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District Governor

## ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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### Governor's Letter

#### CELEBRATE ROTARY

##### *First a Note From RI President's Rep*

Dear Governor Jim & 6630 Friends, the honor to be to be asked by President John to represent him at your district conference was in itself humbling. As Rotarians we all understand the belief that we receive much more than we give. Well, let me tell you, Cindy & I were absolutely overwhelmed in every way by our time spent with your district! The red-carpet royal treatment we received last month was simply spectacular. DG Jim, our hosts Jack & Marsha, all your current & Past Leaders and every one of your districts members we met exemplified true Rotarian hospitality in an extraordinary fashion. Cindy & I cannot thank you enough for the experience of a lifetime. We are also so appreciative for the basket of gifts that serve as a constant reminder of the special time we spent with you. I've been starting my days with Red Cedar Coffee and ending them with Malley's chocolates! The Caramel corn did not even make it to Minnesota! Fellow Rotarians, family & friends are accusing us of becoming Cavalier & Indian fans (Could be true by recent Timberwolf & Twins perfor-

mance). Cindy adores her table runner and I've gained weight by all the treats that have now vanished. Jack, the miniature leg lamp from our Christmas Story visit serves as a reminder of the 'bright spot' your District as left in our lives!

We cannot thank you enough for allowing us the opportunity to share in the celebration of your successes last month. You have so much to be proud of. Each of you are shining examples of why I am so proud to be a Rotarian! God Bless you all.

(PS; I could not copy so many others that should have been. Please forward or include this in your next newsletter)

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Wow! We have so much to be thankful for! As we celebrated Rotary and the accomplishments we work to make happen, it occurred to me, we are paid back ten-fold. The friends we make in Rotary become life-long friends, mentors, confidantes, and apprentices. The truest beauty of Rotary is the significance that every useful occupation has a

place at our table. Healers, educators, trades people, merchants, entrepreneurs from every industry; all have a significant role to play.

At our Conference we celebrated Rotary. We honored wonderful projects like the Children Of the Dump shoe-box program. We recognized the trucking company who transported 760 shoe-boxes, 200 layette bags, firefighter uniforms and 30 boxes of school supplies our Rotarians had prepared and collected. Eighteen ton of supplies. Yes, 36,000 pounds was shipped!

We heard from Ken Babbly, the owner of the Akron Rubberducks about how business can enrich a community. He talked about the teamwork, not on the field, but off the field, and the synergy Rotary provides a community.

PDG Larry Wright, Rotary District 6400, shared his Launch Detroit initiative. Rotarians assist small businesses with cleanup, landscaping, signage, and counsel. This gives business owners a sense they are not alone, are part of a community which cares, and a boost when it is most necessary.

We recognized 3 ladies who have contributed to

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making Rotary work. Katie Spatz, Chelsea Talty, and Elaine Robinson were honored for working to provide clean water, for working with our Interact Clubs, and for providing Partner support for Rotary for almost 65 years, respectively.

Roger Cram, Rotary Club of Aurora, shared his shushhhh program which has resulted in over 50,000 good deeds done anonymously since its inception. Wow!

It is inspiring to hear the stories of these dedicated ladies who give so much to others, and stand with the Rotary Banner to make 'Rotary Serving Humanity' real.

We heard from PDG Geoff Goll, District 6650, who shared with us the Rotary promise to eradicate polio forever. He shared that 15 million children have not contracted Polio because we have inoculated 2.5 billion children. Only 5 cases to date this year, but that is 5 too many. Bill Gates matches our donations 2:1 so for every \$100 we contribute, it becomes \$300. Let's stamp this disease out now! We are 'this close!'

None of this wonderful work may have come to be, had it not been from the courage and foresight of one of 'ours.' PRID and PRI Treasurer, Don Kwait, a Polio Pioneer, was on the board when the decision was made that Rotary International would promise the world to eradicate Polio. From 350,000 new cases in 1979 to only 5 this year! It was an honor to recognize Don Kwait as our CELEBRATE ROTARY CONFERENCE HONOREE, for his lifetime of service to Rotary, and for his major role in eradicating Polio. His video was produced to tell his story, preserve his legacy, so future Rotarians can celebrate his work. An 8 minute and 35 minute video are both available for clubs.

Our 4-Way Speech winner, our Exchange students, and our Interact Clubs were all featured. Four new Interact Clubs were inducted! The Interact Clubs' joint project, 'SHOES FOR THE SOLE' collected over 4000 pairs of shoes to be sent to Africa! Wow!

We were so fortunate to have RI President John Germ send PDG Tim Murphy and his wife, Cindy, as his personal representatives to our Conference. Their warmth and his inspiring words remain with all who attended. From inducting Interactors, to greeting PDGs, to congratulating our District efforts, to stacking Oreos, we all agreed we were blessed to have the perfect couple to share our Conference! What fun! Wow!

We had a Carnival Saturday afternoon which is the most fun I have had in years! The Interact Clubs provided the games and we played! Seeing our oldest Rotarians bowling strikes, busting balloons, throwing hoops, balls, rings, and toilet paper rolls.... well it was a sight to see! If you missed it, you missed something remarkable!

If we want to see Rotary thrive with our younger citizens, we need to play more with them when they are young. This is the future of Rotary! We should remember our 10-year plan to grow our clubs. Fun, rewarding, and meaningful work was done with our play!

### **THANK YOU!**

Rotary has so much to offer those who are willing to participate. Many people worked very hard to put on a District Conference. I want to thank everyone who participated, and I hope you will make a point to tell your Clubs what you enjoyed! Also, please recognize the members of your club who helped make our conference memorable! And next year, bring the whole club!

### **ON TO ATLANTA**

Jack Young is our District Chair for the On To Atlanta Campaign. He has done an awesome job getting us ready for this special experience! About 80 of our Rotarians will be attending! There is still time to register and join us. Bill Gates will be a presenter! Jack Nicklaus! Amazing stuff will happen! Our District 6630, as the 'Home of Arch Klumpp' will have a special place at this International Convention. It was in Atlanta 100 years ago, that Arch Klumpp called for an endowment fund to be established.

This became our Rotary Foundation! Wow!

### **TIME TO BE GENEROUS**

Please get out your checks right now! Write a check to the Rotary Foundation. Our District spends every dollar we receive. The money you give today comes back to us in three years! Help our Annual Fund! Help your club be an EREY club!

One of our clubs, the Northampton-Cuyahoga Valley Club achieved special status this year! We celebrate the Northampton-Cuyahoga Valley Club as our first all Paul Harris Club in 35 years! Mantua did it last in 1982. Challenge your club to give from the heart! There is so much we do! There is so much more to do! Let's work together to make Rotarians say 'Wow!'

### **DISTRICT AWARDS PICNIC AT PIONEER**

On June 25th, we are having a party! All day! We will have our Awards ceremony at 1:30. Lunch at noon. Play all day! The beer and soft drinks will be included all day. You can get tickets from your Assistant Governor, or you can register at our District 6630 website. \$20 for adults, \$10 for children 10 and under. There is mini golf, pedal boats, archery, water cannons, a lazy river, slides, and a huge pool to swim. We have our own pavilion away from the other guests. Don't miss out! Bring your kids, your grandkids, your neighbors, and your Interact Clubs! Sign up! Fun for everyone at all ages!

Parking is included! For less than park admission, you get to eat, drink, and play all day! Fun! Wow!

### **FUN**

Rotary should be fun! I have had the time of my life being District Governor! Please join me in Chardon for this picnic! We have some celebrating to do!

A wise person said, if Rotary isn't fun, you are doing it wrong! Let's do it up right on June 25th! CELEBRATE ROTARY! Wow!

Your Grateful District Governor, Jim McKee





## Carnival and Shoes for the Sole a Big Success for District Interact Clubs

Eight High Schools from District 6630 made the District Conference a huge success with a fun filled carnival and a successful shoe collection drive. Cuyahoga Falls, West Geauga, Mayfield, Woodridge, Twinsburg, Stow Lutheran West and Solon High School provided the entertainment by hosting a good old fashion carnival. Past District Governors were dueling a musical chairs game while others



bowled, stacked cookies and did other fun games. Over 2,400 tickets were sold for the event. There was also a contest to see what School's game was played the most. Mayfield Interact won first prize of \$200, Solon came in second for \$100 and West Geauga High School came in 3rd for \$50. Many Rotarians said it was the most fun they have ever had at a District Conference.

Along with having fun, The Interact Clubs made a real difference with their annual District service project, "Shoes for the Sole". Clubs collected over 4,000 pairs of shoes and \$1,000

for a non-profit group Yes, Inc. The



shoes were boxed up and shipped to Atlanta, where they will be repackaged and shipped to Senegal, West Africa to people of need who have no shoes. "I am so proud of the hard work by all the Interact Clubs to make both project a success" said Bob



Oborn, District Interact Co-Chair. "These kids are our future and from what I witness every time I am with them, our future is in good hands". Well done, Interact Clubs, well done.



**The Rotary Club of Chardon**

is looking to

### FILL THE TRUCK!

with personal care products to benefit those in need in Geauga County.

**Saturday, June 3rd. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm  
at the Chardon Wal-Mart.**

Look for the **Salvation Army Truck**,  
and help us **FILL IT UP!**

Personal Care products will be donated to the Personal Care  
Pantry, and be distributed through the seven  
Food Pantries throughout the County.

**Products needed include:** toilet paper, Kleenex, deodorant,  
soap, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, disposable razors,  
shaving cream, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

## Fill the Truck in Chardon

The Rotary Club of Chardon is sponsoring a Fill the Truck event to benefit those in need in Geauga County. A Personal Care Pantry has been developed in the County as a way to help support those families who are on Food Stamps. Personal care products are taxable goods, and not able to be purchased with Food Stamps. The products collected are housed in a pantry provided by Prince of Peace Church in Chesterland. Each captain from the seven food pantries throughout the County can go to the Personal Care Pantry and pull what items they would like to offer their families any given week.

The need has been great, and keeping the shelves full can be a challenge. So, as we have taken on this project, and realizing that this project benefits the whole County...we would like to **CHALLENGE** the other clubs in our Cluster to **FILL THEIR TRUCKS!**

The event takes place on Saturday, June 3rd. from 9:00 am -4:00 pm in the Chardon Wal-Mart parking lot. We will have a Salvation Army box truck in the parking lot, waiting to be filled with Personal Care Products. We would like to challenge each club in the cluster to Fill a Pick-up Truck with products and bring it to the Chardon Wal-Mart to Fill The Truck! You can be sure that we will take pictures, and give bragging rights to the Club having the fullest truck! We are hoping to get an article in the local papers etc.

Products to be collected are, toilet paper, Kleenex, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, shampoo, shaving cream, disposable razors, baby wipes, dish soap, and laundry detergent.

So what do you say...let's pull together and make this happen, and have some fun in the meantime!

Let me know if your club will be participating...and **THANK YOU** for considering this great opportunity to show our Geauga County community the Rotary way...Service Above Self.

Yours in Rotary,  
Mariann Goodwin

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## Meetings Become Service Opportunities

Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise club President, Ken Haber, took advantage of the new flexible meeting plan to get Club members directly involved with a service project instead of just writing a check. For the last six months, Club members have reported the Rocky River Assistance Program distribution Center, to sort canned and package food items, cleaning and personal supplies, and



snacks In preparation for filling several bags for needy families in the area. Once a month, families came to the Center to pick up their bags which will hopefully help them get through the month.

The Rocky River Assistance Program was initiated in 1984 by the Rocky River Women's Club and is staffed solely by volunteers. This established

community resource supplies residents in need with food, personal care, and household items every other month. In addition, clients receive holiday dinners in November and December. Children enrolled in the program are provided school supplies, school lunch items, coats, gift cards, and presents from their holiday wish lists. Scholarships for school trips and qualifying recreation programs are also offered. There are more than 1,000 families in Rocky River that fall below the poverty line.



The Club will also be involved in adopting families during the holiday by providing gift cards for clothing and grocery stores and collecting toys to help make Holidays have more enjoyable for these families.

## TRC Medina Turns 70!!!

A great evening of reflection with old friends and Past Presidents. The club's 70th anniversary included a DVD of photos, and a folder filled with the many activities our club has done through the years. Mayor Hanwell and a Representative from US Rep. Renacci's office read proclama-



tions congratulating our service to the community and world peace. It was great to see Nobby Lewandowski, Ralph Rizzo, John Sobotincic, Dan Watson, Steve Klein, Rod Cook, Becky Shotwell, and Ed McGannon among the many guests.



## Promote Your Club with New Rotary Resources

How do you communicate with your community about your club? Are prospective members hearing about who you are and what you do? If your club is looking to promote its unique culture, events, and service projects, you can [customize a club brochure](#). Edit the content or upload your own photos to make a distinctive promotional pamphlet.

Use the [Discover Rotary](#) presentation and the [Impact Begins With You](#) prospective member brochure to introduce Rotary's values and history, the benefits of membership, and what makes Rotary stand out.

Does your club sponsor an Interact or Rotaract club? You can customize your own [promotional cards for Rotary's programs for young leaders](#) through our Brand Center. This is a great opportunity to show potential members all the ways they can get involved through Rotary.

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## SMFHS Interact Club Joins District Conference

Members of the SMFHS Interact Club (sponsored by the Stow Rotary) attended the Rotary 6630 District Conference luncheon and carnival held Saturday, April 22, at the Sheraton in Cuyahoga Falls. Many of the Interact clubs from the surrounding area provided carnival games for Rotary and Interact members to play during the afternoon. Stow Interact was in charge of "musical chairs" and the "cake walk."

As part of Rotary's international campaign this year, the Interact clubs from the surrounding schools also collected over 4000 pairs of shoes to donate to "Shoes for the Sole" program. All the shoes will be shipped to Senegal, West Africa, where the majority of the population lives on less than \$1.90 a day and many go without shoes which results in disease and sickness.



Front row left to right is Tina Ly and Julia Schneider (President)

Back row left to right (standing) is Owen Norris (Secretary), Hannah Hawkins, Bob Oborn (Stow Rotary), Mikaela Smiley, Kate Czerwony, Shelby Gluth, Katherine Lowry, Suzie Hyejin Lee, Emily Clark (Vice President), and Joshua Boehm.

## Rotary Night with the Tribe

Help "End Polio Now" on Thursday August 3, 2017!! Be part of our annual Rotary

Night at the Indians for the eradication of polio.

See the Yankees, march on the field for End Polio Now, dine in the Terrace

Club, enjoy Chinese auction, door prizes, raffle for Paul Harris Fellow and more.

Great Seats and the price is right!!!!

See the Flyer attached.

Stew Buchanan PDG

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ROTARY DISTRICT 6630, DISTRICT 6650, & DISTRICT 6600  
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## News From Garretttsville-Hiram

Garrettsville-Hiram Rotarians placed signs near the Headwaters Trail which will point people utilizing the trail in the direction of the Historic district.

Benches were built last year with the help of the Boy scouts to encourage the use of the Hike and Bike Trail. Many people use this trail but it has been neglected by the Park Commission for many years due to a lack of funds. The Rotarians worked to get a levy passed so that improvements can be made and we are expecting the trail to be resurfaced this year. We are working with the Village to create an improved entrance to the Trail by adding Bike Racks and a bicycle repair station.

Our Garretttsville Beautification Project is moving ahead with the planting of miniature rhododendrons near the Boardwalk fountain and mulching of the Welcome signs on the State Routes. Saturday May 13, there will be a clean-up of the state Route between Hiram and Garretttsville with the help of the Interact Club. This project began many years ago and has maintained the beauty of the road between our Villages.

Plans for additions to the Village Park and the Trail are being formulated.

Dolores A. McCumbers  
2016-2017 President of  
Rotary Club of Garretttsville-Hiram

**Rotary** **Tea & Trends** **Rotary**  
**Tea Luncheon & Fashion Show**

Dear Friends of Brunswick Rotary:

Won't you please consider sponsoring *Tea & Trends*? Proceeds from this event benefit programs supported by the Brunswick Rotary Foundation. For a \$100 investment you will have your name included in publicity for the event, on signage at the event, recognition in the event's program, and one (1) reservation for *Tea & Trends* (additional reservations are available at \$20/person). Last year this event was attended by over 120 people and was a **SELL OUT!** It's the perfect venue to gather and catch-up while viewing the latest affordable fashions and enjoying a "tea-inspired" luncheon including a wide variety of delectable home made desserts all served on china and crystal. *Tea & Trends* will be held on Thursday, June 22 from 11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m. (Please see the attached invitation for details.) All we need is your word for inclusion. We will be happy to invoice you.

With gratitude,  
Marsha Pappalardo  
Cindie Schneider  
Co-Chairs

**4 Ladies & More**  
A Commitment Boutique

☐ Yes, I would like to sponsor *Tea & Trends* for \$100!

☐ Please invoice me. ☐ Check enclosed.

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Or email to [CMPPAPA@aol.com](mailto:CMPPAPA@aol.com)—Questions? Call Marsha @ 216.4104844



## Mayfield Interact

***Our club has had quite a few big and important events that are very special to us.***

So the past few months we had our members collecting children's books for grades K-8, which we donated to Jamison Elementary School, located downtown. Our members with the most volunteer hours had the opportunity to travel to Jamison Elementary to deliver the books and read to the kids, but with the older kids members discussed their future and expectations of high school. Also, Mayfield Interact has been collecting shoes to contribute to the Districts, Shoes for the Sole which will be sent to Senegal.

The Vice President of our club, Nedal Eid, who is currently is a senior has been shaving his head while raising awareness for a great organization, St. Baldrick's, for about 5 years now. This year he decided to have the school participate, and we had a few students and two staff members join him in braving the shave! The school and the people who shaved their heads managed to raise over \$8,500 which will be going towards childhood cancer research!!! We had a big pep rally to honor Nedal and the others who shaved their heads.

Also we had another Taco Dinner at Hospice, in February serving to the patients and their families. Which this is our favorite event by far, because interacting with the patients and the families and being able to make them smile during such a rough time is quite rewarding. And we had our last one of the year April 7th, it was another incredible experience and we can't wait for our visits in the future.

Carli Stewart

## Model UN at Highland Middle School



Superintendent Will Koran, the ESC of Medina County, past president of Medina Sunrise Rotary and former Principal of Highland High School, delivered the keynote address at the Highland Local Schools pioneering Model United Nations (MUN) Program. This dynamic program is now in its 9th year and was the inspiration of 8th Grade Language Arts teacher Kelly D'Annolfo and co-developed by April Eckman. MUN draws a diverse group of 250 informed 8th grade students and community leaders from Medina County to address current global issues. More than just classes, this represents year-long experiential learning programs that provide students with a better understanding of the inner workings of the UN and a forum to hone skills in diplomacy, negotiation, critical thinking, compromise, public speaking, writing, and research.



Building on strong community partnerships within the schools, with exchange students, local professionals, and international service organizations such as Medina Sunrise Rotary, the Highland Model United Nations Program is making a difference in the lives of children in our community and beyond. Our students are learning in global classrooms without walls.

"It's very intense. It's pretty awesome," Kelly D'Annolfo said, explaining that Highland's Model UN Day requires knowledge and quick thinking. "A lot of it is on your feet, and Highland Schools have done an excellent job of preparing our students for this global learning experience. Our MUN students are learning how to go from scholarship to service. They are learning how to become truly global citizens and tomorrow's future leaders."

## Lakewood/Rocky River Recognize Veterans

The Noon Lakewood/Rocky River Club presented the Rotary Armed Services Pin to the following members Front row, left to right: Richard "Dick" Dutro, Roger Perks

Second row, left to right: Mark Bacon, Jack Young, Mrs. Perks, Charles Huffman, Jr.

Mark is our club president, Charles is one of our past presidents.

Phil Ardussi



## News From TRC Berea

By Linda G. Kramer  
Public Image Chair  
Rotary Club of Berea

### **Kids' Book Bank: Reading Matters**



Judith Immerman Payne of the Kids' Book Bank tells Rotarians about efforts to give books to inner city kids.

"Imagine a favorite book from childhood," Judith Immerman Payne told Berea Rotarians. Now imagine a childhood without books.

Payne said that two out of three low-income families do not own one book. "Why does that matter?" she asked. Books and reading are the keys to success, she said. Children who are read to by an adult and who read on their own do better to school and do better in life.

Kids' Book Bank opened 14 months ago, Payne said. It is an outgrowth of the Little Free Library movement. Payne said her group was putting up Little Free Libraries throughout the Cleveland area where readers could take a book and then leave a book in return. But in low-income neighborhoods, the books were taken and not replaced. The Kids' Book Bank makes sure children have books to keep. The Book Bank partners with Discover Books, which supplies thousands of books for the project. The books are distributed by inner city physicians, school districts and to WIC clients.

"Our goal for 2017 is that all low income kids in Cuyahoga County will get four books," Payne said. "We want to expose these children to the world around them."

"Books feed the brain and provide promise for the future."

### **Berea Rotary Celebrates Arbor Day**



Judy Stull and Bob Huge visit the 2nd grade classrooms of teachers Donna Giblin, (top photo), and Susan Dedrick at St. Mary's School to explain Arbor Day and the importance of trees. Each student was given a pine seedling to take home. Tom O'Donnell and Yvonne Fulimeni visited St. Adalbert's School. In all, Berea Rotary donated 43 trees to both schools.

### **T-shirts to Diapers**

Berea Rotary is collecting adult-size T-shirts to send to Nicaragua where they will be made into cloth diapers. Infants and their families in poverty-stricken areas do not have access to clean, cloth diapers. Disposable diapers only add to environmental issues. A training school in Nicaragua has devised a pattern for transforming T-shirts into cloth diapers. Please bring in gently used T-shirts – plain, white, colored or with designs. Wording should not be controversial or offensive. Race-day T-shirts, college or school T-shirts, souvenir T-shirts from vacations are just a few examples of acceptable designs. The T-shirts will be given to PDG Jack Young, who will send them along to Nicaragua.

### **Berea Rotary Supports Foundation**



President Bob Huge presents a \$500 check to Marsha Pappalardo for the Shoe Box project and a check for \$1,000 to Jack Young for Shelter Box.

Past District Governor Jack Young and Marsha Pappalardo of the Rotary Club of Brunswick spoke to Berea Rotarians about the RI Foundation.

The Foundation is one of top-rated non-profits in the world, Jack said. Charity Navigator, which evaluates non-profits, gives the RI Foundation four stars – its highest grade. With overhead expenses at only 3.3 percent of the budget, the Foundation also rates as 100 percent transparent.

The first RI Foundation grant was \$500 given in 1930 to the Elyria Rotary Club, which founded the Society for Crippled Children and that eventually became Easter Seals.

There are many ways to contribute, Marsha said. Online giving on the RI web site, automatic withdrawal from bank accounts or mailing a check. "With every dollar you donate, you earn points," she said. One-thousand points (\$1,000) gets you a Paul Harris.

Contributions fund projects here at home and worldwide. Clubs can apply for Global Grants and District Grants.

Judy Stull is the Foundation liaison for the Berea Club. Contact her for more information or contact Jack or Marsha.

Berea Rotary also presented Jack with a \$1,000 check for Shelter Box and presented Marsha with a \$500 check for the Shoe Box project in Nicaragua.

To top off the evening, we shared a cake in honor of Jack's 70th birthday. Happy Birthday, Jack!!