



2018-2019 Newsletter

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Governor's Letter

Dear Family of Rotary:

Each of us receive so many letters at this time of year asking us to "open our hearts" and please give special thought to those in need. But that is what Rotary does each and every day of the week... during every month of the year. Thank you to you and your families on behalf of all those you serve. One of our greatest strengths... our secret weapon, is us and how we lead our lives, how we treat others and how we shine the light on those in need – that is our gift to the world and no one does it better.

On our computers, iPads and phones we continuously see opportunities to "press here to donate," "click here to give" and "push here to contribute." We have those same buttons in Rotary, but on the other end is your Foundation doing your work through your club in your community and around the Rotary World.

We will End Polio Now...as we continue to dig wells to

bring fresh water to those who have none - so food can grow and people can eat and our children can learn and make their way toward a better life. That is just a sampling of who and what we are.



We had a record-breaking turnout for the December 6th Foundation event when we came together in friendship for fun, great food AND desserts to truly celebrate "Doing Good in the World" (see the article on page 3. The highlight of the evening was when John Daily of the Rotary Club of Akron was inducted into the Arch Klumph Society of The Rotary Foundation. John is pictured here with Frederick T. "Rory" McGuire, the grandson of Arch C. Klumph, and Kevin Kelly, Zone 29 Major Gifts Officer. Our Rotary Family, as always, demonstrated incredible generosity and on behalf of PDG Amy Kapostasy and myself, thanks you to everyone who had a part in its success.

SAVE THE DATE for the 2018-2019 District Conference of Clubs, April 12-13, 2019 at the Cleveland Airport Marriott (an undiscovered jewel of a property) when we will come together

once again as People of Action.

At the end of my letter are just a few of the ways Rotary touches the lives of others that I once shared with my own club and with the 2018-2019 Club Presidents as we prepared for this year – these Rotary leaders are truly my personal Inspiration.

I wish each of you and your families and friends, Peace, Joy and Hope. These to me are Rotary's most precious gifts offered by each and every Rotary club in this district, and the men, women and our Rotary youth who give so much of themselves in so many ways. I know that to be true because I have seen it firsthand.

Governor Bev

This is Rotary

When a youth who has gone unnoticed and is bursting with so much to say, finds a voice in our 4-Way Test Speech Contest – that is Rotary;

When a family comes to a food pantry trusting that what they receive is fresh and healthy and there were loving hands that have sorted and watched over what they feed their children and themselves – that is Rotary;

When a child first holds a dic-

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tionary and sees in their hand the power of the written word, and then realizes it is something to call their own - that is Rotary;

When a hospital patient undergoes life-saving surgery and the "gift" from our Blood Donor Days flows through their veins, gives them strength and helps them heal - that is Rotary;

When the eyesight of a grandfather is restored in a far away village in India so that he can see the smile of the grandchild he is holding in his arms - that is Rotary;

When a victim of human trafficking is handed new clothing and sees that the tags are still on, something to call their own and the first step to recovering their dignity - that is Rotary;

When the temperature of the water is perfect for the young child to exercise his limbs and experience the freedom from pain that sometimes only the sanctity of water can provide - that is Rotary;

When a first responder is honored for their heroism "above and beyond" the call of duty with no thought to themselves, and an individual is celebrated

for their belief in and work towards world understanding and peace - that is Rotary;

When our scouts can run free at camp, inhale the fresh air and never have to look over their shoulder to see what is behind them - that is Rotary;

When that life-saving drop is placed in the tiny mouth of the infant whose trusting mother smiles with tears in her eyes, and then embraces you with a strength that you can't even fathom - that is Rotary.

Thank you, Rotary!

Letter From RI President Barry

My dear friends, Rotary leaders, and Rotaract leaders:

The calendar year is coming to an end, and we're almost halfway through our Rotary year together. Do you feel like you're on the right track to accomplish everything your club has set out to do? This is the perfect opportunity to reflect, and consider what else needs to be done in order for you to meet your goals.

This time of year is also a time of giving and thankfulness. You can give back while you shop with Rotary Global Rewards. Just visit rotary.org/globalrewards to find offers that give a portion of your purchase back to Rotary. You can also use this program on a mobile device by downloading the [Rotary Global Rewards app](#).

On 5 December at 10:00 Chicago time (UTC-5), join me on Facebook Live

where I'll be answering questions about Rotaract. As you all know, Rotaract is incredibly important to me and to Rotary and our goal this year is to double our number of Rotaract members. I've met so many enthusiastic Rotaractors during my travels this year and in every country I've visited, I'm constantly inspired by their energy and leadership capability. You can submit questions about Rotaract, as well as upcoming events and initiatives including Preconvention, [on Facebook](#).


Speaking of Preconvention, are you registered to attend the Rotary International Convention Hamburg? In June 2019, Rotarians and Rotaractors from all over the world will come together in Germany to Capture the Moment. Hamburg is an ideal location to come together in friendship and service, where we can inspire one another and create new connections. If you're a regular convention attendee, I look forward to


seeing you there. And if you've never been to a convention, consider this a direct personal invitation. Register at riconvention.org by 15 December for the best rate — and let this conven-

tion *Be the Inspiration* for your Rotary journey.

Yours in Rotary,
Barry Rassin
President, Rotary International 2018-19

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BARRY RASSIN

2018-19 President
Rotary International

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Mega Success at the Annual District 6630 Foundation Celebration

Thursday Dec 6th was the date for this year's District 6630 Foundation Celebration held at Windows on the River at the Powerhouse in the Flats. Over 160 attendees were treated to a rousing night of Foundation awards, fun, great food and friendship. Many clubs were recognized for their generous giving to The Rotary Foundation during the 2017/2018 Rotary year of PDG Amy Kapostasy. Awards varied from Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY), 100% per capita giving, \$100 per capita giving, largest polio giving and many other acts of giving. PDG Amy Kapostasy, District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) Bob Johnson and District Foundation Compliance Coordinator Rick Pollak shared in passing out the awards. In District 6630 tradition, 13 clubs earned a free Paul Harris Fellowship to give to any club member or community member of their choosing who exemplified true Rotary giving spirit. Points for these PHF awards were generously provided by long time Rotarians Fran & the late Tom Bayless, Sue and the late

Tom Ellis and Robert Smith. The recipients were introduced individually and with their respective club presidents to come to the podium and be recognized.

The spotlight of the evening was placed on Rotary major gifts officer Kevin Kelly and his wife Michelle. Kevin and his wife travelled from his office at RI headquarters in Evanston and were in attendance to induct a new member into the Arch Klumph Society. AKS Rotarians have given \$250,000 to the Rotary Foundation. We are honored to have had two such members and now number three in our district. John Daily, a member of the RC of Akron, accompanied by his sponsor and fellow AKS member PDG Jack Harig, received his Arch Klumph Society pin from Kevin in a touching and symbolic presentation. John spoke of his love of Rotary, his 52

years of perfect attendance and his love of Rotary's humanitarian work as the reasons for his generous gift to The Rotary Foundation.

After the awards the excitement picked up as attendees viewed and placed bids on numerous silent

auction items provided by Rotarians and clubs throughout the district. The gifts covered

a wide range from gift baskets to a ½ cord of fire wood to Cleveland sports team tickets and everything in between. Bidding was active and generous. The Dessert Dash was also a resounding success. Then the excitement picked up as PDG Jim McKee took over as auctioneer for the live auction. Top item in this event of 12 individual items was a week in a condo near Sunset Beach in North Carolina that went for \$700.

All in all, the event marked another high point in giving and recognition for our great district 6630. The Cleveland Rotary Foundation of the Rotary Club of Cleveland was the event sponsor in honor of Past President Arch C. Klumph, Father of The Rotary Foundation.

PDG Amy and DG Bev did a superlative job as usual in putting this wonderful event together and thanked everyone in attendance for their support.

Below is the Foundation Celebration Program for those who could not be in attendance. (click to view)



District 6630 Annual Foundation Awards Celebration

National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation
& the Ugly Holiday Sweater Part II takes on
Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory!!

6:00 p.m. Thursday, December 6, 2018
Windows on the River, Cleveland, OH



"The Rotary Foundation is not to build monuments of brick and stone. If we work upon marble, it will perish; if we work on brass, time will efface it; if we rear temples they will crumble into dust; but if we work upon successful minds, if we imbue them with the full meaning of the spirit of Rotary, we are engraving on those tablets something that will lighten all eternity."

— Arch C. Klumph, Father of The Rotary Foundation

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OVER THE GRAPHICS OR PICTURES
FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT... MANY OF THEM ARE LINKS
TO VIDEOS, WEBSITES, PICTURES
OR OTHER GOODIES**

An Interesting Membership Idea

Chagrin Highlands Rotary is trying something new to recognize our speakers and to perhaps get some of them interested to join our club. We invited each of our speakers throughout 2018 to come back to a special recognition luncheon on Feb 8, 2018. Each speaker will have an opportunity to re-introduce themselves to our members and to the other

speakers. There will be no formal talk, but after the introductions we will say a few words about our Club and what we do for our community. Our contact and speaker chairperson is John Newburger; jnewburger@yahoo.com. We are getting about a 50% response from our speakers.

News From Akron North Interact

Happy Holidays from the Rotary Interact at Akron North High School!

We have been very busy as an Interact group. So far this school year we have volunteered at the Food Bank, The Ronald McDonald House, and have completed a service projects at North such as cleaning desks, tables and handrails to reduce the risk of spreading germs during the cold and flu season. We also had the opportunity to

visit the Portage Lakes Rotary Camp and attend the district Rotary Interact meeting in Tallmadge. To get us into the holiday spirit, we are looking forward to joining some Rotarians by bell ringing at local establishments. As a club we always look for ways to reach out to our community, and the calendar for 2019 is filling fast! Thanks Rotary of Akron for all your help and all these great opportunities!

Cavs Night For Rotary



The "CAVS" may not have LeBron, but they are still much fun to see. AND Kevin Love and Tristan Thompson will be back to play on February 21, 2019 at 7 pm against the Phoenix Suns. We have some great lower level seats rows 11, 12 and 13, section 117 for our Rotary and Rotary Youth Exchange game.

We will also have a pre-game reception for the exchange students at The Cleveland Bar and Grille, only a block from the "Q" Arena. In ad-

dition, food, fellowship and many raffle and door prizes. As a special treat, we will be the "High five" tunnel when the teams return at half time.

A great deal to see the CAVS and greet our exchange students. Be sure to sign up soon for a great night at the "CAVS" game. Any questions, call Stew at 330-607-1442.

"Please see the flyer attached"

Rotary & RYE Night	
Pregame Reception at The Cleveland at 5:00pm	
Cavaliers vs. Phoenix Suns	
Thursday, February 21, 2019 at 7:00pm	
	
Reception at "The Cleveland" with Food and Raffle 834 Huron Road, Cleveland, OH 44115 Next to Panini's at East 9th & Prospect	
To order tickets, send check or money order to: Rotary District 6630, 73 Lake Front Drive, Akron, OH 44319	
Any questions call Stew at: (330) 607-1442	
ONLY 60 TICKETS AVAILABLE - ORDER SOON	
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Aurora Interact Spreads Holiday Cheer

On Thursday December 13th Aurora High School Interact students spread some holiday cheer at Independence Village Retirement Community by singing Christmas Carols and mingling with the residents!



December 2018



News From TRC Brunswick



Past RC of Brunswick Past President Marsha Pappalardo staff the Salvation Army kettle at the local Giant Eagle the day before Thanksgiving. Joining her in collecting funds is her granddaughter, Julia and close friend Cindy Snyder.

The Rotary Club of Brunswick joins Homestead Employment in preparing and delivering meals to those in need on Thanksgiving Day. Rotarian Marsha Pappalardo coordinated the efforts for the Rotary Club for Rotarians and their families. Look at those Pumpkin Pies.



Jingle Bell Gala

Rotary Club of Brunswick holds Jingle Bell Gala to raise money for equipment for the Fire Fighters of Brunswick. Over 200 attend this special event chaired by Past President and past Assistant Governor of Medina County Marsha Pappalardo.



News From TRC Twinsburg

Twinsburg Rotary Officer Wins Major Award

Congratulations to Twinsburg Rotary's very own Cindy Leonard, 2018 Twinsburg Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year! Cindy, a long time Twinsburg resident, realtor and Rotarian is not only our club's hardworking secretary-treasurer, but a person dedicated to serving her community and the benefit of others. Service Above Self.

If you're keeping track, this is the second year in a row that a Twinsburg Rotarian has won this distinguished award. Last year, Twinsburg Rotary co-president Abby Fechter won and this year she had the honor of presenting the award to a very surprised Cindy!



Cindy Chamber

Cindy listens to the narrative from fellow Rotarian and last year's award winner, Abby Fechter and discovers that she is the 2018 Twinsburg Chamber Business Person of the Year.



Fellow Twinsburg Rotarians Ted Yates, Andy Richner, Abby Fechter, co-president Shannon Collins, Guy Gentile and co-president Steve Bosso join Cindy's sister Laura Leonard in congratulating the 2018 award recipient. Laura is also the advisor for Twinsburg's young adult group, Interact. Guy and Abby are also past

Chamber award winners.

Twinsburg Rotary Team with Twinsburg Interact for Holiday Giving

The Rotary Club of Twinsburg worked with our young adult partners of Twinsburg Interact, who assembled 50 gift stockings, which were donated to Our Community Hunger Center, a local Twinsburg food bank, for distribution. The stockings were stuffed with small toys and personal products for kids of various age ranges, purchased by the club.



Shannon Collins, Twinsburg Rotary Co-President, presents 50 gift stockings to Our Community Hunger Center's Terri Piteo.

Twinsburg Rotary and VFW Partner to Feed Vets

On Tuesday, October 23rd, the Rotary Club of Twinsburg sponsored lunch for Wade Park Veterans at our local VFW Post #4929. Many caring hands made the task of serving our heroes much easier.



Special thanks to Roxanne Barringer, mother of our club's co-President Shannon Collins for cooking an amazing meal of beef tips, twice baked potato, green beans, mushrooms, and salad. There were scrumptious desserts as well!

French Youth Exchange Student Reflects on High School Life in Hudson

Lea Lafond lives in Saint-Raphael located in Southern France between Nice and Marseille where the weather is always "perfect". Don't ask how she is enjoying our lake effect blasts in northern Ohio!

Lea graduated from high school in science in three years and will study graphic arts at Haute Ecole Albert Jacquard in Belgium after attending Hudson High School for a year. Passionate about photography, Lea publishes her nature pictures on a Facebook page. She also enjoys dance competition, playing the cello and the piano, drawing and writing.

Hoping to become more independent, confident and cultured during her stay in the USA, Lea also looks forward to becoming accomplished in our language. Her stepfather is her role model, currently president of the youngest Rotary Club in France created in 2007.

Interviewed by a Rotary Club of Hudson member, Lea offered her thoughts in response to the following questions:

What cultural differences do you notice in Hudson high school life compared to France?

"I am really glad to have relationships with my teachers at HHS and can talk to them about everything. France is totally different: it's a formal relationship in which teachers teach and that's all. There is no more conversation when the class ends. The school day is longer in France, not finishing until 5 or 6 p.m."

Are high school teaching methods different?

"Yes, very different. Unlike HHS where you can take journalism, graphic arts, psychology and photography, in France the courses are basic math, history, science and languages. Computers are not allowed in French schools and the courses are very hard. In France, there is just

one math teacher, compared to separate classes for geometry, algebra and trigonometry at HHS."

Describe living with a host family. What are you learning from them?

"I was an only child living just with my mother in France. My host family has two sisters and two big dogs requiring me to adapt to five members' wishes instead of my own independent desires. I had to change my behavior to become patient and more mature, in so little time."



What observations have you made regarding Hudson students, teachers and parents?

"I thought there would be no culture shock, but things are really different. Teenagers are very social and open minded. I can speak to my classmates about anything. My sociology teacher Mr. Zustin, loves his job, is fascinated with teaching and will help kids in or outside of school. I am happy that so many of my teachers at HHS are like this. Parents aren't very different from those in France."

What advice would you offer to future exchange students?

An exchange is not perfect. There will be moments when it is very complicated--you don't have your family and friends and you don't know places or the language, at first. We are here and have imperatives, we must be serious and not think that it is a year-long holiday. Sometimes it is really complicated, but it is a great opportunity to learn a new culture, meet new people and become more mature and independent. Be courageous, understand the stakes and never lose faith."

How do the Rotary activities in France compare to that of Hudson?

"My Rotary club is dynamic and enthusiastic and never stops improving. We are coupled with a club in Cameroon where we help with vehicles, medical supplies and school equipment. Every year in France we have a walk to fight polio, an artists auction for breast cancer, a Disney preview movie to provide brain disease research and dances to subsidize Alzheimer care or help autism."

Where have you visited in the USA and what has most impressed you?

"I have never been in the USA and would like to see so much. I enjoyed a Thanksgiving trip to Colorado and have a bus tour of California next Spring. And, I have an invitation to take a hike in the Cuyahoga Valley National Park so I can take nature photos to post on my website."

Rotary International is a global network of more than 1.2 million neighbors, friends, leaders and problem-solvers coming together to make positive, lasting change in communities at home and abroad. If you are interested in hosting a future Rotary Club of Hudson exchange student, please contact Joe Avella at www.Josephave@gmail.com.

Rotarians Brighten up Horizon House

Rotary Club of Aurora made the holidays bright for women living at Horizon House, a 90-day residential addiction treatment facility for Portage County women.

Horizon House provides counseling and life-skills in a safe, nurturing environment. Club members recently toured the facility to find out what their needs may be for future projects. After talking with house manager Margaret (Billie), Rotarians decided to take immediate action and bring cheer to the women residents for the holidays. This is in addition to a larger project being planned in spring.



Margaret (Billie), Manager of Horizon House is seen in the center with Rotarians Karyn Kravetz (left) and Pam Mehallis (right)

Within a day of announcing the request at the weekly Rotary meeting, Club members stepped up with donations of gifts for the eight women who currently live there - along with toys and clothes for the women to give to their children at Christmas. "This is a hard time of year for the women to be in a treatment center, living away from their families. The Rotarians are grateful to be able to show them support." Said Karyn Kravetz, Rotarian and Director of Community Relations, Mental Health Recovery Board

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

Happy Holidays From Garretttsville–Hiram

The club celebrated last night for our annual Christmas party. Fun was had by all. Jim Irwin played Christmas songs on the piano. We ate the traditional cheeseburger soup and exchanged white elephant gifts.



The highlight of the evening was presenting our exchange student, Natalie with her present from the club. She received a varsity jacket representing all the activities she's in... which is a lot!

Needless to say she was very surprised. She really wanted one and needed a good winter coat.

Gotta go. Sorry so short. I need to move a gazebo! Will explain next month.

Club President, John Crawford



"Capture the Moment"



2019 Rotary International Convention

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A Convention Testimonial...

"Are you thinking about attending the RI Convention in Hamburg? Think no more, just do it!"

You cannot feel the full impact of Rotary's "internationality" until you've participated in an international convention. Once you've attended one, you will start planning for the next one.

There are so many opportunities for the 2019 beyond the convention itself:

- Take a pre- or post-convention trip tour of Germany and/or Europe.
- Lots of tours are available.
- Connect with former exchange students.
- Plan ahead and search your ancestral cities.
- Register for the 2020 convention in Hawaii."

Sieglinde Warren
Rotary Club of Canfield
District 6650

Register by December 15 before the registration fee increases, do not miss out!

<http://www.riconvention.org/en/hamburg/register>

A Message from RID Robb

Dear Rotarians,

As we enter this holiday season, we extend our very best wishes to each of you!

And as we begin the New Year in just a few weeks, we remind you to register for our International Convention in Hamburg from June 1 to June 5, 2019.

Our traditional Welcome Reception for Zones 28 and 29 will be held on Saturday evening, June 1. Please see the details on the next page and register to join us for this fun social and networking event!

We already have 269 Rotarians registered from Zone 28 and 275 registered from Zone 29 for the convention, so we are going to have a great turnout in Hamburg! Don't delay - make your travel plans now!

Warmest regards and Happy Holidays to All!

Robb

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Enjoy more testimonials from your fellow Rotarians:

<https://tinyurl.com/vad2llvn>




BE THE INSPIRATION

Housing and HOC Events also available online: www.riconvention.org

Chardon Annual Harvest Auction

The Chardon Rotary Club celebrated its 27 Annual Harvest Auction on Saturday, November 3 at the Quail Hollow Resort. The event hosted over 300 guests including Chardon Rotary Members, visiting Rotarians from the Burton-Middlefield, Chesterland, Painesville and Mentor Rotary Clubs including their spouses and their guests. 6630 District Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski and her husband David also attended.

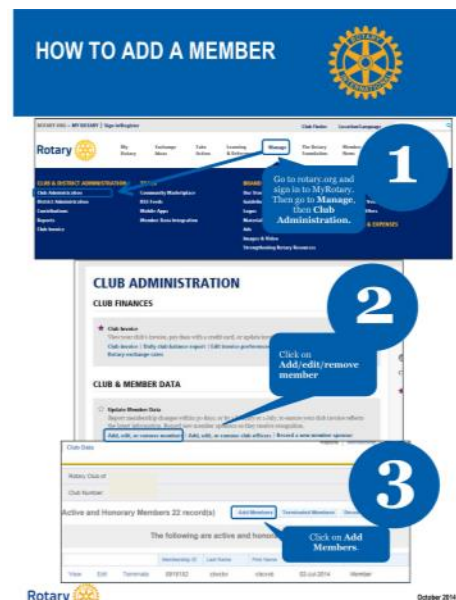


During the evening guests enjoyed comradery, dinner and libations while participating in various activities. Those activities included a Live, Silent and Chinese Auction, as well as several other chances including raffles and boards of chance.

At the conclusion, via the venue named "Call to the Heart", the Club raised money in support of the Red Tulip Project, a local charity created to assist women in Geauga County rehabilitating from substance abuse. The club raised over \$49,000 for the Red Tulip Project as the guests that night showed extreme generosity in support of this deserving organization.

The event, in total, raised nearly \$150,000.

Funds from the event are also used by the Club to support various charities and organizations throughout Geauga County including Scholarships for local students, Chardon High School Interact Club and the Science Olympiad. In past years money raised went to International activities include Polio Eradication, Hospital Albert Schweitzer in Haiti, Rotary Student Exchange and Shelter Boxes for World Wide Relief exemplifying the Rotary Motto "Service Above Self".



Burton/Middlefield Community Project

Rotary club of Burton-Middlefield celebrated the successful start of a community project to supply safety bars and grab rails to the Geauga County Dept. on Aging to be used in seniors homes to prevent trips and falls and promote safety. The project was the brain child of 2018/2019 Rotary year club president Kathy Vatty who is employed by the Geauga County Sheriff's Dept. and has always had a close relationship with the DoA. The club purchased \$7000 worth of safety devices to be used as needed by the DoA when requested by elderly residents. The club raised \$3500 and requested and received a matching grant from the Rotary District 6630 Grants Committee which disburses Rotary International Foundation funds to worthwhile community projects being done by Rotary clubs in northeast Ohio. This made a total of \$7000 available for the project. Installation of the safety devices will be done by approved DoA installers with

assistance from Rotary club members. Since 1951 the RC of Burton-Middlefield has been a proud and active member of the Geauga community and has successfully completed



ed hundreds of community projects like this over the years. Funds for our work have been raised by our annual pancake breakfasts at Berkshire High School every March and numerous other fund raising activities throughout the year.

People in the picture: Left to Right

Rick Chambers, Kathy Vatty - 2018/2019 Burton-Middlefield Rotary club president Jessica Boldt - Director - Geauga County Dept. on Aging

Bob Johnson - DRFC Carole Cashion - Member Dist. 6630 Grants Committee Stuart Miller - Burton-Middlefield Interact advisor Bob Smith - Dept. on Aging Technician

E-Club Coming to 6630

Rotarians, do you know of anyone interested in learning more about the developing e-Club of District 6630?

You may have heard the news! We are embarking on the development of a new club intended to serve people who live or work within District 6630. This new club, a hybrid e-Club, offers individuals who are interested in the tenants of Rotary and "Service Above Self" the opportunity to join a club with a flexible meeting format. Club meetings will be held online on a weekly basis with dynamic speakers and topics, along with service and/or social events once per month to engage in direct fellowship with other Rotarians. We hope that the e-Club of District 6630 will be a place where Rotarians can meet and grow personally and professionally, regardless of one's schedule and location.

The planning committee has been working diligently to set the building blocks for this exciting new club. We have consulted and collaborated with several Rotarians and clubs across the district and nationally to bring the e-Club to life, and we are enthusiastic about sharing this information more widely with other people of action. Our first outreach event to meet interested potential members is scheduled for January 23, 2019 at 6 PM at the Burntwood Tavern in Lyndhurst (5835 Landerbrook Drive, Lyndhurst 44124).

If you would like to find out more about the e-Club of District 6630 or know of people interested in this format, please contact us and consider an RSVP to the January gathering.

Kathryn Craig, Chair
Juleta Craig, Vice-Chair
rotaryclub6630@gmail.com

'Bell Ringing' Spreads Christmas Cheer!



From L to R Al Conners, Mary Conners & Bruce Harris

Salvation Army's Bell Ringing heralds the advent of Christmas season. From Thanksgiving to Christmas, red kettles are seen outside thousands of storefronts in small towns and big cities across the country. They raise millions for programs that provide food, shelter, rehabilitation, disaster relief, and much more for people and families in crisis. Ever wondered how the Red Kettle tradition began?

In December of 1891, Captain Joseph McFee of The Salvation Army in San Francisco, Calif., was stumped. He wanted to provide a Christmas dinner for 1,000 poor people, but had no way to pay for it. Then, an idea struck him. He thought back to when he was as a sailor in Liverpool, England, where on the docks of the city's waterfront he remembered seeing a large pot into which charitable donations could be thrown.

The next day, McFee secured permission to place a brass urn at the Oakland ferry landing. Beside the pot, he placed a sign that read, "Keep the Pot Boiling." Soon, he had all the

money he needed to fund the Christmas dinner. Captain McFee's fundraising idea launched a tradition that spread not only throughout the United States, but across the world.



Deposits in the Red Kettle

Rotarian Al Conners is the force who has kept this tradition alive in our neck of the woods. This year he led an initiative which involved 17 members of the Rotary Club of Aurora, 4 students of Aurora High School's Interact Club and 3 Aurora Middle School students, to man 2 Red Kettle stations at the Streetsboro Giant Eagle. The volunteers entertained shoppers with Christmas music, singing, treats for youngsters and a hearty "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays" to all shoppers! The efforts netted \$1455 for The Salvation Army. "The proceeds will help fund the Army's social service activities in Portage County which include Christmas gifts and clothing, help with utility bills and shelter for the needy, counseling and educational activities and food banks." Said Al. Putting joy in the hearts of others is the spirit that motivates him to do this activity, year after year.

Two New/Potential Rotaract Clubs

Hello Rotarians,
I am Chelsea Talty, the District 6630 Interact/Rotaract Chair. I am emailing to ask for your help in supporting two new or potential Rotaract Clubs in our district. Cleveland State University has recently started a brand new Rotaract Club, and Hiram College is hoping to get their Rotaract Club back up and running after a long hiatus.

My plea to all of you is to please let me know if you know anyone or have a son or daughter who attends either of these schools to please let me know. We are trying to gain more members at CSU and see if there is enough interest at Hiram College to bring their club back. I can be

reached at chelsea.talty@westg.org. We currently have far too few Rotaract Clubs in our District. Rotaract is geared towards 18-29 year olds, mostly through a university or college, and each club has a sponsoring Rotary Club, just like Interact. These students are perfectly primed to become full-fledged Rotarians after they graduate, so having more Rotaract members directly benefits our District! If you have any connections at other local higher education institutions that could benefit from starting a Rotaract Club, please let me know. Thank you all for your help! I look forward to hearing from you.

Rotary Donates to Burton Food Cupboard

After donating \$7000 several weeks ago to the Geauga County Department on Aging to support their Home Safety Program for the Elderly, the Rotary Club of Burton-Middlefield



(BMR) is donating a check for \$2000 to the Burton Food Cupboard at the United Church of Christ on the square in Burton Village. Rotary is constantly looking for local programs and individuals in our community to support in their humanitarian efforts. Rotary's local work is done in conjunction with international projects as part of our "Doing Good in the World" mission. Under the guidance of 2018/2019 BMR Rotary club president Kathy Vatty, the Board of Directors of BMR has voted to continue support of the food cupboard and the

hundreds of users it helps each year. Kathy stated that this is ongoing work and we will support it as long as there is a need and we can help. It is important to note that the volunteers that staff the food cupboard are local individuals that donate hundreds of hours of their time each year to make this facility a success.

Funds for these donations from Rotary come from our popular yearly fund raiser pancake breakfast held at Berkshire High School every Sunday in March. This year's pancake breakfast will be our 67th. straight year and we urge our many loyal customers to continue to support us and allow us to do our humanitarian work in our community and the world.

Rotary is a worldwide service organization that has been around since the first meeting in Chicago in 1905. 1.2 million Rotarians meet weekly in one of 36,000 clubs around the world in 120 countries. It is the largest service organization in the world and is currently working on a signature program with three other international groups to eradicate polio from the world. There are currently 28 known cases of polio in only two countries down from over 350,000 in the 1970s. We will continue this work until this disease is gone forever.

News from the Leadership, Education, and Development (LEAD) Team

Stephen Zabor (Chair) & Ryan Knotts (Co-Chair)

Hard to believe, but we are almost half-way through the Rotary year! This is a good time to reflect on what you have accomplished this year and a good time to reflect on what you want to accomplish with the remainder of the year. Our time is finite, with planning we can make the most of it!

We were fortunate to have about 30 Club President Elects take part in PETS 1 on Saturday, November 10. They had the opportunity to hear from various speakers, learn from one another and begin planning for their year as club president. This is a continuous process, as they should be developing goals, working on their leadership teams, and engaging their club members on the future direction of their clubs. With this in mind, we have several more development opportunities for PE's (PETS 2 and All-Ohio PETS) and club leaders (District Conference & District Leadership Assembly). Mark your Calendars for the Upcoming Leadership Development Opportunities:

PETS 2 (Webinar) Monday, February 18 or Tuesday, February 26 (7:00 – 8:30 PM)

All-Ohio PETS Friday, March 8 through Saturday, March 9 (Columbus, Ohio)

District Conference and District Leadership Assembly Friday, April 12 through Saturday, April 13

In addition to these training opportunities, you can learn from leaders within your club, leaders from the district, and by taking an online course: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog>.

If there is anyway we can help, please reach out: Steven Zabor (zaborsl@gmail.com) and Ryan Knotts (jayhawkrk@gmail.com)

Rotary and Scouting Part Two

Edward G. Thomas
Rotary Club of Cleveland
Historian, Rotary District 6630

In last month's District history article, "Rotary and Scouting—Part 1," we looked at how the clubs in District 6630 have had a positive impact on youth through activities related to the Boy Scouts and the Girl Scouts. This month, in Part 2 of the article, we identify some individual Rotarians who have been recognized for their leadership roles in both Rotary and scouting.

The scouting world has developed a number of forms of recognition to draw attention to the efforts of both Rotarians and non-Rotarians who have distinguished themselves in their support of scouting. Awards are given at the national level (The Silver Buffalo Award), the regional level (The Silver Antelope Award), and the local council level (The Silver Beaver Award). In addition, the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians bestows the Cliff Dochterman Award on select Rotarians who also are active in scouting.

Silver Buffalo Award

Beginning in 1925, the Boy Scouts of America's National Court of Honor has annually recognized noteworthy and extraordinary service to youth by awarding Silver Buffalo Awards to deserving men and, since 1976, women. In 2010, a Silver Buffalo Award was presented to **William L. Garrison**, a past president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland and a long-time "scouter." Bill has been a volunteer leader for the National Council of the Boy Scouts of America since 1989, and he has acted as chairman, vice-chairman, or member of several national committees and subcommittees. For the past 20 years, Bill has been the scoutmaster for Cub Scout Pack 63, which serves at-risk youth in Cleveland's inner city. To date, Bill Garrison is the only Rotarian from District 6630 to receive the Silver Buffalo Award.

Silver Antelope Award

At the regional level, the Boy Scouts of America's National Court of Honor

confers the Silver Antelope Award to honor registered scouters of exceptional character. The award was created in 1942 and first presented in 1943. In the Central Region, which covers nine Midwestern states and parts of seven contiguous states, Silver Antelope Awards have been given to three Rotarians from District 6630 or its predecessor districts. The first of these honorees was **Louis B. Seltzer**, the long-time editor-in-chief of the Cleveland Press newspaper and a member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland from 1935 until his death in 1980. Among his contributions to the Boy Scouts was his service as national vice president of the Boy Scouts of America. The Silver Antelope Award was presented to Mr. Seltzer on behalf of the BSA Central Region in 1958.

In 1994, the Central Region bestowed the Silver Antelope Award on **William L. Garrison** of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. Information on Bill's scouting service was covered previously.

The third Rotarian in District 6630 who received the Silver Antelope Award was **George F. Qua**, who received the award in 1997. George was an automobile dealer in Cleveland, and he served as president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland in 1974-75. He was very active with the Boy Scouts of America locally as an Executive Board Member, and he also served twice as the Council's commissioner. He also served as the Cleveland Council's representative to the national executive board. Indeed, the Greater Cleveland Eagle Scout Association named its 1992 class of Eagle Scouts, "The George F. Qua Eagle Scout Class" in recognition of his many contributions to scouting in our area.

Silver Beaver Award

At the local council level, the Silver Beaver Award is presented to registered Scouters in recognition of their exceptional character and distinguished service within the council. Since 1931, the Silver Beaver Award has been presented to more than 900 people within the geographical area

covered by District 6630, but only a relative handful have been positively identified as Rotarians.


The first district Rotarian to receive the Silver Beaver Award from the Cleveland Council of the Boy Scouts was **Louis B. Seltzer**, who was presented the award in 1941. He later won the Silver Antelope Award (see above).

In 1942, **William G. Vorpe**, a member of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, received the Silver Beaver Award. Mr. Vorpe was the long-time Sunday editor for the Plain Dealer, and he wrote a popular weekly column covering the activities of the community service clubs in the area. He was also one of the founders of the City Club.

Cleveland auto dealer **Birkett L. Williams** was given the Silver Beaver Award in 1950. He was a Ford dealer for almost 40 years, and he served as president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland in 1942-43. During World War II, he headed the Office of Price Administration for Ohio and four other surrounding states.

In 1971, Cleveland Rotarian **Dr. Theodore J. Castele** received the award. "Dr. Ted," who earned his medical degree at Western Reserve University in 1957, was a radiologist, and spent much of his career at Lutheran Hospital. He had been an Eagle Scout as a young man in New Castle, PA, and was best known in Cleveland for his 25 years as a medical expert on WEWS Channel 5.

In addition to winning the Silver Antelope Award (see above), Rotarian **George F. Qua** was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1977. Likewise, in 1984, **William L. Garrison** was presented with the Silver Beaver Award. He later would win the Silver Antelope and Silver Buffalo Awards (see above).

Some 46 years after he earned his Eagle Scout Award as a member of Troop 19 in Shaker Heights, Cleveland Rotary member **Tom A. Bayless** was presented the Silver Beaver Award in 1987. Tom was the founder of the Greater [Cont'd on pg. 12](#) 

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Cleveland Council Eagle Scout Association and the Eagle Scout Awards Dinner. Tom and his wife, PDG Fran Bayless, established the Bayless Eagle Scout Scholarship Award for Eagle Scouts wanting to continue their education after high school.

Clifford A. Reeves, Jr., won the Silver Beaver Award in 1994. A graduate of the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Reeves managed the Treasury Department at TRW and served as a vice president at Huntington Bank. He also was a trustee of the Rotary Club of Cleveland.

John H. Wilson, twice past president of the Rotary Club of Hillcrest, has a solid background in scouting, having been both a Boy Scout and a Scoutmaster. He received the Silver Beaver Award from the Cleveland Council in 2009.

Cliff Dochterman Award

First awarded in 2005 and named for a past international president of Rotary, the Cliff Dochterman Award is presented by the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians. To date, it has been presented to nine Rotarians from clubs within District 6630.

The first three recipients—**George F. Qua** (2005), **Tom A. Bayless** (2009), and **William L. Garrison** (2009)—all had previously received recognition from the Boy Scouts of America (see above).

In 2010, **Robert C. Huge**, current and three times past president of the Rotary Club of Berea, received the Dochterman Award. Now retired from the heating and cooling repair business, Bob has been involved with scouting for many years. He has been especially active in scouting

camping programs.

PDG Jack Young was a Dochterman awardee in 2014. Jack is a past president of the Rotary Club of Conneaut. He has been involved with scouting for many years, and he is a past chairman of the national Venture Group for Scouting. He has served as a board member for ShelterBox USA and for the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians.

In 2015, the Dochterman Award was presented to three district Rotarians, all of whom were members of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. One was **Barry J. Norris**, who was then serving as scout executive of the Cleveland Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Barry was a Boy Scout himself, and he served the organization for almost 40 years, with more than 30 years in management.



Cleveland Rotarian Bill Garrison prepares to present the Cliff Dochterman Award to an unsuspecting Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski (at far left). Standing at the rear is Scoutmaster Tracy Blake.

Another 2015 Dochterman Award winner was **H. W. Birkett Gibson**. Birkett was in the automobile business, as was his father, Hugh Gibson, and his grandfather, Birkett L. Williams, who received the Silver Beaver Award (see above). For more than 22 years, Birkett Gibson has

been president of Birkettmire, LTD, an automobile leasing firm, and he served for four years as director of alumni relations at Hawken School.

The third Dochterman awardee in 2015 was **Tracy H. Blake**, who is the owner of Blake Packaging Products, Inc. For several years, Tracy has worked with Bill Garrison (see above) in managing Cub Scout Pack 63, which serves at-risk youngsters in Cleveland.

The most recent Cliff Dochterman Award recipient was our own **DG Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski**, who received the award in 2016. Beverly has been involved with Rotary in several capacities since 1979, including over seven years as a meeting planning consultant at RI Headquarters in Evanston, IL. After moving to Cleveland in the early 1990s, she was a member of the Rotary Club of Berea. Beginning in 1996, Beverly spent some 20 years as executive director of the Rotary Club of Cleveland. It was in this position that she encouraged Bill Garrison to organize Cub Scout Pack 63. After “retiring” from the executive director’s post, Bev served as president of the club in 2015-16.

Author’s Note: I owe thanks to Jack Young, who provided information on several of the awardees listed in this article. Also, it should be noted that the information I had was from the Cleveland Council of Boy Scouts. It is likely that some Rotarians in the southern part of District 6630 may have received similar awards, but they would have been associated with some other BSA council. My apologies to anyone I may have overlooked because of this.

News From TRC Lakewood/Rocky River

The Lakewood/Rocky River club has been most helpful this year in sponsoring Special Spaces. Just a little over a year ago, Rotarian Shari Caruso, became the director of the Cleveland Chapter. Special Spaces, a 501 (C) (3) not for profit organization creates dream bedroom makeover for dependent children ages 2-19 with a documented life-threatening illness of cancer, heart conditions, brain tumors and organ transplants. They



create bedrooms where children not only sleep but also rest, play and spend time away from the challenges of their illness--a place where they can heal. Special Spaces started in Knoxville, Tennessee in 2004. There



are presently about 25 chapters throughout the country, three in Ohio-Columbus, Toledo and Cleveland. The 1000th room was completed in November. The Cleveland chapter completed its first room in November of 2017 and its 8th the past October. The goal for 2019 will be to complete 10 rooms.

Special Spaces relies on generous donations to support their mission. The Lakewood/Rocky River club has donated money to build the rooms, made donations for items wanted for the children's rooms, built

things wanted by the children, and worked in the rooms to make the dream a reality. Shari has said that what she does would be very difficult without the support of her Rotarian friends.



Lakewood/Rocky River Rotarians joined other volunteers on November 17th to make sure that turkeys, pumpkin pies, stuffing, potatoes, bread, butter and assorted non-perishables found their way to the homes of needy Lakewood families just in time for Thanksgiving dinner.



The Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp., began their food distribution nearly 30 years ago as a program of the Lakewood Jaycees. It was so successful that it was spun off into a separate 501C (3) nonprofit and is an all-volunteer organization. Every dollar donated to LCAC goes toward purchasing food and supplies for those who need them. This month, more families will receive food on Dec. 15th, just before Christmas. Rotarians have chosen this service project for a number of years. Among the November Lakewood/Rocky River Rotarians were members who have assisted with this project for 20 years.

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News From TRC Akron

At the District 6630 Foundation event, long time Akron Rotary member, John Daily was inducted into the Rotary International Arch Klumph Society. Congratulations, and thank you John for all you do for Rotary! Pictured left to right, Frederick T. McGuire (Grandson of Arch Klumph), John Daily, Kevin Kelly (Rotary International Major Gifts Officer).



In addition, John Daily continues to keep his perfect attendance record going (over 52 years) by visiting other



clubs while on the road . . . he recently presented a flag from the Rotary Club of West St.

Louis County. John is truly a great example for all of us!



The Akron Club welcomed two new members, Christina Horak and Molly

Gordon (photo L-R: Christina Horak, her sponsor Wanda Whipkey, Molly Gordon, membership chair Tom Knauer who stood in for Molly's sponsor, June Ring).



We were honored to have Akron Fire Chief Clarence Tucker speak to our Club. He is such an amazing individual with a long history of service to our community. He shared with us a bit of history about how fire fighters were once required to have long beards - they had to dunk them in water and put them over their mouths to breathe since masks for this purpose were not yet invented! Did you know that in 1902 Akron, Ohio was the first city in the country to receive a motorized fire truck? NY City was second.

The Chief leads 353 fire fighters across 13 stations. They respond to over 40,000 fire and EMS calls each year with approximately 80% of those being EMS related. Akron fire fighters have become highly specialized and respond to catastrophes across

the country. Sadly, last week there were 27 local responses just for Opioid overdoses - and that was a smaller number than normal!

He made a point to say "thank you" to the citizens of Akron for voting yes on the levy. The funding has allowed them to get much needed equipment and make building repairs. They now have new thermal imagers on each truck and each fire fighter has a second set of fire gear.

Cancer is the number one cause of death for these heroes. Carcinogens get in/on the suits and are absorbed by the skin of the fire fighters . . . having the second suit now provides the opportunity to wash the gear between uses, helping to reduce the carcinogens.

Remember to check the batteries in your smoke detectors - a good time to do it is when our clocks change in the Spring and Fall. Thanks to an arrangement with the Red Cross - Akron has now placed more smoke detectors in homes than any other chapter! A huge thank you goes out to Chief Tucker and his team for their service to our community!

We wish you all a wonderful holiday season and a happy, healthy New Year.

John Margida
Akron Club President 2018-19



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Fairlawn Rotary Observatory

The Fairlawn Rotary Observatory and a 19 degree night out with the physics student from University of Akron along with professor Sergi Lyuksyutov. Orion was up for our viewing pleasure. The University of Akron has grown from 25 to 75 astronomy students with the interest in the observatory. The observatory, while having a very cloudy fall, has served over 1,000 people since its opening this spring. Another Rotary project having a measurable positive impact on our community.



Rotary Club of Solon Fire Department Decontamination Unit Project

by Bridget McQuaide

The Rotary Club of Solon is pleased to have donated three decontamination units to the Solon Fire Department.

As part of Clark Schaefer Hackett's 80th Anniversary Healthy Heroes project, Rotary Club of Solon Treasurer Scott McRill, who is also a partner at Clark Schaefer brought the idea for these decontamination units to the Rotary Club. We are thrilled and honored to be able to provide three of these

units, one for each fire station, to the city of Solon for the safety and health of our first responders.



Thanks to Eddy Kraus, Mayor of Solon for his kind words: "It's all about Service over Self" and we know our Fire Fighters live this out everyday!



Images evoke positive feelings and inspire us to create memories which are unforgettable — that's what people of action do.

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Membership Minute

December 2018 Ideas for strengthening membership

New year, new goals

The new year is a time for new resolutions and fresh beginnings. As you set club goals for the second half of the Rotary year, start with small ones that you can achieve easily. Here are a few ideas:

- Update your member data in My Rotary (learn how to add, edit, or remove a member)
- Record the progress you've made toward the goals you set at the start of the Rotary year in Rotary Club Central
- Identify any club members who aren't engaged in Rotary and pair each of them with a mentor

Start thinking now about how your club can Be the Inspiration in your community in 2019. Happy holidays from Rotary!

Community Assessment Builds Relationships

Since July 1st 2018, community assessment is mandatory for any global grant application with Rotary International. Leading a community assessment in the country where Rotary



Kids with disabilities – Orphanage in Bila Tserkva - Ukraine

Club project is being developed is not always an easy task but it is a guarantee that relationships will be built between the involved Rotary clubs and their partners in country. It is my hope that telling you the story of the Ukraine community assessment from our Akron Rotary club, will help any club to fathom the great benefits of such a task. The first step for our Akron club was to gather enough volunteers, interested in our project of developing a new type of pediatric wheelchair and in exploring transportation in Ukraine for wheelchair users. We started a new committee composed of 5 professionals in marketing and surveys, willing to work together to start investigating the sustainability of our project. How not to be impressed with the high level of proficiency of this new team: two retired professors from the University of Akron in entrepreneurship and languages specialists, one director of marketing study company and a student in anthropology with MPH in epidemiology? All of them have a heart for people with disabilities and the desire to extend their high level of skills to Rotary international projects. My first experience was to build relationship with them and to know them better. Following the general guide lines from Rotary international, we decided to start working on the questionnaire that would be used in Ukraine. First, we needed to collect

data and statistics concerning people with disabilities in Ukraine, then to determine who will fill up the questionnaire. Accessing statistics in Ukraine from the government was not simple. It was not like "you just ask". You need to find the people who care enough to navigate for you the country administration and bureaucratic system to obtain information. We live in a world full of statistics and surveys (good and bad), and some categories of population, like hidden people with disabilities, are more difficult to contact than other. How do you engage with those who tell you "we don't have people with disabilities in our country!"? You have to keep in mind that you are dealing with a different culture than yours. Some of our questions could not be answered.



Pauline in Bila Tserkva – Ukraine

Bila Tserkva. I was explaining the questionnaire to the mom of Pauline, a 14-year-old girl affected by cerebral palsy, when the mom talked about a problem she could not solve. The building the family was living in had a very poor and dangerous ramp for wheelchair users. Pauline's mom was able to mobilize other families in the building to give money to build a new ramp, accessible for wheelchairs. The project was stopped, not because of a lack of money but because they could not obtain the authorization from "the jack", the person responsible for all work in their building. They could not reach him. The next day I asked Nita our partner in Ukraine, what can we do to help Pauline's mom? Nita knew a lawyer who would talk to "the Jack" and she assured me he would not be an obstacle any longer. She will make sure that Pauline get her new ramp.

Finally, I know very well that there is no respite for the one who cares for the poor, the orphan and disabled. This community assessment in Ukraine was a great adventure and will be a great addition to our Global Grant. I want to thank those who participated for their efforts and dedication.

Submitted with love and peace by Claudine Schooley, member of Akron Rotary club.

We had to face unexpected barriers with our project like virulent opposition from a Rotarian who did not like that our main partner in Ukraine was a godly woman. Religion, and political opinions become obstacles to avoid. Ukraine is a country at war and we found a lot of hurt and divisions. Community assessment is a great tool to understand better the culture of the country.

The best of all is when community assessment becomes a tool to help people in a specific situation. Let me explain what I experimented. Home visits of families affected by disability were part of my program in the city of

TRC Cleveland Reaches Out to Malawi

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The past two summers have brought joy to the children of Chikwasa Village in Central Malawi. Before their school was built, the kids would walk in the African heat for about 6 miles to the closest school. Additionally, women and girls from this village drew their water from a stream or sometimes from a single well that dried up in summer.

6000 miles away, enter Rotarian Yunus Badat from the Rotary Club of Cleveland. Yunus, a member of the International Service Committee who is originally from Malawi, sought help from his club on behalf of Nanze Children's Services, a nonprofit entity located in North Olmsted. Nanze Children's Services goal is to help the poorest of the poor in Malawi by bringing them education and clean water.

In 2017 the Rotary Club of Cleveland

donated desks and chairs for the first school block that opened in the village. In early 2018, our club once again came through for the children of the village by bringing clean water via a borehole.



Nanze Elementary School still faces overcrowding and lacks grades 6 through 8 to be a full primary school. Although Rotary International's Global Grants typically do not cover the funding of brick and mortar, there is a

new provision running from 2017 – 2019 that would cover building 3 classrooms made of simple school block.

The Rotary Club of Cleveland is sponsoring the Global Grant overseen by Rotarian Yunus Badat and the Rotary Club of Lilongwe, Malawi, and they need your help! The grants budget is \$35,000.

The Rotary Club of Cleveland has pledged a dollar for dollar match up to \$5,000, we are asking your club to pledge \$1000.00 or what may be feasible for you?

For further information and to set up a presentation, please reach out to Yunus Badat or Past Rotary International Director Mike Johns at the numbers below.

Yunus Badat: 216-402-0286..email: amalawi@att.net

Mike Johns: 216-7803248...email: mjjandnlj@aol.com

Mayfield Interact

This fall was very productive for us. We had started off in the summer fundraising money for our visits to Hospice of The Western Reserve in which where we serve the patients and their families with taco dinners three times a year. The money we fundraised goes to buying food. In total we met our goal of \$500 by fundraising at an Amphitheater where people came to see concerts for free from bands. As the school year started we had visits to nursing homes where we played bingo with the residents and made crafts with them. Then came October, our busiest month we had a lot of Halloween events where we ran games for kids and also had to scare kids at a hayride and in a haunted house, that was personally my favorite. We were uncertain how The Taste of Hillcrest was going to play out because of some last minute changes but we did what we could to get our members on board and the event went very smoothly. We had around thirty some

members help out and we all had a great time. Now then let's not forget the event that we are most known for, leaf raking for people who are unable to do it themselves in the Mayfield Heights community. We had our sponsors from Rotary help out and organize it. They also helped out leaf raking, brought leaf blowers, supervised our students, and also provided us with food and drinks for breakfast and for lunch, easy to say they were a major help. Each group raked seven houses front and backyard. This school year has so far been very productive and we look forward to the future.

Shoebox 2019

Westlake Bay Village Rotary Club has already begun preparing for Shoebox 2019. The first step in the process is visiting clubs in January and February who are interested in hearing more, or getting a refresher, about the Shoebox program. Club presidents or Shoebox program designees will be receiving an email from our club requesting time at one of your upcoming meetings.

In 2018 we sent 715 Shoeboxes and 50 Layette bags to the Children of the Dump. We are excited about the opportunity, with your help, to exceed that amount in 2019. For further information, feel free to call Andrew Mangels at 440-250-5450 or email at andrew.mangels@westlakelibrary.org

Rotary Club of Solon Chiltiupan, El Salvador Water Project

By Glenn Gable

A Joint venture with Rotary Club of Solon, Rotary Club of Santa, Tecla, Rotary International, St. Dominic's Catholic Church and AB Project Manager.

In 2014 Rotary Club of Solon made its first visit to Chiltiupan, El Salvador, the poorest city in a very poor country. The trip was made with a representatives of St. Dominic Church, Geraldo Bowers, on a trip with educators to see the City and get an idea of what we could possibly do to help poor people get water. This trip we toured the sustainable farm cooperative, which led us to poor Cantoons adjacent to the farm. In this Cantoons there were about 200 people that desperately needed water, but it was too few people impacted to qualify for an International Rotary Grant. The first trip we were graciously received by Santa Tecla Rotary of San Salvador, El Salvador. They pledged they would provide any local support needed to get the project done.

In early 2015 the idea came up to drill a well for a sustainable farm cooperative that teaches El Salvadorians to grow many different kinds of crops, focusing on crops besides potato's and corn, that would produce impact to 1000's of people, while delivering water to the 200 people in the local Cantoons. We planned another trip, but this time we included a member of engineers without borders, and took an exclusive trip to explore this option of supplying water to this location.

On this trip we discovered through a local engineer that water was readily available only 60 feet down in the stratifications of water in the mountain, that would not disappear in dry season. In dry season crops were dying, and the local people had to travel up to 3 hours round trip to retrieve water. It seemed like an ambitious venture, but we came home and went to work.

It took us nearly two years to get the grants, develop the plans, hire a project manager, and hire a contractor to build our plan. Rotary Club of Solon

raised \$18,000, which the project was matched by the regional grants committee for, and then Rotary International awarded a grant to match all the money raised for a grand total of \$72,000. In late 2017 we had all approvals in place, but had to wait for rainy season to be over so we could get the large equipment needed 4 kilometers down the mountain side to the farm property.

We started construction in April of 2018. Work was delayed by needing additional information required by Rotary International, by weather, and change orders. We even had to widen the road to get the equipment through to complete the work. What had seemed like a solid plan had some issues that were not included. The topography of the land required different placements of water holding tanks than we originally anticipate. We ended up moving one of the tanks an additional 300 yards up a hill so the water could get further than originally anticipated.

Despite all the delays and problems, the well is drilled and operational. We will still need to lay down more piping to deliver the water to the some of the originally planned locations, but this work is simple in nature, and will be completed shortly by the original contractor and help from the locals. By late September we got a report back that our well was pumping water at 40 gallons a minute, and the quality of it makes it drinkable without any filtration. We are creating a great amount of pressure in the system allowing us to reach further distribution points.

On November 4th, 2018 there was a blessing of the well offered with a celebration of the families benefitted, and many others from the Town of Chiltiupan. We were blessed to see the faces and eyes of the people we are helping. They through us a great celebration including a mariachi band, wonderful homemade hen soup, and of course cake. There was a lot singing and dancing, and we realized what a major impact this will have on all their lives. Instead of spending three hours a day getting


water 6 months out of the year, they will simply turn a tap for fresh potable water. They will be able to grow vegetables all year long. They will be able to wash their clothes and bathe with ultra clean water. The sustainable farm will may now expand its offerings to Papaya and Mango cultivation. In dry season there will also be plenty of water for the plants in the greenhouse areas and beyond.

As we were greeted so warmly by all the people we came to distinct realization that we not only helped a great group of people, but they actually helped us as much or more than we helped them. Their humble, grateful attitude will be forever in our hearts, and provides us with additional drive to help others.

God Bless all that participated in this project, we are seeing it through to the end. Finally the plan to ensure sustainability has been planned and will be executed one initial usage data is available.

Our own big take away

In the process of developing the plan and pulling together the parties to help, we realize that we never had a kickoff meeting to put everyone on the exact same page with a common goal. The people running the project all had the best intentions and did a great job, but we could have provided better leadership and avenues of conflict resolution. In El Salvador it is not customary to ask for change orders. Decisions were made that were in the best interest of the project, but not communicated as to what they were. Some of these changes required small amounts of additional funding, but that turned into delays because people did not know where the funding was coming from. 95% of the money needed was already there, and very small problems boiled up to larger issue that cause delays. Just like running a business, communication and honesty is key to a success, and key to a functioning team.

In the end all came out with positive results. We will complete the project in the next 30 days, [Cont'd on pg. 19](#) 

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and the people are relieved they will finally have clean water.

Special Thanks

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Solon Rotary Club Brothers and Sisters than helped us raise all the funds

and give us emotional support to get the job done.



Our Poster Child Geraldo (pictured) who was not even quite born yet on our first visit in 2014, and his wonder-

ful family.

The owners and operators of the co-operative that provided additional volunteer labor to get the job done in budget, and for their continued support to organize sustainability of the well.

This was an experience of a lifetime that has impacted so many people in so many ways. We are proud of the work and the results.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

The 9th Annual Speakeasy Charity Casino

The Rotary Club of Fairlawn Fund-raiser March 30th, 2019:

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Fairlawn, Ohio: The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will host its 9th annual Speakeasy Charity Casino Fundraiser on March 30th, 2019, from 6:00 - 11:00, at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn. The Rotary Club of Fairlawn will join forces with Akron Children's Hospital, Easter Seals Northern Ohio and Habitat for Humanity of Summit County to make this a very special event in our community.

The Rotary Club of Fairlawn raised over \$1 million for children in this community and around the world since 1964. Speakeasy Charity Casino is the club's major fundraiser. Its main purpose is to help fund special projects for local charities. Through the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, this year's proceeds will help local organizations that support children's education, health and welfare. As this year's recipients, Akron Children's Hospital, Easter Seals Northern Ohio and Habitat for Humanity will be receiving proceeds from this

event. Last year the Rotary Club of Fairlawn raised nearly \$40,000 which was distributed to local organizations.

The Speakeasy Charity Casino will be a fun-filled evening of dancing to a live band and games where everyone is a winner. Guests at the Hilton Akron/Fairlawn will enjoy a nostalgic 1930s speakeasy atmosphere with professionally run simulated poker, blackjack, craps and roulette (all proceeds from the evening go to charity). A sit-down dinner will be provided along with oral and silent auctions, raffle entries for fabulous prizes, a cash bar, a "best-dressed" costume contest and fun at the gaming tables. The ticket price is \$125 per person. Of course, the real winners will be the charities and children of our community.

The spring fundraiser is one of the ways the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation raises money for local organizations and schools. The club's efforts to support local charities and build goodwill throughout the community stem from Rotary's motto, "Service Above Self." Rotary's compassion

stretches well beyond the Akron community as it works to combat polio, poverty and illiteracy on national and international levels. Rotary focuses its time and efforts on service projects encompassing peace and conflict prevention and resolution, disease prevention and treatment, maternal and child health and economic and community development.

To order tickets to the Speakeasy Charity Casino, please contact Darethann Krill at 440-813-6230 or at DarethannK@gmail.com. More information is available on the Rotary Club of Fairlawn Ohio Facebook page. Corporate sponsorships are also available starting at \$395. If you are unable to attend the event, but would like to help, please send checks to the Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, Inc. at P.O. Box 13063, Fairlawn, Ohio 44334. The Fairlawn Rotary Foundation, Inc. is a 501(c)(3).

News From TRC Berea

Linda G. Kramer
Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Berea

Helping Our Local Food Pantries



From the left, Strongsville Rotary President-elect Bill DeMarco; Tim Graydon, president of Parma Rotary; Marsha Pappalardo of Brunswick Rotary; Judy Stull and Bob Hugel of Berea Rotary; and Steve Schwarz of North Royalton/Broadview Heights Rotary.

Thanks to the Rotary Club of Strongsville for sharing proceeds of Taste in Strongsville with neighboring Rotary Clubs. The funds will be donated to our local food pantries. Look for presentations at our meetings early in 2019. St. Augustine's Hunger Center and the Strongsville Food Bank also received checks.

Happy Holidays From Berea Rotary



From the left are Neal Klabunde of Strongsville Rotary, PDG Dave Skrzynski of Berea Rotary and Ann Socha of Brunswick Rotary.



Trevor Koenig, Bob Hugel and Tom O'Donnell of Berea Rotary.

Rotaractors help with Jack Frost Festival



Rotaractors help with Jack Frost Festival

Berea Rotary welcomed the holiday season by inviting other clubs to join us at J'Bella in Strongsville on Dec. 12. See the Berea Rotary Facebook page for a musical collage of photos.

Thanks to BW Rotaractors for passing out cookies and hot chocolate during the Jack Frost Festival of Lights in downtown Berea on Dec. 1. And to BW for the hot chocolate. We had several community volunteers too in our new digs in the old Whitey's store on the Triangle.

Highway Patrol Helps Keep County Roads Safe



Ohio Highway Patrol Lt. Rob Gable explained the new drivers' license options to Berea Rotarians

The Ohio Highway Patrol actually didn't do much in Cuyahoga County until about six years ago, Lt. Rob Gable told Berea Rotarians on Nov. 27. Now it can bring its officers, staff and high-tech equipment to help out.

"We have jurisdiction on any roadway and give mutual aid to the Cleveland

Police Department and others," Gable said. "We have a lot of high-tech equipment that local departments might not have."

Gable is commander of the Cleveland Post, which is located on West 140th Street. He came armed with statistics. Nearly 70 percent of all fatal or injury-causing vehicle crashes in the county occur in Cleveland on residential streets, he said. The causes of those crashes are mainly drug or alcohol impairment, not wearing seat belts and driving too fast on residential streets.

Gable said the Patrol made 813 drug-related arrests in 2017 and is on track to double that number for 2018. To report impaired drivers, call #677.

New Driver's License Options

Gable also explained Ohio's new driver's license options, which went into effect this summer.

Besides the Standard License used now by drivers, the state is offering a Compliant License that meets federal guidelines for air travel. That means the enhanced license can be used as ID when boarding aircraft and going through the TSA process. Right now, you can use your Standard License as an official ID at the airport. After Oct. 1, 2020, that won't work. You'll need either a Passport or the Compliant License. The Compliant License also can be used as ID to enter any federal facility.

You can apply for that new, enhanced license at the local BMV office but you'll need some extra proof of identification. You'll need documentation of your full legal name, date of birth, Social Security Number, proof of Ohio residency (two documents required from different sources) and proof that you are legally in the U.S. You also must provide proof of any name changes.

Documents you can use are listed on the BMV web site and include birth certificate, passport, Social Security card, W-2 form, 1099 form, bank statement, credit card statement or paycheck stub, to name just a few.

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If you simply want to renew your Standard License, no additional ID is required.

Also new is the way you'll receive your new license whether you are issued a Standard License or a Compliant License. No more cash and carry. The BMV registrar will issue you a temporary license and the new one will arrive in the mail from Columbus in about 10 days. The Compliant License has a different look from the Standard License. Gable said all these new measures are to ensure security and the integrity of the license.

For more information, go to <https://bm.ohio.gov>.

Rotary Youth Exchange News

The weather outside was "frightful-ly" cold, but inside the Akron Rotary Camp, fourteen Inbound, Rebound and future Outbound students from District 6630 were "delightful-ly" engaged in learning more about cultural awareness and integration. Susan Colville-Hall, Marilyn Orr, Bob Heydorn and Patrick Kelley led interesting discussions and projects as the students got to know each other better. Inbound students attending were Ada Bicego (Brazil), Ana Crespan Fontenia (Spain), Patitta "Patty" Kitcharoenchai (Thailand), Léa LaFond (France), Eduardo Nunes Machado Flora (Brazil), Natalie Sadkova (Czechia) Jacob Scharnweber (Germany) and Sotaro Yamasaki (Japan). They were joined by Rebound students Elizabeth Whetstone (Brazil) and Drew Vargo (France) and future Outbound students Austin Brewster, Patrick Culliton, Gwendolyn Estep and Jacob Weitman.

The activities ranged from a Q&A mixer, an exercise involving physical space and cultural comfort levels, creating and updating their individual tee shirts to a tower building contest using spaghetti and marshmallows in which each team member was assigned a different cultural role to assume during the project. The end goal was to build the tallest, sturdiest

tower while behaving under cultural norms that might be foreign to the student. The results were impressive with one tower resembling the Eiffel Tower and another the Musée de Louvre Pyramid. But all were reminded that marshmallows make lousy mortar as the fruits of our labors slowly, but surely, settled into something not remotely resembling a tower.



Exchange Youth Campers: Drew Vargo, Léa LaFond, Ada Bicego, Eduardo Nunes Machado Flora and Jacob Scharnweber (first row); Patitta "Patty" Kitcharoenchai, Natalie Sadkova, Jacob Weitman, Elizabeth Whetstone, Gwendolyn Estep, Austin Brewster and Ana Crespan Fontenia (second row); Patrick Culliton and Sotaro Yamasaki (third row).

Stew Buchanan came through again with tickets for an outing at an upcoming Cavaliers' game. Time for a new sporting experience.



Young Leaders in Action

December 2018

Engaging the next generation of Rotary leaders



Share your outstanding project

The Rotaract Outstanding Project Award annually recognizes exceptional humanitarian projects around the world. Nominate your club or district to receive recognition for your hard work and high-impact, sustainable projects. We'll share your story with the world and inspire others to take action. Here's how to get started:

- Identify one project. Choose your best club, district, or multidistrict project.
- Collect photos and videos. Include photos, social media posts, media coverage, and videos of your members in action.
- Submit your nomination by 1 February 2019.

GET STARTED >

Sunday, there was plenty of time for conversation, games and fun. Morning activities included a hearty breakfast, walk about the camp, and an activity involving signing the flags of all Inbounders. RYE training focused on defining the stages in Bennett's model of ethnocentrism and ethno relativism (important for recognizing of intercultural competence) and understanding language acquisition, followed by goal setting for academic, social, cultural and linguistic progress.

In addition, Inbound and Outbound students, working in pairs, participated in a photo competition that garnered beautiful photographs of the camp environment. They will be posted on the Rotary Club of Akron's website.

Many thanks to those who helped make the weekend such a success: Shelia Hedrick who coordinated snacks and dinner on Saturday and the Rotary Club of Akron's Sunday morning crew of Emily Patterson, Laura Fink, Jacinto Nunez and Doug Hausknecht. Again, we were ably assisted by Alyssa Whitehead from the Camp Staff, who helped in so many ways. Many hands make for light work.

Some Shelter Box Questions and Comments

by Jack A. Young, PDG District 6630
ShelterBox Board of Directors 2007-14
Shelter Box Board of Director Emeritus

With the recent wildfires in California along with other world disasters, there have been a number of questions regarding where and how Shelter Box deploys in disasters. With that Shelter Box Ambassador, Dave Nichols put together some thoughts to this questions and what takes place regarding the response of Shelter Box.

FIRST, HAS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT DECLARED A DISASTER AND ASKED FOR INTERNATIONAL AIDE?

This is often a hurdle for Shelter Box to overcome around the world as the local government is the primary owner of the emergency.

SECOND, WHAT IS THE NUMBER OF FAMILIES REQUIRING HELP?

We have found through experience that when there is less than 200 families displaced, help is often provided quickly by the local communities.

THIRD, IS OUR (SHELTER BOX) TYPE OF AID APPROPRIATE?

This is a complex question. Each disaster requires an assessment of the community's needs coupled with the country's existing resources. For example, our Haiti deployment in 2016 after Hurricane Mathew, we were asked to respond by the government, but they did not want us to put up tents. They still had a large number of people in tents from our response to the earth quake in 2010. So we deployed our Shelter Box Kits.

FOURTH, WHAT IS THE LENGTH OF TIME FOR SUPPORT OF SHELTER BOX?

Based on the severity of the disaster and existing resources in the country, we determine of the people need shelter for more than a month. Our aid is expensive and built to last around 9 months. We want to make sure it is a long enough time to make it worthwhile to those who we serve and our donors. There are individual decisions that need to be made on each deployment.

FIFTH, SPEED OF RECOVERY CONSIDERATION. DOES THE COMMUNITY HAVE THE ABILITY TO QUICKLY SELF RECOVER?

Many of the countries and people we respond to are in the lower economic structure of their country and the world. Our beneficiaries do not have the means to recover on their own thus it takes a longer time to recover than usual and varies.

SIXTH, WHAT IS THE LOCAL CAPACITY OF LOCAL AGENCIES TO RESPOND?

To ensure that Shelter box has the best possible effect, we will only respond if other organizations, agencies, partners or authorities are not already meeting the emergency shelter needs by the time we are able to help.

SEVENTH, DO WE HAVE THE RESOURCES NEEDED FOR THE DURATION OF THE RESPONSE?

We carefully look at whether we have the people, finances and aid needed before responding. We make sure that every family and community we

work with gets full support they need. Shelter Box responds when we have the resources to see the full response through.

EIGHTH, CAN WE SAFELY RESPOND?

We take the safety of our teams, our partners and our beneficiaries seriously. We are experienced in working in lots of different and extreme situations around the world. We work hard to understand the risk involved and the resources we will need to help local families and ensure that our response can be carried out safely. This has led us to respond in places like Syria to not use equipment with western markings. Along with this we furnish our volunteers with all types of training and education to help us in the process.

NINTH, SPEED AND EFFICIENCY COMMENTS:

This is very important. We discern if we can get in and deliver the aid during the emergency phase. Waiting until the recovery phase is not a good place for our type of aid. This is a very tight move for us and getting there too soon is as bad as getting to a disaster area to late. Usually, we try to target our response once people are in collective centers or large shelters. Then we can move out to the most vulnerable families.

For more information regarding Shelter Box, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young (440-759-4000 or jack1villa@aol.com)

Wassail Bowl 2018

The Lakewood/Rocky River Wassail Bowl, which is our annual Christmas Party, took place on Monday, December 10th. It was held at the home of Doug Cooper, the Club President. Everyone who attended the party was asked to bring an unwrapped gift for a child. The gifts were picked up on Wednesday by

representatives of the Lakewood Foundation. The gifts will be put in a "Christmas Store". The store is a place where parents can shop for toys for their children. The families have been identified by the foundation as needing help to make sure their children have a special Christmas. The parents may, but are not

required, to pay something for the toys they select. The Lakewood Foundation usually has 250 children that will benefit from this program but this year they are expecting about 400. The toy donation made my our chapter will definitely help make this possible.

Rotary International Fellowships

by PDG Jack Young

This is the fourth in a series of Rotary International Fellowships throughout the Rotary World. If you have an interest in joining one or more of the Fellowships, please feel free to contact PDG Jack Young, District 6630 Fellowship Chair and Chair of the Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians for the Intra-American Region (North, Central and South America at jack1villa@aol.com or 440-759-4000,

SKIING FELLOWSHIP Over 300 members and spouses/partners from 5 different countries attended the European Chapters annual meeting in Cortina d'Ampezzo in 2017. At the event they snowmobiled and participated in other events. They shared their interest and raised money for charity.

FELLOWSHIP OF SHOOTING SPORT ROTARIAN'S They discuss marksmanship and the safe handling of fire arms. To all persons and ages education is a key element in their discussions. Last year they discussed a new policy for gun safety in Rotary and conduct education events to raise money for Rotary and Polio.

FELLOWSHIP OF SCUBA DIVERS Their main topic is sharing scuba diving and safe procedures. They also plan diving trips to the Grand Cayman islands and other locations in the world. They are represented in 87 countries.

FELLOWSHIP OF ROWING ROTARIAN'S The fellowship promotes the friendships of Rotarians around the world who share the common interest in rowing. They meet in various places in the world to promote rowing and friendship.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLES FELLOWSHIP Their interest is to promote the use of recreational vehicles in rallies and camp at scenic locations in North America. There are over 750 members in 4 countries.

FELLOWSHIP OF PHOTOGRAPHERS They consist of Rotarians who have an interest in photography and speak to Rotary Clubs about

their passion. They also hold reunions all over the world and consist of over 470 members representing 62 countries who share information on their passion and techniques.

FELLOWSHIP OF PAST DISTRICT GOVERNORS They facilitate fellowship and exchange ideas between Past District Governors. In addition they hold PDG reunions all over the world and consist of over 400 members representing 44 countries.

FELLOWSHIP OF MOTORCYCLE ROTARIANS Their interest in motor cycle involves over 2,200 members in 24 countries. They raise money for Rotary and award Paul Harris Fellows from the charity ride events. They also hold one world ride charity event.

FELLOWSHIP OF MILITARY VETERANS This fellowship held its first annual event in Atlanta Georgia in 2017. The group works to share information on Veterans programs and support Veterans from around the world. In 2017 there were 44 members in 7 countries that are helping to make the lives of Veterans easier.

FELLOWSHIP OF MARATHON RUNNERS There are over 240 members representing 30 countries who share an interest in running. They sponsor events throughout the world to learn more about the people and culture of that country.

FELLOWSHIP OF MAGICIANS They promote the performance of magic tricks as a vocation and as a hobby sharing their ideas. This fellowship is represented in 7 different countries.

FELLOWSHIP OF LAWYERS They share the interest and experiences of the legal profession to develop a network of information. There are 250 professionals in 20 countries who share this support of the legal practice and networking.

FELLOWSHIP OF TOURING HORSEBACK RIDERS Their inter-

est is the love of horseback riding throughout the world. They share information on the various horses they ride or own and take tours throughout the 5 countries that they represent.

FELLOWSHIP OF HIKING ROTARIANS For Rotarians and their families they are represented in 10 countries. The fellowship promotes and shares information on their hiking activity and the outdoors.

GOLFING FELLOWSHIP The support and education of the mentoring of younger golfers has over 875 golfers in 45 countries. They sponsor various tournaments to promote their passion for golfing and to help others with their game.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP OF FLYING ROTARIAN'S This fellowship has a strong interest in all aspects of aviation and held a fly over after the Atlanta Conference in 2017. They share aviation history and techniques and experiences. They have over 1,500 members in 57 countries.

I hope you are enjoying learning about our Rotary International Fellowships. Have a Great and Joyful Holiday and Happy New Year. Jack