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District Governor

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Governor's Letter

Rotary International's new monthly theme for April is Maternal and Child Health!

Every day mothers risk their lives giving birth and millions of children die each year from treatable, preventable causes. At least 7 million children under the age of five die each year due to malnutrition, poor health care, and inadequate sanitation. To help reduce this rate, Rotary provides immunizations and antibiotics to babies, improves access to essential medical services, and supports trained health care providers for mothers and their children. Rotary's projects ensure sustainability by empowering the local community to take ownership of health care training programs.

Rotary International

Dear Family of Rotary:

The **2018-2019 District Conference of Clubs – Inspiring People of Action** brought us together for a weekend of **inspiration, Rotary information and friendship** as we celebrated the work of our Presidents of Action and their clubs. Right after the conference concluded, there was even more cause for celebration when I received the Zone 29 Membership Reports as of March 31, 2019. **Because of your continuing efforts at membership recruitment and engagement**, District 6630 had a net increase of **16 members** at month-end. This is extremely significant and “didn’t just happen” – it is because of your hard work to “Share Rotary.” **Congratulations District 6630!**

Next month's newsletter will have a more detailed article and pictorial, but in the meantime, please enjoy some of the special moments captured in these photos. **On Friday** we honored those members of our Rotary Family we had lost in the



past year at the **Celebration of Life**; recognized our **50-year Rotarians** who are so precious to our mosaic; learned a new Rotary term “Voluntold;” presented the eagerly awaited **Tri-District Membership Awards** (our district won 4 of the 5 available) followed by panel discussions on **membership successes and challenges** and on the status of Human Trafficking in Northeast Ohio. We embraced the **internationality of Rotary** when we welcomed to our family our **special visitors from St. Thomas, USVI** and heard from a young man, now in college, who began his life as a “**child of the dump**” in Chinandega, Nicaragua.



On Saturday at the District Leadership Assembly we brought together our club leadership to embrace the elements of a successful Rotary club and plan a direction for the coming year. Our **Celebration of Youth** luncheon was a “Rotary Defining Moment” for many

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of us as we brought together **Rotary Youth Exchange, 4-Way Test Speech Contest Winners, Interact, Rotaract, and RYLA**. And then there was the return of the **Interact Carnivale**! The evening brought us the opportunity to pay tribute to those who have made significant contributions to **The Rotary Foundation**; learn what it means to hurricane-ravaged St. Thomas **for our Interactors** to have reached out their hands in support; celebrated our contributions to **Polio Eradication** and our "53,000 Points of Light" initiative; and heard Inspiring words from our RI President's Representative **PDG David Bixler** on "Finding Our Why." Both evenings concluded with hospitality and some important revelations about our Rotary Family!



It is going to take me some time to properly thank all of the clubs and the members of our Rotary Family who helped make this possible, but your Governor needs to start somewhere and the best place to start is by listing the **Conference Steering Committee** (in no particular order) who, along with many of their family members, each made an important contribution toward ensuring the success of the event. **I will be forever grateful** to each of them for their unwavering dedication and support to this conference and to each of you.

Julie Brandle, District Conference Chair (Akron)
Jackie Minotas, Secretary/Timelines/Scripting (Hillcrest Sunrise)
Tracy Jemison, Treasurer/Registration (Burton-Middlefield)
Dave Hansford, Chair, Operations/Facilities (Kent)
Randy Rininger, Chair, Facilities/Signage (Port Summit)
Linda Kramer, District Secretary/Annual Meeting/Registration (Berea)
Lynda Farkas, Governor's Aide-de-Camp/Registration (Akron)
PDG Mike Davanzo, Vice Governor/Celebration of Life (Medina Sunrise)
Julie Brouhard, District Governor's Club Representative/Hospitality (Cleveland)
PDG Julie West, 50-Year Rotarian Celebration (Cleveland)
PDG Steve Zabor, LEAD Co-Chair/District Leadership Assembly (Mantua)
Ryan Knotts, LEAD Co-Chair/District Leadership Assembly (Hillcrest Sunrise)
PDG Cheryl Warren, Webmaster/Program Book (Akron)
PDG Jim McKee, District Chair, Membership (Northampton-Cuyahoga Valley)
PDG Bob Johnson, District Chair, Foundation (Burton-Middlefield)
Kathy Berkshire, Assistant Governor Coordinator/Registration/Sergeants-At-Arms (Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise)
Dave Jones, A/V for District Conference/District Leadership Assembly (Northampton-Cuyahoga Valley)
Chelsea Talty, District Chair, Interact/Rotaract & Youth Carnivale (Chesterland)
AG Bob Oborn, District Advisor, Interact/Rotaract & Youth Carnivale, Cluster Baskets (Stow-Monroe Falls)
AG Bob Voss, Thursday Hospitality and Celebration of Life (Chesterland)
Shelia Hedrick, Rotary Youth Exchange (Cuyahoga Falls)
Peter DeSouza, 4-Way Test Speech Contest (Aurora)
Maureen Garnett, District Chair, Public Image (Hillcrest Sunrise)
Claudine Schooley, Annual Meeting (Akron)
IPDG Amy Kapostasy, Centerpieces (Mentor)
DGE John Reyes, District Leadership Assembly (Akron)
DGN Pat Myers, District Leadership Assembly (Hudson Clocktower)
DGND Larry Lohman, House of Friendship (Kent)
PDG Dave Skrzynski (Berea)

Thank you District 6630!

Governor Bev

RI President Nominee Resigns



Dear fellow Rotarians,

This is a sad moment for Rotary, as I must inform you that Sushil Gupta has resigned as president-nominee of Rotary International due to health reasons.

This was a difficult decision for Sushil to make, and I understand and fully respect his choice to prioritize his health. He is firmly committed to continuing his work as a valued and respected member of our organization. Sushil has shared a message announcing his resignation, which you can all read on My Rotary.

The 2018-19 Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International will convene electronically in the coming weeks to select Sushil's replacement. Information about the selection process is also available on My Rotary.

I have no doubt we will pick an excellent candidate to serve as RI President for the 2020-21 Rotary year. Please join me in wishing Sushil a complete and rapid recovery, and thank him for his service and dedication to Rotary.

Sincerely,
Barry Rassin
President,
Rotary International 2018-19

My Rotary Defining Moment

This may be the most difficult task I have ever been asked to do for Rotary. When Governor, Beverly asked me to share a defining moment in my life as a Rotarian, I thought it would be easy because there have been so many of them. But when I sat down to do it, I could not decide which one to share. It did cause me to review them and after very thoughtful consideration, I thanked God for all of these very special moments that I have experienced through Rotary. I decided that I would share this one.

In February of 2008, While I was serving on the RI Board of Directors, President Wilf Wilkinson asked me to lead a National Immunization week event in Nigeria where I met Dr. Margaret Chen, The Secretary General of the World Health Organization. We were ready to kick off the event in the capital city, Abuja. There was a large tent set up for the dignitaries because the temperature was 105 degrees. The Nigerian Minister of Health led the program off by introducing Dr. Chen who addressed the audience of hundreds of women with their babies and young children who were sitting on benches in the sun. Most of them had been there for several hours in great anticipation. After Dr. Chen's remarks the Minister of Health thanked Rotary for making this event possible and then asked me to speak for Rotary. I was completely taken by surprise. I had no

idea that I would be speaking, so I walked very slowly to the podium to gather my thoughts. I said "I was there in Philadelphia, PA USA at the International Convention in 1987 when RI President, Chuck Keller promised to the children of the world that their children would live in a Polio free world. Rotary has been working for 21 years and I am here today to help keep that promise, and Rotary will continue to work here until it is done."

We then began the process of immunizing well over 1000 children who were gathered. It is very difficult to put into words this experience, but I will never forget the look in the eyes of those women who handed their children to us for those 2 precious drops. We had 8 teams, consisting of Rotarians from the United States, Canada, Australia, Norway, and Europe, working shoulder to shoulder with Rotarians from Nigeria that continued to bring Immunizations to villages and communities throughout Nigeria. This trip allowed me to see the abject poverty that so many have to deal with every day of their lives. It was a special opportunity for me to see the great internationality of Rotary at work. And it inspired me to return again to Nigeria to continue to support the work of Rotary there.

Mike Johns, PRID

Chagrin Highlands Rotary Club's Nautica Queen Veterans Lunch Cruise.

WHEN???? Thursday July 18, 2019 Booking deadline is June 30, 2019 <i>However we may run out of availability before then as this is a public Cruise and others are buying tickets too.</i> Tickets are Limited and subject to prior sale. If you wait too long, you may have to wait for Next Year! For More Information Watch Video of Cruise on YouTube: 2018 Veterans Cruise https://youtu.be/rMjc6AwvdeE Or Contact: Harold Levine - Chagrin Highlands Rotary Veteran Outreach Committee Chairman (216) 544-0103 hlevine62@yahoo.com Or Bruce DeBerry (216) 798-1294 brucedeberry@gmail.com	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Tickets are \$25.00 each (Group Rate) Cruise Departs from 1153 Main Ave Cleveland, OH 44113 (AKA Windows on the River - Where Cleveland Rotary Club Meets) Arrive at 11:00, for ticket distribution and pre-cruise photos, Ship Boards at 11:30 and Departs at Noon for approximately 2 hours Cruise.

Tickets are Limited - Reserve yours Today!

Top 3

6 Finalists

34 Winners

To find out who won this year's contest, their speech titles, schools and clubs they represented, visit www.rotarydistrict6630.org, click on the 4-Way Test Speech Contest tab. And feel free to watch videos of their speeches.

Rotary District 6630 4 Way Test Speech Contest

Foundation Transition Time

As District Governor Beverly Ghent-Skrzynski and District Governor Elect John Reyes begin the transition to the 2019/2020 Rotary year the District 6630 Foundation Committee transition is also taking place. District Rotary Foundation Chair Robert Johnson is handing the reins over to the 2019/2022 Chair Jim Lechko from the Lakewood Rocky River noon club. Revolving terms for many of the foundation committee members have also left positions to fill. John, Bob and Jim have spent a considerable amount of time in identifying the best candidates for these positions and feel that this goal of a smooth transition and competent new members has been accomplished. Many of these people have come from the Leadership 6630 group which continues to be the major source of talent for committee and leadership positions in our district. DGE John follows in the footsteps of DG Beverly in being a very organized, visible and active leader so I see another productive Rotary year coming up.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the record number of clubs that attended the Grant Management Seminars this year. If all end up qualifying to submit grant applications (deadline May 15th.) next year it will be another banner year for our district and another year of growth in our District 6630 communities where we live and do our Rotary work. Keep those news releases going to your local papers so everyone knows who we are and what we do.

Robert Johnson
2016/2019 District 6630
Rotary Foundation Chair

2018-2019 District Conference of Clubs
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BUCKINGHAM
- DGE John Reyes
GOVERNOR'S CIRCLE SPONSOR
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END POLIO NOW INDIANS vs TIGERS JULY 17, 2019

Be sure to sign up for the "End Polio Now" night with the Indians 7/17/19. March on the field before the game, free "End Polio" T-shirt (if you already have one, please wear it!), Dinner in the Terrace Club, raffle, auction, see Cleveland beat the Detroit Tigers and more. Upper and lower level tickets available. We will also have a raffle for a Paul Harris fellow and a chance to throw out the first pitch at a future Indians game. Raffle tickets now available from your assistant governor and other District Officers.

Indians
END POLIO NOW
AT PROGRESSIVE FIELD
WED JULY 17 2019 CLEVELAND INDIANS VS. DETROIT TIGERS
PRESENTED BY ROTARY DISTRICT 6650 6630 & 6600
Terrace Club Events: Event starts at 4:00pm, Link Field Gate opens at 4:00pm, All you can eat buffet & Pepsi products, Raffle & Silent Auction
Every Ticket Includes: Participation in Pre Game Parade, First Polio Now T-Shirt, Contribution to End Polio Now Campaign
ROTARY EVENT
WED July 17th at 7:00 PM vs. Detroit Tigers
Terrace Club + Lower Box: \$88 adults, \$63 per child under 10
Terrace Club + Upper Box: \$148 / adult, \$63 per child under 10
Lower Box: \$45
Upper Box: \$27
Name: _____ Phone: _____
Email (Required): _____ Payment Information: Check or Card AMEX DISC VISA MC
Check - Made out to the Cleveland Indians - Check # _____ CC # _____
Billing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip code: _____
Signature: _____ Date: _____
Deadline to Purchase Tickets: Wednesday, June 26th 2019
PLEASE RETURN FORM TO: Steve Buchanan 73 LAKE FRONT DR. AKRON, OH 44319
*Resale of tickets is prohibited. Any tickets resold will result in order cancellation.
Questions or more information, please contact: Steve Buchanan, 335-027-1442 or sbuchan1896@aol.com, Ashley Madison, 216-425-4181 or amadison@indians.com
RALLY TOGETHER

National Youth Violence Prevention Week

April 8th -April 12th was National Youth Violence Prevention Week. To observe this week, Aurora High School Interact Club and Rotary Club of Aurora provided lunch for our local police department. We also invited them to our Greenmen Cafe organized by our special education department for a complementary coffee and breakfast treat. Students wrote notes of gratitude for keeping us safe.



JOIN US FOR THE
ROTARY CLUB OF KENT ANNUAL AUCTION
Aloha!
May 3, 2019
Doors open at 6 pm
American Legion
1945 Mogadore Rd.
Kent, Ohio
Hawaiian attire encouraged!

To all our District 6630 Rotarians...Aloha! Join us for a night of fun at the Rotary Club of Kent's Annual Auction. It's a luau theme, so wear your best Hawaiian shirt or Mumu. Guests will enjoy a Polynesian-inspired menu catered by Special Moments including a pie bar for dessert, a complimentary signature cocktail from the tiki bar, cash bar, live entertainment by Scott Sopata, DJ, and live & silent auctions while helping Rotary Club of Kent reach our goal to raise \$40,000 for the Kent community. Tickets are \$50.00 and can be purchased on-line! Tables for eight available! Go to our link to order tickets or for more information: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aloha-rotary-club-of-kents-annual-auction-tickets-56941498555> or email us at rotaryclubofkent@gmail.com.

News From TRC Brunswick

The Rotary Club of Brunswick recently held a Shopping Spree at Buehler's River Styx in Medina. Tickets were sold for \$10 and the winner, Cheryl Hadam had the opportunity to run through the store for 90 seconds and get as much as she could get in her cart! Cheryl ended up with \$410.53.



Lisa Cinadr is the Principal at Saint Ambrose School in Brunswick. As a member of the Rotary Club of Brunswick we are proud to share with everyone that Lisa is the NCEA recipient of the 2019 Dr. Karen Ristau Innovations Award. This award is presented annually to an individual, school or program that has furthered the mission of Catholic Education through an innovative program or approach. This is a National Award!



Sue Hetrick Named Kent Rotarian of the Year



Pictured above is Kent Rotary President Larry Lohman presenting Sue Hetrick the Rotarian of the Year award for 2018 at the annual Holiday Party. The Rotary Board selected Sue after reviewing many nominations for this honor from club members.

Sue has been a Rotarian since 1989 and has served as secretary of the Kent Rotary Foundation for two sev-

en-year terms. Past-President Mary Beth Harper noted, "She was a very faithful member and helped the group make good decisions, as well as writing and submitting the minutes in a timely, efficient fashion."

In addition, Mary Beth also commented that Sue has been instrumental in the Rotary Shoe Box Project for the Children of The Dump.

This theme continued in other nominations. Before his untimely passing, Past-President Dr. Glen Saltzman noted Sue's contributions to this yearly project. "Sue has spent more than fifty hours each year insuring that we get the best value for our money...and the nicest clothes and supplies. This amount of effort far exceeds the time most Rotarians contribute to our club's projects... and (she) willingly donates her time and treasure to the Club's other efforts."

In making the selection for Rotarian of the Year, the board unanimously agreed that Kent Rotarian Sue Hetrick lives the values of The Rotary 4-Way Test, places "Service above Self," and sets a standard for us all!

Bill Giffin Benefit

The Willoughby Rotary and Cleveland Storyteller Dan Ruminski are coming up for a fundraiser to benefit Bill Giffin. Dan will present a new story "Cleveland's Millionaires Row and It's Legacy of Charity"

CLEVELAND STORYTELLER **DAN RUMINSKI**

Sunday, June 9, 2019
Pine Ridge Country Club
 38001 Ridge Road, Wickliffe, Ohio 44092

6:30 p.m. Cocktails (cash bar)
 7:00 p.m. Dinner
 8:00 p.m. Live presentation of Millionaires' Row & It's Legacy of Charity

Tickets \$20 per person
 Payment at door via cash, credit card or check made payable to the Rotary Club of Willoughby "Thank You, Bill Fund"
 Reservations requested.
 Call 440-931-1123 or 440-376-6486
 email daniel@danruminski.com
 Leave name and phone number and I'll attend.

The Bill Giffin Story

I'm sure you know a person who was always there to help, a trusted volunteer, a person you could count on when you needed a helping hand. That was Bill Giffin, an exceptional volunteer, active Willoughby Rotarian, private business owner, cherished husband, a father and grandfather, shining on his kids and grandchildren from the sidelines, and a guy who, above all else, served others above himself. The number of times Bill has touched is humbling and a testament to who he is and how he lives his life.

Bill donated his time and fundraising efforts to benefit children and adults with autism and other developmental disabilities. Veterans, victims of Alzheimer's, along with providing countless hours volunteering as the Treasurer of the Willoughby Rotary and serving on the Board of the Willoughby Rotary Foundation.

Bill stepped out of the spotlight, but others noticed, and honored him with the Rotary District Governor's coveted 2019 "Shining Line" award, the Willoughby Rotary's Rot of the Earth award, and the Paul Harris Fellowship award from Rotary International.

For 25 years Bill has been a beloved husband to Stella, who was always by his side, and together, they demonstrated kindness and a willingness to help people.

In a final moment, Bill's remarkable volunteerism came to a sudden halt. Bill fell down some steps at his home, striking his head on the concrete floor. He had a couple operations that were followed by long stays in the hospital and nursing homes. Now, Bill relies on his wife for medical care at home.

Bill's Rotary friends are looking to assist his family, as he has done for so many others.

Please join us in saying "Thank you, Bill." Your contribution to the Rotary Club of Willoughby "Thank You, Bill Fund" is a 100% tax deductible charitable donation that will help Bill and his family.

Thank you for caring.

[CLICK HERE TO VISIT THE GIFFIN FAMILY GOFUNDME PAGE](#)

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

News From TRC Lakewood Rocky River

Foundation awards over \$63,500 in grants

Over \$63,500 in grants from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation will be used to provide scholarships, recognize student achievement, purchase dictionaries for third graders, and help fund worthy programs by community organizations.

The awards focused on three main areas – community health and wellness, food and nutrition, and programs that encourage and foster youth leadership.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River awarded \$12,000 in scholarships to four high school seniors, and presented \$6,000 to student winners in the club's annual speech, music and art competition at the Beck Center on April 2.

The Beck Center received \$2,500 for music scholarships, and \$1,872 was used to continue the club's commitment to provide a dictionary each year to every third grader in Lakewood and Rocky River.

Seed money grants went to Lakewood Alive (\$3,000) for a tool box program to loan and rent tools and construction materials, and North Coast Health Ministry (\$2,000) to fund its new child immunization program.

Help To Others (H2O) received a \$1,342 seed money grant for its new Home Alone Training Program, and the Rocky River Parks and Recreation Foundation was awarded \$1,000 for its campaign to replace the current pavilion at Rocky River Park.

American Youth Foundation scholarships totaling \$3,850 were awarded to Lakewood and Rocky River high school to send students to leadership camp this summer.

Special Spaces received \$2,500 for a bedroom makeover project for a terminally ill child. Trinity Lakewood Community Outreach received \$2,500 for its food programs. Grants of \$2,000 each were awarded to Cornucopia Inc. (Nature's Bin) for vocational training; to Lakewood Community Services Center for its jobs program involving El Barrio Workforce Development; Girls with Sole to provide summer camp scholarships; Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp. for its Thanksgiving and Christmas food distributions; and

Rocky River Meals on Wheels for food and supplies.

Grants of \$1,500 each went to Barton Center to help fund transportation for seniors, H2O for its student summer camp, Matthew's Lending Library for equipment, North Coast Health Ministry for language translation services for patients with limited English skills, and Rocky River Assistance Center for its food distribution program.

Bridge Avenue School received \$1,250 to purchase computer equipment for students, and Lakewood Foundation \$1,200 for its Thanksgiving meals program.

The Singing Angels Foundation received \$1,000 to fund performances at Lakewood and Rocky River senior and assisted living centers, and Youth Challenge, \$1,000, for its youth volunteer committee's activities.

Grants were also awarded to Connecting For Kids (\$800.00), Rocky River Senior Center (\$750.00), HUGS Foundation (\$500.00), Lakewood YMCA (\$500.00) and River Sprouts Inc. (\$500.00).

The Foundation's assets grow each year as the result of gifts, donations and bequests by members and friends of the club. Each fall, community organizations are encouraged to submit grant requests to the Rotary club's Grants Committee for its consideration.

Rotary honors speech, music, visual arts student achievement



Winners in the 74th annual Four-Way Speech Contest sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River were honored at the Beck Center on April 2. They are (from left) Grace Dill, Ella Chanter, Haley Schultz, and Ava Wahl. All students are from Lakewood High School.

Winners of Rotary's annual Speech, Music, and Visual Arts Contest were honored at an awards ceremony and reception April 2 at the Beck Center for the Arts.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, the com-

petition annually showcases the incredible talents of students attending one of five high schools – Lakewood, Lutheran West, Magnificat, Rocky River, and St. Edward.

Speech contest first place winner is Grace Dill. Also honored were Ella Chanter, second place, Haley Schultz, third place, and Ava Wahl, fourth place. All students are from Lakewood High School.

Speech contest finals were at the Rotary club's March 25 meeting. Speeches must be of original content and be based on "The Four-Way Test of Rotary" which asks, "Is it the truth, Is it fair to all concerned, Will it build goodwill and better friendships, and Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

This is the 74th year for the club's speech competition.

Music contest first place winner is Kira Marjanovic, Lakewood, who performed "Sonata for Trumpet and Piano" by Kent Kennan on the trumpet. Nadine El Dabh, Rocky River, placed second; Zearatus Perry, Lakewood, placed third; and Breslin McCrae, Lakewood, received an honorable mention.

The music competition follows the judging standards set by the Ohio Music Education Association.

Visual arts winners were Chloe Becker, Magnificat, first place; Connor Starowesky, Lakewood, second place; and Isabella Dombrowski, Lakewood, third place. Honorable mentions went to Natalie Costello, Lakewood; Phoebe Dunn, Rocky River; and Zed Skinner, Lakewood.

Over 90 pieces, of numerous styles employing various media, were submitted by all five schools. A jury of artists selected outstanding works of art that met the contest requirements. From this gallery, judges chose the award winners. The selected entries are displayed in the Jean Bulicek Galleria at the Beck Center.

"This annual event is a wonderful way to acknowledge the talents of our youth," stated Ed Gallagher, Beck Center director of education, "and the quality work of the participants truly shows that the arts and creativity are alive and well in our community."

All winners received congratulations and prize money from Rotarian and master of cere- [Cont'd on pg. 7](#)

News From Lakewood Rocky River cont'd

monies Charles Eversole. This is the twenty-second year that the Beck Center has collaborated with the Rotary club for this competition.

Rotary awards scholarships to four high school seniors



Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River 2019 scholarship winners are (from left) Semra Dervisevic, Molly Rogers, Margaret McIlwee, and Lauren Driscoll.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River awarded four college scholarships at its weekly meeting on April 1.

Graduating seniors Semra Dervisevic and Margaret McIlwee from Lakewood High School, Lauren Driscoll from Rocky River High School, and Molly Rogers from St. Joseph Academy each received \$3,000 awards from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation. The scholarship program is part of over \$60,000 that the Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Club donates to the community each year.

In addition to demonstrating academic achievement and potential, these four scholarship winners were chosen for their character, extracurricular activities, and community involvement.

Semra Dervisevic is a co-editor on the management team of the Lakewood High School yearbook, in addition to working part-time in the community. She values multi-ethnic communities, and engaged in a lot of community service to refugees through involvement in "Girls Facing History and Ourselves." Semra will study chemical engineering at Cleveland State University where she hopes to use her studies to "spark a change in a person's lifestyle."

Lauren Driscoll is an advanced art student who used her summers to take additional art courses at the Cleveland Institute of Art. Lauren enjoys exploring the interaction of art and technology. She chose to tackle something new during her senior year at Rocky River, leading the design and

marketing team for the school's robotics club. Lauren will attend Baldwin Wallace University to study digital media and design.

Margaret McIlwee says that her sophomore year as a Rotary Youth Exchange student in Germany completely transformed her perception of the world. While there she even won her host city's annual 5K run! Margaret played varsity volleyball and was president of the Key Club, while also holding part-time employment in the community. She will study computer science and engineering at the University of Toledo.

Molly Rogers has performed more than 500 hours of service through her school, feeding Cleveland's homeless citizens, playing with physically and mentally disabled children, and serving on the boards of charitable organizations. In addition to playing a variety of sports Molly has been employed in the community. She has narrowed her search to two universities, and wherever she goes, she says, "I will be the person who brings about positive change to someone who is suffering."

Rotary recognizes 16 outstanding West Shore Career-Tech students



The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River honored 16 West Shore Career-Technical District Outstanding Student Award recipients at its noon luncheon on March 4 at the Don Umerley Civic Center.

West Shore Career-Technical District Outstanding Student Award recipients were honored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River at its noon luncheon on March 4 at the Don Umerley Civic Center.

The 16 students, top performers in their Career-Technical programs, were chosen for their exemplary accomplishments in the classroom, school activities, clubs, athletics and service in the community. Each student exemplifies traits of leadership, dedication, responsibility, caring, community involvement, and initiative.

"The Rotary Outstanding Students represent the "best of the best" in the West Shore Career Technical District. Our teachers and staff work tirelessly to give all of our students rich academic, technical and real world experiences," remarked Bill DiMascio, West Shore Career-Technical District educational coordinator.

"These students have taken full advantage of the opportunities afforded to them. No matter what path they chose to follow for future success, we know they possess the relevant knowledge and skills to achieve to their fullest potential."

School administrators, parents, and guests were among those in attendance. According to Rotarian Nancy Ralls, West Shore Career-Technical District career development coordinator, this is the 21th year the club has honored the Outstanding Student Award winners.

The Rotary club will present each student with a gift card and a plaque to honor their achievements at West Shore's annual Career Passport and Student Recognition Assembly on May 16. Each award recipient is automatically nominated to receive the "Career-Technical Student of the Year Award" which will be announced at West Shore's Career Passport and Student Recognition Assembly.

West Shore districts are Bay Village, Lakewood, Rocky River and Westlake. This year West Shore is serving 480 students in its workforce development programs.

The 2018-19 Outstanding Student Award recipients are: Gabe Saad, automotive technology; Saif Ali, business management; Alisa Cole, community-based training at GFS; Ryan Dempsey, community-based training at the Marriott; Ellie Gentzel, community-based training at Rae Ann; Ku Hsee, construction trades; Megan Meese, culinary arts; Vanessa Setta, early childhood education; James Iler, electronic technology; Reilly Zender, health careers technology; Seth Marroquin, media art and design; Lily Mansell, medical office management; Bryce Mitchell, networking/Cisco; Alex Shell, engineering/Project Lead the Way; Solana Petrone, theatre arts.

Rotary Club of Hudson Invites All District Rotarians to its 35th Annual Gala

The Rotary Club of Hudson will hold its 35th annual Gala at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg on May 17, 2019 starting at 6:00 pm with a silent auction and open bar. A full course dinner and live auction will follow. The 2018 Gala raised more than \$65,000 in gross revenues to allow major contributions to community services. Ron Strobl continues to chair the Gala effort with the help of co-chairs Kris Barker and Marilyn Orr.

The featured beneficiaries for 2019 are:

Hudson Community First's "Uncharted Waters": What Every Senior Needs to Know Before Going to College, a comprehensive one day workshop for all Hudson High School seniors to examine the challenges young people may face upon entering their college years. Topics include anxiety and depression, binge drinking, drugs, date rape, fire safety and overall wellness. Speakers include psychologists, lawyers, safety counselors, college administrators and college students. This will be the third year of Rotary sponsorship for the program.

The Gift of Life of Northeast Ohio, a program that the Rotary Club of Hudson has supported for many years. Funds raised from the annual Gala provide needed heart surgeries for medically struggling children in underdeveloped countries such as Haiti. Doctors from our area, some of whom live in Hudson, as well as local hospitals, donate their skills and services.

Boy Scout Troop 321's request for funds to perform needed repairs to the historic Boy Scout Cabin located

at Hudson's Green on Main street downtown. The log cabin, used by the Scouts for meetings and for Hudson community activities, was originally built by the Hudson Rotary in 1931. Founded in 1918, Troop 321 meets weekly in the log cabin where thousands of scouts have developed leadership, personal and life skills. Over the years, 115 local members have achieved Eagle Scout, a rank attained by less than 2% of all Scouts nationally.

The Gala proceeds also support Hudson students through Scholarships, Service Learning Classes and International Exchange students. These programs afford students the opportunities to become involved with and represent the Hudson community as a whole.

For a 2019 Gala brochure, to register to attend or further information about auction gifts please go to www.rotaryhudson.org or contact Ron Strobl at ron-suestrobl@gmail.com.



Visit Chinandega in December 2019

Plans are underway to visit the Children of the Dump in Chinandega, Nicaragua this year in December. If you are considering joining Rotarians and friends of Rotary on this life changing experience, please contact Past District Governor Jack Young. The Rotary Club of Westlake Bay Village will be handling the Shoe Box process again this year. For more information on the trip please contact Jack at 440-759-4000 or Jack1villa@aol.com



TRC Aurora Invites You to Hear Upcoming Speakers

The Rotary Club of Aurora will be hosting the following speakers in May. Please join us.

Exciting things are happening at Rotary Club of Aurora's breakfast meetings!



SCOUT ME IN

Presented by

Robert Balash

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA



May 01, 2019 | 7:30 am | Aurora Inn

Have you checked out ROTARY recently?

Exciting things are happening at Rotary Club of Aurora's breakfast meetings!



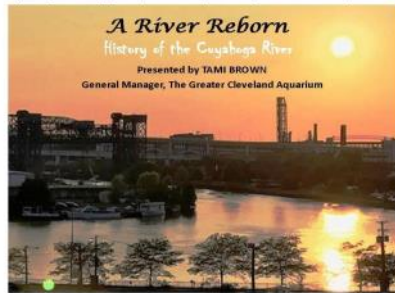
Reimagining
POLICING as
COMMUNITY
SERVICE
Presented by
Chief Brian Byard



May 08, 2019 | 7:30 am | Aurora Inn

Have you checked out ROTARY recently?

Exciting things are happening at Rotary Club of Aurora's breakfast meetings!



The Cuyahoga River famously caught fire on June 22, 1969, inspiring several songs and solidifying Cleveland's reputation for generations. Do you know the real history? Discover the ups and downs of our crooked river through the years and what the future holds in store.

Moderated by HARRY BERNSTEIN, Esq.



May 15, 2019 | 7:30 am | Aurora Inn

Have you checked out ROTARY recently?

News From TRC Wadsworth

The Rotary Club of Wadsworth recently honored Mrs. Helen Shurance of Lodi and declared her an Honorary Rotarian for her efforts to contribute to the Nicaragua Shoebox Program. With the help of Jack Young, Past District Governor, the Wadsworth Rotary hosted Mrs. Shurance and her family at a meeting. The attached article was in the Medina Post.

[Click here to read Medina Post Article](#)

Fellowship of Scouting Rotarians

In the early 1990's several Rotarians who were also Scouters met and discussed how to provide an outlet for both interests through a fellowship group within Rotary International.

A group of British Rotarian's, interested in Scouting, formed the basis for this original impetus. An organizing meeting was held at the RI Convention in Mexico City in 1991. The necessary requirements of RI Rotary Fellowship formation were met and the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's (IFSR) was approved. The first formal meeting was held in France at Marseilles.

Thus, was born the International Fellowship of Scouting Rotarian's. Numbers over 900 members worldwide at the present time, IFSR promotes the Rotary Motto of "Service Above Self". After approval was received from Rotary International, IFSR joined over 90 different fellowships and Actions Groups sanctioned by Rotary International in which active Rotarians may share their interest and hobbies.

Like original Scouting, the first such group was located in the British Isles and is now throughout the Rotary and Scouting worlds. The IFSR is structured along the lines of the World

Organization of the Scouting Movement, which has six districts regions or areas for administrative purposes. - Africa, Arab, AsiaPacific, Europe, Eurasia and InterAmerica.

The IFSR is a group of Rotarian's dedicated to promoting the entire Scouting Movement Internationally. This Fellowship operates in accordance with Rotary International policy, but is not an agency of or controlled by Rotary International.

The objectives of IFSR includes the following:

1. To encourage and foster the idea of service by Rotarians to promote growth and development of the Scout movement.
2. To provide opportunities for social and fellowship interaction among IFSR members.
3. To give active encouragement to Scouting at local, national and International levels.
4. To recognize individuals who have provided exceptionally unique service to Scouting and Rotary.

For more information on this fellowship, please contact PDG and Chair for the InterAmerican Region (North, Central and South America) Jack A. Young, (440-759-4000 or jack1vil-la@aol.com).

Mayfield High School Interact

This semester we did a lot of events in regards to helping the elderly citizens. We had members volunteer at Aberdeen Crossing and at Kemper House running bingo games. We also had crafts such as on Valentine's day we had Valentine's Day craft and St. Patrick's Day craft, and also some crafts on a normal day just to brighten their day. Additionally, we had two events in which we could meet with elderly folks in a community and help answer all their questions about their phones and even computers too. We had a chance to work with kids this semester, our members gave their time to help run a bingo game at Center Elementary and hand out prizes to the kids who won. Mayfield High School show choir performed Shrek the Musical which was a very big hit and we volunteered to help sell tickets to the students and parents who were interested in seeing the musical. Speaking of Mayfield

High School a former grad created a nonprofit organization called My Inner Warrior and the foundation helps improve inner-city baseball programs. My Inner Warrior runs events to help raise money for what they do and they are holding a yoga session in which our members will be there to help sell admission tickets, running a 50/50 raffle, escorting people there, and registering people there. As the school year is coming to end we look forward to next year filled with new events and opportunities for our members to help out and have fun.

News From TRC Berea

Linda G. Kramer
Public Image Chair
Rotary Club of Berea

Bob DiBiasio returns with stories and prizes



Bob DiBiasio, senior vice president of public affairs for the Cleveland Indians, presents Elias Koenig, 8, son of Rotarian Trevor Koenig, a Corey Kluber autographed baseball.

The Cleveland Indians are in first place in the Central Division but no matter what the stats, the Tribe will always be first for Rotary baseball fans, especially Elias Koenig, 8, son of Berea Rotarian Trevor Koenig.

The Koenigs were part of the nearly 30 club members and visitors who heard Bob DiBiasio of the Indians front office relate baseball stories and hand out door prizes on Tuesday, April 9. It was DiBiasio's second visit to the club – a popular event for baseball fans. Visitors came from the Strongsville and West Shore clubs and from surrounding communities.

Elias, who said Jason Kipnis is his favorite player, probably won't forget the visit anytime soon. DiBiasio gave the boy a baseball signed by two-time Cy Young Award pitcher Corey Kluber. Other prizes – including a signed photo of pitcher Carlos Carrasco and Cracker Jack – were handed out too plus pocket schedules of Indians games.

DiBiasio, who said he "has spent 41 years in this crazy business," started out as a rookie PR guy. He credits former Indians second baseman Duane Kuiper with offering good advice and helping him to learn the ropes of Major League Baseball.

He credits Manager Terry Francona with the Indians success during the past six years. Between Terry and

the front office, "Our guys know how to put together a baseball team that wins," he said. "It's not the money you spend, it's what you spend the money on."

He noted that when Francona joined the team, the payroll was \$70 million. Today it's \$140 million. And the team is in a deficit spending mode. Hence, the changes to the line-up this year. "We couldn't go on like that," DiBiasio said. "We were the second oldest team in baseball last year. We needed to get younger."

"We had to say goodbye to several players we really liked. It was hard to do but it was a business decision."



Rotarian Yvonne Fulimeni visits with Bob DiBiasio after the program.

DiBiasio said Indians alumni like the area and many stick around after their playing days are done. For example, Len Barker, who pitched a perfect game in 1981, is head coach of the Notre Game College baseball team. Former slugger Joe Charbonneau is the hitting coach.

Fans should look forward to the All-Star Game this July when Cleveland will play host to the best in MLB for the sixth time – the most in baseball. There will be wiffle ball contests and concerts among other entertainment, DiBiasio said.

As for Francona, his contract has been extended through 2022. He's come a long way from the days he'd follow his father, Indians first baseman Tito Francona, to the ball park and hang around the dugout with his pal third baseman Max Alvis' son. DiBiasio said the two would filch bats from the dugout before the game and

sell them to fans so the two boys could buy cotton candy and other treats. Tito and Max put an end to that in a hurry.



JoAnn Solnick receives a door prize (left) and Cathy and Neal Klabunde of Strongsville Rotary share a laugh with Bob DiBiasio.

Rotaractors raise funds for Save the Children



About 100 BW students, Rotaractors, Rotarians and guests raised funds for Save the Children at the annual Rotaract Club benefit auction and dinner on Tuesday, March 26.

The Rotaract Club upped its game this year, moving the fundraiser to the Union Ballroom and soliciting a wide range of baskets for the silent auction – from BW gear to Smuckers treats to dog and cat goodies to Cavs, Browns and Monsters memorabilia. There also was a raffle basket auction and a 50/50 drawing.

The Club's goal was to raise \$1,000. That was smashed with a final tally of \$3,200. Blake Lewis, who chaired the event, and Emily Sukalac, public relations chair, said much of the money will go toward helping families impacted by Cyclone

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Rotary District 6630 Held a Conference and a Street Fair Broke Out!

After a morning of exercises, learning and review with Youth Exchange Leaders Bob Heydorn, Shelia Hedrick, Robert Huge, Patrick Kelly, Judith Stull and Marilyn Orr, the inbound, outbound and short term exchange students participated in a parade of flags at the conference luncheon. Representing their individual countries of origin and exchange sites was:

Brazil: Inbound Ada Bicego and Eduardo Nunes Machado Flore and outbound Fiona Fisher, Amelia Kapostasy and Paige Ray.

Czechia: Inbound Natalie Sadkova

France: Inbound Lea Lafond and outbound Jacob Weitman and STEP Molly Kleintop.

Germany: Inbound Jacob Scharnweber

Italy: STEP Sienna Leising

Japan: Inbound Sorato Yamasaki

Spain: Inbound Ana Crespan Fontenia

Taiwan: Outbound Austin Brewster

Thailand: Inbound Patitta "Pati" Kitcharonenchai

At lunch, District Governor Beverly Ghent-Skyzrinski gave special recognition to each of our inbound scholars and presented them each with a copy of an Arch Klumpp book outlining his special relationship with our District and the formation of the Rotary Foundation and a special medallion cast in his honor...

Another parade of flags preceded the evening dinner and was followed by the awarding of navy blazers and pinning of the outbound and STEP participants. We are well represented by this outstanding group of youth.

But between the two events, the outbound students prepared a tour-of-the-world table top display of their home countries that went to a whole new level! With samplings of honey almond cake from Spain to crepes with hazelnut chocolate and fruit, a street fair erupted! There was Japanese folk dancing, American country western line dancing, and singing, lots of giggles and demonstrations of soccer skills in the hallway outside

the event banquet site. It was a fun way to spend time with the Rotarians in attendance. These kids know how to have a good time and make life-long friends!



Sotaro (Japan), Ana (Spain), Austin (OB Taiwan) and Pati (Thailand) line up for the parade of flags



Natalie (Czechia) and Lea (France)



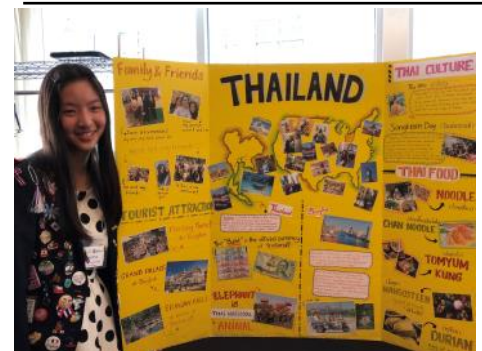
Jacob from Germany



Ada, Eduardo, Paige and Amelia



Jacob, Siena, Sotaro, Ana, Austin and Pati @ Parade of Flags



Pati with a tour of Thailand



Natalie and a local Rotarian