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District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

Wow! The New Year has arrived and we are almost a month in already. The more fun we have, the faster it seems to go! An older friend told me every year goes by faster than the last. I would not know, so I will take her word for it! Rotary keeps me young! How about you? We have so much to do!

FOUNDATION GALA

We honor our clubs every year for their support of the Rotary Foundation. This year 15 clubs will receive a Paul Harris Fellow Award for their generous contributions. Several more will be recognized with banners for their contributions. These awards are for PDG Cheryl's Year.

This is a short program which is long on fun!

We are having the Gala at Hale Farm and Village on Friday, March 3, 2017. The theme is the 1850s. An EXPERIENCE AUCTION will be held. This is a great chance to bid and win great experiences and items donated by fellow Rotarians.

If you would like to donate a special experience or gift to the cause, please let your club president know. The assistant governors are taking the pledges which we are advertising on the Dis-

trict 6630 web page. We already have amazing gifts. Please join in and help us!

Good times! A period era costume contest will be held. Two winners will be chosen and will receive free conference registration. That is a \$175.00 value!

If you choose to come in more modern wear, casual is the rule of the day! We are going to have FUN! Period food will be provided. Registration is open now. Tickets are \$25. each.

CLEAN THE CLOSET

Do you have too many shoes? The District 6630 InterAct Clubs have the solution! All the clubs are collecting gently used and new shoes for their service project, 'Shoes For The Sole.'

What is a fashion statement for many of us is still a luxury for many people in our world. For many people in developing countries, owning shoes is a rarity. Since shoes help prevent the spread of parasitic diseases, they are a basic human necessity. Let's help our InterActors meet their goal! Tennis shoes and cleats are needed.

Shoes will be collected at our District Conference, CELEBRATE ROTARY, April 21-23 at the Cuyahoga Falls Sheraton. Please dis-

cuss this most worthy project and participate. This year the shoes are being sent to Senegal, West Africa. The InterAct clubs are asking for a \$1.00 donation per pair collected to ship the shoes.

Thanks to Bob Oborn and Kent Elastomer Products for providing packaging and shipping to Atlanta.

ON TO ATLANTA

We have 85 people registered from our District 6630 to attend the International Convention in Atlanta! This is an amazing opportunity to truly experience the effect Rotary has in making our world a safer and better place.

A bus trip was considered, but with airfare at \$69. each way last week on Southwest, there was not enough demand. Jack Young, On To Atlanta chair, is asking anyone interested in car pooling, (either as a driver or passenger,) to please contact him. A common arrangement would be the passenger would pay for all the fuel costs. Time is short! Hotels are booking fast. Please register now, The Centennial Foundation and our district's own, Arch Klumph, will be at the center this year. It was in Atlanta in 1917 that Arch Klumph as R.I. President first issued

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the challenge for Rotary to establish an endowment fund. Wow! So exciting! Be a part of this great week in Atlanta!

CELEBRATE ROTARY

Our conference this year is shaping up to be a true celebration of who we are as Rotarians! Here is a taste! The 'Children of the Dump' project will be featured. The Four-Way Speech Contest will be back for the Saturday luncheon. The keynote speaker Saturday evening will tell his personal battle with polio. We must celebrate the great victory we all share in defeating this disease. A video sharing our part of this challenge will be shared. It will be very special as it will tell the story from the perspective of

Don Kwait.... in his own words. For anyone who might not know.... on September 29, 1979, our very own Don Kwait administered the first vaccine in the Philippines. The power of one... the idea which

has saved the lives of millions!

The luncheons will both feature Rotarians from our District.... with very special messages and challenges.

Can you tell I am excited? It is going to be great! Inspiring! Empowering! Fun!

I almost forgot to mention the Carnival put on by the InterAct Clubs! Wow!

SHARE ROTARY

It's a new year! CELEBRATE ROTARY by sharing this precious gift with someone you meet. Invite them to a meeting. Someone invited you!

A reminder! Take my Governor's Challenge. How far are you on your 100-point challenge? Visit other clubs! Join some committees! Go to events! Sign up for the Gala and the Conference! Sign up for the International Conference in Atlanta!

It is all so great! Wow! Your Happy District Governor. Jim McKee

Rotary & The Tournament of Roses

I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Tournament of

Roses Parade in Pasadena on January 2nd. We were fortunate enough to witness the floats being created two days before the parade.

We were also very lucky to meet fellow

Rotarians from Southern California. As an added bonus, Rotary International President Germ, was there

for the weekend as Rotary had a float in the Parade.

Coincidentally, my wife and I actually met him and his wife and had a picture taken with them.

I am attaching that picture as well as the one from our fellow California Rotarians and a picture of the float from the



parade.

Bob Fratio

Rotary Club of Painesville

RI Resources & Reference

[Rotary Voices: Stories of service from around the world](#)

[Rotary Service Connections: Connect, partner and serve through Rotary](#)

[Rotary Leader: Helping club and district officers achieve success](#)

[Rotary Images: Download photos to use in your club or district publications](#)

Rotary
District 6630
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!!

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ONLINE AT WWW.ROTARYDISTRICT6630.ORG
OR CALL 330.495.9814

Chagrin Highlands Invites You

The Chagrin Highlands Rotary has a speaker most Fridays at lunch time. We are going to have a few interesting speakers in the next few months and you are invited to come to our luncheon and listen. We meet every Friday at noon at Maggiano's Restaurant at the entrance to the Beachwood Place Mall. We have a buffet lunch, a brief meeting at 12:30 and then the speaker starts at 12:40 and finishes at 1:10. We have 2 interesting speakers coming in the next few months as follows:

February 3 Shirley Morgenstern, the President of

the Cleveland POPS will discuss how she got the POPS started about 21 years ago.

May 5 Armond Budish, the Cuyahoga County Executive.

Let me know ahead of time if you are coming so that we can order enough food and have adequate room in the banquet hall.

John Newburger
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Let's Go See Lebron!!

Rotary Night at the CAVS--- March 14 at 7:00 pm vs the Detroit Pistons.

What a great opportunity to see the CAVS, 2016 NBA Champions. We have lower level tickets for \$ 68.00 and upper level tickets for \$ 40.00. A special bonus that night also is a Kevin Love Bobblehead.

We will have a Pregame reception at the Cleveland Restaurant with light snacks and lots of raffle prizes.

See the ticket order form below. GO CAVS!!!!!!

Rotary & RYE Night	
Pregame Reception at The Cleveland at 5:15pm	
Cavaliers vs. Detroit	
Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 7:00pm	
 	
Reception at "The Cleveland" with Food and Raffle 834 Huron Road, Cleveland, OH 44115 Next to Panini's at East 9th & Prospect	
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TRC Fairlawn Speakeasy Charity

Casino April 1, 2017

Fairlawn, Ohio: The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will host its 7th annual **Speakeasy Charity Casino** Fundraiser on April 1st, 2017, from 6:00 -11:00, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn. The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will join forces with Stewart's Caring Place, Akron Children's Hospital and Global Health Program to make this a

very special event in our community.

The Rotary Club of Fairlawn has raised over \$1 million for children in this community and around the world since 1964. Through the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, this year's proceeds will help local organizations that support children's education, health and welfare. Stewart's Caring Place, the Craniofacial Center at Akron Children's Hospital and Global Health Program will also be receiving proceeds from this event.

The Speakeasy Charity Casino will be a fun-filled evening of dancing to a live band and games where everyone's a winner. Guests at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn will enjoy a nostalgic 1930s speakeasy atmosphere with professionally run simulated poker, blackjack, craps, roulette and slot machines (all proceeds from the evening go to charity). A sit-down dinner will be provided along with a silent auction, raffle entries for fabulous prizes, a cash bar, a "best-dressed" costume contest and fun at the gaming ta-

bles. The ticket price is \$100 per person. Of course, the real winners will be the charities and children of our community.

The spring fundraiser is one of the ways the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation raises money for local organizations and schools. The club's efforts to support local charities and build goodwill throughout the community stem from Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." Rotary's compassion stretches well beyond the Akron community as it works to combat polio, poverty and illiteracy on national and international levels.

To order tickets to the Speakeasy Charity Casino, please contact Lauren Holly at 440-666-4728, lholly@eastersealsnoh.com or visit

www.fairlawnrotary.com. Corporate sponsorships are also available starting at \$350. If you are unable to attend the event, but would like to help, please send checks to the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, Inc. at P.O. Box 13063, Fairlawn, Ohio 44334. The Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3).

TRC Garretttsville-Hiram Has Had a Busy Year

Fit & Fun Festival at our local elementary was held at the end of the school year. We challenge children to be active over the summer and keep record of what they do. When they return to school and turn in their record keeping books they will have earned a prize. This year it was scooters and Dicks Gift cards.

Reverse Raffle and Steak Fry ~ for over 35 years we have been having a fun and busy evening with local friends and some from far away. The money we raise is used toward all of our local projects.

Dictionary Project ~ each year the third graders receive a dictionary to call their own. The joy they express is immeasurable.

Santa Express ~ Santa and his helpers delivered gifts throughout the ar-

ea on December 23rd. Santa gift delivery has been going on for at least 35 years! Families pay to have special packages that they have dropped off to us, delivered by Santa himself and the money we raise is donated to the People Tree.



Our Foreign exchange student, Louis Nonte has had a big year with our soccer team earning a Garfield G-Men Letter, Garfield Team Top Offensive Player and 1st Team PTC All-Conference! He received his Letterman jacket for Christmas from our club.

We gave a \$500 scholarship, sent 3 students to RYLA, participated in the 4-way speech contest, sponsored Power of the Pen, collected trash twice and we welcomed two new members to our club.

News From TRC Port-Summit

We've MOVED! Our new location for our Port-Summit Rotary Club meetings is now 130 S. Cleveland Ave, Mogadore, Ohio 44260, in the community room of the Mogadore Jr./Sr. High School building. Our time and day of the week has not changed, with the group still meeting at noon on Thursdays.



During the month of December, we participated in some great programs

including bell ringing and Christmas in the Village. But in addition to these great events, our members



enjoyed each other's company during dinner and a concert on December 15th. Members met at the Akron Spaghetti Warehouse and then traveled to the Akron Civic Theater to enjoy the Ryan Humbert Christmas Concert.

4 WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

Rotary District 6630 4-Way Test Speech Contest is 'A Bridge to the Future'

Aurora, OH, Jan 20, 2017 – Rotary District 6630 4-Way Test Speech Contest will be held on April 08, 2017 at Aurora High School from 9 am to 3 pm. The 4-Way Test was written in 1932 by Chicago Rotarian Herbert J Taylor. It is a set of 4 questions that provoke thought and embody values dear to Rotary. It states; of the things we think, say and do...Is it the Truth? Is it Fair to all concerned? Will it build Goodwill and Better Friendships? Will it be Beneficial to all concerned?"

Students can win attractive prizes by applying cherished Rotarian values to recommendations for solutions to ethical problems of our times. Prizes at the District level are:

1st Prize	\$1200/-
2nd Prize	\$850/-
3rd Prize	\$750/-
Honorable Mention	\$500/-
Honorable Mention	\$500/-

The contests originate in High Schools and are open to all students from Grades 9 to 12. Participating schools determine which students' progress to the Club level. Rotary Clubs may also invite home schooled students from Grades 9 to 12, to participate at the Club level. Clubs are eligible to advance '1' student per school and '1' home schooled student per club to the District level.

Appealing to Clubs to pull out all stops and encourage school participation, Rotary District Governor, Jim McKee said "The Contest is an important part of our District's program for High School students because it is an opportunity for them to develop critical thinking, practice communication skills and gain valuable public speaking experience."

Contest Chair, Peter DeSouza added "High School Students today differ in many ways from students of earlier generations. They belong to the millennial genera-

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tion, who are comfortable with technology. They are the first generation to grow up in a variety-rich environment where segregation was shunned, and diversity celebrated. By reaching out to them through the contest, we are building A Bridge to the Future."

Good judging is vital to a successful 4 Way Test Speech Contest. Chief Judge, Rev. Dave McClellan stated "Judging is an art. Judges have a responsibility to contestants, to the audience, to Rotary and to themselves. By becoming aware of barriers to objectivity and by investing time in training and re-training judges, I feel confident that we will ensure fair and good judging." The District Contest Team is in the processes of forming a 'Pool of Judges and Timers'. Rev. McClellan added "All past judges are being invited to serve again this year. It does not matter if your Club participates in the Contest, any Rotarian or spouse of a Rotarian is eligible for inclusion in the 'Pool of Judges and Timers'. The only condition is that he/she must attend a judges/timers training session."

Any Rotarian or spouse of a Rotarian who would like to serve as a judge or a timer can contact Dave by e-mail: dmcclellan@tinkerscreek.com or by tel: 330-807-4021.

Any Club that needs additional information on the District Contest can contact Peter by e-mail:

peter@violetorthodontics.com or by tel: 330-671-8582.

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News From TRC Berea

Berea police offer Safe Passages for addicts



Dr. Ed White and Sgt. Patrick Greenhill

Ohio is Ground Zero for drug addiction. Our state leads the nation in overdose deaths. In 2016, Cuyahoga County alone had 663 deaths from drug overdoses, mainly heroin and fentanyl, said Berea Police Sgt. Patrick Greenhill.

Greenhill heads up Berea's Community Engagement Unit, which partnered with the Olmsted Township Police Department to form Safe Passages – an innovative approach to battling the drug epidemic. Safe Passages invites addicts to come to the police station for help kicking their habits. No arrests. No charges. But officers will connect addicts to a counselor from the Police Assisted Addiction Recovery Initiative, who will place the addict in rehab and then follow up to help them stay clean.

"This is not an amnesty program," Greenhill told Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, Jan. 10. Addicts are still liable for any pending cases and warrants. "People who going to succeed are those who want to be sober," he said.

So far, since the program was intro-

duced in August 2016, 47 addicts have sought assistance from Berea Police.

This is a community-based program, Greenhill said. It is a collaboration among law enforcement, the courts, treatment providers, hospitals, education institutions and social services. Community partners include Baldwin Wallace University, Cleveland State, Southwest General Health Center and the Visiting Nurse Association.

State Attorney General Mike DeWine is looking at implementing it statewide.

WE DO RECOVER

Concert to benefit Safe Passages Berea Police Department Drug Interdiction Program

3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 29

Kulas Musical Arts Building

Baldwin Wallace University

96 Front St.

Performances by BW faculty and students

Tickets: \$10 for adults

\$5 for students, 17 and younger

Available at the door

OR

www.bw.edu/tickets

FOR MORE ON SAFE PASSAGES & THE CONCERTSEE THIS STORY ON CLEVELAND.COM:

http://www.cleveland.com/berea/index.ssf/2017/01/bw_concert_will_benefit_drug_i.htm#incart_river_index

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

Another Rewarding Trip to Chinandega

On January 3, 2017 5 Rotarians and 2 family members journeyed to the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua from our district. There were a total of 23 individuals on this trip. In 2016 25 clubs in our district and 1 club in District 6600 and 2 clubs in District 6650 participated in providing shoe boxes to the Children of the Dump or layettes to newborn children.



Stew Buchanan, Carol Crimi, Jack Hopkins, Cheryl Buchanan, PDG Jack Young at the Garbage dump in Nicaragua

To date, these clubs and Rotarians have provided over the past 11 years over \$1,015,000 in goods to Nicaragua. This includes a fire truck, ambulances, fire fighting equipment, shoe boxes, layette bags, medical equipment and supplies, extra school supplies, etc. to those who need our humanitarian help.



A special thank you to all Rotary Clubs, Rotarians, and friends of Rotary in our district who have stepped up to provide Service to Humanity. A special thank you to Marsha Pappalardo, of the Rotary Club of Brunswick, who has also been on the trip to the Children of the Dump and has made sure the Shoe Boxes contain the needed items before they begin their journey from Ohio to Nicaragua. This specific process is needed to insure they meet the requirements for the children and to insure the boxes make it through customs.

This year, Rotarians Carol Crimi, Rotary Club of Kent; PDG Stew Buchanan, Rotary Club of Akron, and his wife, Cheryl and their grandson Brandon; Jack Hopkins from the Rotary Club of Geneva; Stan Socha from the Rotary Club of Brunswick and PDG Jack Young from the Rotary Club of



PDG Jack Young and Rotarian Stan Socha with fire fighters in Chinandega with the Fire Truck that was given by the city of Stow and the RC of Stow that PDG Young shipped to Nicaragua 5 years ago. The city of Stow also sent two fire fighters from their city to help education the fire fighters in Nicaragua on its use. During the first week of operation because of the 500 gallon water tank on the pumper, it is credited for saving the lives of 3 children in a small hut fire.

Conneaut made the trip to the Children of the Dump. They were joined by Rotarian's and family members from Rotary Districts in Michigan, Iowa and Texas. Our District has been involved since December 2006



when PDG Larry Wright asked PDG Jack Young to join him on this trip to Nicaragua to see first hand the Children living in and around a garbage dump.

In 2016, your District sent 765 Christmas Shoe Boxes which was 1/3 of the total boxes sent and 100 layette bags to the maternity shelter along with 32 homemade baby blankets and baby shirts, 125 knitted dolls made by 74 year old is Mrs. Helen Shurance of Seville, Ohio and 50 pairs of special shoes called "Shoes that Grow" furnished by the RC of

Hillcrest-Sunrise. These shoes actually adjust 5 sizes as the foot of the child grows and are made of durable rubber. These shoes were sent on a trial basis and should last longer than



Students learn to sew at the Rotary Sponsored Trade school

flip flops. In addition to these items, fire fighting equipment/supplies and extra school supplies were also sent. There were eleven pallets of items weighing over 18,000 pounds sent in

2016.



With this article are pictures of this year's trip with comments with each picture. All Rotarians can be very proud of supporting this International project over the past 11 years and a special thank you for all that you have done to reach this significant milestone and help these children and their families live a better life. One final comment, we have had one young lady, Maria Jose, who was found on the dump some 15 years ago who received her Master Degree in Business last year. Another young lady, Chilo, who is blind, received her bachelors degree in Psychology, and 27 other young people are enrolled in College. With out the help of Rotarians, this would not have happened.

AS ROTARIANS YOU DO MAKE A DIFFERENCE IN THE WORLD! On behalf of these children , Thank you.

Pancakes, Pancakes, Pancakes

March means Pancakes in Burton, Ohio!

The Rotary Club of Burton-Middlefield presents their annual Pancake Breakfast. Breakfasts will be served from 8:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. every Sunday in March at Berkshire High School; 14510 North Cheshire Street; Burton, Ohio.



There will be all-you-can-eat pancakes with real maple syrup. We also serve sausage patties, orange juice, coffee or tea, and milk. If you want a "big" breakfast, you can add an omelet to the pancake breakfast choosing a Western (eggs, onions, green peppers, mushrooms, cheese and ham), Ham and Cheese or a Vegetarian (same as the Western but without the ham).

Check out our Facebook Page or website for specific details. We normally don't close for inclement weather, but if there is a snowstorm, it's a good idea to check our Facebook Page to make sure we are still open.

Please join us for breakfast, fellowship, and a stroll through the craft show in the school's auditorium. We sell the same syrup that is on your pancakes in our Country Store. We look forward to seeing you again this year.

TRC Fairlawn Partners wi Astronomy Club

The rotary Club of Fairlawn along with the Summit County Astronomy Club's project to build an observatory in bath is making great progress. This will be a different type of observatory. Instead of one large scope that you stand in line to look thru, there will be five 11" telescopes. These telescopes are exceptionally easy to use and you will get to explore on your own. Imaging a teenager handed the telescope control and told have fun! It is the video game of the universe and the user

who chooses where to explore. All scopes will be on adjustable piers so wheel chair bound, short or tall, these scopes will be accessible. The Summit County Astronomy Club will be caretakers of the facility, not the sole operators. Schools and other qualified groups are welcome to designate

someone to learn the operation of the building and the scopes. This project is for the public to use. The total operating costs are only about \$850.00 per year which should be easy to raise from voluntary "Family Memberships" at suggested \$20.00. The astronomy club thanks all the Rotary Clubs who have aided financially and pushed for building this new concept in an observatory. It should be a lasting asset to the North east Ohio communities. For those interested, naming rights are available for many parts of this project.



Sincerely,
John Shulan
Education chair of the Rotary Club of Fairlawn
President of the Summit County Astronomy Club.

Rotary Club of Nordon Hills Annual Reverse Raffle

Saturday, February 18, 2017

Birchwood Banquet and Party Center

7540 Northfield Road

Walton Hills, Ohio 44146

Raffle Grand Prize \$2000

Side Boards, Bingo, Door Prizes

Only 200 tickets sold!

Open Bar 6:00 p.m. – Buffet Dinner 7:00 p.m.

Dinner Music & Dancing to

BaconCake Live

\$75 per person

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Proceeds support the Chuck Sterling Scholarship Program

For more information call

David Fike 330-467-7547

Why Are Rotary Clubs Dying?

By: Neal Klabunde
TRC Strongsville

When I joined Rotary over 25 years ago, there were just over 60 clubs in our district and over 3000 Rotarians. Today, there are 52 clubs and our district membership has been slightly over 2000 for the last 5 years- a 14% decline in the number of clubs and a whopping 33% decline in membership.

There are any numbers of reasons for this decline- service clubs in general have been facing membership declines due to changing values, demographics, population shifts, the value that companies place on community involvement, etc. Businesses that, years ago, were locally owned and operated have been replaced by shopping malls and big-box stores with managers that change often and have little connection to the local community.

The very nature of business has changed, the days when people could take 2-3 hours off in the middle of the day are gone, and especially for younger up-and-coming managers who might make excellent members if they could make the meetings.

Today, many of our clubs, especially the lunch and dinner clubs, are populated with older members, many of them long-term members who have served their clubs well as officers, who enjoy the lunchtime comradery and fellowship. But these clubs often lack the vitality that younger members provide.

As hard as it may be, think back to when you joined Rotary, for me it was a chance to be more involved in our community. I saw a community project that had a Rotary emblem on it and that piqued my interest. I spoke at one of the meetings representing another organization that I was involved in and was asked to join. In 1989 there were 60 members in the Rotary Club of Strongsville, a mix of young and old, and the club itself was relatively young having been chartered in 1978. Meeting for breakfast was perfect for me, having started a family, and even though I lived and

worked in Strongsville, I could see the value of a morning meeting to those who worked outside of the community. Had it been a lunch or dinner meeting, I might not have been inclined to join.

Take a look at your club and try to view it through the eyes of a Gen-xer or Millennial, two demographic groups that form the next generation of Rotarians. What are you offering them? Trust me, the opportunity to have lunch or dinner with you isn't going to cut it. Many of them work long hours and are starting families. They view time as a commodity to be spent wisely, family life is important, so community involvement, a cornerstone of Rotary has to be both fulfilling and easy to do. They need to be engaged and feel that they are making a difference.

In a paper entitled "Why the Millennial Generation Does Community Service?" by Velma Oliver of Wofford College, she lists six reasons why millennials get involved in community service.

1. Expressing individual values.
2. Gaining understanding of others.
3. Participating in social activities.
4. Advancing careers.
5. Preventing guilt for being more fortunate.
6. Enhancing self-esteem and personal growth.

If you look at these reasons, 4 of the 6 fit directly into the core values of Rotary. Also most of these young people have grown up with volunteerism as a requirement in high school.

So, how do we tap into this pool of fresh new faces and bring them into Rotary? That, my friends, is the \$64,000 question, and there are many possible answers.

Let's look at demographics. 52% of the clubs in our district meet for lunch, 36% for breakfast and 6% meet in the evening. How do you see your meeting time fitting into the schedule of a younger person?

What is your club's involvement with

high school and college students? Do you sponsor and mentor an Interact or Rotaract club? If so, do you have meaningful relations to them?

Does your club do community service projects, or just host fund raisers? Younger people generally have more time than money to donate.

Are your meetings interesting with speakers that touch on issues that are important to the younger generation? There are a couple of clubs in the district that have regularly scheduled meeting at times other than the main meeting time, which may be attractive to speakers.

Are you utilizing social media, both as a recruiting tool and as a way to remind them of meetings & events?

Are you having social events outside of the regular meetings for both fellowship and recruiting?

These are not meant to be a complete list of things that will magically turn your moribund club into a dynamic, growing one. There are many other ideas. Think outside the wheel.

Lastly, consider this-how many times have you been talking to a younger person when the subject of Rotary has come up? How many times have you heard "Rotary, my mom-dad-grandfather was a Rotarian." Do the math, if there were 2,500 Rotarians in the last 25 years, and each of them had just 1 younger person that they exposed to Rotary, that's 2,500 young people that at least have an idea of what Rotary is. That's 2,500 potential Rotarians floating around out there at the very least waiting for a chance to serve.

http://www.wofford.edu/uploadedfiles/communityscholars/2010_scholars/oliver_spread.pdf

TRC Akron Shares Christmas Cheer

We would like to thank the SUPER Learning Center for allowing us to bring Christmas cheer to 150 very special children on December 15, 2016.

Thank you again to SUPER Learning Center for letting us experience the joy of Christmas through these very special children's eyes.

One at a time they enter and sit with Santa, smiles glued on their faces, but then a glow brighter than any star

appears when Santa asks "Hey Jimmy, I've heard you have been helping a lot around the classroom this year" or "Good morning Susie, congratulations on winning the singing contest" (See image).

150 children sit with Santa and receive a gift, which was hand-picked by that child's teacher (with some help from the parents).

After each class receives their gifts, they head back to their classrooms, through the halls which each class has decorated in the spirit of Christmas, to open their presents. If you were to go back to the classroom

with them and watch as they open their presents, you would think that each one of them received the perfect Christmas present. Unfortunately for some, this may be their only Christmas gift.

To say "thank you" to Rotary and Santa Claus, the children put on a show which includes the story of Christmas and several yuletide carols, some of which are performed in sign-language only.



The event started with Santa arriving on a firetruck, sirens ablaze. You, however, cannot hear the sirens over the sounds of the children screaming with joy, their faces pushed up against the window, to see Santa Claus. The school has transformed their library into a winter-wonderland, complete with a throne clearly meant for no other but the jolliest of them all. Shortly after Santa settles in, he is greeted by his elves (teacher's aides), who also provide specific information about each child through an earpiece receiver.



Teaching the Teachers

After decades of investing in literacy projects, experts have realized that simply getting children into the classroom — either by removing attendance barriers or providing supplies — is not enough. Before students can succeed, the quality of the teaching in that classroom needs to improve. Discover [how Rotary is mentoring and coaching teachers to solve illiteracy](#).

VTT Update

Fellow District 6630 Rotary members; below is a short update on the Haiti VTT project to establish a Pediatric Heart Surgery unit at St. Damien's Hospital in Port-au-Prince Haiti. It was provided by Rotarian and Gift-of-Life NE Ohio Chair Ken Fogle. The following clubs should take special note as you were the major contributors that have been bringing this great matching grant project to life. The RCs of Akron, Burton-Middlefield, Chardon, Chagrin Valley, Chesterland, Cuyahoga Falls, Hillcrest, Hudson-sr, Lakewood/Rocky River, Mentor, Northampton Twp., Port Summit, Solon, Stow-Munroe Falls, Wadsworth and the Foundation Committee of District 6600. These clubs and committee's generous donations plus use of our District Designated Funds (DDF) and contributions to the Rotary Foundation's annual fund are what drive this life saving work. Please keep projects like this, and certainly our continued drive to eradicate polio, in mind when your clubs send their donations to the Rotary Foundation this year and give to Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY).

Our second leg of the Akron VTT 2 medical team, our documentary film team and our gift of life International's Italian surgical team VTT are all winging their way to Haiti today! Unfortunately I could not get us together before they left to talk about our next VTT 3. I will be in Haiti for 2 days next week with a friend of mine to interview the hospital staff for development of an overall hospital master plan. Our goal is to permanently locate the surgical suite, PICU and CAT Scan plus expand ER as a result of St. Damien's Children's hospital's growing capacity (direct outcome from our grant work in support of their leadership).

Kenneth J. Fogle, Chair
Gift of Life North East Ohio, Inc.

Interact Clubs Start Shoe Drive For Senegal

Happy New Year!

At Interaction 2016 this year, the Interact group chose Shoes for the Sole as their project that will culminate at the District Conference on Saturday, April 22nd at the Cuyahoga Falls Sheraton. This project is collecting new and gently used shoes to be shipped to Senegal, West Africa. This is an important project as many in Senegal do not have shoes and use crushed water bottle to protect their feet. Shoes help prevent the spread of parasitic diseases that plague millions in developing countries.

We are asking each Interact Club and each Rotary Club to ask their members to bring in new or used but in good shape tennis shoes and cleats for both children and adults. Sport or casual shoes are the most needed. Attached is an informational brochure for Shoes for Africa, the group that we are collecting

for.

I have collection boxes for anybody that needs them, just let me know if you do and I will get them to you. Assistant Cluster Governors, please let your cluster groups know. We are asking the Rotary Clubs to donate \$1 per pair of shoes if possible to help with shipping costs from Atlanta to Senegal. Shipping to Atlanta has already been donated.

Please pass this on to all of your members. We would like to have a large shipment collected by the District Conference. You can bring the shoes to the District conference or call or email me at boborn@kentelastomer.com and I will pick them up.

Thank you all for the great things you do. Together, we make a big difference in the world!

Bob Oborn

Interact District 6630 Service Project

Shoes for the



Sole

Our mission: To collect new and gently-used shoes (tennis shoes and cleats needed the most) to ship them to Senegal, West Africa to be donated to those in need

* For each pair of shoes collected, we ask your Rotary Club to donate \$1 to for shipping to Senegal

For more information visit http://yesshoesinc.org/shoes_africa.htm



"Shoes for Africa" was founded in 2005 under YES!, Inc., a nonprofit, tax-exempt organization established to coordinate the efforts of its humanitarian projects.

The mission of YES!, Inc. is to improve the quality of life for people by providing them with basic human necessities. We want for our fellow human being what we want for ourselves.

To speak to this mission, we have focused on collecting new and gently used shoes, and distributing them to those in need. In our first quarter of operations, we shipped over 15,500 pairs of shoes to Senegal, West Africa. To date we have shipped well over 150,000 pairs of shoes.

For most Americans and many others, shoes are an item of comfort – even fashion. However, the reality of life for many individuals in impoverished parts of Africa, Asia, and South America is that shoes are a rarity. It is not uncommon for children to grow up without ever having had a pair of new shoes – or any shoes at all. And because shoes help prevent the spread of parasitic diseases that plague millions in developing countries, they are a basic human necessity.

Through our efforts, we seek to increase attention to conditions such as hookworm disease and strongyloidosis. Viewed as a lower priority than HIV/AIDS and Malaria, these diseases are often neglected but kill millions each year. Left untreated, they can result in the loss of limbs, chronic illness and death.



Donate your shoes to those less fortunate

Research has shown that parasitic infections prevent adults from being able to work and children from being able to attend school. The relationship between illness, access to education and poverty have been well documented by organizations such as the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the World Health Organization (WHO), the United Nations Population Fund (UNFP) and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP). Through "Shoes for Africa" YES! Inc. is working to serve as a bridge between these organizations and other grassroots programs to eradicate poverty in Africa.

Please join us in this labor of love. Your contribution to YES! Inc. is greatly appreciated and is tax deductible to the extent provided by law under Section 501 (c)(3), Section 170 and Sections 2055, 2106, and 2522 of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code.

You can help by volunteering, collecting new or gently used shoes and making your monetary donation to P.O. Box 42189, Atlanta, GA 30311.

For more information, please visit our web-site at www.yesshoesinc.org



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