



2018-2019 Newsletter

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District Governor

ROTARY DISTRICT 6630 NEWS

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Governor's Letter

Dear District 6630 Rotarians and Friends:

It is hard to believe how quickly the first three months of the 2018-2019 Rotary year have simply flown by – something that each and every Past District Governor warned me about. This phenomenon happened when I was a Club President, so I guess I shouldn't be surprised - so none of the 2018-2019 Presidents of Action should be either. I would not take back a moment, though I wish sometimes there were more hours in the day and I had the ability to be in more than one place at a time. That is the hardest part for me – to not be able to attend all of the incredible club events and projects that are occurring each and every week in this district.

I have completed two-thirds of my club visits as of this writing, or 34 of 53. I will regret when they are over. If everyone in this district could look “through my eyes for a brief moment” – they would be overwhelmed by and disbelieving of the number of humanitarian projects there are and have been in District 6630 since its inception and the millions of people whose lives have been made better for

having been touched by Rotary. It is life-changing to even think about and something I am in awe of each and every day. Our Club Presidents are energetic, “forward thinking” and engaged as agents of inspiration and change for their clubs and communities.

This is a changing world; we must be prepared to change with it. The story of Rotary will have to be written again and again. — Paul P. Harris, Founder, Rotary International

August was Membership and New Club Development Month and the efforts in place by many of our clubs to Share Rotary and bring in new members have resulted in positive growth with a net increase for our district as of September 30th. Congratulations! Attracting new members is important for growth and new perspectives, but now it is incumbent upon each of us to engage these new Rotarians and help lead them to their own “Rotary Defining Moment.”

“The growth and development of people is the highest calling of leadership.” - Harvey S. Firestone, American Businessman

October is Economic and Community Development Month and Rotary International shares the following: *Nearly 1.4 billion employed people live on less than \$1.25 a day. Our members promote economic and community development and reduce poverty in underserved communities through training, well-paying jobs, and access to financial management institutions. Projects range from providing people with equipment to vocational training. Our members work to strengthen local entrepreneurs and community leaders, particularly women, in impoverished communities.*

This is woven into the mosaic of all of our clubs and takes many different forms whether within our own communities or serving a need across the ocean. That is Rotary and that is what our clubs do.

World Polio Day was established by Rotary International over a decade ago to commemorate the birth of Jonas Salk, who led the first team to develop a vaccine against poliomyelitis. In less than two weeks, on October 24, Rotarians from around-the-world will come together “as one” for this year's commemoration to

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continue to place emphasis on the elimination of this crippling and debilitating disease. Please see the different articles included in this newsletter not only detailing the history of Polio Eradication, but also answering some common questions from Rotarians on the Global Polio Eradication Initiative (GPEI).

In the coming days you will receive information on a special initiative that has been launched in our district on Polio Eradication. In conclusion, I want to share some thoughts with you from my husband, PDG Dave, on Polio eradication. He actually will probably be quite surprised to see it appear here with his byline.

Governor Beverly

As I reflect on World Polio Day, October 24, 2018, I find Rotary's investment amazing. If you ask almost any Rotarian they will say PolioPlus started in 1985 and that is true. Others may say it started in 1979 when 6 million children in the Philippines were vaccinated with a grant from Rotary, that is also true. However, if you look into the history of our Rotary District alone, you will find that the effects of Polio were foremost in the minds of Rotarians and their Clubs. Without exception every Rotary Club chartered before 1960 and most chartered after that, supported significant pro-

grams for children crippled by Polio. From Camp Cheerful and Akron Rotary Camp to major support of local county schools for crippled students, and in one case inventing and producing self-powered wheelchairs to provide mobility to those not able to walk. Even as we approached the New Millennium and Polio had been eradicated from the Americas, Rotarians of District 6630 never took their focus away from this debilitating disease. Some traveled overseas to administer vaccines, some sent wheelchairs, crutches and other equipment to help those already affected and just as important most raised or gave money so

that all of these efforts were possible.

It is believed that Polio has been affecting humans for 3,000 years and untold millions of children. Thanks to Rotarians around the world, just like us in Northeast Ohio, we are only 19 cases away from removing this terrible disease from the face of the earth.

Please take the occasion of World Polio Day to make others aware of these efforts, and the importance of eradicating this debilitating disease.

PDG David Skrzynski

Chair, District 6630 International Service Committee

A Bit of District History: Cleveland Hosted Two RI Conventions

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

In its first 28 years of existence, the Rotary Club of Cleveland played host to two Rotary International Conventions. In June of 1925, the Rotary Club of Cleveland hosted 10,216 Rotarians representing every state in the union and from 22 other countries. On the opening night of the convention, which ran from June 15-19, 1925, the auditorium was filled with an estimated 12,000 persons, including the official registrants and guests. The attendance broke all previous records for registrations at a convention.

According to the June 16, 1925 issue of the *Plain Dealer*, Cleveland Rotary President George H. Miller extended the official welcome to those in attendance at the convention's opening session in Public Hall. "Most of you," President Miller said, "have traveled a long way, some many thousands of miles, to attend this convention, with the thought of gaining a better knowledge of Rotary and the inspira-

tion that comes from that knowledge.

"So I say to you on behalf of the Cleveland Rotary Club that we are the happiest Rotarians in the world for this opportunity to greet you. Not only do Cleveland Rotarians welcome you, but the entire citizenship of Cleveland bids you welcome to our city, to our institutions and to our homes. All that we possess is at your disposal; whenever and wherever we can be of assistance, we are at your service."

Next on the agenda at the opening session was a pageant, "Rotary," that was written by Arch C. Klumph, past RI president and past president of the Rotary Club of Cleveland, and produced by Robert H. Burnside, former director of the New York Hippodrome. Depicting the story of the growth of the Rotary ideals, the spectacle included a cast of 500, music by a 75-piece orchestra, and a chariot race, with three chariots, each pulled by three horses, dashing wildly across the stage. Naturally, the chariot named "Rotary" won out over "Greed" and "Selfishness." While the

first performance of the pageant was for the convention attendees and their guests, the event was repeated the next evening for the general public.

All convention sessions were held in Public Hall except for the luncheons and dinners, which were scheduled in other venues, including the Hotel Statler. According to the *Plain Dealer*, "The 380 members of the Cleveland club were clad in blue coats and light trousers and shoes. The blue bands of their straw hats were inscribed in gold letters: 'Cleveland.' They were an information bureau, a reception committee, and a messenger service."

The Cleveland Rotarians were assisted in their greeting and messenger duties by several hundred Boy Scouts from the Greater Cleveland area. According to the *Plain Dealer* article, the Scouts had the following instructions from Scout headquarters: "Make yourselves useful, do cheerfully what Rotarians ask, and remember that a scout never

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accepts a penny for a service rendered."

It is interesting to note that the agenda for the opening session of the convention began with a 7:45 p.m. organ recital and then a group singing led by Harper Garcia Smyth, the director of the Cleveland Rotary Singers. Throughout the convention, the agendas all included several times each day when the attendees were led in sing-a-longs.

In 1939, the Rotary Club of Cleveland again hosted the Rotary International Convention. At the time, Rotary International had some 205,000 members in 4,967 clubs in 88 countries and geographic areas around the world. The April 16, 1939 issue of the *Cleveland Plain Dealer* speculated that 15,000 delegates from 65 countries would attend the event, which was scheduled for June 19-23, 1939, in Public Hall. Cleveland Rotarian and Past President James G. Card was the chairman of the Host Chapter Convention Executive Com-

mittee. Although the Rotary Club of Cleveland was the official host club, there was much involvement of Rotarians from the other clubs in the three districts then in Ohio, namely Districts 157 (northwest Ohio), 158 (northeast Ohio, now District 6630), and District 159 (southern Ohio).

According to the Rotary Global History Fellowship website, the actual official attendance at the convention was 9,241, with representatives from 52 countries and geographic areas

around the world being present. In addition to the usual convention sessions to hear reports and discuss and debate issues, the 1939 convention featured nearly 50 "vocational craft assemblies," which were meetings arranged by vocational areas for the discussion of "the application of vocational service principles in the several areas of commerce, industry, and professional activity." Scheduled in several hotels, libraries, and business offices in the downtown Cleveland area, these assemblies covered such

to serve."

Rotary International President George C. Hager of Chicago gave the opening address to the conventioners. His topic was "Rotary, Real and Tangible—A Challenging Opportunity." Other speakers included Paul P. Harris, the founder and president emeritus of Rotary, and Norman A. McLarty, the postmaster general of Canada, who spoke on "International Friendship."

An entertainment program was arranged by the Rotary Club of Cleveland, and it featured a concert by the Singers' Club of Cleveland, an "International Fellowship" concert by the Cleveland Orchestra, a reception and ball for international officers, and an ice carnival at the Cleveland Arena. The ice revue was performed by skaters from the Granite Club of Toronto and the Toronto Skating Club. While the first performance of the ice-skating program was only for the convention go-

ers, the show was repeated twice more in the following days for the general public.



Rotary flags draped from Public Hall for 1939 Rotary International Convention. (Photo from Cleveland Press Collection, Michael Schwartz Library, Cleveland State University)

vocational areas as Agriculture, Associations and Business Services, Automobile and Vehicle Industry, Chemical Industry, and so on.

As they had done at the 1925 convention, Cleveland area Boy Scouts assisted the Rotarians in attendance in many ways. As stated in the *Proceedings of the Thirtieth Annual Rotary Convention*, "They gave generously of their time and services and carried out each assignment willingly and smilingly, ever eager to help and

My Rotary Defining Moment

By: Lee Quignano

Under our new District 6630 governor, I was asked to write about my "Rotary Why." I know for some that could be a very grandiose mission about Polio or something as simple as Networking. For me it was, and it remains the Fellowship offered hand in hand with Service. Let me explain. I had been asked to come to a meeting at my local club in Mentor Ohio to allow a colleague time to build his business and travel. I had no idea of what Mentor Rotary was or what Rotary International had been doing. I showed up to my first meeting and sat at a table with my across-the-street neighbor, a barber-shop quartet singer with whom I sang in a men's chorus, my first post Marine Corps medical insurance man and a former employer. I thought "these are my people!" We quickly spoke the others at the table about how I knew each of them. After some time at other similar meetings I was asked to join our group in an annual holiday outing to add some joy to some children that had physical and / or mental challenges that required special care and attention. It was "pitched" to me (so I thought) by the chairperson of that event as one of the best days of his

year. Over the course of the lunch every other person at our table shared a similar "pitch". I agreed and was given a wish list written to Santa from a young boy who preferred to be called Diego for the adventure of Christmas.

I fulfilled his wish list, delivered to the club and showed up to the Lake Farm-park where I was greeted by Jungle Terry and his band of animals as well as 12-15 "elves" in what must have been the true Santa's workshop. Everyone there knew about the day and how special it was; everyone but me. The venue was filled with all things Christmas both from current and past childhood favorites, trees, lights, trains but no kids. I had on a new sweater and my name tag and I waited for Diego. Soon the buses showed up and one by one the kids filed in – so did their teachers and the aides; as well as wheel chairs and helmets and crutches and the headphones...one child happier than the next. High fives to remembered friends from previous years and lots of clapping and hugging. I met Diego who was wearing a 3-piece suit for this special day. We spent the day petting animals and looking at trees and the

trains and making his toy. We painted our clothes as much as the toy. As I looked around the room, I can say I had never seen that much joy. Old and young together. Healthy and challenged, enjoying their day together. For some, this would be a measured joy that would end too soon before back to hard work on their language skills, walking, eating, dressing and all the things that many parents take for granted every day.

It ended with salad, pizza and cookies and a visit from Santa himself. As he passed out the presents, I realized I had been given the best gift I had to that point in my life. I knew I made a difference. I knew the other men and women in that room made a difference. The Rotarians made it for the day but the teachers and aides, make a difference for the children and their families every day. I left thanking God for every blessing I have and humbled by experience. I returned to the office and let my employer know that I will be a Rotarian and will need time off every Thursday for meetings.

So, I feel my Rotary Why is the Fellowship I found in adding joy to a child's day and holiday.

News From TRC Wadsworth

The Rotary Club of Wadsworth recently hosted District Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski at their meeting and also in attendance were 6 members of the Wadsworth High School Interact Club. District Governor Beverly was the speaker and she thanked the Interact Club for their participation in the District 6630 relief efforts after the hurricane in St. Thomas, Virgin Islands in 2017. The Interact Clubs of District 6630, 17 in all, have collected a sum of over \$33,000 that will be used to restore the High School library in St. Thomas that serves over 1,000 students. The Wadsworth Interact Club is also planning their annual Veterans Day ceremony to be held at the high school where close to 200 veterans will be in attendance, starting with breakfast and a school wide program. Great job Interactors!

We were also blessed to have a visiting Rotarian at a recent meeting from the Friendswood, Texas Rotary Club. Mike Foreman, who grew up and was raised in Wadsworth, Ohio and now lives in Friendswood, Texas stopped in for a visit. Mike is also the Mayor in his hometown in Texas and recently became a member of the Rotary Club there. After a flag exchange ceremony, Mike talked of his successful career as a NASA Astronaut. Some of his career highlights include 2 missions on the space shuttles to the International Space Station, Endeavour and Atlantis, and 5 different space walks totaling 32 hours doing what he calls "very high altitude construction projects". Mr. Foreman is also a Distinguished graduate of the U.S. Naval Test Pilot School and has flown more than 7,000 hours in over 50 different aircraft. Wadsworth Rotary is proud to

say Astronaut Mike Foreman is one of our own.

The Wadsworth Rotary is also working on 2 District Grant projects with the city of Wadsworth and Medina County. One is to purchase and install 4 new security cameras at the local Senior Center and tie them into the city's monitoring system in order to promote safety and prevent any damage and theft to the property. The other project is to identify and install bus stop signs for the Medina County Public Transit System in Wadsworth. Currently, there are 12 stops that are unmarked and unidentified and the goal is to promote the service for citizens that need transportation assistance and promote ridership within the county.

Timothy Manion,

A Letter From RI President Rassin

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My dear friends and fellow Rotary leaders,

This year, on 24 October, Rotary will again mark World Polio Day. I am writing to ask all of you to join me on that day in raising global awareness of the urgent need to End Polio Now.

I have been a Rotarian since long before Rotary committed to eradicate polio. When I was inducted as a member in April of 1980, the idea of taking on polio eradication as a corporate project had not yet been seriously raised; polio still ravaged the lives of some 350,000 people, nearly all of them children, every year.

Today, the world is a very different place. Thanks to the vision of Rotary's leaders then, and the commitment of the generations of Rotarians who have followed, we now have fewer cases of polio than at any time in history. As I write this message, only 14 children have been paralyzed by the wild poliovirus in all of 2018. Only three countries are still polio-endemic; wild virus still circulates in only one remaining reservoir, on the border of Afghanistan and Pakistan.

The success of this work has come as the result of decades of concerted and sustained effort by Rotary and all of our partners in the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. Rotary's involvement has been wide-ranging: we have raised over 1.9 billion dollars to

date, and have contributed countless volunteer and staff hours to the practical work of eradication, including immunization, fundraising, and advocacy. Our success has been tremendous, and we are confident that our work will soon be complete.

Yet significant challenges remain, and the need for continued funding is

acute. Until eradication is certified—at least three years from the time the last poliovirus is found anywhere in the world—every single child must be immunized, at a continuing cost of hundreds of millions of dollars per year. If any of that work is slowed or stopped, if any of our momentum is lost, we risk losing everything we have worked for, for so many years.

This is why I am asking every Rotary club to find its own way, on 24 October, to raise awareness of Rotary's work to eradicate polio. At EndPolio.org, you can find some great resources to help plan an event, where you can also promote your event, find nearby events, and join our World Polio Day livestream from the College of Physicians in Philadelphia at 18:30 United States Eastern Time.

I look forward to coming together with all of you on World Polio Day—when we can all Be the Inspiration to End Polio Now.

Council on Resolutions 2018 - Your Rotary Legislative Process at Work

by Julie West

You may not be aware that Rotary International has a legislative process for changing its constitutional documents and addressing other administrative issues, but we do. This is handled

through Rotary International's Council on Legislation (COL) which convenes every

three years and Council on Resolutions (COR) which occurs annually. Each Rotary District elects a Council Representative who serves for three years. I have the honor of serving our District in this capacity for the three year term beginning July 1, 2017 and concluding June 30, 2020.

The 2018 Council on Resolutions (COR) is now "in session" with 55 proposed resolutions, which were submitted by June 30, 2018, available for all Rotarians to view at <https://my.rotary.org/en/cor/vote>. Resolutions request the RI Board or The Rotary Foundation Trustees to take an action that is outside of the purview of the RI Constitutional Documents (RI Constitution, RI Bylaws, Standard Rotary Club Constitution). Council representatives vote electronically for or against each resolution from October 15th thru November 15th. Voting results will be available on the same website later in November. The RI Board or Foundation Trustees will consider the adopted resolutions.

The next Council on Legislation (COL) will be April 14-

18, 2019, in Chicago. At that time Council Representatives will debate and vote on 116 proposed enactments that seek to amend the RI constitutional documents: the RI Constitution, the RI Bylaws and the Standard Rotary Club Constitution. These enactments were submitted by December 31, 2017 and can be downloaded at http://rotary.msqfocus.com/files/amf_highroad_solution/pro-ject_705/2019_Council_on_Legislation_Proposed_Legislation_EN.pdf.

Enactments and resolutions are proposed by clubs, districts, the RI Board, and the general council or conference of RIBI (Rotary International British Isles). However, an enactment or resolution proposed by a club must be voted on by its members and also be voted on, or endorsed, by the clubs in its district at its district conference, a district legislation meeting, or through a ballot-by-mail, before it can be submitted to Rotary.

Dates for submitting enactments or resolutions for future voting are as follows:

2019 Council on Resolutions
deadline: June 30, 2019

2022 Council on Legislation
deadline: Dec. 31, 2020

I am available to speak to Clubs about the Legislative process and the Legislative experience, and to assist Clubs that want to propose a resolution or enactment. Comments on proposed resolutions to be voted on this year are welcome and should be received by November 1st. I can be reached at jwest@ameritech.net.

****EDITOR'S NOTE****
**BE SURE TO MOVE YOUR CURSOR
OVER THE GRAPHICS OR PICTURES
FOUND IN THIS DOCUMENT... MANY OF THEM ARE LINKS
TO VIDEOS, WEBSITES, PICTURES
OR OTHER GOODIES**

How to Change a Life For The Better

By Bob Heydorn

Have you ever thought about the change that occurs in a young person's life when he or she studies abroad and acquires knowledge of a different culture and language? The student grows as a mature individual with the spirit of Rotary as an international organization for peace and mutual understanding.

For their future endeavors, students will find that their exchange experience opens doors to greater opportunities. Most of all, exchange students often say it was the best year of their life and are proud of their now proven ability to master challenging times.

All this awaits the student who knows about the Rotary Youth Exchange program. Sure, students can find all the information they need on our district website, but they need to be encouraged to do so. That is where you come in. You can help a deserving young person obtain a scholarship to study abroad valued between \$25,000 and \$35,000, providing tuition and room and board plus a monthly stipend for an entire school year!

And don't forget about the short-term exchange. For this, a student travels abroad and lives with a qualified family for a month in the summer. Our student returns with the son or daughter of the host family who then stays a month with the family of the American student who traveled. The match is made on the basis of similarities and must be agreed to by all the parties. This is a perfect program

for a student not yet ready for a long-term program, but who wishes to experience some of the major benefits of an exchange.

From a club standpoint you can enable a student to receive all this simply by sponsoring an outbound student in our program. There is no financial commitment by the club for the outbound student, but your club is absolutely necessary to ensure the qualifications of the student for this program. So find your deserving student!!!

Ask your friends, put out the word to youth organizations, and ask your schools to announce this wonderful opportunity to students. Talk to the counselors and language teachers. Tell the principal about the benefits American students have when they have an international student in their classes. HURRY!

Preliminary applications must be submitted soon (Nov. 16) for the school year 2019-20. Anything you do may just bring a student into our exchange program and the reward for you is the change that young life for the better.

Want to know more? Contact Bob Heydorn, ryebobheydorn1@gmail.com or Pat Kelley, ryepatrickkelley@gmail.com, for the long term program and Bob Huge (or Judy Stull), RobbertColeHuge@gmail.com for the short term program. Or just checkout the full information on our District website by clicking on "Youth Exchange" on the home page.

Rotary Traveler

Everywhere you travel in the world you can find Rotarians. Remember there are 35,000+ clubs in the world. If you are in a city where you don't know anybody, consider attending a Rotary club meeting and you will make new friends. If you think about, you will find out that it is a great way to promote peace in the world: making friends in every country you visit. As a Rotarian, I am very concerned in the different ways you can build peace. Sharing with other Rotarians is the first step toward peace.



During my recent trip to France, I found a Rotary Club in the center of Toulouse (named the "pink city" because of the color of the brick buildings). They have in fact more than seven rotary clubs in the city. The "Toulouse Cent" Rotary club I visited has thirty members and they meet on the Fridays at noon, in a restaurant on the "boulevard Leclerc". The particularity of the club is that they are all professionals with their own business (doctors, dentists, lawyers, pilots,...), they are in couple (man and wife are both Rotarian) and they are all in their forties. This means I would not qualify to become a member of this club. They were all happy to meet me, and learning that I married an American that I met in Toulouse, made a great impression on them!

They explained to me that their club was created when the Rotary celebrated its 100 years, in 2005. That's the reason why they called the club "Toulouse Cent", in French "cent" means one hundred. They chose the violet to put on their banner as it is the flower of the city of Toulouse. We exchanged banners from our respective clubs. It is very interesting to visit other clubs and see the differences between them. But one thing is certain: Rotarians are good people who work all for the good of humanity. And this makes me proud to be a Rotarian!

A banner for Rotary's World Polio Day Livestream Event. The left side has a purple background with the text "I WANT TO END POLIO. JOIN ME." in white and yellow. The right side has a dark background with the text "ROTARY'S WORLD POLIO DAY LIVESTREAM EVENT 24 OCTOBER 2018 3:30 P.M. PDT | 6:30 P.M. EDT" in yellow and white. At the bottom, there are logos for Rotary and "END POLIO NOW" along with the hashtag #endpolio and the website endpolio.org.

District Governor Nominees Sought for 2021-2022

Dear Rotary Family,

District 6630 is seeking applications for our 2021-2022 District Governor. One of the most important decisions we make as a District is selecting our future leaders. We are seeking the most qualified person for the position of District Governor. If you have a demonstrated history of leadership and collaboration as a Rotarian and are willing to share your passion and talents as District Governor, please seriously consider this opportunity.

* Our first set of interviews are scheduled for the evening of November 14, 2018 for those candidates submitted by October 29, 2018

*All proposed candidate documents must be mailed and postmarked no later than December 3, 2018

Do NOT email the forms – they must be sent via US Mail.

*Our next set of interviews will be determined on number of remaining candidates after the December deadline

A Governor Nominee must:

1) Be a Rotarian in good standing of an active club in our District.

2) Have served a full year as Club President or have served a full term (at least six months) as a Charter President of a new club from the date of charter to June 30.

3) Be willing to fulfill the duties of and responsibilities of the office of Governor, demonstrating commitment and ability, both physical and otherwise.

4) At the time of taking office as Governor, must have attended the International Assembly (to be held January 21) and have been a Member of one or more Rotary Clubs for at least seven (7) years.

Responsibilities of the District Governor are outlined in the attachment.

What needs completed by all candidates and mailed no later than December 3, 2018:

1. Sign the attached District Governor Nominee Additional Information form.

2. Complete the attached Governor Nominee form with all required signatures

Send both of these forms to:

IPDG Amy Kapostasy
District 6630 Nominating Committee Chair
402 Third Street,
Fairport Harbor, Ohio 44077

2018 Nominating Committee:
Wayne Brodnan- Mentor
Julie Brouhard-Cleveland
DOG Stew Buchanan-Akron
Jim Lechko-Lakewood-Rocky River
Ryan Knotts-hillcrest Sunrise
Ken Fogle-chagrin Valley
Shelia Hedrick-Cuyahoga Falls
DOG Dave Skrzynski- Berea

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The 2018/2019 Nominating Committee will interview proposed candidates on November 14, 2018 (additional dates TBD) and select a

District Governor Nominee Designate who will serve as District Governor for the 2021/2022 Rotary year prior to December 31, 2018.

(Complete Duties of a Governor can be viewed at Rotary International By-laws –article 16.090)

Please note and advise your proposed candidate that, as provided in the RI By-Laws, campaigning for the office of District Governor is not permitted. Brochures, literature, letters, or any form of communication promoting a candidate are not to be distributed or circulated by a candidate or others on the candidate's behalf. The By-Laws further provide that under certain circumstances the Rotary International Board may disqualify a candidate from election who violates the provision prohibiting campaigning for the position.

Please direct any questions to me, Past District Governor Kapostasy, by phone or email.

Thank you for your assistance with this very important process.

Your Partner in Rotary Service,

AMY KAPOSTASY

IPDG "MAKING A DIFFERENCE"

440.622.9538

[CLICK HERE FOR THE NOMINATION FORM](#)

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**

TRC Kent Raises Over \$40k

On May 11, the Kent Rotary Club held its annual auction in support of the Kent Rotary Foundation, and raised in excess of \$40,000. The Kent Rotary Club Foundation leverages and utilizes the funds raised to support a host of community-based initiatives. As in past years, an additional "auction within the auction" is held to target a specific need. The club did not have to look any further than then their winning 4-Way Speech Contestant Maria Young for inspiration! She presented her speech at the event, speaking on the need of adults to recognize the emo-



tional crisis facing students in our schools. In response, this year's targeted auction raised funds specifically to support the Kent City Schools teachers in Youth Mental Health First Aide training. At a recent meeting, the foundation presented the school district with a check for \$9000.00. Pictured are George Joseph, Superintendent, Justin Gates, Director of Student Services, President Larry Lohman, and Paul Organ, Rotary Foundation Chairman. /Users/rogersidoti/Desktop/Rotary Presentation.jpg



International Concert 'Resonance'

Organized by the [Rotary Inter Country Committees](#) Belux-Russia and Belux-Ukraine, to promote mutual understanding, friendship and peace in the world

Last month of March 2018 I had the privilege to attend the Rotary Concert for Peace "Resonance" in the beautiful city of Liège, in Belgium. I was very impressed by the quality of the Ukrainian and Russian artists and the warm welcome from our Rotarian friends of Belgium.

The musicians just selected for the fifth edition of the Resonance – ICC Peace Concerts are:

Burtsev Nikita – baryton – Ukraine

Liashko Vitalii – clarinet - Ukraine

Nesterenko Zinovia – violin - Russia

Tsotsonava Lolita – piano - Russia

More information (pictures, program ...) will soon be available on the web-site:

www.resonance-icc.org

If you follow this link you can hear and visualize the 2018 performers: <https://www.resonance-icc.org/previous-editions/videos-edition-2018/>

I was invited to bring a delegation of American Rotarians and non-Rotarians to one of the concert, which will be in:

Liège : 23/2 – Université (as usual)

Landen : 24/2 – Location to be confirmed

Antwerpen : 26/2 – Amuse

(deconsecrated church - Kamenstraat à Antwerpen, about 350 seats)

Bruxelles : 28/2 – Hôtel de Ville or Sablon (location to be confirmed)

I hope you will consider being part of the delegation who will attend the 2019 concert. Everybody is welcome!

My Rotarian friend Marcel Tikin from Liège, is preparing a "real treat" for the foreign delegations: Friday, February 22 in the evening, the RC of Liège will give an "avant-première presentation" (performance) of the Opera of

Verdi "Aida" by the "troupe de l'Opéra Royal de Wallonie". Marcel explained: "For all the friends coming from far away, we are preparing a package including the Opera night, a visit of the city of Liège during the day on Saturday, February 23,

with the concert "RESONANCE" the same night. Also Rotary working meetings will be organized with the sections of ICC/CIP between France and Belgium. It will be the opportunity also to meet delegations from Ukraine and Russia, during this international week-end".

Friends, this is a great way to promote PEACE in the world, through Art and Music! Travel plans are: departure from Cleveland Thursday, February 21, 2019 and return Monday, February 25, with the possibility to extend the trip for a few days. If you are interested, please contact Claudine Schooley, Rotary Club of Akron, at cdschooley@outlook.com



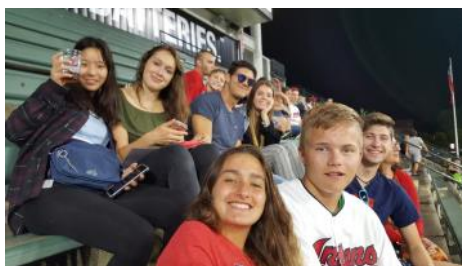
Youth Exchange Fall Fun & Fellowship

Our District Youth Exchange In-bonders started the fall season with a burst of activity as they bond with new families and dive into an entirely new school environment. Time to take a break and bond with the In-bound group. Rotarians to the rescue!

The Mantua Club, and particularly Dave and Kendra Becker, stepped up to sponsor Canoe Day for the In-bonders at Camp Hi Canoe Livery (operated by the Beckers) on the Cuyahoga River near Hiram. Students paddled canoes and kayaks through this beautiful waterway, seeing some of the best that nature has to offer in northeast Ohio. We were picked up down river and shuttled back to the picnic pavilion where Dave Becker provided a traditional picnic lunch (pictured). Many thanks to the Beckers!



On September 20, the In-bonders attended a Cleveland Indians game, arranged and hosted by PDG Stew Buchanan. What a great way to show our In-bonders the excitement and enthusiasm for sports shared by so many northeast Ohioans! Our national sport became part of the many memories these students will retain as they absorb American culture. As always Stew Buchanan went above and beyond to make all this available to our students. Thanks, Stew.



All Rotarians are invited to come to District RYE events. Just contact Bob Heydorn to find out what is next. ryebobheydorn1@gmail.com You cannot imagine how rewarding it is to work with students from around the world. If you and your club are missing this hands-on experience, you are missing one of the mainstay Rotary projects with a history spanning decades. Rediscover the Rotary way to build world peace, one student at a time.

Interactors Walk For Alzheimer's

Stow-Munroe Falls High School's Interact club members participated in the "Walk to End Alzheimer's" on Saturday, September 15, at Canal Park, Akron. Members are from left to right: Joshua Boehm, Justin Moeller, Shea Sullivan, and Shelby Burgess.



Rotary & Habitat For Humanity

On Saturday October 13th, 10 AHS Interact students worked on a house build in Ravenna with Rotary club of Aurora and Habitat for Humanity. We were able to meet the future owner and her daughter who work on the house every Saturday. We hope to return in November or December with the goal of having the family of six move in in January!



Fellowships of Rotary International Part Two

This is the second in the series on the International Fellowships of Rotary International. If you have any questions on these and other Fellowships, please feel free to contact our District Fellowship Chair, PDG Jack Young. (440-759-4000 or jack1vil-la@aol.com)

CANOEING FELLOWSHIP

The IFCR offers Rotarian's the opportunity to share canoeing, kayaking, sea kayaking, dragon boating, dragon boating, outrigger canoeing or other padding activities and provide service related padding and healthy waterways. The friendships which come from belonging to the Fellowship of Canoeing Rotarian's adds a wonderful dimension to the service and fellowship of Rotary.

GOURMET KITCHEN FELLOWSHIP

Their goal is to foster among Rotarian's and their significant other mutual appreciation and awareness of cooking and enjoying the fine foods of all countries. Along with this is to encourage and foster among members a better understanding of fine goods and to assist in the relief of hunger in times of distress among all people of the world through donation of food to such needy countries. In addition, they encourage all members to exchange recipes, awareness of foods of different countries

CONVENTION GOERS - ROTARY INTERNATIONAL

This is a group of people dedicated to the promotion of Rotary International Conventions. It is when Rotarian's attend the convention that they experience the true "Internationally" of Rotary. The RI Convention provides a truly unique experience and opportunity for International Fellowship where International understanding is highly promot-

ed. Make plans now to attend our next International Convention in Germany.

CURLING FELLOWSHIP

The object of the International Curling Fellowship of Rotarian's is to promote International Fellowship between curling Rotarian's and to hold every two years a curling competition to determine the champions of the Fellowship. There is no individual membership fee. The fellowship is supported by groups of curling Rotarian's in Scotland, England, USA and Canada.

E-CLUB FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship is open to all Rotarian's, Rotaractor's and Partners of Rotarian's who share an interest in Rotary E-Clubs or who have the technical knowledge to maintain and grow E Clubs in the Rotary world.

ROTARY PIN FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship is open to Rotarian's who want to learn about the world of Rotary history, annual themes and unique aspects of Clubs, Districts, Zones and the Foundation through Rotary Pins. Also for those who wish to share, collect, highlight and trade pins associated with Rotary and to bring you together with those who share your interest in pins.

STAMP FELLOWSHIP

The purpose of the organization shall be to encourage acquaintance and to stimulate fellowship among all persons maintaining an interest in philatelic material commemorating Rotary International, its districts, regions and/or local Rotary Clubs. Such purposes shall be pursued by individuals and groups research and studies of Rotary related material and dissemination of information through a newsletter, The Rotary on Stamps Bulletin.

SCOUTING ROTARIAN'S INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

The International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's has been established to bring together Rotarian's who are involved in all Scouting organization and similar interest from around the world. It is made up of Rotarian's, spouses and partners, Interact and Rotaract members who are or were also members and or supporters of Scouting organizations from all over the world. PDG District 6630 Jack Young is the Chair of the Inter-American Region (North, Central and South America) and District 6630 Rotary Fellowship Chair.

TENNIS FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship is to develop and promote worldwide friendship for Rotarian's with a common interest in tennis and to bring together Rotarian's from around the world for tournament and fellowship. They also serve the community and humanity through tennis and promote International understanding, as well as, organizing regional matches and help tennis playing Rotarian's to tour each other's countries and cultures.

WINE APPRECIATION FELLOWSHIP

This fellowship welcomes you to join one of the most enjoyable, wine related social groups in existence. Our objects is to learn more about wine, wine and food pairings and other topics related in the appreciation of wine knowledge and experiences along with learning from many wine experts and knowledgeable Rotarian's from around the world.

More Rotary Fellowships are coming in the November issues of our District Newsletter.

News From TRC Berea

Linda G. Kramer
Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Berea

Rotaractors trick-or-treat at Harvest Fest

Baldwin Wallace University's Rotaract Club staffed the Rotary table at Berea's annual Harvest Fest – this year centered on the city's newly renovated Coe Lake Park. The Rotary Club of Berea supplied the candy and Rotaractors passed it out to several thousand costumed children along the Coe Lake pathways on Saturday, Oct. 13. BW Rotaract adviser is Berea Rotary's Marc West.



BW Rotaractors Samantha Dobbins-Cobb and Drew Kopchak helped pass out candy to trick-or-treaters at Berea's Harvest Fest.



Rotaractors Noah Kostick and Alex Theofylaktos were busy with trick-or-treaters at the BW table at Harvest Fest.

Perfect weather for a most excellent clambake!

Berea Rotary met at the home of Bob & Judy Stull for our annual clambake, which was catered by Corkscrew Tavern of Medina on Oct. 9. Enjoying the 80-degree weather on the deck are, from the left, Cheryl Lange, Ellis & Margaret Lovell, Sandy & Bob Hammer and Dale Lange.



Jim Slater & PDG Dave Skrzynski enjoy the Berea Rotary clambake.



PDG Jack Young, Hillary Wilson & Ray Bartlett relax at the clambake.

Brunswick Rotary president: Tips on attracting new members



James Collins of Brunswick Rotary talks to Berea Rotarians about membership.

James Collins, the president of the Rotary Club of Brunswick, is one of Rotary's newer and younger mem-

bers. How do we attract and keep the 30 and 40-somethings every organizations needs to sustain itself? Collins has some ideas.

Throw out some of those events and projects that you've always done, he told Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, Oct. 2. Clubs might even toss out the budget and rethink it. Part of attracting and keeping new members is to reinvent the club in some way, try new ideas. One of those ideas might be to give new members a set amount of funds to work on a project that interests them. Communication is key. Get feedback from members. What do they want to do?

REMEMBERING CIVIL WAR HEROES



Tim Daley, director of the Soldiers & Sailors Monument on Public Square, told Rotarians about the history and construction challenges. The monument is a tribute to the men and women of Cuyahoga County who fought and died in the Civil War. It was constructed in 1894 and funded by a county-wide 0.3-mill, three-year property tax levy. The monument consists of a 125-foot-high column topped with a statue of the Goddess of Freedom. Four bronze groupings depict the Navy, Artillery, Infantry and Cavalry. Admission is free. Hours of operation are 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Tuesday-Sunday.

Berea Rotarians to help kids discover science

Discovery Hall at St. Mary School in Berea is a unique, hands-on classroom for all grade levels where students can explore [Cont'd on pg. 14](#)

Nanze Project

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.



ship between Nanze Children's Services and The Rotary Club of Cleveland has benefitted the village immensely. Thanks to the Rotary Club of Cleveland, its foundation, and all its members.



The Cleveland Club welcomes collaboration with any and all clubs in district 6630 to continue this worthy project. For more information or to schedule a program at your club please contact:

Yunas Badat 216-402-0286

Yunas@nanze.org
PDG. Mike Johns, Sr 216-780-3248
mjjandnlj@aol.com



Additionally women and girls from this village drew their water from a stream that cut through the village and 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 RC Cleveland on behalf of Nanze Children's Services, a non-profit entity from 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 RC Cleveland donated desks and chairs when the first school block opened in the village. In early 2018, RC Cleveland 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 grade 6 through 8 to be a full primary school. The Rotary Club of Cleveland is now attempting to put together a Global Grant to assist the village in getting additional classrooms. The partner-



DISTRICT 6630 FOUNDATION CELEBRATION

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

JOIN US TO CELEBRATE OUR 2017-2018 FOUNDATION GIVING!



December 6, 2018
6 pm - 9:30 pm
Windows on the River
2000 Sycamore St.
Cleveland, Ohio 44113



Heavy Hors d'oeuvres and Cash Bar
Awards Ceremony & Live & Silent Auction
and the
DESSERT DASH

Come dressed as your favorite character from *National Lampoon's Christmas Vacation* or *Willie Wonka and the Chocolate Factory* or wear your Ugly Holiday Sweater and join us for an evening of recognition and FUN!

\$28.00 per person – go to <https://rotarydistrict6630.org/> to register!




News from TRC Berea cont'd



Rayce Hook & Merri Jo Meehan of St. Mary School introduce Rotarians to Discovery Hall.

various challenges. It features 10 learning stations with projects for the schools' K-8 students. For example, there is a CSI station, one with Legos, another with mosaic and clay

projects. There is even a mini television set complete with green screen.

One engineering station features Curious George and the book "The Boat Show." Children read the book and then create a toy boat.

Another station teaches basic coding with Ozobot®. Students build a mini-robot and program it with color codes to navigate a maze.

Merri Jo Meehan, an intervention specialist and Right To Read coordinator at St. Mary, told Berea Rotarians on Tuesday, Sept. 18 how this STEAM lab helps supplement classroom learning. STEAM (science-technology-engineering-arts-math)

lets children explore further what they have learned from textbooks.

Rayce Hook, a sixth grader at St. Mary, presented a display of items students use in their projects. Rayce is the grandson of Rotarian Judy Stull. Berea Rotarians will collect the items and donate them to the classroom. The list includes everyday items found around the house or inexpensive items that can be purchased in discount stores. Bring your donations to a Rotary meeting or call Judy Stull, (440) 236-9055, for pick up. [CLICK HERE FOR SUGGESTED DONATIONS LIST](#)

Rotary Club of Hudson Membership and Activities Profile

The Rotary Club of Hudson boasts an impressive cross section of members representing many professions in our community. Most local businesses and community service organizations are involved with Rotary as well as many retired professionals anxious to contribute their skills to the betterment of society.



From Hudson government, the club is fortunate to have the Mayor and two council members while Hudson schools are represented by the superintendent, two school board members and the treasurer. The club is deeply involved with Hudson High School's Service Learning Program and Community First's "Uncharted Waters" workshop for high school seniors. Recently, the club has become involved in the EMS Outreach of Hudson RUOK? service for senior citizens.

Business members of Hudson Rotary include financial advisers, attorneys, accountants, bankers, real estate

agents, printers, foundation principals, food retailers, hospital executives, marketers and many entrepreneurs.



Idea exchanges among these talented participants for the community good has been exceptional. Among the retiree club members, are former college professors, athletic directors, business owners, corporate executives, medical facility direc-



tors and various professionals. Each member brings shareable concepts

to the club and willingly offers advice to those seeking guidance.

The Rotary Club of Hudson hosts regional leaders to speak and offer engaging open interaction each week. Every month, a new theme provides speaker exploration of important topics such as personal planning, local history, energy issues, food preparation and distribution, arts and culture, community safety, sports, education, politics and international projects.

Rotary members apply leadership to solving social issues, tackling community challenges and finding lasting solutions to the world's systemic problems. Community members interested in learning more about Rotary are welcome to attend a free introductory breakfast held Wednesdays at the Laurel Lake Retirement Community from 7:15 to 8:30 a.m. by contacting Rich Warfield at rwarfield@warfieldcompany.com.

Check out current Rotary activities and speakers at www.rotaryhudson.org, on HCTV channel 1021, Facebook or YouTube Rotary of Hudson.

Chardon Rotary Asking Community for Donations for Harvest Auction

As the 27th annual Chardon Rotary Harvest Auction approaches, those donations that make the \$100,000 charity event happen are coming in rapidly with less than a month to go.

But that doesn't stop the event's new co-chairmen, Terry Hegner and Steve Turpin, from imploring people that donated items, certificates, services and sponsorships are still needed for the group's largest fundraiser of the year.



The two are new "sheriffs" in town for the auction, Terry & Steve have accepted ownership from their predecessors Dick Depenbrock and Charlie Brown.

Geauga County's real sheriff and Chardon Rotary President Scott Hildenbrand has been happy with what he's seen.

"They are great fundraisers," said Hildenbrand, who has been a Rotarian since 2004. "We have a lot of great participation, and we help a lot of people in the county and the state and even the world."

This year's event will be held Nov. 3 at 6 p.m. at Quail Hollow Resort in Painesville. Hundreds of items are donated from all across Northeast Ohio. And the night's Call to the Heart program, which raises cash, will this year benefit Geauga County's new Red Tulip Project that helps adults with addiction.

"Our biggest challenge is just staying coordinated and picking up the ball where it was left off," said Hegner, who has been on the committee for about 25 years. "But we also would like to expand that and grow by being forward thinking."

Turpin said about 300 items were donated each of the past few years, but many of those come in the last few weeks.

"We want to retain the old donors, of course, but we would like to get more," Turpin said.



Chardon Rotary encourages non-members to attend the event, which features dinner, an open bar, valet parking and all of the standard fundraising fare, like a live and silent Chinese auction, wine boards, lottery boards, several 50/50 raffles and much more. Some donated items are unique to this event. Tickets are \$95 per person and available by visiting the Rotary Club of Chardon's website: <http://chardonrotary.org/>

Anyone interested in making a donation should contact Steve Turpin at 440.321.1421 or Terry Hegner at 440.226.6367.

Chardon Rotary, chartered February 13, 1965, has a current membership of approximately 70 active members, representing a cross section of Chardon businesses along with educational and professional leaders.

Local activities include: Meals on Wheels, Salvation Army Bell Ringing,

Adopt a Highway (Route 44), Womensafe, Geauga County Home, Chardon Living Memorial Park, Adopt-A-Family, Next Step and United Way.

Local Education Support includes: Chardon High School Interact Club, College Scholarships (over \$150,000 to local students), Student of the month Recognition for local students,

Naturescope Binocular Program, Science Olympiad and the Summer Reading Program.



Funds raised for international causes include: Polio Eradication, Hospital Albert Schweitzer, World-wide Relief Shelter Boxes, Rotary Student Exchange and support of their sister club in Thailand.



Chardon Rotary's Annual Harvest Auction will take place Nov. 3, and the organization still needs donations for the event. Last year's event, pictured here, raised \$100,000 for charitable causes that the rotary supports.

News From TRC Akron

By John Margida

Our North High Interact students are amazing! Akron Interact Chair, Steve Buie says "these kids are humble and hungry to learn". They had a blast painting their teachers' lounge. For many of these kids it was the first time they had ever done any painting and remarkably they were able to keep the paint off of themselves. □ They simply want to serve and improve the quality of their lives, their families, and their community. [View all North High Interact photos by clicking here.](#) Thank you Steve Buie for leading the charge and dedicating your time and talents to this wonderful program!



A special thanks for the leadership that Akrotarian Kim Polatas provided in organizing the Operation Orange service project and to those who volunteered.



You will see in the photos that our Rotarians and Interact students were hard at work during the project. Our task this year was to help with labeling cans of potatoes. To save money, the Food Bank buys them without

labels and then makes the labels locally and have volunteers adhere them. Our team had an efficient assembly line of adhering the labels, placing them into boxes then getting them onto palettes. All together they handled over 2,000 cans of potatoes! [View all the photos by clicking here.](#)

At the meeting on September 11th, we took time to remember those lives so tragically lost 17 years ago, and the First Responders, who came to the aid of our nation in need. Over 1.2 million Rotarians serve together in 200 countries around the world and here in our own community to promote peace, freedom and understanding.

We had the pleasure of inducting two new members during the September 11th meeting, Cyndi Kane and Jason Edwards. (Photo L-R: Dr. Rob McGregor, Cyndi Kane, Jason Edwards and President Margida)

Our Club hosted a BBQ in September and were blessed with a lovely evening to spend on the lake at our Rotary Camp. The food and camaraderie were outstanding!! Thanks to all who were able to join in the fun. [Enjoy all the photos from the night by clicking here.](#)

Akron Rotarian, Claudine Schooley gave a presentation on "Ukrain, God's Treasures" focusing on serving the needs of people with disabilities and orphans in Ukraine. Claudine has been actively working on an International grant for this cause. The Rotary Club of Akron and the University of Akron Department of Bio-medical Engineering are collaborating to solve a problem and provide a solution to the need of many children and adults with access ability difficulties in the Ukraine. They are designing a type of wheelchair/ stroller that adapts to the small elevators and final steps (stairways) of apartment buildings. An enthusiastic group led by UAs Jim Keszenheimer and 5 engineering students and Rotary's Claudine Schooley met to review the project. Nita Hanson made the trip from the Ukraine to explain the spe-

cific needs of the project. If your club is interested in having Claudine speak please contact us at akronrotary@neo.rr.com.

We were very honored to have District 6630 Governor, Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski at our Club for her 'official visit'. She is a warm and thoughtful speaker and we sincerely appreciate her taking the time to be with us.



DG Beverly was excited to induct new member, Sara Eddy, who was nominated by Susan Colville-Hall (photo L-R: DG Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski, Sara Eddy, Susan Colville-Hall and Club President John Margida.)



Akron radio station, 91.3 The Summit, hosted a special night of music at the beautiful Akron Rotary Camp, celebrating the talent and national recognition of **Gaelynn Lea**, a classically trained violinist and songwriter who has been bewitching scores of fans with her haunting original songs and experimental takes on traditional fiddle music. Her work most recently won [NPR Music's 2016 Tiny Desk Contest](#), a competition drawing submissions of original songs from more than 6,000 musicians across the country. Proceeds benefited the Akron Rotary Camp, a camp for children with special needs.

The first week of October, our Club

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News from Akron cont'd

was a host site for On The Table Greater Akron. This was our second year participating. On the Table is a first-of-its-kind initiative that brings together thousands of residents on the same day, in various community locations, from all walks of life to share a meal and discuss meaningful ideas to strengthen our community. We had Rotarians lead table discussions on our subject of **Education & Youth Development** with an emphasis on these items:

- Quality of public schools/education
- Critical thinking v. test-taking
- Impact of removal of arts/music programming
- Early childhood education
- Life skills/social-training skills
- Young adult preparedness for life after high school

Hosts then provide thoughts and ideas that arose from these conversations along with surveys that each participant electronically submitted at the end. Akron Community Foundation will share a community report highlighting the ideas, conversations, themes and outcomes that emerge from On the Table Greater Akron. This data will inform the community foundation's proactive community investment strategies.

Please join the Akron Rotary Club on October 16th in expanding our work by advancing our knowledge of the different biases that influence relationships and outcomes in our community. Led by the Akron Urban League President & CEO and Rotarian, Dr. Sadie M. Winlock, we will be discussing how our Club can learn and participate in this needed work as we humbly increase our knowledge and leadership skills to effectively serve the communities in which we serve.

Interaction 2018-All Are Welcome!

Rotarians, we invite you to join us on November 3rd at this year's Interaction! This is the biggest event of the year for the Interact clubs of District 6630, and YOU are invited! It will be held at Tallmadge High School from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

Kelli Christopher, the Tallmadge Interact advisor, and her club have been working hard for months to make sure this will be the best Interaction yet. Kelli has also created a Google Site that will provide more information about the Interaction. Please share it with as many Rotarians as possible! <https://sites.google.com/tallmadgeschools.org/interaction2018/home>

Students from around the District have been thinking of ideas for potential District Service Projects. Interact members will come together with these ideas on November 3rd to discuss and debate the merits of each project. Ideally, we are looking for a project that will be a collective effort from all Interact clubs in our district that will culminate at the Rotary District Conference in April. Last year's service project was an enormous success that saw Interact clubs working together to raise money for an International Grant to help the students whose school had been destroyed on St. Thomas. Interact clubs across the district raised more than \$10,000, and with the help of their sponsoring Rotary Clubs have raised \$34,000 to date. With matching funds, we hope to send over \$100,000 to St. Thomas to completely renovate their school library.

Our agenda is beginning to take shape more clearly as we move forward. There will be a light breakfast provided by the Rotary Club of Tallmadge beginning at 9:00 AM at Tallmadge High School. Students will have a chance to sit together and discuss this year's theme, "Connecting the World." We will then have several speakers present to the students, including a representative from the LeBron James Foundation. Lunch will be provided, and then students will have the opportunity to discuss and ultimately choose our next service project.

In advance of the Interaction, each participating Interact club is holding a collection for toiletry items. Each club is responsible for one item, and all items will be combined the day of the event. All these toiletries will go towards helping victims of human trafficking through the Salvation Army Harbor Light Foundation. A member of the foundation will give a short presentation to provide more information during the event. We are looking for shampoo, conditioner, soap, toothbrushes, toothpaste, band aids, feminine products, lip balm, and large ziplock bags. If you would like to donate any toiletry items, please contact Chelsea Talty.

We would love to have many Rotarians attend this year. Don't miss this opportunity to see the future of Rotary in action! There is no registration on the district website and no fee to attend this event. To register, please email Chelsea.Talty@westg.org. We hope to see you there!

Little Known Fact About Arch Klumph

As a past president of Rotary International, Arch Klumph traveled widely throughout the world on behalf of Rotary. In 1927, as he returned to Cleveland from a long Rotary trip to Europe, Arch faced a mound of correspondence concerning urgent matters of business that he needed to address. Included was a notice of an important Endowment Fund Committee meeting to be held in Chicago the

next day. Dead tired from his just-completed trip, Arch drafted a telegram advising RI that he would not be able to attend the meeting. However, upon reflection, Arch decided the meeting was vitally important, so he jumped on a train to Chicago and attended the meeting the next morning. Such was Arch's dedication to Rotary.

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

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

Our participation in Rotary allows for us to do a lot of things. Some are obvious: we can attend club meetings and learn from great speakers, we can raise or donate funds to help with the eradication of Polio and we can participate in service projects that positively impact our communities. Some are not so obvious: we can improve on our public speaking skills, we can learn a new skill like website development, and we can gain valued leadership skills. These skills can enhance our Rotary experience and our personal and professional lives.

While the Leadership, Education, and Development (LEAD) Team spends a

lot of time thinking about how we can effectively and successfully prepare club presidents elect, for their year as club president, we know Rotarians prepare for additional club and district leadership positions. Rotary International has prepared several online courses that you can take advantage of, on your own schedule. The courses can be located here: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/catalog>.

Some of the Courses include:

Best Practices for Engaging Members

Club President Basics

Club Public Image Committee Basics

Is Your Club Healthy?

Rotary Club Central Resources

Rotary's Areas of Focus

Strategies for Attracting New Members

Building a Diverse Club

For all of the Club Presidents Elect, we look forward to seeing you at President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) on Saturday, November 10 at the Akron Rotary Camp. Please review the Club President Manual in advance of training: <https://my.rotary.org/en/learning-reference/learn-role/president>. Also, we need you to access Rotary Club Central. Please take this course before PETS 1 and sign into Rotary.org: <https://learn.rotary.org/members/learn/course/8/rotary-club-central-resources>.

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

Rotary and Polio

Polio

Poliomyelitis (polio) is a paralyzing and potentially fatal disease that still threatens children in some parts of the world. The poliovirus invades the nervous system and can cause total paralysis in a matter of hours. It can strike at any age but mainly affects children under five. Polio is incurable, but completely vaccine-preventable.

PolioPlus

In 1985, Rotary launched its [PolioPlus](#) program, the first initiative to tackle global polio eradication through the mass vaccination of children. Rotary has contributed more than \$1.8 billion and countless volunteer hours to immunize more than 2.5 billion children in 122 countries. In addition, Rotary's advocacy efforts have played a role in decisions by donor governments to contribute more than \$7.2 billion to the effort.

Global Polio Eradication Initiative

The [Global Polio Eradication Initiative](#), formed in 1988, is a public-private partnership that includes Rotary, the [World Health Organization](#), the [U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#), [UNICEF](#), the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, and governments of the world. Rotary's focus is advocacy, fundraising, volunteer recruitment and awareness-building.

Polio Today

Today, there are only three countries that have never stopped transmission of the wild poliovirus: Afghanistan, Nigeria and Pakistan. Just 22 polio cases were confirmed worldwide in 2017, which is a reduction of more than 99.9 percent since the 1980s, when the world saw about 1,000 cases per day.

Challenges


The polio cases represented by the

remaining one percent are the most difficult to prevent, due to factors including geographical isolation, poor public infrastructure, armed conflict and cultural barriers. Until polio is eradicated, all countries remain at risk of outbreaks.

Ensuring Success

Rotary will raise \$50 million per year over a three-year period, with every dollar to be matched with two additional dollars from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. These funds help to provide much-needed operational support, medical personnel, laboratory equipment, and educational materials for health workers and parents. Governments, corporations and private individuals all play a crucial role in funding.

Rotary in Action

More than one million Rotary members have do- [Cont'd on pg. 19](#) 

Rotary and Polio cont'd

nated their time and personal resources to end polio. Every year, hundreds of Rotary members work side-by-side with health workers to vaccinate children in polio-affected countries. Rotary members work with UNICEF and other partners to prepare and distribute mass communication tools to reach people in areas isolated by conflict, geography, or poverty. Rotary members also recruit fellow volunteers, assist with transporting the vaccine, and provide other logistical support.

'This Close' Campaign

Rotary has a growing roster of public figures and celebrities participating in its "This Close" public awareness campaign, including Bill Gates, co-

chair of the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation; actresses Kristen Bell and Archie Panjabi; WWE superstar John Cena; supermodel Isabeli Fontana; Nobel Peace Prize laureate Archbishop Emeritus Desmond Tutu; action movie star Jackie Chan; boxing great Manny Pacquiao; pop star Psy; golf legend Jack Nicklaus; conservationist Jane Goodall; premier violinist Itzhak Perlman; Grammy Award winners A.R. Rahman; Angelique Kidjo and Ziggy Marley; and peace advocate Queen Noor of Jordan. These ambassadors help educate the public about polio through public service announcements, social media and public appearances.



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