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 District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

Dear Rotary Family,

In the world when the Holidays seem to be a chore, and winter will soon be upon us. December is recognized as Family month. I have grown to realize I belong to many families. My Husband and Bob have been married for 24 years and have three beautiful daughters, Chloe, Sophie and Amelia who grace our lives each day. There is also my work families, and finally my Rotary Family. Which include my club, district and the entire Rotary world who share my same values of, "Service above Self", ethics in business, world peace and friendship. Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, RYLA and all of those that I have met that participated in Group Study Exchanges,

Vocational training teams and so many more. Rotary is my largest family.

Finding balance with so many family members sometimes may seem impossible. Just last week my daughter Chloe asked me the question. "Where are you going today?" I explained and then asked why. Her reply was, "because your worlds have become one!" I had to laugh and then thought. That is a wonderful gift Rotary has given to both me and our family. Past Rotary President Glenn Estess, said it is important to integrate our families in to our family of Rotary. Rotary should be something that brings all of us together and doesn't tear us apart. Our Rotary clubs and our District offer so many service and social

opportunities that appeal to everyone. This is critical in attracting younger members who may have children as well as other demands of their time. I hope this season you will have your families join you at a club event. Rather than trying to balance Rotary with the people we love, it has been a blessing to include my family in Rotary.

During this Holiday season I give many thanks for my family, my life experiences and every one of you that make a difference in the world. You have certainly made a difference in mine.

God Bless and Happy Holidays,

District Governor Amy Kapostasy

NOVEMBER – ROTARY FOUNDATION MONTH

As we move through the month of November I hope your club is doing something to recognize The Rotary Foundation (TRF). On November 28th. at the Happy Days Lodge on Peninsula Rd. in the Cuyahoga National Park from 5:30 to 9:00 PM the district will hold its yearly foundation awards event. This event recognizes clubs and individuals who have given generously to TRF during the 2016-2017 year of Past District Governor Jim McKee. 16 clubs achieved Every Rotarian Every Year

(EREY) status by giving \$100 per capita and every member giving at some level. These clubs will be awarded a Paul Harris Fellow to give to a club or community member of their choice along with their certificate and flag to display at their clubs. The points for these awards are donated by a few 6630 members who have been very generous givers to TRF over the years. It should be a fun event with the lodge fireplace taking the late fall chill off.

Speaking of giving this is a special time of the year to have a presentation about the foundation at your club and to remind all members of the importance of giving to the foundation that so generously supports our district and global grant projects year after year. To double your club's money through the use of District Designated Funds (DDF) for your district (local) projects and to multiply it by 3 ½ times for your Global (international) grant is still the best deal out there in humanitarian work. EREY is probably the easi-

est way to accomplish your club's foundation giving goals for the year. Some clubs have made this donation a part of their yearly dues while others are just diligent about collecting from each member. If you are not already using EREY, assign this collection program to someone in the club that needs a job with little physical effort that provides great rewards for individuals, clubs and the district.

Robert "Bob" Johnson
District 6630 Foundation
Chair



Rotary Day at the United Nations in Geneva

Rotary members and guests from more than 85 countries gathered at the original home of the League of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, 11 November for Rotary Day at the United Nations to dedicate themselves to the topic of "Peace: Making a Difference." For the first time in its 13-year history, the event was held outside New York and honored six Champions of Peace (pictured above). Watch the opening session on [UN Web TV](#).

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Rotary Starts Monthly Market for Residents

By Sue Reid, Solon Times
 Marcia Cannon excitedly poked through a bag of fresh produce last week including a dozen ears of corn. "This is so awesome!" said Ms. Cannon, 82, as she made her way through the crowd at the Solon Senior Center.

The hype was due to the opening of the first Senior Market, a monthly produce distribution made possible by the Solon Rotary in an effort to encourage good nutrition among senior citizens in the city.



The market, overflowing with avocados, tomatoes, lettuce, peppers, organic oranges and much more, is open to any senior citizen.

The market will take place the fourth Tuesday of each month from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. at the senior center.

"It's very, very kind of them to do this," Ms. Cannon said of the Rotary.

Rotary member Jim Hyde, who happily watched as crowds of seniors made their selections, said the Rotary wanted to make certain elder citizens are getting fresh fruit and vegetables at least once a month.

"We are happy to help out," said Mr. Hyde, who gets the produce from the Cleveland Food Bank. He also wanted to give a "big shout out" to the city and the community for their role.

"I'm just thrilled," Mr. Hyde said of the turnout. "They can eat a little healthier."

"I think it's amazing," said Toby Bader, 78, a Solon resident who volunteered to help hand out the produce and help people make their selections. "It is so wonderful, and we are so happy to serve them."

In addition to produce, future plans call for holding cooking demonstrations as part of the market each month. The Rotary also has a monthly food pantry where it provides "sacks for seniors."



"As always, the kind-hearted Rotary, who funds the nutrition program for those in need, will be assisting and funding the Senior Market as well," Senior Services Director Jill Frankel said. "We are fortunate that they recognize there are ways to enhance the lives of our residents and are willing to assist with the solution."

"Their involvement continues to better the lives of our seniors," Ms. Frankel said.

Solon Rotary Celebrates Grand Theater Re-opening

By Matt Liebson and Chris Janson

On November 12, the Rotary Club of Solon participated in the unveiling of the remodeled theater in the Solon Center for the Arts, in which the Rotary Club funded replacement

of the theater seats. The project came to our club in September, 2015

during a discussion between Solon Mayor Susan Drucker and Rotarian Bob Wilson around areas where the Rotary could partner with the city. We committed to assist in remodeling the Center of the Arts' theater, if we could identify a grant-eligible portion of the project. That aspect of the renovation turned out to be funding replacement of the theater seats, which had

fallen into a state of disrepair over the years. The fact that we were committed to our piece of the project was used to gain Solon City Council's approval for the overall project.

The grant (applied for as part of the 2016-7 year) was applied towards replacing the seats. The original plan had been to refurbish the existing seats, but it was determined that a) the existing seats were not original to the theater so didn't have particular historical value and b) that refurbishing them would be much more expensive than simply replacing them. During the renovation, the floor was refinished, curtains replaced, and a fresh coat of paint applied. The Rotary Club and Interact assisted in cleaning the theater windows and dusting ceiling beams and lighting booms and other equipment over the stage once the floors had been refinished.

After several manufacturing delays, seats were installed in October 2016. The Grand theater reopening was on November 12 with an open house, dance and theater performances, followed by a Solon Philharmonic Orchestra concert. Rotarians were on hand to help at the open house and with the adopt-a-seat campaign now underway. For more information about the Solon Center for the Arts, please visit their website: <http://www.solonohio.org/257/Solon-Center-for-the-Arts>.



Rotarians Matt Liebson, Bob Wilson, and Chris Janson appear with Solon Mayor-elect Eddy Kraus

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The 4 Way Test is like a 'mantra' that is chanted in Rotary Clubs around the world. In our District, recitation has led to positive action through the Speech Contest. Thanks to all Clubs that have participated, the Contest has made a difference in the lives of many students. Today, the Contest is a program that could jump-start a Club. Clubs that have yet to participate are encouraged to re-consider.

Date: Saturday, April 7, 2018
Place: Aurora High School
Time: 8:30 am to 2:30 pm
Sponsorship Fee = \$100/- per student (includes lunch & refreshments for 1 student, 2 parents and 1 Rotarian)
Adults can attend at \$15/- per person and Children (under 12 years) at \$10/- (includes lunch & refreshments)
Clubs can sponsor 1 student per school to the District Contest

Contest Committee

Contest Co-Chair: Pam Mehallis
Head Judge: Dave McClellan
Judging is an independent and separate from execution. Dave will be in touch with you re: Judging)
Contest Master: Melissa Foster
Registration: Bruce Harris
Greeter: George Schumacher
Club Liaison: John Timmons

Attached are documents that will enable Clubs to (i) launch and promote the contest (ii) keep us focused on executing the contest efficiently:

1. Roadmap for 2018 District Contest

2. Invitation letter to High School Principals Clubs that have participated in the Contest, please feel free to do what has worked in the past. Clubs considering participating this year, please feel free to modify the letter to suit your needs. Clubs that feel they cannot participate. THINK AGAIN! This program could JUMP START a club.

3. Power Point Presentation on the Contest Club Chairs/Point of Contacts at Schools can customize and use this document to promote the contest to High School students

4. Club Contest Press Release Clubs can customize and send this Press Release to local Print, TV, Radio and Online media.

5. District Contest Poster (*Generic and School specific versions*) Clubs can use these posters to publicize the contest. Posters can be displayed at High Schools and on Community Bulletin Boards (where permitted) to reach a wider audience and gain some positive exposure for Rotary and the contest. Examples of Community Bulletin Boards are Public Libraries, Churches, Local Panera, Starbucks, Giant Eagle, Heinens's ... etc...

6. High School Flyer, Judging Guidelines and Contest Entry Form Contest Chairs could provide these forms to Point of Contacts at Schools to be given to students participating in the Contest.

Registration and Payment Form & District Contest Guide These are self-explanatory forms

All documents will be available shortly on www.rotarydistrict6630.org under the 4 Way Test Speech Contest tab. Please feel free to reach me by tel: 330-671-8582 or by e-mail: peter@violetorthodontics.com if you need any clarifications. Looking forward to seeing you all on April 7, 2018.

Many thanks,

Peter DeSouza

Tel: 330-671-8582 | Email:

**peter@violetorthodontics.com
Chair, Rotary District 6630 4 Way Test Speech Contest**

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On the behalf of the West Geauga Interact Club and Rotary International, we invite you to join us in our efforts to raise funds for hurricane relief. Due to the disastrous hurricanes and other natural disasters this season, our club has partnered with Rotary to provide relief for devastated areas. West Geauga has already sent a Shelter Box to provide relief materials for hurricane victims. Our club is in the process of organizing fundraisers with a goal of \$20,000. We have applied for a Rotary International Grant that will allow us to match the funds we raise and multiply them by three and a half times. This means that if our clubs combine our funds and raise our goal amount of \$20,000, we could send \$70,000 to natural disaster victims, specifically for the purpose of educational materials and rebuilding school buildings destroyed in the storms.

Helping others in need is the priority of Interact and Rotary. West Geauga would greatly appreciate your efforts to help us meet our goal. West Geauga Interact is organizing several fundraisers, such as donation collections at local stores, partnerships with Rotary, t-shirt sales, and a family movie night on campus. West Geauga is also partnering with schools in the United States Virgin Islands that have been affected by the hurricanes.

Since this issue is time-sensitive, we suggest that you begin planning fundraiser ideas as soon as possible. Working together for a greater cause is a worthwhile experience for everyone involved.

Please contact Chelsea Talty (chelsea.talty@westg.org) if you have further questions. Thank you for considering joining our efforts to provide hurricane relief!

Sincerely,
The West Geauga Interact Club and the Chesterland Rotary Club

News From TRC Chesterland

Here is a helpful hint for a better experience when accessing The Rotary International website: It is recommended that you use Google Chrome, Firefox or Microsoft Edge. Internet explorer does not support the site as effectively.



APRIL 7, 2018
AURORA HIGH SCHOOL
8:30 AM TO 2:30 PM



1st Prize: \$1200/-
2nd Prize: \$900/-
3rd Prize: \$700/-
Honorable Mentions: \$200/-

Sponsorship Fee = \$100/- per student
(Includes refreshments & lunch for 1 student, 2 parents and 1 Rotarian)
All others: \$15/- per person
Children (under 12 years): \$10/- per child
(Includes refreshments & lunch)

Clubs can sponsor 1 student per high school to the District Contest

Dear Rotarian,
Please consider participating in the District Contest by:
1) Serving as a judge or a timer
2) Encouraging your Club to sponsor 1 student per high school to the Contest
3) Making sure that at least 1 Rotarian from your Club attends the Contest
The District 4-Way Test Speech Contest delivers exciting, fulfilling and meaningful experiences to young high school students. Your participation makes a difference.
Thank You,
Peter DeSouza
District Contest Chair
330-671-8582 • peter@violetortodontics.com

Fall, has brought us very interesting and informative speakers. We have had the pleasure of hearing : .Dr. Beach began a career advocating for elders while serving as the Ohio Department of Aging's Deputy Director of Programs. After several years at the Department of Aging, Dr. Beach was asked by Congressman David L. Hobson (R-OH) to come on board as a staff economist. While working for Congressman Hobson, he drafted major legislation promoting insurance coverage of long-term care. He began a career advocating for elders while serving as the Ohio Department of Aging's Deputy Director of Programs. We have had speakers on Opiate and the Juvenile detentions center in Portage County.

Our club sponsored six families with Thanksgiving baskets. They varied in size according to the families. average weight of the baskets were 55 lbs. Thank you to Ed and Amber Slane for taking this on again. Not easy purchasing, and putting together the "goodies" and delivering them.

Breakfast with Santa another community wide event, is December 2 at West Geauga High school. Not only pancakes but real maple syrup. Visit with Santa, face painters, Rudolph the red nose reindeer, games and gift all for \$6.00. Derek Taylor "runs" (chair) like a well waxed sleigh. From decorations, school choir singing and keeping the pancakes and sausage coming. Jim Bohinc. Watchful eye has the Interact club taking pictures for a nominal fee if families want a memento.



Our membership is growing with 4 members to be inducted in early December. Thanks to Terry Palumbo, his committee and membership.

Plans are moving forward for February 17, Shining Stars dinner dance and raffle. Fred Nevar is interviewing potential partners, and tickets will be available shortly .Save the date. Always a winning evening.

The Interact Club officer and made a very exciting announcement. Last week at the District wide annual meeting West Geauga proposed that all clubs District wide join together raise \$10,000 for an International Rotary Grant to support the Recovery of the US Virgin Islands. WG was competing with other proposals and by vote the District wide membership selected WG's.

Recently Larry and Debbie Corbus had the opportunity to meet with Tim Hall Rotary East and Marston J, Winkles Rotary Club of St Thomas Assistant Governor District 7020. Discussions were on how our club can help them, in their recovery.



November 11, saw Chesterland's answer to Rockefeller Center's arrival of our tree. There was the Chief of Police and the Fire Chief in their cars, tractors, cars and trailer. Bob and Amy Rogish presented it to our elected officials for the residents of Chester.

Rotary has decorated the park for five years and the prior decorated the tree for over 26 years. This is a community wide event held the Saturday after Thanksgiving and looked forward to by many. Many Rotarians' put in untold hours, putting together and placing the displays, decorating trees, hanging garland, wiring and checking lighting.

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Rotary Foundation

Interaction 2017 Was a Big Success!

What do you get when you get 230 Interact students from 15 different schools to come together at once place to share ideas and fellowship? A great day at Cuyahoga Falls High School for Interaction 2017 on Saturday, November 4th!

The Cuyahoga Falls Interact Club and advisor Yvonne Federonick did a fantastic job of hosting this years' event. The Rotary Club of Cuyahoga Falls furnished doughnuts for breakfast and District 6630 furnished lunch, snacks and t-shirts for all the attendees. The hosting Interact Club also had a food drive for the Akron Canton Regional Food Bank and all the visiting clubs responded. They brought non-perishables and canned food that will feed over 500 people! The event was even broadcasted worldwide on the Rotary International Snap Chat page celebrating World Interact Week by CFHS Interact student Jenna Kull.



The event began with District Governor Elect Beverly Skrzynski welcoming the students and leading them singing "Happy Birthday" for Interact's 55th birthday of forming its first club in Melbourne Florida in 1962. Each Interact Club came to the podium and introduced their club and shared information about the club. We were excited to have our first two middle school clubs attend and students from Rocky River Middle School introduced themselves as the 1st middle school club in the district.

We adjourned to the auditorium to listen to some great morning speakers. Bob Huges and Judy Stull started the morning by telling the students about opportunities they have with short term Youth Exchange. Students visit another country with a host family for a month, followed by the student from the host country staying with them for a month. Most

of the trip is expenses paid by Rotary. Scott Snyder was next up to tell of his labor of love making rocking horses for children of fallen heroes in the military and first responders. The beautiful workmanship that he puts into these horses is amazing. The outpouring of emotions from the receiving families was a sight to savor.

And just like that, it was lunchtime. And what a lunch it was! 60 pizzas from Poppa John's along with chips, Salad and cookies were devoured by the masses. Everybody likes pizza. While the students were eating Long term Youth Exchange students Casie Ackerman and Clara Watkins shared with everyone what a life changing experience it was to live in a different country and go to school for a whole year. This is another opportunity available to high school students in our district.

After lunch it was back to the auditorium for our afternoon speakers. Anoo Vyas; Co-Director of the EXL Center at the University of Akron shared with our students that making a difference is more rewarding than making a lot of money. It was an inspirational and motivating presentation. Jenna Kull, Jasleen Gill and Michaela Brugmann finished off the presentations by talking about RYLA – Rotary Youth Leadership Awards camp and how it helped them with growing as a person and leader and the lifelong friends they made while there. RYLA is available to all Interact school and Rotary clubs with a maximum of two students per year per school. It was clear it was life changing to all three young women.

The Interactors went back to the lunchroom for the final task of the day, picking a project for our District Interact Service Project for the year. There were 10 different suggestions for projects and each was presented to the group. The Interact kids from Rocky River Middle School were given a big round of applause for giving a great presentation at such a young age! After two rounds of voting, the project was chosen.

The District 6630 Interact Service Project this year will include a District

and Rotary International Grant for materials for education and literacy for schools in the Virgin Islands. Interact Clubs in the District will raise \$10,000 and with matching grants, will raise \$35,000 for this project. It is the most ambitious District Interact project ever and it is their hope that Rotary Clubs in the District will support them with donations and assistance in raising funds. There will be much more on this great project presented to the District Rotary and Interact Clubs in the very near future.



They finished up by taking a group picture, saying goodbye to their new friends and helping clean-up. Everyone had smiles on their faces as they left, knowing that they were part of something truly special.

We hope even more of the 27 Interact Clubs and more than 1500 District Interact students can attend next years' event to be held on Saturday, November 3rd, 2018. If your Interact Club is interested in hosting this event next year, please contact Bob Oborn at boborn@kentelastomer.com. Don't have an Interact Club? Join in the fun and form one now. We have formed over 10 clubs in the last two years and want more to join the fun. It is rewarding for the students as well as the Rotary club members. Get in touch with Bob Oborn for details.

Make sure you attend the upcoming District Conference in April to see the culmination of this project and to see all the newly chartered Interact Clubs that will be recognized at the Youth Day Lunch on the Saturday of the conference.

News From TRC Chagrin Valley

The Chagrin Valley Rotary, a long-time participant in Rotary's third-grade dictionary program, has transitioned into the One School, One Book programs at the Chagrin Falls and Kenston school districts and St. Joan's Elementary School in Chagrin Falls. The one school program involves everyone in the school building reading the same book. Chagrin Falls chose Charlotte's Web. At Chagrin Falls' Gurney elementary school the front doors were covered with wood siding to look like a farm barn. A 260-pound pig greeted the students as they entered. Faculty and Rotarians were dressed as farmers.



Rotarians distributed 470 books at Gurney and 860 books to Kenston. We had the honor of remaining in the classrooms to read the first chapter to the students. To help defray the cost of the books Chagrin Valley donated \$1,000 to Chagrin and Kenston and \$200 to St. Joan's.

The newly-created Chagrin Falls High School Interact Club held a Thanksgiving food drive to benefit Geauga County's Department on Aging. Attached is a picture of the kids in action.

Not to be outdone by the high school kids, Rotarians passed the cornucopia basket and raised enough money to deliver nineteen Holiday Gift Baskets of food to needy families in the Chagrin Valley.

Playhouse Square Successes Revealed to Hudson Rotary

The Rotary Club of Hudson was recently treated to an impressive presentation by Art Falco, President and CEO of the Cleveland Playhouse Square Foundation, who recounted the challenges and rewards of staging entertainment 365 days a year in 10 performances venues.

A finance graduate of Bowling Green University and a resident of Shaker Heights, Falco has guided the development of Playhouse Square into the nation's largest entertainment complex west of New York City. The mission of the Playhouse Square Foundation encompasses excellence of performances with community involvement and real estate development.

The theater district's renaissance started with the renovation of the Ohio Theater, followed by the restoration of the State, Palace, Hannah and Allen theaters. Playhouse Square's Broadway series, with 44,000 members, has the largest subscriber base in the country-allowing production runs of three or more weeks. "Hamilton" will be a major highlight of the 2018-2019 season. Playhouse Square also houses the Cleveland Play House and Great Lakes Theater series and is home to WVIZ-TV and WCPAN public radio.

Augmenting the Playhouse Square professional productions is a children's theater program that teaches young people the values of culture in our society. And a related effort takes Disney musicals to impoverished grade schools who stage the productions. The school players then get the opportunity to sing in a musical at Playhouse Square.

Twenty-six local high schools also compete in the Playhouse Dazzle

Awards with male and female lead winners selected to perform in New York.

Cleveland real estate developments enhance the Playhouse Square Foundation's financial stability by creating revenue generating properties. These include the Residences at Hannah, the Crowne Plaza hotel, adjacent office



buildings, the Hofbrauhaus and a new residential tower that will break ground in 2018. All of these projects are reinforced by a cutting-edge Playhouse Square identity program.

The overall budget for Playhouse Square has grown to \$75 million per year which in turn provides exceptional cultural and employment opportunities to the Cleveland area.

The Rotary Club of Hudson is proud to welcome outstanding speakers to its Wednesday breakfast meetings and encourages anyone interested in becoming acquainted with the Club to contact Kathryn Sines, President, at sinesk@hudson.k12.oh.us.

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**

PROGRAMS FOR CHINANDEGA IN SERIOUS JEOPARDY!!

In the October 2017 District Newsletter, you were given an updated summary of the past 12 years of the response of Rotarians, Rotary Clubs and Friends of Rotary to Nicaragua and the Children of the Dump. During this time your district along with / rotary Districts 6600 and 6650 along with Rotary Clubs in Michigan, Texas, and Iowa have accomplished many amazing and significant accomplishments regarding this International Project for Humanity. We have also worked with a Rotary Club in both Georgia and Nigeria to provide Shoe Boxes to these children. In all you have provided over \$ 1,075,000 including Shoe Boxes, a Fire Truck, 3 ambulances, School Supplies, items for the trade school and many other items to Chinandega, Nicaragua. (Please refer to the October 2017 District Issue of the Newsletter for more information.)

In that newsletter, Marsha Pappalardo and I felt that after 12 years of coordinating this International Project, if this process is to continue, someone else must come forward to

lead this all important project for the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua. It should be noted that in the past two years we have been trying to find someone to step forward to chair this process. Even though over 75 individuals from our district have traveled on this mission trip to Nicaragua over the past 12 years, several individuals have inquired about getting involved, no one has stepped forward to accept this responsibility for the Shoe Boxes and Layette Bags.

Therefore, I must remind all District 6630 Rotarians and Rotary Clubs that if no one responds to this request, the support to the Children of the Dump will end this year. Marsha and I are willing to work behind the scenes to help someone for 2018.

Again, Marsha and I want to thank all Rotarians, Rotary Clubs, youth and Friends of Rotary who have supported the children living in the Dump to hopefully live a better life along with supporting the women who have given birth to children due to rape. IF

THERE IS ANY INTEREST IN THIS PROCESS, PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CONTACT EITHER MARSHA OR MYSELF PRIOR TO DECEMBER 30, 2017. WE ARE MORE THAN WILLING TO HELP BEHIND THE SCENES AND EXPLAIN WHAT IS INVOLVED.

Again thank you for this amazing opportunity to represent our district this past 12 years.

Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,
Marsha and Jack

Insurance Alert Webinar

Rotary International's Risk Management team will be hosting a live webinar on December 5, 2017 CST. If you've wondered what insurance we carry, and who and what's insured, this is the webinar for you. Please consider registering on the link below.

This webinar is open to ALL Rotarians. The registration link is link: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2020509132718856961> or go to rotary.org to Webinars. Open to all Rotarians.



Rotary Global Rewards

November, 2017

A Member Benefits Program

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- Whether you're shopping for gifts or for yourself, you can save and give back to Rotary. Learn how you can get the best deals and coupons directly from your web browser.
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Find rewards

- Visit [Rotary Global Rewards](#) for offers in your area and around the world.

News From TRC Cleveland

Educate the Islands/Reaching Out After Irma

On October 26th, the Rotary Club of Cleveland exchanged their weekly lunch meeting for a work session at St. Malachi Church in order to help Carl Cook and his Mentanoia Project serve the homeless. Between November and May, the Mentanoia Project helps the homeless population in Cleveland by providing a warm place to eat a meal, sleep, receive medical attention, learn life skills to improve their situa-



tion, and receive supplies as well as warm clothing. Rotary members came in their work gear, rolled up their sleeves, and helped the staff at the Mentanoia Project sort donated clothes, set up a clothing and supply shop, organize office space, and clean various rooms. Each member also brought donations of clothing, hygiene supplies, and winter gear. After the work session, Carl Cook and Megan Crow from the project gave a presentation regarding how the program works, how it helps the homeless population, and ways in which the Rotary Club can help this organization in their mission moving forward. Members left the session feeling inspired and have decided to provide and serve dinner for this group on January 26th at St. Malachi. This experience was a wonderful community service project for the club, and was well attended by club members.

District 6630 Interact Clubs, Sponsoring Rotary Clubs and Advisors,

Rotary District 6630 is very excited that we have decided to put the full strength of the Interact Clubs in our district towards raising funds for materials pertinent to education and literacy in the United States Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. We are applying for a Rotary International Grant that will allow us to match the funds we raise and multiply them by three and a half times. This means that if our clubs combine our funds and raise our goal amount of \$10,000, we could send \$35,000 to those in need, specifically for the purpose of educational materials and helping students return to school. Food, water, and electricity are slowly being restored in the islands, but students are not yet able to go back to class and have lost almost all their materials.

Helping others in need is the priority of Interact and Rotary. We are grateful that you have decided to join us in our efforts, and we are proud to work with this amazing group of students that makes up Interact in District 6630. The Chesterland Rotary Club has been in contact with the local District Governor in the Virgin Islands to help us partner with local schools there, and we will be able to contact the local Interact Clubs there soon. We hope to form a partnership with the Interact students there and become "sister clubs." The District Governor will help us with a needs assessment to better inform us as to what areas need the most help as well as what type of materials are most necessary. Since these schools are in poor areas, we could help provide them with materials ranging from

pens and pencils to desks and computers to enhance their educational opportunities. When we hear back from the local Rotarians, we will update everyone with the types of materials we will be funding. We also hope to challenge the District 6630 Rotary Clubs to match our contributions up to a certain amount.

There are many ways clubs can raise money for this cause. Donation collections at local stores, t-shirt sales, family movie nights at your schools, Penny Wars between grade levels, and Valentine's Candygrams are just a fraction of the ideas that could work. Please let us know if you need help or ideas for fundraisers and we would be happy to help you set something up. In addition to holding fundraisers, please publicize to your community all the work we are doing! Write to your local newspapers, send videos of your students volunteering and raising money to local news channels, and get your community involved. Education restoration is of enormous import, and we are proud to be a part of this movement.

Rotary District 6630 Chairperson Tracy Jemison has agreed to open an account as a collection point for funds collected. We will share more on this at a later date. We will also update all clubs each month with what has been collected. We will ask each Club to update us each month on the funds each Interact Club has collected.

Please contact Bob Oborn (boborn@kentelastomer.com) or Chelsea Talty (chelsea.talty@westg.org) if you have further questions. Working together for a greater cause is a worthwhile experience for everyone involved.

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Members of BW Rotaract joined Berea Rotary as BW President Robert Helmer, second from left, gave Rotarians an update on plans for the campus.

Baldwin Wallace University has long-range construction plans

Baldwin Wallace University President Robert Helmer, a long-time member of Rotary in Toledo, shared long-range plans for the campus with Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, Dec. 14. The university's master plan calls for \$95 million in new construction over the next six to seven years.

That includes the current University Market project on Front Street – a joint venture with DiGeronimo Enterprises. This 64,000-square-foot development will feature commercial businesses on the ground floor and dorm space for BW students on the top three floors. It is due to open next August.

Also in the future in a new math and computer science building at Front and Fifth Avenue to replace the former Loomis School where computer science classes are now held. Loomis would be razed and turned into green space.

A new student center would be built onto the Higgins Athletic Center. Strosacker Hall, which is now the student center, would be repurposed as a center for the health sciences plus a veterans' lounge.

"We build when it's only absolutely necessary," Helmer said. Fundraising is now under way. There are no plans to increase student enrollment, he said. There are currently 4,000 students. Maximum goal would be around 4,100.

He said the college is proud of its accomplishments. In academics, the neuroscience and musical theater programs are ranked nationally. Two new programs – environmental science and forensics – are attracting new students. BW also has the only free clinic for speech pathology in northeast Ohio.

BW makes changes with curricula, activities and buildings as needed, he said. "What are the degrees that our students need now and the future?"

Rotary Club of Berea Holiday Party

5:30-8 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 12

Bucci's J'Bella restaurant
12201 Pearl Road, Strongsville

Cost: \$30 per person

Menu choices: Strip Steak – Chicken Piccata – Cod Milanese

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TRC Brunswick Hosts 1st Jingle Bell Gala

On November 16 the Rotary Club of Brunswick held their first Jingle Bell Gala to Raise Money to support their community projects. Rotarian Marsha Pappalardo, Club past president and past assistant District Governor



was chair for the event. The Christmas theme event was attended by over 150 guest with over 75 silent auction items, 5 live auction items and a chance to win a necklace valued at over \$ 1,000.

The event was attended by our immediate Past District Governor, current District Governor and our District Governor Elect. Rotarians also attended from the Rotary Clubs of North Ridgeville, Berea, Medina Evening, Cleveland and Conneaut. Don Kammer, Brunswick Rotarian was the Master of Ceremony for the event.

http://blog.cleveland.com/brunswick-beat/2017/11/brunswick_rotary_hosts_first_a.html



Veterans of the Rotary Club of Wadsworth were recently recognized by Rotarian and veteran officer, David Laviere and past military veterans and Rotarians Rev Reed and PDG Jack Young.