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**Amy Kapostasy**  
District Governor

## ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Editor

### September 2017

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### Governor's Letter

Two Months have finished in the Rotary Year. We are all starting to settle in and truly understand the focus of our year a bit more. As I hear from many of you, I am amazed to hear about the thousands of volunteer hours we are putting in around our district and in the world. In addition to the hours, we are putting our treasure in as well. Hundreds of thousands of dollars are being spent to truly Make a Difference. Whether it is local scholarships, community food pantries, we are making a statement that where there is a need, District 6630 will do everything in our power to eliminate that need. I am proud of this statement and all we do and you should be as well.

I have seen with many Clubs and Rotarians it is so common for us to not realize how much we do. I believe the reason for this is because we don't do it for the recognition. We do it because it needs to be done. However, when I sit with the board of each club for an hour, the list of projects doubles, triples, and sometimes even quadruples when we start really thinking about what you all are doing! I like to have these discussions on purpose to learn all that the club is doing. It allows the club to truly know what they are doing in their community and around the world. This information is to not only share with those

that are potential members, but to share within our own clubs with existing membership. History has shown that most people that quit Rotary do it within the first 3 years. I believe if they truly knew what they were a part of and what their own club was doing, this information would engage them and we would have lifelong Rotarians. Many times, we 'assume' that our members know everything that is going on in the club. Please don't make this assumption because my discussions have proven that not even the board members know everything going on in regards to projects. Also, new members don't know what happened last month let alone last year. Please share the story of what we are doing with EVERYBODY!

At this time of year, I would like to encourage clubs to recognize the importance of not only having their President Elect but also their President Elect Nominee/Vice President. As we saw with the passing of President Elect Sam for Rotary International, it is so important for us to plan at the club level. Our district leadership has already been communicating with the PEs. If you haven't reported these yet please contact DGE Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski or our district secretary, please do so now. Also, as a reminder PETS training will be November 11, 2018. Please

visit the district website under, district events for more information.

September is Basic Education and Literacy Month. More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17% of the world's adult population. That is a sad and staggering statistic. I am so glad to know how much we are doing to change this around the world. However, we have so much more to do. We need to be able to give the children safe, clean, and healthy environments to learn in. We also need to give our educators the tools to inspire learning at all ages. Please learn more about what we can do to Make a Difference by supporting Education - <https://www.rotary.org/en/our-causes/supporting-education>.

Finally, I have had the opportunity to visit special events and award ceremonies throughout the district. I continue to be humbled, excited, and honored to serve as your District Governor for the 17-18 Rotary Year as I hear everything going on and see how well respected you are in your community. If there is anything that you need help with, please do not hesitate to reach out to me and the district and we will do all we can to assist. Now, let's go Make a Difference and have a great Rotary year.



## RISK MANAGEMENT

As of 30 August 2017, **Arthur J. Gallagher** (AJG) is the new insurance broker for the Program. To access insurance information online, such as certificates of insurance, policy summaries, and incident/claim forms, please visit Gallagher Insight website:  
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All U.S. Rotarians will need to use the below credentials:

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U.S. Rotarians can also contact Gallagher by:

email: [rotary@ajg.com](mailto:rotary@ajg.com)

phone: **1.833.3ROTARY** (1.833.376.8279)

**Note:** If your club or district had previously obtained a Certificate of Insurance from Lockton for an upcoming event, that Certificate is still valid because the coverage has not changed - only the Broker.

If you have any questions please email Rotary Risk Management at [insurance@rotary.org](mailto:insurance@rotary.org).

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## Sex Slavery Victim to Highlight Strongsville Human Trafficking Forum

By Ken McEntee

For two years, beginning at the age of 15, Theresa Flores was forced into sex slavery (rape for profit) - all the while living at home and going to school, keeping her secret from her family and protecting her traffickers under the threat of blackmail. Theresa, now a campaigner against sex trafficking and the founder of Save Our Adolescents from Prostitution, will highlight a community awareness forum about human trafficking (slavery) hosted by the Rotary Club of Strongsville, in cooperation with the Cleveland-based Collaborative to End Human Trafficking.

The free event will be held on Tuesday, October 17, 2017, at 7:00 p.m., at Strongsville's Walter F. Ehrnfelt Recreation & Senior Center. Rotarians from other clubs in District 6630 are encouraged to attend. The Berea club has cancelled its regular meeting that night to attend the forum.

Human trafficking - or slavery - includes forcing children and adults into prostitution and slave labor through the use of physical violence and emotional coercion. An estimated 20 to 40 million children and adults - male and female - are enslaved around the world - including right here in Northeast Ohio.

Slavery took center stage in June at the Rotary International annual convention, in Atlanta. Speakers included Sen. Bob Corker (R-Tennessee), actor Ashton Kutcher, whose organiza-

tion, Thorn.org, battles the sexual exploitation of children on the Internet, and sex slave survivor Rebecca Bender, of Oregon. Three breakout sessions about human trafficking were filled to capacity and many interested attendees had to be turned away.

Among those assisting the Strongsville Rotary to organize the forum are the Collaborative, members of the Strongsville police and fire departments, the Ohio Highway Patrol, the Strongsville City School District and a high school student ambassador with the Ohio Attorney General's Human Trafficking Task Force.

Speakers will discuss the scope of the problem in Strongsville and Northeast Ohio, how to protect children against traffickers and other predators and how to recognize the warning signs that a person is being trafficked. Victims are often hidden in plain sight, working against their will in public places, yet unable to reach out for help.

If you plan to attend, an RSVP would be appreciated so we can estimate our attendance. Please email Ken McEntee, at [ken@thewriteco.com](mailto:ken@thewriteco.com). For more information, call Ken McEntee, immediate past president of the Strongsville club (440-238-6603) or Jeff Ellis, the club's co-director for community service (216-469-0245).

## TRC Cleveland Supports School in Malawi

The Rotary Club of Cleveland recently donated 75 desks and chairs to Nanze Elementary School in the village of Chikwasa in central Malawi.

Rotarian, Yunus Badat of Cleveland Rotary Club traveled to Malawi and together with volunteers distributed the furniture to the school. The school, first in the village built by the non-profit group Nanze Children's Services registered

in Ohio will serve 300 plus students from the community and neighboring villages.

Please find attached pictures of Yunus interacting with students who for the first time will be able to attend school and actually sit at their desks. Notice the rotary logo on the desks!

Story contributed by Yunus Badat of Nanze Children's Services

Rotary Club of Cleveland

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

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## TRC Fairlawn & Summit County Astronomy Club

The Summit County Astronomy Club has broken ground on the Bath Nature Preserve Observatory. The Rotary Club of Fairlawn has spearheaded this project and is one of the major funders. This newer style observatory will house five handicap accessible computer driven telescopes that are powerful yet very easy to use. The building will be finished by mid-October. The SCAC is still in need of about \$15,000 to purchase needed equipment. The astronomy club was started by a Paul Harris district grant and the support of the Rotary Club of Fairlawn. The Summit County Astronomy Club has reached over 5500 people in two and half years.

A note about fellowship in Rotary: The foundation

contractor I had bailed on me at the last minute. I talked with the architect and was led to Julie Brandle, co-founder of Metis Construction in Kent Ohio. They have done a lot of work at the Rotary Rex Lake Camp. She is current president of the Rotary Club of Akron and we have met at several Akron Chamber events. Metis construction was able to find an excavator and concrete contractor (which is difficult this time of year) and also act as general contractor. It saved the project of this year's construction. You never know how Rotary will aid you in life...for the largest service organization it is a small world when it comes to Rotary!

## FOUNDATION REPORT 9/12/17

As of this report, the Foundation Committee of District 6630 is actively working in several areas. The Grants Committee (GC) has focused a great deal of time and attention this Rotary year on cleaning up a back log of district grants that remain on the RI books as of 7/1/2017. Many of these projects have been completed but the proper entries in Club Runner have not been put in place and they remain as "open". There are many reasons for this situation but basically the projects usually meet delays of some sort and without continued reminders, just fall by the wayside. With the diligent efforts of Todd Kiick, GC chair, Rick Pollak, Foundation Compliance Coordinator and the GC liaisons all but one or two of these projects have been wrapped up. This has taken a great deal of time and effort on these committee member's part but has been successful in eliminating the back log. Having to concentrate only on current district grants in the future should save the GC a great deal of time and energy and allow us to start and guide new grant projects more effectively as they are developed. There are 17 district grant projects that were approved for the 2017/2018 Rotary year and many of these are underway at this time. 50% of the District 6630 District Designated Funds (DDF) are being used again this year for District (local) projects. This amounts to over \$50,000 and translates into many valuable community projects.

Membership in the Paul Harris Society (PHS) has been increasing steadily. Rotarian Jim Lechko from RC Lakewood/Rocky River has been leading this movement. PHS members pledge to give \$1000 per year to The Rotary Foundation (TRF) as long as it is possible for them to do so. Making these donations by Rotary Direct (RD) is by far the easiest way to meet your pledge and not be bothered with checks or billing statements. A simple on-line form or even a phone call can enroll you in RD and changes can be made just as easily whenever you request them. It is also the easiest way to move yourself up every year on the scale of Paul

Harris Fellows towards major donor status in TRF. To date 4 new PHS members have been inducted with several others eligible. Please consider joining this group today. Jim can be reached at 440-376-9191 to get you started.

RI's work to eradicate polio is still TRF's major focus. Only a few new cases have been reported in 2 countries this year but much work remains to be done. Monitoring programs, re-inoculations, testing laboratories and tracking around the world need to be set up and running before polio can be declared eradicated. Bill and Melinda Gates continue to support our efforts with their 2 to 1 matches of funds. What a great day it will be in the history of Rotary when the announcement is made!

Annual giving this year has been moving at the traditional slow rate but hopefully will be just as active and generous as we near the end of the year. Please encourage the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) program in your clubs and also donations by clubs from your fund raisers. All of this giving builds points that can be used to award Paul Harris Fellowship recognition.

The District 6630 Foundation event will be held on November 28th. this year at the Happy Days Lodge in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in Peninsula. Many awards and Paul Harris Fellowships will be given out based on generous donations last year. The event will also contain a fund raising component similar to last year which was very successful and a lot of fun.

Robert "Bob" Johnson

District 6630 Foundation Chair

## Medina Sunrise Rotary Celebrates 23rd Anniversary of Service with its Community Partners

Gathered around the Rotary Burr Oak Tree, which is planted on the southwest lawn of Medina's Historic Public Square, Medina Sunrise Rotary celebrates its 23 years of service with its Community Partners and Youth Exchange Student: The Children's Center of Medina County, Empower Sports, Jaguza Children Ministries, the U.S. Air Force and Pong Udomrattanasirichai from Thailand.

"The Burr Oak Tree came from the Morgan Park, Illinois, home of Paul Harris who founded Rotary in 1905," said first president of Medina Sunrise Rotary - Becky Shotwell. "It was little more than a 12" sprig when the City of Medina received it in the 1990's and, taking root in the community, now stands proudly at nearly 45 feet tall on Public Square. The Medina Sunrise Rotary Club returns each year in the fall to watch the sun rise over Medina, note the growth of our Rotary tree, and renew our commitment to making a difference in the lives of children in our community and beyond, through our time, talents and treasures."

Thank you to our Community Partners, all our Rotarians, and thank you MEDINA!

### Sad News

George Qua passed away in his sleep on Sept. 16. He was the President of the Cleveland Rotary Club when it was the third largest in the world. I recently met him through my daughter-in-law, and had him come to our Chagrin Highlands Rotary meeting on Sept. 1, 2017, as my guest. He was delighted to be there and thoroughly enjoyed being at our Rotary meeting. He was very friendly to all of our Rotarians. George, who was around 90, was very involved in numerous organizations including the US Army, Red Cross, and Boy Scouts. May he rest in peace. John Newburger

## Mentor & Painesville RC's Have Joined Forces to Help Feed the Needy!

Mentor joined forces with Painesville in order to ensure that we have the volunteers we need each month and both clubs are benefitting by working together for a common good.

TRC Painesville would like to extend a huge thank you to TRC Mentor for joining us in this project!



TRC Painesville & TRC Mentor prepare & serve the meal at St James Church in Painesville every 3rd Tuesday of the month. We start food prep at 3:30pm and finish cleaning up at about 6:45pm and we invite anyone who might be interested in volunteering to come join us. You can either just show up at the church or you can get more details by calling Stu Lucker at 440-867-8499.

Thanks,  
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\*Contributions are tax deductible when allowed by law. For security purposes, please do not send credit card contributions via email.  
\*Note: The Paul Harris Society recognizes those who give \$1,000 or more each year to The Rotary Foundation, or an approved foundation grant, from their own resources.

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## Exciting Rotary Opportunity with the Browns

District 6630 has been presented an exciting opportunity to help in continuing to identify ways to offset our expenses from our wonderful Centennial Celebration! I would like to encourage everyone to participate and join us in fellowship and fun.....!

We will be selling 50/50 raffle tickets at the Cleveland Browns home games. These tickets will benefit Shoes and Clothes for Kids and help us at the same time! This is a WIN, Win!! (maybe not for the Browns)

We will need to have 25 ticket sellers for the following dates: [October 8<sup>th</sup>](#), [October 22](#), [December 10<sup>th</sup>](#).

Ticket sellers will need to arrive at 9 am at the Browns stadium at the gate on the Northeast part of the stadium/ marked staff parking. Parking and meals are included for all ticket sellers. All ticket sellers must be 18 years of age or older. We will be done selling tickets by the beginning of the fourth quarter.

### Benefits/Compensation:

Rotary will receive a base stipend of \$75/ per seller in attendance for the entirety of the raffle at each game.

For Game 1, Rotary will earn \$1,875 (\$75 x 25 sellers)

For Game 2, Rotary will earn \$1,875 (\$75 x 25 sellers) PLUS an additional \$500 = \$2,375

For Game 3, Rotary will earn \$1,875 (\$75 x 25 sellers) PLUS an additional \$1,000 = \$2,875

Total estimated compensation noted above is \$7,125 for three games, based

on 25 sellers. If there are fewer sellers in attendance, the compensation will be adjusted accordingly.

Should the raffle jackpot reach the levels listed below, an additional payment will be made to Rotary as follows:

- \$1,000 bonus if jackpot reaches \$40,000

- \$2,500 bonus if jackpot reaches \$50,000

\$3,500 bonus if jackpot reaches \$60,000

The maximum potential jackpot bonus pool is \$3,500.

Please join me in helping to support this great fundraising opportunity that for very little effort can reap huge rewards! I am asking that each of you identify 2-4 volunteers for each of the three dates with particular attention to October 8th as that is our very first one! This is also a great chance for our youth (who meet the minimum age) to obtain those all important community service hours.

Please register online for the date(s) you can volunteer or call me at 440-622-9538.

[October 8, 2017 - Click to Register](#)

[October 22, 2017 - Click to Register](#)

[December 10, 2017 - Click to Register](#)

Thank you in advance for your time and commitment,

Amy Kapostasy, DG 2017-18

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**6:30pm - 9:30pm**

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Tickets on sale now at [TwoTwinBrowns.com](http://TwoTwinBrowns.com)

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Rosewood Grill • Market & Rookery River Wine Bar  
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Steakhouse & Sushi Bar • Square 22  
Starbucks Coffee Company • The Gate Little Cake Shop  
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Strongsville Rotary Fund also has a long-term \$100,000 goal.  
\$40 of your ticket will go to the fund, and \$10 of your \$95 ticket will go to the fund table auction.

## High School Foreign Studies Scholarship Program update: Inbound students have arrived!

By Beth Mlady

The 2017 Inbound Rotary Youth Exchange students have arrived for their year of learning and adventure in District 6630. During a training and orientation session Aug. 26-27 at Akron Rotary Camp, students met as a group for the first time and became acquainted with American life, culture and each other.

District RYE Trainer Susan Colville-Hall led sessions that enhanced their understanding of a myriad of topics and also emphasized the sharing of their cultures through games, discussions and student-made posters and pictures.

At the same time, RYE District Chairman Bob Heydorn and RYE Outbound Chairman Patrick Kelley met with district clubs' Youth Exchange Officers and Club Counselors to discuss various commitments and monthly reporting requirements for the students' exchange year. The RYE program calendar is kept current and is always available on the Youth Exchange page of the district website. Heydorn and Kelley stressed to club RYE officers and counselors the importance of open, frequent communications with the student their club is hosting. Host parents met Sunday morning with

Heydorn and Kelley for an informational session as well.

"Rebounders" Casie Ackerman (Brazil; Hudson) and Clara Watkins (Taiwan; Medina Sunrise) joined students for the weekend, offering advice and support since they recently returned from their overseas exchanges.

Inbound students set personal and academic goals for the coming year but also shared camaraderie while canoeing, enjoying a pontoon boat ride, experiencing s'mores around a campfire and hiking. This year's inbound students and their host clubs are: Nik Krauss (Germany; Aurora),

Isa Munoz (Spain; Akron), Chovi Carvajal (Chile; Garrettsville-Hiram), Lucas De Carli (Brazil; Hudson), Ma-



RYE District Trainer Susan Colville-Hall leads a training/orientation session with inbound students.



Inbound RYE students Front row, left to right: Nik Krauss (Germany), Lucas De Carli (Brazil), Mae Baracand (France), Maria Drummond (Brazil), Isa Munoz (Spain)  
Back row, left to right: Aadhavan Manickam (India), Pong Udomrattanasirichai (Thailand), Brianna Wongniyom (Thailand), Chovi Carvajal (Chile).

ria Drummond (Brazil; Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise), Mae Baracand (France; Lakewood-Rocky River), Brianna Wongniyom (Thailand; Lakewood-Rocky River), Aadhavan Manickam (India; Mantua), Pong Udomrattanasirichai (Thailand; Medina Sunrise), and Eri Mori (Japan; Strongsville).

District 6630 is seeking potential Outbound candidates for next year! For more information, contact Patrick Kelley at [ryepatrickkelley@gmail.com](mailto:ryepatrickkelley@gmail.com). Visit the Youth Exchange page on the District 6630 website for complete RYE details.

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Pictured here is the Annual Fishing Derby for children with special needs sponsored by the Parma Rotary

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**Wednesday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017 6:00-9:00 p.m.**

Join The Rotary Club of Hillcrest - Sunrise for a fabulous evening of fun, food and entertainment as we raise funds to:

- Eradicate Polio from the world (Polio Plus)
- Help disabled children and adults, and support their families (Achievement Center for Children, Special Olympics)
- Enhance the education of students in the Hillcrest Community (Dictionary Project, Love Cleveland, Vocational Education Recognition Dinner)
- Feed families in the Hillcrest Community (Meals on Wheels, Thanksgiving baskets)
- Aid the "Seasoned-Citizens" in our communities (Community Partnership on Aging)
- Support local family organizations (Hillcrest YMCA, Hiram House Camp)

Enjoy fine cuisine from 20+ restaurants, live entertainment, 50/50 raffle and more. Tickets are \$40.00 each and include food, soft drinks and entertainment. Cash bar available. Groups of 10 or more tickets can be purchased in advance for \$35.00 each. Limited number of tickets available at the door. (\$20.00/ticket tax deductible contribution).

**Hope to see you there!!**

For more information and tickets, please call 440-343-7503.

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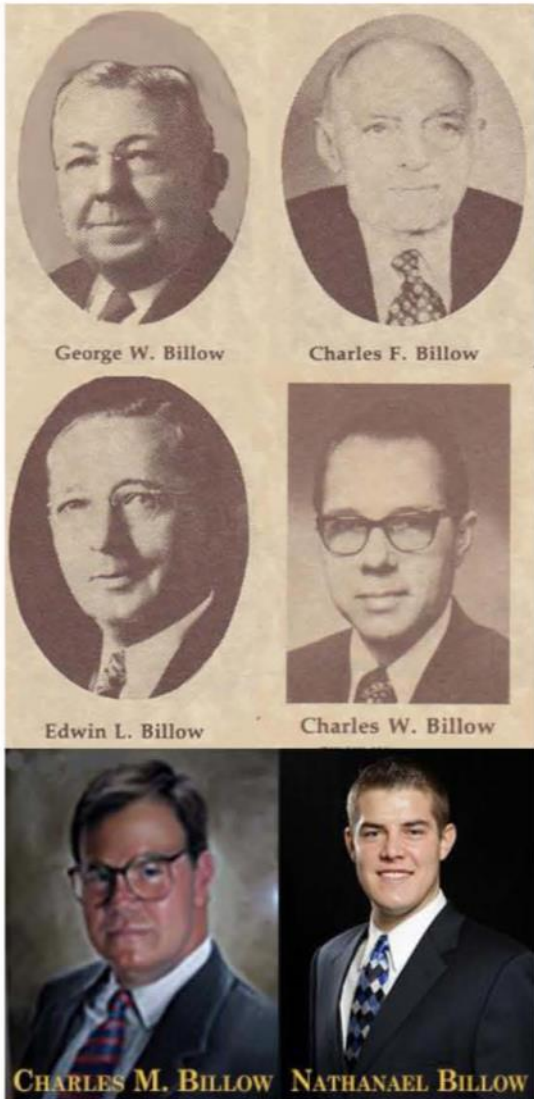
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## THE BILLOW ROTARY DYNASTY IN AKRON, OHIO

*by George Rooney, Past President (1988-1989), The Rotary Club of Akron*



*Below, Nathanael congratulates his grandfather, Charles W. for being recognized as an Honorary Rotarian.*



The Billow Rotary Dynasty in Akron began with Captain George Billow, who served in the Civil War, and founded the first funeral home in Akron. Captain George wasn't an Akron Rotarian, because there was no Akron Rotary Club during his prime. But Captain George had three sons who became Akron Rotarians.

The eldest son, George W. Billow, was a Charter Member of the Akron Club in 1914, and served as its President in 1916-17. The second son, Charles F. Billow, was an Honorary Member of the Club. And the third son, Edwin Billow, was also a member.

But of those three 1st generation members, it was Charles F. Billow whose progeny has resulted in this amazing 5-generation Rotary family. Charles F. Billow's son, Arthur F. Billow, was an active member of the Akron club, and the thread continued when Arthur's son, Charles W. (Chuck) Billow, joined the Akron Club in 1952. Chuck loved the Akron Rotary Camp for Children with Special Needs, and enjoyed driving kids to the Camp. Chuck was known to take his family on vacations in the United States and Europe, crafting those vacation itineraries around attending other Rotary clubs to keep his perfect attendance intact. Chuck continued as an active member of the Akron Club for over 65 years, when he was recognized and inducted as an Honorary Member on August 22, 2017. The Akron Club expects that Honorary Membership to continue for many years.

Through Chuck's example, the Rotary string has continued. Chuck's son, Charles M. (Chip) Billow, was a member of the Akron Club for several years before he moved to Tallmadge, where he is still a Rotarian. And Chip's son, Nathanael, representing the 5<sup>th</sup> generation, was inducted into the Akron Club on August 1, 2017.

All of these Billow family members have been active in the family business – the Billow Company – that operates the Billow Funeral Homes and Crematory, a premier Akron business since 1915.

For over 100 years and spanning 5 generations - from the very formation of the Akron Rotary Club in 1914 to the present time – the Billow Rotary Dynasty has reigned in Akron.

# Opiate Crisis Hits Lorain County Hard

By Traci Purdum

**Dr. Stephen B. Evans, Lorain County Coroner, addresses local Rotary club about the widespread drug epidemic.**

Lorain County Coroner Dr. Stephen B. Evans cringes when people equate overdose deaths with the thinning of the herd. "This is your herd, people," he said to the Rotary Club of North Ridgeville on Aug. 25.

Indeed, every week three to four people die from an opiate overdose in Lorain County. Worldwide, that number is 600 people a day. Demographically, the deaths are white, middle class people who live in the suburbs. For every one person who dies, 130 people are addicted to drugs and 800 people are abusing drugs. Evans pointed out that 80% of kids start abusing opiates at home – they just head to the family medicine cabinet.

Evans is quick to assign blame to big pharma. Beginning in the 1990s, drug companies pushed doctors and hos-

pitals to prescribe the opiate-based drugs they were manufacturing, according to him. "Government realized they let the genie out of the bottle and shut down [the practice]. But not before people were addicted. They couldn't get the drugs from doctors so they turned to heroin."

Realizing the need to stem some of the deaths, Evans and his team reached out to Sen. Gayle Manning for help. Ohio Senate Bill 57, sponsored by Manning, established a pilot program for first responders to carry the lifesaving drug Naloxone or Narcan. Narcan can instantly reverse the effects of a drug overdose. The bill passed in 2013.

"In that pilot year we [first responders] saved 60 lives. Since the bill passed, over 300 lives have been saved" says Evans. When asked if Narcan was a blessing or burden, he said he would administer Narcan 100 times to the same person if that's what it takes. "Part of recovery is relapse."

Most of the addicts are people who were following doctors orders or kids who made a stupid mistake, notes Evans. "These are kids with scholarships. These are good kids."

Lorain County relies on grants to obtain and distribute Narcan for free. "It doesn't cost tax payers anything," says Evans. He says the keys to overcoming this epidemic are three-fold: Educate. Advocate. Clean Up.

The North Ridgeville Rotary Club features speakers like Dr. Evans at its weekly meetings. To do its part on education, the club plans to continue its speaker series on the opiate crisis. For more information, visit the club's Facebook page: facebook.com/RotaryClubNorthRidgevilleOhio

Traci Purdum is past president and current president-elect of the North Ridgeville Rotary Club. She is a journalist based in North Ridgeville. You can email her at tracipurdum@yahoo.com.

## Clubs Respond to Hurricanes and Earthquake Supporting Shelter Box

According to PDG Jack Young, Past Board of Director member and current Board of Director Emeritus of Shelter Box USA, 7 Rotary Clubs in District 6630 have responded to the support of Shelter Box who has responded to a number of Hurricanes and an Earth Quake in Mexico. The devastation has been enormous causing many deaths and causing thousands of individuals losing their homes. Shelter Box a Project Partner of the Rotary International Foundation has Shelter Box Volunteer Teams on the ground in these areas assisting local and other international agencies to provide temporary housing and providing help where needed.

PDG Young indicated that the 7 Rotary Clubs/Individuals have sent financial support to Shelter Box USA in the amount of \$ 12,808 as of September 20. If your club has sent

financial support directly to Shelter Box or would like more information as to how you can help please feel to contact me at either (440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com. He is in daily contact with either the CEO of Shelter Box USA or their office staff.

Along with this it should be noted that several Interact Clubs in our district are planning various fundraising activities to raise money for Shelter Box to help those in the affected areas.

Thank you to all who have supported the mission of Shelter Box in providing Shelter, Warmth and Dignity to those who have lost everything due to disasters in the world.

Thank you.  
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Board of Director 2007-14  
Board of Director Emeritus 2015-17

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Saturday, November 4th  
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 44221

(Follow signs for parking on Stow Street)

**Schedule of Events**

9:30 – 10:00am – Registration and pick up your t-shirt. Please bring non-perishable foods for our food drive.

10:00 – 10:30 – Ice breaker. Get to know each other

10:30 – 10:45 Interact club introductions

10:45 – 11:00 – Lulu McKee – 2 time short term exchange student talks about her time in Spain and Paraguay.

11:00 – 11:30 Scott Snyder – Talks about making homemade rocking horses for children of fallen heroes. Military, police and Fire.

11:30 – 12:15 – Lunch and get to know each other

12:15 – 12:45 – Annal Vyas – "How do I know if I make a difference"

12:45 – 1:00 – Jenna Kull from CFHS Interact– her RYLA experience and how it helped her grow as a person.

1:00 – 1:45 – Discussion to choose our annual District Service Project

1:45 – 2:30 Vote on service project, take group pictures, clean-up, say goodbyes

Doughnuts, Pizza, chips and water will be provided. We ask that each participant bring non-perishable food to donate to our local food bank. T-shirts designed by CFHS Interact will be given out to those who sign up by Friday, October 20th. This should be our biggest event this year; please sign up as many as you can from your club.

## Rotary Club Briefed on Ohio and National Energy Issues

The Rotary Club of Hudson, during its five August meetings, learned from energy companies and government presenters about the critical issues facing energy suppliers and consumers.

Major themes addressed were: the competing sources of energy, the economics of diverse sources, the need for renewable sources and government regulations and subsidies. All forms of energy were discussed including coal, natural gas, nuclear, solar and wind.

The speakers in order of appearance and major points made were:

Tony Ramos, Northern Ohio Public Energy Co., a non profit energy retail aggregator in 219 Ohio communities that has saved consumers over a half billion dollars or approximately six percent per year. NOPEC offers online tracking of household energy usage and gives money back to subscriber communities for public service projects.

David Zelasko and Michael Smucker, Third Sun Solar, that represents the USA's fastest growing energy source. Solar energy is used by major universities and various businesses. Home usage is growing as costs have dropped one hundred fold since 1975 and the average home installation of \$20,000 can be recovered in 8 years. Unused energy can be credited back to the electric utility company and there is currently a 30% tax credit for the installation costs.

Craig Sundstrom, Apex Clean Energy, whose wind power provides over 10% of the total energy in 14 states, but only 1% in Ohio. Proposed Ohio legislation will raise that number to

12% in the future. The primary wind installation issue is restrictive property setbacks that must be addressed. Wind power will be the only energy source not dependent on government subsidies if, as expected, the subsidies aren't renewed two years from now.



Doug Colafella, First Energy, that relies on a balanced mix of energy sources to service consumers. Ohio's industrial usage of energy is behind only Texas and California in the USA and natural gas represents the greatest growth for Ohio. Nuclear plants in Ohio generate \$524 million for the economy, provide 4300 jobs and are environmentally desirable, but are under constant scrutiny

by the public and legislature. A balanced energy policy is needed.

Senator John Eklund, Ohio 18th District, stated that energy policy is one of the major factors affecting the Ohio economy, but a challenging area in which to develop policy. He explained that energy competition on the wholesale level represents a construct that dictates supply and price and doesn't recognize the other attributes of various energy sources. The development of shale gas as a source has contributed to an Ohio balanced budget and reduced unemployment. Senator Eklund feels that Ohio needs a balanced and diverse energy supply including wind and solar that currently need legislative support to remain viable.

For information regarding future speakers and discussion themes, please consult our website [www.hudsonrotary.org](http://www.hudsonrotary.org).

The Rotary Club of Hudson members strive to place Service Above Self and invite you to join us in enhancing our community.

## Growing for the Greater Good Benefit on 9/10

by PP Birkett Gibson

Over 125 Rotarians and guests gathered at PP Jeff and Mary Sopko's sustainable Harris Road Mini-Farm on a beautiful Sunday afternoon, September 10, 2017. Arch Klumph, founder of the Rotary International Foundation was a member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. It was his wish and belief that this foundation exist "for the purpose of doing good in the world" Arch Klumph's grandson, Rory McGuire, is a member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, and was in attendance.

The Growing for the Greater Good event benefited the Cleveland Rotary

Foundation. The mission of the Cleveland Rotary Foundation is to promote and serve charitable and educational needs, and to receive by gift or bequest, any money or property, absolutely or in trust, to be

used toward that end. The Foundation makes grants in the following four general categories: Community Service, International Service, Vocational Service and Youth Service.

Our Club is blessed with a rich heritage of committed members, strong leadership and service to our community. Our affiliation with Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation magnifies our ability to fund other service programs well beyond our local community. Our numerous committees support multiple programs, awards and events that enhance our city and its people.

We continue to support and provide financial assistance to Rotary's Red Line Greenway Vision/West 25th Street Rapid Site, that we have maintained for over 40 years; Project YESS Leadership Program (Youth Empowered to Succeed Through Sailing); therapeutic equipment for special needs youth at Achievement Centers for Children; four scholarships annually for inner city youth

through College Now Greater Cleveland; Hattie Larlham summer camp programs for severely disabled adults; the MetroHealth SANE Program (Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners) to help provide dignity for victims of abuse and our newest partner Recovery Resources where we will be providing their employment specialists with laptop computers to assist clients with mental illness or who are recovering from addiction in securing meaningful work.

These are just some of the programs that have benefited from our humanitarian programs through the past 107 years of our "Service Above Self."



Event Chairs PP Deb Boerger, PP Karen Melton, and Foundation President PP Paul Qua marshaled a dedicated committee of volunteers who solicited fantastic items for silent and live auctions, celebrity bartenders,

and gallons of the legendary homemade Harris Farm Bloody Mary mix. Special guests included PRID Mike Johns, DG Amy Kapostasy, and PDG Jim McKee who served as our live auctioneer, wringing every last bid out of enthusiastic participants.

Rotary Club of Cleveland members also generously support the Rotary International Foundation as do members of many clubs who also support their local foundations. This is evidenced locally by Cleveland Rotary's large membership roles of Paul Harris Fellows, RI Foundation Major Donors, and RI Foundation Benefactors. These demonstrations of philanthropy by Rotarians worldwide show that Rotary Works in the exercise of Service Above Self.

## Junior Leadership Hudson Students Help Raise Funds for Charities

The Rotary Club of Hudson Clocktower, known locally as Hudson Clocktower Rotary, raised more than \$1100 by selling ice cream, hot dogs, chips and drinks at the city's annual Taste of Hudson event over Labor Day weekend. The money raised will be distributed to charities supported by the club.

More than a dozen members of Junior Leadership Hudson, a program launched and supported by the Hudson Clocktower Rotary Club, helped staff the booth over the two-day event.

"The Junior Leadership Hudson volunteers got to experience Rotary first hand," said club President Gloria Rodgers. "And our Rotary members got to know a number of very bright and talented high schoolers from both Hudson High School and Western Reserve Academy." The Junior Leadership Hudson program and its parent program, Leadership Hudson, has been a primary focus of the Hudson Clocktower Rotary Club for more than a decade.

Leadership Hudson is a nine-month program that introduces participants to city, business and community leaders in Hudson with the goal that at the program conclusion, participants will serve Hudson in future leadership positions. In addition to valuable networking and leadership development opportunities, the program also promotes each class to develop its own unique projects that will economically or educationally benefit the Hudson community.



From left: Phil Leiter, Katherine Roegner, Gloria Rodgers, Judy Yin, Josh Rogers and Gerry Sawyer.

## News From TRC Berea

### ***RYLA teaches importance of good leaders***



RYLA camper Grayson Stallman & his mother, Mary, were guests of Berea Rotary on Tuesday, Sept. 19.

Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) taught Grayson Stallman the fundamentals of leadership, he told Berea Rotarians. "I now have a better understanding of the different styles of leadership," Grayson said. "The goal is the same – helping people. A leader should inspire."

A senior at Olmsted Falls High School, Grayson attended RYLA Camp on the campus BW this summer. He said he will take back to school the lessons learned at RYLA. A member of Student Council, Grayson said RYLA will influence "how we represent students."

The camp also "teaches leaders how to work with one another," he said. "This is the foundation of our representative democracy. Our country was founded on compromise. It has allowed us to be the most wealthy nation in the world and sustain a high standard of living."

Grayson is active with Chess Club, National History Honor Society and Computer Club. He is a member of the tennis team. He also maintains a 4.0 GPA. In college, Grayson plans to study business administration with a focus on economics. Law school is the next step and then a job as a corporate attorney.

Marc West is district RYLA chair.

### ***LOU GROZA GOLF EVENT 2017***

Berea Rotary's annual Lou Groza Golf Outing braved chilly temperatures to raise funds to support youth sports and scholarships. Around 90 golfers and Browns alumni spent the

day on the Coppertop at Cherokee Hills course in Valley City and at the super buffet in the clubhouse later. The Browns generously donated football gear, including a signed jersey from Joe Thomas and a football signed by Hue Jackson. Raffle items also included craft beer and lottery tickets. For more photos, go to the Berea Rotary Facebook page.



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Browns alumni golfers included Kevin Mack, Greg Pruitt, Ernie Kellerman, Don Cockcroft, Cleo Miller and former manager of Alumni Relations Tony Dick.

### ***It pays to compare gas, electric prices: PUCO***



Luka Papalko of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio with Berea Rotary President Bob Huge.

Homeowners have choices when it comes to gas and electric providers. Luka Papalko of the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio says it pays to shop around.

Residents of most northeast Ohio cities belong to NOPEC (Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council). This is

an aggregation of communities that buys gas and electric services in bulk to save consumers money. But homeowners can opt out if they think they can get a better deal elsewhere. The PUCO maintains an "Apples to Apples" chart online to help you make those decisions, Papalko said.

Your utility bills have two portions, he explained. One charge is for generation of the gas or electricity, the other charge is for distributing it. The generation portion is where you have a choice. For example, Columbia Gas has the gas lines and brings the product to your home, but NOPEC contracts with NextEra for the gas. If you don't want NextEra, you can contract with another provider.

Papalko said the PUCO is an independent agency run by five commissioners. It regulates gas and electric utilities, some private water companies, interstate transportation of goods (the trucking industry), pipelines and railroad crossings.

Most utilities don't rely on nuclear power plants for the bulk of their energy generation. "The trend is to sustainable energy," said Papalko, who is based in Columbus. "That's where the industry is heading. Companies are trending away from nuclear."

Some suppliers go door-to-door or solicit your business via phone or internet. They must be licensed by the PUCO. If you have questions or concerns about your choices, the best bet is to contact the PUCO at [www.puco.ohio.gov](http://www.puco.ohio.gov) or call (800) 686-7826. PUCO is located at 180 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43215. For Apples to Apples comparisons, go to [www.energychoice.ohio.gov](http://www.energychoice.ohio.gov).

## ShelterBox is on the Job

Rotarian's and Rotary Clubs of District respond to help Shelter Box to help those who have been affected by recent disasters in the world.

### YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT IS NEEDED

According to PDG Jack Young, Shelter Box past Board of Director member and current Board of Director Emeritus for Shelter Box USA has received the following information as of September 21. There are four Shelter Box volunteer teams in the Caribbean working with both national and local disaster relief teams to provide the basic need for shelter. The teams in the Caribbean are now out of lock-down status from the extreme weather. They are working to help families who have lost everything.

The work in the Caribbean is extremely complex and the movement of aid is hampered by the destruction of roads and other ways of getting aid to those who are in need. This destruction will hamper the operations for weeks ahead. A Shelter box Team is sailing with the Coast Guard to Dominica, one of the islands worst hit by Hurricane Maria. Another team is going to the Dominican Republic to partner with Habitat for Humanity and distribute Shelter Box Kits. In Antigua

and Barbuda, Shelter Box is working with the International Federation of Red Cross on a plan to distribute 300 Shelter Box Kits. An additional 1,500 Shelter Box Kits are being positioned in Panama for easy access as needed



Pictured with PDG Jack Young, is Peter Tuttle (R), President of the RC of Chesterland, whose club presented him this week a check for Shelter Box for \$ 4,050.

IN MEXICO, Shelter Box is monitoring the consequences of the earthquake. They are currently on a search and rescue phase. Shelter box is continually assessing the need and how we best can assist those who have been affected. It should be noted that as of September 21, your Rotary district has had 12 Rotary Clubs/Rotarian's donate \$ 16,158 dollars to Shelter Box USA. Those clubs/Individuals include RC of Chesterland, Westlake Bay Village, Bed-

ford, Kent, Berea, Chardon, Dave Diffendal, Rotary Club of Cleveland, North Royalton/Broadview Heights, Aurora, Strongsville, Solon and North Ridgeville.

### TOP CHALLENGES:

Right now the need for our help around the world is incredibly high with Shelter Box Teams and partners working in Bangladesh, the Caribbean, Nepal, Syria, Iraq, and Cameroon. With everything that is happening around the world, including Texas and Florida, your help and support is truly needed. Our resources are severely limited, so we need the support of every Rotary Club and Rotarian to continual their efforts to help those in need.

For more information as to how you or your club can help, please feel free to contact me. It should be noted that several Interact Clubs in the district are planning fund raising events for Shelter Box.

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## Interact Members Attend RYLA

Stow, OH—Stow-Munroe Falls High School's Interact Club had two members attend the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) held at Baldwin-Wallace University the week of

June 11-15.

Two seniors, Emily Clark and Michaela Bruggmann, participated in the five-day leadership training camp. RYLA is one of Rotary International's nine structured programs designed to help clubs and districts achieve their service goals in their own communities and in communities abroad, fostering fellowship and goodwill in the process. The camp focused on personal and professional development of high school students along with providing the participants with an op-

portunity to exchange ideas, opinions, and beliefs with other students in a relaxed, retreat-style setting. Participants develop new friendships and become a more effective role model, team player, and leader.

Rotary District 6630 (based in Stow) provided scholarships to both Clark and Bruggman to attend the camp for the week. Two students from the same area high school, who will be seniors in the fall school year, are selected for this scholarship award along with 55-60 other talented and enthusiastic leaders from high schools throughout Northeastern Ohio. For more information on RYLA, visit

[www.rotarydistrict6630.org](http://www.rotarydistrict6630.org).

The SMFHS's Interact club meets every Monday after school in Room 160. Students in any grade level are welcome to join.



RYLA's participants from northeast Ohio pose for a group photo. SMFHS's Interact Club students that attended are Michaela Bruggman (2nd row, 2nd from right) and Emily Clark (4th row, 4th from right)

## Shoe Boxes Begin Their Journey to Nicaragua (A Milestone for the 12th Year)

On August 25, Shoe Boxes were placed on pallets to begin their journey to the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua by Rotarians. Under the direction of Brunswick Rotarian Marsha Pappalardo, RC of Brunswick and PDG Jack Young, RC of Conneaut the shoe boxes were placed on pallets and shrink wrapped on pallets to be sent to Rotarians in Water Loo, Iowa. They would join those collected by Rotarians in Iowa to begin their journey to Texas.

With the help of V-3 Transportation of Seville, Ohio and VP Paul Ratcliff, a driver was assigned to go to Water Loo to meet up with PDG Jack Young and PDG Steve Thorpe of Water Loo to unload the truck in a warehouse in Iowa. They were then added to the boxes and other items collected from Rotarians in Iowa and would then be sent to Houston. (As of this writing, they will be sent to Texas once we receive the ok for Rotarians in Texas.) At that point they would be placed on a freighter going to Nicaragua. The entire time for this International Shipping Process takes 2-3 months. The boxes will be handled out in December when Rotarians go to Nicaragua in December to hand out the Shoe Boxes and other items.

IF ANYONE HAS AN INTEREST IN JOINING THIS INTERNATIONAL PROCESS, PLEASE CONTACT PDG JACK YOUNG FOR MORE INFORMATION.

This year, Rotary Clubs in Ohio Districts 6630, 6600 and 6650 joined together to send 852 Shoe Boxes to be given to the Children living in and around the garbage in Chinandega to encourage them to go to school to get an education. The teachers in Nicaragua insist that the children must have good grades, good attendance and be recommended by their teacher in order to receive a shoe box.

In addition to Shoe boxes, we send layette bags to be given to the house of unwed mothers supported by Rotarians who educate them, take them to the hospital to deliver their babies and then provide support to take care of their baby after birth.

This year we sent down 65 layette bags. In the past, the layette bags contain cloth diapers, but do the cost of cloth diapers in the United States, we had a Rotarian in Iowa develop a pattern to make diapers from gently used T-Shirts. With that, we are having the sewing school in Nicaragua make the needed cloth diapers to support this need. The cost is minimal and it gives the students the opportunity to learn a skill. This year clubs in our district donated approximately 1,000 gently used/new T shirts for the school to make cloth diapers. In addition, a doctor in our district donated over 6,000 dollars of unused medical supplies to Nicaragua.

Other items such as extra school supplies, a sewing machine, medical and dental supplies were also included in the 12 pallets of items that were sent to Nicaragua. According to PDG Jack Young, the conservative estimated value of all items sent this year by Ohio was over \$ 60,000. When one adds all of the items that our district has been responsible for in the past 12 years, the estimated value of items (From a Fire Truck - 3 ambulances - medical equipment - medical supplies - items for the trade school - shoe boxes - layette bags - fire fighting equipment - sewing supplies and equipment - welding mask - hand made dolls and dresses - donated shipping cost and other items) the value is over 1,076,000 dollars. We also added as an option to flip flops THE SHOE THAT GROWS. This special shoe actually is made of rubber and can be expanded 3-3 sizes that grow with the foot size of the child. It is more expensive than the normal flip flop but is much more durable.

In the past several years, a special thank you goes out to V-3 transportation and Paul Ratcliff who has helped us transport the items to Iowa and Rotarians John and his son, Sonny Kanieski who has allowed me to store the items in his Median Warehouse during the collection process. And to Marsha Pappalardo who was the key person in making sure the boxes were ready for the children. They are very dedicated supporters of this

Special International Project over the years.

Rotary clubs in District 6630 who supported the children of the dump this year are: Rotary Clubs of North Ridgeville, Kent, Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise, Hillcrest, Aurora, Medina Sunrise, West Shore, Stow, Twinsburg, Painesville, Mentor, Chagrin Valley, Willowick-Eastlake, Akron, Ravenna, Port Summit, North Hampton, Garrettsville-Hiram, Hudson Clocktower, Westlake-Bay Village, Burton Middlefield, Wadsworth, Lakewood Rocky River Noon, Berea, Conneaut, Brunswick, North Royalton and the Interact Club of ? Twinsburg. In addition to our district The Rotary Club of Elyria Sunrise, Elyria Noon, Amherst, North Coast (and AG Doug Mauer) and Oberlin in District 6600 and the RC of Dalton in Ohio District 6650 along with the Optimist Club of Akron.

A special thank you is given to all Rotarians, Cubs, friends of Rotary, young people and everyone else who supported this process to help the children living out of a dump in Nicaragua. Your love, support and involvement does make a difference in the lives of these children.

Just as a quick support, last year we had our first real success story in which a young girl found on the garbage dump some 15 years ago, received her Master Degree in Business last year. We have had 4 others receive their Bachelors Degree and currently have 27 other young people who are working towards their bachelor degree. Thousands of others have received their high school diploma and or trade school certificate. Without your support and involvement, they would not have been given this opportunity.

Again thank You,  
Yours in Rotary Spirit and Friendship,  
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