we will have a fun night at a Cavs game. Tickets are available by contacting Stew Buchanan. A party will be held at the Cleveland before the game. This is always a fun night! Cavs tickets are not easy to get anytime, but getting to sit with your Rotary friends only happens once a year! Wow!

The FOUR-WAY SPEECH CONTEST

This year the District competition will be held at Aurora High School on April 8th. This year the contest has been expanded so more school champions can participate. A club can sponsor a winner from each high school in their area. Please plan to attend this awesome Rotary event!

DISTRICT CONFERENCE 4/21-4/23

The theme of our conference this year is 'Celebrate Rotary.' We are going to celebrate the 'Doing Good in the World' we do in our district. It is inspiring to see what has been accomplished and what is in the works!

Registration will open by 3/1. Anyone registering by 3/22 will receive the early bird price of \$169. This includes 2 luncheons, 2 dinners, admission to the InterAct Carnival, and all programs. If you have not been to a District Conference, it is an eye opening experience!

FUN WITH INTERACT CLUBS AT CARNIVAL

The InterAct Clubs are putting on a Carnival for Rotarians Saturday afternoon. There will be games and prizes. Working with the youth has been my favorite Rotary experience. Helping our young people learn the values we share as Rotarians is awesome stuff!

SHOES FOR THE SOLE

The InterAct Clubs, for their district fundraiser, are collecting shoes for the people in Senegal. Many of these people never own a pair of shoes. Our InterAct clubs aim to change that.

Governor's Letter cont'd

Gently used and new tennis shoes, sneakers and cleats are being collected by the students. A dollar per pair is being requested from the clubs to ship the shoes.

Last year the InterAct clubs collected 6000 books and built bookcases for community children. We have 6 new InterAct clubs this year, so I know there will be a pile of shoes at our conference! Wow!

GET INVOLVED

Every month I have the honor of sharing what Rotarians are doing. I am so honored to have this position. I would not be doing my job if I did not ask you to seek your passion. Rotary had so much to offer. There are many willing people who are capable doers to make things happen. Share ideas, exchange plans, and take action! Someone shared the gift of Rotary with you! Don't leave the gift in the closet! Use Rotary to help make your world a better place! I hope to see you soon! Your Happy District Governor, Jim McKee, 2016-17

OTHER NEWS

Birds of a feather

For 25 years, they have migrated to the site of the Rotary Convention. Look closely and you may spot them: The Fellowship of Birdwatching Rotarians.

[Learn more about the fellowship](#)



What does it feel like to be in an iron lung?

Dispatched to Ghana with a fellow British Rotarian to scout club service opportunities, Roger Frank hadn't planned their visit to coincide with National Immunization Days. But the pair – Frank and Dr. Carl Hallam – jumped, unhesitating, into the thick of inoculations. Frank has built his own iron lung replica to teach a new generation about polio. [Read more of the story.](#)

Chagrin Highlands Pancake Breakfast

On Sunday, March 19, 2017, the Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club will hold our 25th annual pancake breakfast at Orange High School (on Chagrin Blvd, just east of Lander Rd.) from 9 am to 1 pm. The Chagrin Highlands Rotary covers Beachwood, Orange, Pepper Pike and Woodmere.

This highly successful fundraiser benefits both our local and worldwide communities with proceeds going to projects that help people truly in need. As a result of past Pancake Breakfasts, the Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club has been able to

fund numerous worthwhile projects including just about eradicating POLIO in the entire world.

Our members will be flipping both regular and blueberry pancakes, and providing sausage and pure Ohio maple syrup. We will also have entertainment and we welcome the public including all Rotarians.

Tickets can be purchased before or at the door for \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for seniors and children under 12. Contact John Newburger at 216-544-0102 for tickets and information. JUST COME AND HAVE A GREAT TIME.

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E-mail: info@rotary.org	

News From North Summit Cluster

The North Summit Cluster of Clubs (Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson Clocktower, Hudson, Northampton and Stow-Munroe Falls) have done it again. They have completed their third cluster grant in three years.

The grants included: outfitting a room at The Battered Women's Shelter in Akron; purchasing a van for the Students With A Goal (SWAG) after school program for middle school and high school students from the Summit Lakes area in Akron; and the current purchase of a fork lift for the food program at Open M in Akron.

The cluster by pooling resources in order to apply to Rotary International for a district grant, are able to make a difference for lives of people with special

needs.

By a Rotarian that cares... and appreciates all who are serving others.

Pat Myers
Assistant Governor 6630

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

BE SURE TO MOVE YOUR CURSOR OVER THE GRAPHICS OR PICTURES FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT... MANY OF THEM ARE LINKS TO VIDEOS, WEBSITES, PICTURES OR OTHER GOODIES

ShelterBox Update Feb 2017

So far in 2017 Shelter Box has responded to 4 disasters in the world. They have deployed aide in Haiti, Niger, Cameroon and Syria/Iraq. In addition, Shelter Box Operations are monitor wild fires in Chili and flooding in Peru. PROVIDING BASIC HUMAN NECESSITIES TO FAMILIES IN THEIR DARKEST

HOUR. Since 2012, Shelter Box has been serving the refugees and internally displaced people from the Syria Refugee Crisis. Millions of families have been affected

in multiple countries, fleeing the sustained and terrible aftermath of conflict.

In the past 5 years, Shelter Box has helped over 9,000 families with emergency shelter and winterized gear and sent 4.8 million dollars in aid. The need is ever present as families continue to be affected and the conflict has no end in the foreseeable future. Shelter Box and its distribution partners. Hand in Hand for Syria and Relief Aide remained committed in supporting any families in need. It

is all about helping families in their most desperate hour.

DID YOU KNOW??? Following the earthquake in Haiti in 2010, Shelter Box supplied 1/3 of the tended shelter provided to the 1 million Haitians made homeless by the catastrophic 7.0 earth quake.

In addition, we have also what is called a Shelter box Kit. Our Shelter Box Kit contains a selection of materials, including tool kits, ropes, fixings and heavy tarpaulins, that can be used to make emergency shelters, repair damaged buildings and create the foundation for new homes. The deployment of the kit is made after the assessment of our SRT members once we are in a country. As for the Shelter Box and contents, we are continually in need of your support. The cost of each box, shipping and deployment of our Response Team Members remains at \$ 1,000 dollars. This cost has gone unchanged for the 11 years I have involved with Shelter Box USA.

For more information, please contact PDG Jack Young, 440 -759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com.



December 7, 2016

Mr. Hans Becker
688 Prior Park Drive
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223

Dear Friends of OPEN M,

Random acts of kindness are everywhere--when you let someone merge in front of you on the highway, hold the door open for someone else, or return a shopping cart for a young mother. It is not necessary that you know the person. In fact, kindness of the purest form is carried out without expectation of acknowledgement.

We are so grateful for Northampton Rotary, Cuyahoga Falls Rotary, Hudson Morning Club and Hudson Clock Tower's random act of kindness with your gift of the fork lift/tow motor for our pantry. This fork lift will make it easier for us to distribute heavy items from our utility van into our pantry area and will save us so much time! We are extremely thankful that you all joined in together to help us purchase this gently used fork lift. Your thoughtful gesture will be recognized on our website at www.openm.org.

We are always humbled by our donors when we realize we can easily be distracted by the fast pace of our busy world, and sometimes we miss the opportunities to make a difference in someone's life. As stated in Acts 20:35; "... remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

Blessings,

Dottie Achmoody
Dottie Achmoody MPA
Chief Executive Officer

Julie Carneal
Julie Carneal
Food & Building Manager

IMPORTANT TAX DOCUMENT

In compliance with IRS Code Section 170(f) (8), this receipt serves as verification that you received no goods or services from OPEN M in consideration for your gift. Please retain this letter for tax purposes.

Thanks for all of your help in fulfilling our requests

Dottie Achmoody, MPA, Chief Executive Officer

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District Rotarians Donate Fork Lift



The Rotary Club of Hudson Learns of the Partnership for Arts and Culture

Tom Schorgl, President & CEO of the Community Partnership for Arts & Culture located in Cleveland, recently detailed for the Rotary Club of Hudson his organization's comprehensive strategy and goals for Northeast Ohio. CPAC is a nonprofit service organization offering competencies in public policy, business development and research. CPAC provides business training and support to individual artists as well as business assessment and diagnostic services to nonprofit arts and cultural organizations.

The CPAC objective of integrating arts with community led to a planning process to

- Provide public access to arts and culture
- Promote lifelong learning partnerships
- Encourage charitable organizations to work together
- Develop resources for the arts and culture community

The initial focus of the Partnership was to determine the economic impact of arts and culture on the community, including the effect on suppliers to cultural groups.

The strategy developed for the Partnership addressed capacity building

and public policy leading to an Arts Entrepreneurs program and City Government Issue 31 for public sector funding. The City pledged \$250,000 and the Partnership raised \$750,000. And, a proposed tobacco excise tax in Cuyahoga County to establish an arts and culture issue recently received a 75% voter approval. The excise tax generates \$15 million annually.

Schorgl holds BFA and MA degrees from the University of Iowa and an MFA from Miami University in Ohio. He is the recipient of the Indiana Governor's Arts Award, the Cleveland Arts Prize's Robert P. Bergman Award and the Ohio Citizens for the Arts' William R. Joseph, Ohio Arts Advocacy Medal.

For more information about the Community Partnership for Arts and Culture, please go to www.cultureforward.org.

To learn of future Rotary Club speakers and topics, please go to www.hudsonrotary.org.

Port-Summit Duck Derby

Port-Summit Rotary Club has begun the planning of their 2nd Annual Dizzy Duck Derby. The Derby will take place at the Ellet Community Center on June 3rd (rain date of June 4th). Solicitation of donations has begun and ducks will begin being sold soon! We have also started planning for our Local Four-Way Speech Contest. The school districts that will be participating are Springfield, Field, and Mogadore Local Schools, along with Ellet High School which is a part of the Akron Public School District. The registration deadline is on March 6th, with our local contest taking place on March 23rd at the Mogadore High School.

ROTARY AUTISM FUNDRAISER

CLEVELAND STORYTELLER

MILLIONAIRES' ROW Q & A

[HTTP://CLEVELANDSTORYTELLER.COM/AUTISM-EVENT/](http://CLEVELANDSTORYTELLER.COM/AUTISM-EVENT/)

Sunday, March 19, 2017
At Fine Ridge Country Club
5:30 p.m. : Cocktail (cash bar)
6:00 p.m. : Dinner
7:00 p.m. : Mayor Dave Anderson will question Dan Rumsinski, Cleveland's Storyteller
Tickets: \$49 each (reservations required by March 17, 2017)

100% of proceeds will provide iPads to autistic children. Checks should be made out to the Willoughby Rotary Foundation.
Order tickets from Dan at 440-951-1323 or online at:
<http://clevelandstoryteller.com/autism-event>

About The Fundraiser
Join Master of Ceremonies and popular Willoughby Mayor David Anderson as he questions The Storyteller on the greatness of Cleveland's gilded age.
The answers will surprise, amaze and entertain in a way that you will never look at Cleveland, Ohio, the same way again.
Share a unique evening with The Cleveland Storyteller, Dan Rumsinski will answer questions, bringing the past to life in an entertaining return to Euclid Avenue, which wasn't merely the most stunning show of wealth in Cleveland, but also in the entire country.
Proceeds will be donated to the Willoughby Rotary Autism Project, raising funds to purchase iPads for children with autism.

Contact us for more information:
www.clevelandstoryteller.com
dan@clevelandstoryteller.com
Telephone: 440-951-1323



Bill Gates to keynote convention

Bill Gates, co-chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, will speak at this year's Rotary International Convention June 10-14 in Atlanta, Georgia, USA. The convention is expected to attract 40,000 Rotary club members from over 160 countries, and inject an estimated \$52.3 million into Atlanta's economy.

- [Read more about speakers](#)
- [Register](#)
- [Learn about host events](#)

Dial "M" For Murder

To celebrate 10 years since the Chartering of the Club and the establishment of its new Foundation, the Sunrise Club of Lakewood/Rocky River will have a Mystery Party on Saturday, May 20. It will be a fun evening of sleuthing and trying to solve the mystery of committed the murder. In addition to "clues" being presented by a local theatre group to attendees to help them identify the killer and details of the crime, there will be a silent and live auction, raffles and side boards to raise money for the Club Foundation, which supports Community and International projects of the Club. Focus of these projects is on the needs of families, Elderly and young people of the Lakewood and Rocky River. Major benefactors are the Rocky River Assistance program and the Lakewood Charitable Assistance programs that provide food to needy families in their Communities.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW FOR SATURDAY, MAY 20 FROM 6 TO 9 PM AT WEST SHORE UNITED UNIVERSALIST CHURCH - BAKER HALL, 20401 HILLIARD BOULEVARED, ROCKY RIVER.

THERE WILL BE A FULL COURSE SIT-DOWN DINNER AND OPEN BAR. THE COST IS JUST \$75 PER PERSON OR \$125 FOR TICKETS PURCHASED BY APRIL 1 WITH A PORTION TAX DEDUCTIBLE.

TICKETS CAN BE PURCHASED ON LINE AT dcsviojd@gmail.com, OR STOP IN TO A MEETING OF THE

CLUB ON WEDNESDAY MORNING AT 7:30AM AT THE ROCKY RIVER CIVIC CENTER UMERLEY HALL BEHIND CITY HALL AT HILLIARD AND WEST 210TH

Elizabeth Butler Wins Rotary Youth Exchange Scholarship

"As a Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Student, Elizabeth Whetstone, a junior at Buckeye High School, will spend a full academic year, 2017-18, living with host families and attending school in Brazil," stated Medina Sunrise Rotarian Kent Morgan, Superintendent of Buckeye Local Schools. "Along with Elizabeth's high school principal Gabe Tudor, her parents and the other students, we are very proud that Elizabeth has been selected to be the first RYE Outbound Scholarship student from Buckeye High School. I have every confidence in her future success and believe that she will be a splendid representative of Buckeye and our community. We would also like to express our appreciation to the Medina Sunrise Rotary Club for sponsor-

ing Elizabeth and for their partnership with Buckeye Schools."

Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) is a Rotary International student exchange scholarship program for students in secondary school. Since 1929, Rotary International has sent highly qualified young people around the globe to experience new cultures and be youth ambassadors of their local communities. Currently, about 9,000 students are sponsored by Rotary clubs every year. Rotary is a fully accredited member of CSIET - Council of Standards for International Student Exchange: <http://www.csiet.org>.

VISIT <http://rotarydistrict6630.org/SitePage/youth-exchange> FOR MORE INFORMATION

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FOUNDATION GALA

MARCH 3, 2017
6PM

~ 1850's THEMED EVENT ~

HALE FARM & VILLAGE
2686 OAK HILL ROAD
BATH, OH
\$25.00 PER PERSON

CLUB AWARDS PRESENTATION

- FELLOWSHIP
- PERIOD ERA FOOD
- SPIRITS
- PERIOD DRESS CONTEST. DRESS FOR THE OCCASION, OR COME IN YOUR MOST COMFORTABLE CLOTHES.
- LIVE AUCTION FOR "LIFE EXPERIENCES"

~ ROTARY CORNHOLE SET MADE BY PDG BOB JOHNSON
~ CAVALIERS PLAYOFF TICKETS ~ PADDLE BOARDING ON LAKE ERIE
~ A BOX AT THE CLEVELAND AIR SHOW ~ AND MORE TO COME!!

R.S.V.P. NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 20, 2017
ONLINE AT WWW.ROTARYDISTRICT6630.ORG
OR CALL 330.495.9814



SOCIAL MEDIA

7 steps to increase your club's Facebook presence

A Facebook page gives your club a voice on Facebook. With so much other "noise" on social media, there are several things you can do to raise your club's page above the distractions.

[Read Melissa Ward's blog post](#)

[Visit Rotary on Facebook](#)



Youth Challenge Rotary Donation Feb 4, 2017

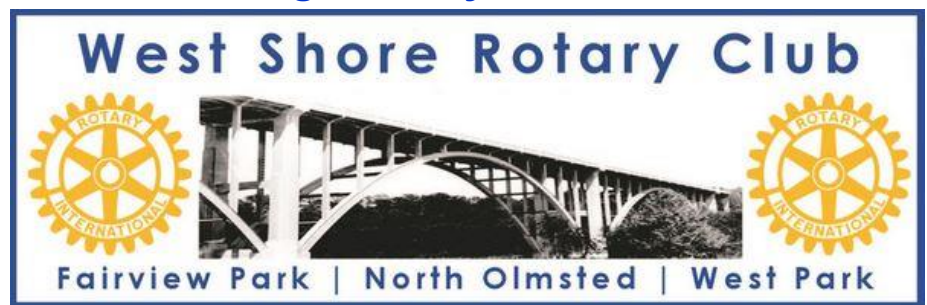
District 6630 Newsletter Policy

Submit story suggestions to
Mike Johns, Jr.

at stonecut@sbcglobal.net.

We accept article ideas about club and district successes, including fundraisers, publicity efforts, service projects, and membership drives. Please include descriptions, high-resolution photos, and contact information in your email. Due to the high volume of submissions, we cannot promise to feature your story.

PLEASE USE "ARTICLE FOR DISTRICT NEWSLETTER" IN THE SUBJECT LINE



TRC Akron's 27th Chili Open

February 4, 2017 was quite a chilly day, but that didn't stop over 500 attendees from joining together for the 27th annual Chili Open Golf Classic, presented by Wayne Homes. The grounds of Hale Farm and Village in Bath, Ohio were transformed into five unique golf courses with 9 holes each that ranged from 65-125 yards. Participants also had a chance to take a shot at the hole-in-one and closets-to-the-pin to win some great prizes!

The day was a huge success and together we raised over \$239,000 benefiting the Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs. Funds from the event will help more than 1,800 children to attend summer camp and year round respite programs which will help them build independence, social skills, and memories that last a lifetime. Last year, Akron Rotary Camp provided over \$180,000 in direct financial assistance to campers and families in need.



We are grateful to each and every one that contributed in some way. Thank you to all Rotarians that supported the cause by purchasing raffle tickets, sponsorships, camperships, donated prizes or volunteered their time. We appreciate the continued support. Thank you also to our two co-chairs, Julie Brandle and Rick Rockich for steering this event as well as other committee members for all your efforts and support.

Mark your calendars to join us for Akron Rotary's 28th annual Chili Open Golf Classic on February 3, 2018!

Amanda Warner
Akron Rotary Camp

Post-Truth & The 4-Way Test Speech Contest

Would Herbert Taylor re-write Rotary International's 4 Way Test if he learned that "post-truth" was 2016's international word of the year? Aurora, OH, February 16, 2017 – "Post-truth" is defined as "relating to or denoting circumstances in which objective facts are less influential in shaping public opinion than appeals to emotion and personal belief." The prefix "post-" in this case doesn't mean "after". Katherine Martin, the head of U.S. dictionaries for Oxford University Press said "The final word of the year is meant to be one that captures the "ethos, mood or preoccupations of that particular year and to have lasting potential as a word of cultural significance." Does this mean Truth has lost relevance? Do Facts matter anymore? Is the 4 Way Test passé?

On April 8, 2017 high school students from around North East Ohio will compete in our District 4 Way Test Speech Contest at Aurora High School. These young speakers will apply core Rotarian values to burning issues and problems of our time. They will sway us with facts, while appealing to our emotions and beliefs. All those who attend, will leave feeling inspired and optimistic about the future.

The District 4 Way Test Speech Contest enables these young students to achieve their full potential, not just for themselves but for the benefit of all. This makes it worthy of support. Now you have an opportunity to do so by joining 'Friends of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest'. If you are unable to attend, you can opt to be a Friend.

How to be a Friend? (Please see flyer for more details) All you have to do

is send a check for \$25/- to RI District 6630. In return, your name will be listed in the District Speech Contest program as a Friend of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest. You will also be entitled to attend the District 4 Way Test Speech Contest, at no extra charge. This includes lunch and refreshments (\$15/- value).

Truth vs Post-Truth Culture evolves, alternative meanings emerge. Does 'post-truth' with lasting potential as a word of cultural significance, pose any problem to cherished Rotarian values? Rotary International's 4 Way Test, is anchored in Truth. Truth not only matters but involves us all. Now more than ever, your support of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest, is the best way to insure the future! Let's be friends!

Peter DeSouza Tel: 330-671-8582 |
Email: peter@violetorthodontics.com
Chair, Rotary District 6630 4 Way Test Speech Contest

To put your stamp on the FUTURE.



become a friend TODAY.

If you support the values of the 4 Way Test and would like to pass them on to the next generation. Become a Friend of the 4 Way Test. All you have to do is send in a check for \$25/- Just as a stamp makes a letter go places, your friendship will make this contest soar higher!

In return, your name will be listed in the District Contest program as a Friend of the 4 Way Test. You will also be entitled to attend the District Contest on April 8, 2017 at Aurora High School, at no extra charge. This includes lunch and refreshments (\$15/- value).

You do not have to attend the contest to become a Friend. All money raised will be used towards the contest. An excellent opportunity to put your stamp on the future!

(Cut and return this portion with payment to address indicated below by April 3, 2017)

Please list my name as a Friend of the 4 Way Test Speech Contest as follows:

☐ YES, I will attend the District Contest on April 8, 2017
☐ NO, I am unable to attend the District Contest

Make checks for \$25/- payable to RI District 6630 and mail to:
RI District 6630, P.O. Box 578, Burton, OH 44021
Deadline to receive Form & Payment is April 3, 2017

News From TRC Westlake/Bay Village

By Donna D'Amico

2017 is starting off with 4 new members of the Rotary Club of Westlake/Bay Village. "We are thrilled to have these great community leaders join our Rotary Club", said Marie Marrali, chairperson the Club's membership committee.



NID India 2017

On January 30th and 31st Dolores McCumbers and I were in Malagaon, India as part of a National Immunization Team comprised of Rotarians from six states. The city, predominantly Muslim, has many families who have refused to vaccinate their children. We were there to provide a morale boost for the Rotarians, WHO and UNICEF workers and local health workers who have been toiling for years to eliminate the threat of polio in India. A second reason was to demonstrate to those who were refusing the vaccine that it is important enough for us to travel around the world at our own expense to maintain India polio free. We had quite a few successful conversions with one father explicitly saying he agreed because we had come so far.

I would be very interested to share my experiences in India with your club at a time of mutual convenience. Please contact me at ZABORSL@gmail.com to let me know if you would like me to make a presentation.

Yours in Service Above Self,
Steve Zabor

Does Your Club Have a Business Card?

Check out this example from The Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise...

Please join our effort to help children in Medina County

Check us out @ Rustic Hills 7:15am Tuesdays

"Committed to making a difference in the lives of children in our community and beyond through our time, talents and treasures."

← more information

Rotary Club of Medina Sunrise

Our group of Community Leaders proudly supports...

- Children's Center of Medina County
- Feeding Medina County
- Scholarships for area High School Seniors

...and many more

Check us out!

Contact Lisa Hamilton: lhamilton111@aol.com

MedinaSunriseRotary.com

How Flexible are Your Membership Options?

Do you know Rotaractors who could bring new perspectives, ideas, and energy to your club? Have your members asked for a more flexible attendance policy or different membership types? Here are five ways to implement the new options for membership flexibility approved during the 2016 Council on Legislation.

- **Change your meeting schedule** — you can change the day and time your club meets, as long as your club meets at least twice a month.
- **Vary the meeting format** — you can meet in person or online, or have a combination of both. [Read how the Rotary Club of New York](#) is teaming with the UN to host monthly breakfast meetings online.
- **Relax attendance requirements** — while attendance is important, you can encourage members to give their time in different ways.
- **Offer different membership types** — alternative types include family, junior, or corporate memberships. These members will only be considered active and counted toward your membership total if they pay RI dues.
- **Invite Rotaractors to be members of your club** — you can reduce fees or relax the attendance policy for these members, as long as your bylaws reflect this.

Visit www.rotary.org/flexibility to learn more and to access resources to help your club start applying these changes. If you've already made changes to help your club membership become more flexible, tell your story to fellow Rotarians on the [Membership Best Practices Discussion Group](#).

A Blast From the Past

While doing some remodeling in our house, we stumbled upon a lot of old newspapers that were used as a sort of underlayment under some old linoleum. These papers were all from around 1946. This article was on the editorial page of the Cleveland Press on July 20, 1946. Given Rotary's interest in Polio, this might be of interest for your newsletter.

Neal Klabunde

Cleveland's Polio Cases

It is impossible to draw any conclusions from the fact that six of the first nine cases of infantile paralysis reported in Greater Cleveland had visited the North Chagrin Reservation of the Cleveland Metropolitan Park System during the June 15-16 week-end.

The reason for this is because medical science does not yet know how the virus of polio is carried or spread. There is evidence that flies become contaminated with the virus from sewage but there is no evidence to prove that any person was ever infected with the virus of polio by flies.

As Dr. Harold J. Knapp, city health commissioner, points out, the visits to the park may have just been a coincidence.

In the outbreak of polio in Cleveland in the summer of 1941, it turned out that seven of the first 15 victims had been swimming at the White City Beach. This led Dr. Knapp to close the beach at the time as a possible source of infection. But this was never established with certainty.

At the moment there are 28 cases of polio in Greater Cleveland. The situation is obviously serious but there is no reason for panic. Sensible rules of health should be observed. One should not drink water or milk that is of doubtful sources and one should not eat raw fruits or vegetables without washing them.

Meanwhile residents should be as careful as possible with their children, and call the doctor at once if a child gets sick. But real preventive measures are still up to intensive research along lines conducted by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, for which the nation is spending its money with increasing hope of decisive results.

Interact Service Project: Shoes for the Sole!

Only two months left to collect!

The Interact and Rotaract Clubs of Rotary District 6630 chose their service project for the District Conference in April of this year. Their project is named "Shoes for the Sole". They are collecting children and adult shoes that

will be sent to Africa for a non-profit group called YES! Incorporated.

Yes was founded in 2005 and has collected over 150,000

pairs of shoes to be sent to Senegal, West Africa. Shoes are a rarity in Africa, as children use crushed plastic water bottle tied to their feet to protect them from parasitic diseases like Hookworm and strongyloidiasis that plagues million sand is common in undeveloped countries.

Each Interact club is going to collect new and gently used but still serviceable tennis shoes, cleats, and recreation shoes. Once the bags or box-

es are filled, the can either be picked up or brought to the district conference in April. The Interact and Rotaract clubs are asking their sponsoring clubs to donate \$1 per pair of shoes to help Yes! with the shipping costs from Atlanta to Senegal. Shipping costs for

the shoes to be shipped to Atlanta have already been donated.

Would your Rotary Club like to help collect? We can use all the help we can get. Please contact Bob

Oborn at boborn@kentelastomer.com or 330-689-0485 and he will get you donation boxes to collect, or better yet, just bring the shoes in a bag or box to the district conference. Last years' service project was collecting books to be used at battered women's and homeless shelters with over 6,000 books to be collected. We need help to make just as big of an impact this year as we did last year.



Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

The Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's is continually looking for Rotarian's who were also in and or adult leaders in the Scouting Organizations. If you have been involved in Scouting and would like to continue your support to the Scouting Movement and Rotary our fellowship team would like to hear from you.

There will be a Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's booth in the House of Friendship in Atlanta in June. In July of this year, the 2017 National Scouting Jamboree will be held at the Summit locate near Beckley, West Virginia.

It should be noted that Past RI President 1992-93 Cliff Dochterman was an active Boy Scout and member of the FSR. The Cliff Dochterman

award was named in his honor and is awarded to those with outstanding Service to Rotary and Scouting.

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