



Rotary District 6650 August 2011 Newsletter

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Paul Harris thoughts

It is well that there is nothing in Rotary so sacred that it cannot be set aside in favor of things better. This is an experimental age in a changing world, and all things which are worthwhile and progressive are the cumulative effects of preceding successes and failures.

Peregrinations, Vol. III

I have no hesitation in saying that world peace could be achieved and made permanent if reared on Rotary's firm foundation of friendliness, tolerance, and usefulness.

Message to 1940 RI Convention, Havana, Cuba



Some thoughts from District Governor George W. S. Hays

By the time this month's newsletter is put to bed and made ready for distribution (with great thanks to Lauri Coy!), I will have visited more than four-fifths of our District's clubs. What an amazing time these past two months have been. I often may not remember what day it is, or always know for certain in which community I am, but I absolutely do know that I am with Rotarians and am warmly welcomed wherever I am.

In each club visit, I state quite sincerely that I am truly honored to be District Governor. After nearly three years of preparation to be Governor, the last two months have been the best part of the journey. I have learned that each club is unique and has its own personality. Large or small, all clubs are doing amazing things in their communities and beyond. One of the responsibilities of being a District Governor is to inspire clubs and Rotarians, but I have come away far more inspired by the individual Rotarians I have met than they can possibly be inspired by anything I offer to them.

Each club strives to reflect the diversity of its community in its mix of professions, genders, ages, and ethnicities. It was Paul Harris' commitment to bringing into Rotary representatives from different vocations to ensure a wide variety of expertise that broadens Rotarians' knowledge of available resources within the community, enhances the fellowship and camaraderie that is such an important component of Rotary, and enables clubs to undertake projects that are assured of success. Individuals are drawn to Rotary because of our commitment to service; Rotarians want to give back and by so doing, they gain far more than they ever imagined being possible. As Eleanor Roosevelt said, "The more you help others, the more you really gain yourself."

Across the globe, membership is a primary focus for R.I. President Kalyan's year. District 6650 clubs have taken this emphasis to heart. Each club I have visited is actively implementing plans to increase membership. Together, District 6650 Club's have committed to a net increase of 175 members by 30 June 2012. We learned at the International Assembly in January in San Diego that from 2003-2010, 1.2 million individuals joined Rotary across the globe, and yet during that same period, **the net gain worldwide was only 226 Rotarians!** If District 6650 has a net gain of 175 members this year, we will have achieved 80% of the entire world's gain over a seven year period. By working together we can do it. Let's go for it!



Greetings from RI President Kalyan Banerjee

My dear brothers and sisters in Rotary,

There is an old saying in India: "When you help your neighbor's boat across the water, you find that your own has reached the shore." By helping others, we often find that we have helped ourselves as well.

Each of us came to Rotary to serve – and found the joys and satisfactions of friendship and fellowship. In August, the month we dedicate to membership and development, we focus on spreading the message of Rotary. By serving well, without hiding our Rotary light under the proverbial bushel, we find ourselves closer to our own goal: a stronger, more vibrant Rotary for generations to come.

Public image and membership go hand in hand. Too many people – intelligent, educated, involved people – simply have no idea what Rotary is. This is something we need to confront. We have heard again and again about communities where, despite all the good work that Rotary clubs do, many people are unaware that those clubs even exist. This is not the way forward for our organization.

Serving well is the essential first step – but it is only the beginning. We have to raise our profile with all the tools that are available to us, and there are more tools today than there ever were. We have to use social media such as Twitter and Facebook, and we have to be sure our clubs have an online presence. Having a website is not enough; it must be up to date, it must be appealing, it must reflect the work we are doing. And it must offer a way for prospective members, once they see what we do and become interested, to take the next step.

Rotary has so much to offer. It is up to us to let others know what a fantastic organization we have, and to show people how they can integrate Rotary into their lives. Service does require time, and time is something nobody has enough of these days. So we need to ensure that all the time we spend with Rotary is worthwhile – that it is rewarding and never wasted. When we reach within ourselves and our clubs, when we learn what we are capable of and harness that power, we will elevate our communities as never before – and elevate Rotary as well.

Kalyan Banerjee
President, Rotary International

Club Charter Chronology

1 February 1915 -
Youngstown

1 April 1915 -
Canton

1 February 1917 -
Massillon

1 May 1917 -
Alliance

1 January 1918 -
New Philadelphia

1 October 1918 -
Warren

1 January 1920 -
Dover

1 December 1920 -
East Liverpool

21 January 1921 -
Wooster

1 April 1921 -
Salem

1 April 1921 -
Steubenville

28 April 1922 -
Millersburg

2 March 1923 -
Minerva

5 April 1923 -
Columbiana

26 May 1923 -
Orrville

5 May 1924 -
Carrollton

9 July 1924 -
Dennison

28 September 1925
- Louisville

29 September 1925
- Newcomerstown

Burton is choice for 2013-14 RI president



Ron D. Burton

Ron D. Burton, a member of the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA, is the selection of the Nominating Committee for President of Rotary International in 2013-14. Burton retired as president of the University of Oklahoma Foundation Inc. in 2007. He is a member of the American Bar Association, as well as the bar associations of Cleveland County and the state of Oklahoma. He is admitted to practice in Oklahoma and before the U.S. Supreme Court.

Burton says, "I believe we are well poised to capitalize on our strengths as we embrace the [RI] Strategic Plan and the Future Vision Plan. My vision is to have every Rotarian appreciate what it means to be a Rotarian. With these two tools, we can make that happen."

Burton believes that Rotary's promotion of high ethical standards is one of the qualities that sets it apart from other organizations. "It assures those dealing with us that we can be trusted," he says. "Most of us are in a business or profession that already has a code of ethics. Vocational service in Rotary just adds to that responsibility. We have an obligation to go above and beyond to make sure that all our actions are above reproach."

Burton has received the RI Service Above Self Award and The Rotary Foundation Citation for Meritorious Service, Distinguished Service Award, and International Service Award for a Polio-Free World.

Burton and his wife, Jetta, have two children and three grandchildren.



Message from Bill Boyd, Chair The Rotary Foundation Trustees

The Rotary Foundation supports your Rotary service

A few months ago, Lorna and I attended three district conferences. The conference programs featured several Rotary Foundation activities, and we heard from Ambassadorial Scholars, Rotary Peace Fellows, Group Study Exchange teams, and representatives from a number of excellent projects in which Rotarians and the Foundation have worked together. I reflected on how much our Rotary Foundation is woven into the fabric of our Rotary service.

Club Charter Chronology Continued

19 October 1925 - Rittman

14 November 1925 - Niles

11 June 1926 - Canal Fulton

30 January 1929 - Sugarcreek

29 March 1929 - North Canton

11 March 1938 - Dalton

21 July 1938 - Malvern

20 June 1955 - Canfield

25 July 1955 - Boardman

10 October 1955 - Struthers

5 March 1956 - Hubbard

16 April 1956 - Girard/Liberty

14 May 1956 East Palestine

15 March 1958 - Lake/Green

28 June 1968 - Austintown

3 March 1972 - Jackson Township

22 August 1923 - Perry Township

19 January 1977 - Howland

After the conferences, I went directly to a meeting of the Future Vision Committee. The committee heard from one of our RI senior managers, who had tested the process of applying for grants and found the global grants application to be too complex. We also discussed the definition of basic education within the areas of focus, possible strategic partnerships, and training for those districts not in the pilot.

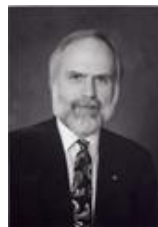
There were many other topics, but I mention these to demonstrate that there are big items and small items that need attention as we work our way through the pilot. We are all experiencing some frustrations as we build the Foundation for the future. The three years of the pilot will seem a long time for many of you, but we are shaping something that should help us serve humanity more effectively in the years ahead, and we need to test that we are getting it right.

From that meeting, it was straight into the Finance Committee meeting, where senior staff and trustees spent a day and a half working through the budget to ensure that our operating costs could be as low as possible while still giving you the service you need. Our aim is to ensure that we spend the maximum amount on programs.

This is our Rotary Foundation, and there are many people working in different ways to give you the best possible support in your Rotary service.

Bill Boyd
Foundation Trustee Chair

THE ROTARY FOUNDATION



PDG James Tallman, Permanent Fund/Major Donors D6650

Last year, District 6650 and many of our clubs and Rotarians did a good job of supporting the Foundation's Annual Fund, as well as the Polio Campaign. However, we have not given much support to the Foundation's Permanent Fund, our Endowment. The principal of this Fund is never spent, but 50% of the interest each year comes back to our District Designated Fund for our use.

It's very easy to contribute to the Permanent Fund. You can give cash or a contribution through your will - just send a note to the Foundation stating the amount you will give in your will - or through life insurance or a life income fund.

A \$1000.00 contribution makes you a Benefactor of the Foundation, while a \$10,000.00 contribution makes you a member of the Bequest Society.

If you would like to become a Major Donor (\$10,000.00 and up through Annual Giving), we would very much like to add you to our Major Donor list. If there is someone in your club that would be able to do this, please contact me and members of the Foundation Committee will be happy to meet with them.

Club Charter Chronology Continued

14 November 1977
– Brookfield

3 November 1978 -
Cortland

7 March 1983 –
Canton South

2 February 1984 -
Calcutta

1 March 1984 –
Champion

10 December 1984
- Poland

23 February 1985 –
Plain Township

18 March 1988 –
East Canton

31 March 1988 -
Kinsman

10 April 2007 –
Bolivar-Zoar

If you would like for me to come to your club and explain the Permanent Fund or Major Donor program—or—if you would like for me to come to your club to present my recent trips to India or Dominican Republic where we checked on and participated in 6650 club and district projects---please let me know. I can be contacted at JETDDT2@aol.com.

There are many ways we can serve, and perhaps the very best is through the programs of the Rotary Foundation.

Thanks for your consideration,
Jim Tallman, Chairman, Permanent Fund/Major Donors D6650

Ambassadorial Scholar John David Miller to appear in Division II

John David Miller, Ensign, United States Navy, will be welcomed at a Division II multiple club meeting on Tuesday, 20 September 2011, at 11:45 a.m. The event is hosted by the Rotary Club of Jackson Township at their regular meeting place, La Pizzeria, 3656 Dressler Road, NW, Canton, Ohio 44718. All District 6650 Rotarians and partners or guests are invited. To make a reservation email PDG Meena Patel at durdarshan@sssnet.com. Jackson Twp. Rotary will invoice your Rotary club for the cost of those attending from your club.



Ensign John David Miller

Raised in Kinsman, Ohio, Miller is the son of William and Linda Miller. They taught him from the earliest age the values of education, hard work, and service. These lessons provided John with examples and virtues that he tries to emulate and embody each day. John believes hard work is both an expectation and a source of pride.

During high school, he was selected to attend American Legion Buckeye Boys State and was subsequently chosen to attend American Legion Boys Nation. In addition, he was a successful distance runner, competing in three different regional finals. In June 2007, he graduated as valedictorian from Badger High School.

Growing up in a rural community, John says he always found himself looking outward at the world and wondering what it was like beyond, Kinsman. His vision for his future is what brought him to apply to military academies. Having received appointments to the U.S. Military and the U.S. Naval Academy, John elected to join the Navy and reported to Annapolis, Maryland on June 27, 2007.

In the Navy, he found an opportunity to explore the world and serve the nation and community that he cherishes. His father, his grandfathers, and his uncles all served in the military. John says for him, military service seemed the logical step. But, he says, he knew that military service alone would not suffice. Service comes in many forms. Growing up he watched his parents treat their community like family, and their example showed John the impact a person can have on a community.

John knows that the service of a few can change the lives of many. He juggles the rigors of academic and military life to volunteer at local nursing homes and as a tutor in the Annapolis area. He finds these opportunities to serve rewarding. He says his ability to develop relationships with both the spirited young and the reflective old provide him with some of his greatest lessons on life, leadership and hope.



Council on Legislation

The Council on Legislation is the legislative body of RI, which has the authority to amend the RI constitutional documents. The next COL is 2013.

Clubs and Districts may propose legislation for consideration by the COL.

All proposals must be endorsed by the District, which then submits the proposals to RI. The deadline for submission to RI is 31 December 2011.

Information about the proscribed procedures and forms for drafting and submitting proposals is being given to each club during the Governor's Official Visit.

Contact PDG Geoff Goll, COL Representative for more information.

Miller graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Political Science in May 2011. In September he will go to Cambridge, England, where over the course of two years he will pursue a Masters of Science Development Studies and a Masters in International Relations.

After completing his education, John will serve as a Surface Warfare Officer in the United States Navy before transferring to the Maritime Civil Affairs Group, to work in security and development in littoral regions. Upon completion of his naval service, John plans to return to the area to serve as a role-model and community leader, very possibly as a high school instructor in his home town.

"CONGRATULATIONS TO THE BOARDMAN ROTARY CLUB"



The Boardman Rotary Club raised \$1,000 for the \$200 Million Polio Plus Gates Challenge in just three minutes at their club meeting on August 23rd.

A club member offered to match 500 foundation points to anyone who would donate \$500 to the Polio Plus Challenge and two members immediately took him up on his gift and with their \$500 donation, each member will be able to gift a Paul Harris Fellowship to a recipient of their choice.

Boardman has now raised over \$10,000 for the Polio Plus Challenge and with the Canton Rotary Club leads the District in giving.

To date District 6650 has raised over \$175,000 with worldwide giving reaching \$185 million.

But funds are still needed, as the World Health Organization is reporting over 330 new Polio cases since Jan 1, 2011.

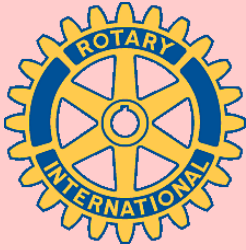
WE ARE THIS CLOSE

PDG Geoff Goll, District Polio Chair

Create your own "This Close" Polio Plus poster

Contributions to Rotary's US\$200 Million Challenge for polio now stand at US\$185 million. India has only had one case of polio this year. We truly are "this close" to eradicating polio.

Now you can create your own "This Close" poster. Rotary has launched www.thisclose.net, an interactive web-based application that allows visitors to insert their face and name into the template of a mock "This Close" public service campaign. The website is available in six languages. Thisclose.net provides a new way to get involved in Rotary's push to end polio and share that message through your social networks, including Facebook and Twitter.



The Object of Rotary is to encourage and foster the ideal of service as a basis of worthy experience and, in particular, to encourage and foster:

FIRST. The development of acquaintance as an opportunity for service;

SECOND. High ethical standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations, and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society;

THIRD. The application of the ideal of service in each Rotarian's personal, business, and community life.

FOURTH. The advancement of international understanding, goodwill, and peace through a world fellowship of business and professional persons united in the ideal of service.



The Rotary Foundation helps Rotary clubs and districts work together to provide meaningful, sustainable service. Foundation grants support projects that provide clean water, medical care, literacy classes, and other essentials to people in need all around the world. Since 1947, The Rotary Foundation has contributed more than US\$2.4 billion to fund these vital efforts.

Our contributions to The Rotary Foundation ensure that we can bring the sustainable change to communities in need like President Kalyan asks us to do. Contact your club's Foundation chair or our District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair Meena Patel, PDG, to learn more about how you can support The Rotary Foundation.

Group Study Exchange with Japan District 2630

Phil Mariola (Wooster) is chair of Group Study Exchange for 2011-12. District 6650 is exchanging with District 2630 in central Japan. This will be a vocation specific exchange focusing on Alzheimer's, dementia and rehabilitation. The Japanese team will arrive 24 March 2012 and be with us until 24 April. Our team will be in Japan the month of May 2012, during which team members share personal knowledge of their own country and experience the customs, vocations, and lifestyles of another.

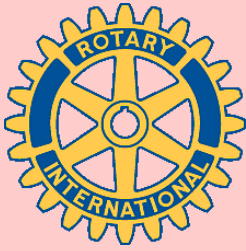
The purpose of a Group Study Exchange is to promote international understanding and goodwill through person-to-person contact. While abroad, team members stay in Rotarians' homes and have the opportunity to meet their professional counterparts. They will also give presentations to Rotary clubs and other groups about their home country. The Rotary Foundation provides a round-trip air ticket, and local Rotarians in the host country provide meals, lodging, and group travel in their district. Team members pay for personal and incidental expenses.

We will begin seeking a team leader and team members early this fall. The team leader must be a Rotarian in good standing. Anyone interested in being a team member should be employed full-time in work related to the vocation of the exchange. Young professionals within the age range of 25 to 40 are encouraged to apply. Applicants must live or be employed in Rotary District 6650, which extends from Kinsman to Steubenville and west to Wooster and Millersburg. Applicants must be sponsored by a local Rotary club.

Watch for more details in future Governor's newsletters.

In Memoriam

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death of Atmaram "Ram" Gawande on 10 August 2011. Ram was a classmate of our own PDG Doug Simpson, and served as Governor of District 6690. Susan and I came to know and love Ram and his wife Sushi, when we worked together on All Ohio P.E.T.S. planning. He was a great gentleman, a strong leader, a generous philanthropist, and a good friend whom we will miss.



By The Numbers:

1,217,668
Rotarians
Worldwide*

34,049
Rotary Clubs*

34
Zones

532
Rotary
Districts**

8,480
Rotaract Clubs

195,040
Rotaract
Members

13,217
Interact Clubs

303,991
Interact
Members

7,003
Rotary
Community
Corps

161,759
RCC Members

As of April 4

**All other figures
as of March 31*

*** As of July*



Atmaram "Ram"
Gawande
1934 - 2011

The son of Sitaram and Gopikabai Gawande, he was born and raised in the small village of Uti in the Indian state of Maharashtra in a family of seven brothers and five sisters. He graduated from Nagpur Medical College in 1962 and came to New York City for his training in general surgery. There he met and married his wife, Dr. Sushila Gawande, and started a family. He obtained his specialty training in urology at Martland Medical Hospital in Newark, New Jersey. He and his family settled in Athens, Ohio, in 1973, where he became a widely respected urologist at O'Bleness Memorial Hospital and prominent local leader and philanthropist. Ram and Sushi committed a major portion of their life and resources to developing the education and economy of the region in India where he had grown up.

He was especially proud of his role in developing GSG College, Umarched, Maharashtra, a rural college that now provides an advanced education to 2,000 students a year in a region that had no college.

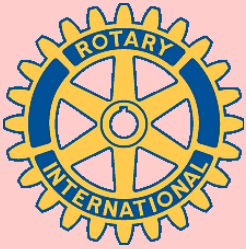
In addition to Sushi, Ram is survived by son Atul (Kathleen), a prominent endocrine surgeon, writer and researcher in Boston; daughter Meeta, an attorney in Newark; and grandchildren Walker, Hattie and Hunter.

Lit Kits Available for Your School

The District still has about 200 Lit Kits available for sponsorship in your local community. Some clubs have already taken advantage of this opportunity, but our remaining inventory is available on a "first come first served" basis. Each kit contains school supplies in a zippered case with the Rotary logo and "District 6650" printed on the outside. Kits can be sponsored for \$7.50 each. Contact the Rotary office in Canton or PDG Jim Russell to arrange delivery.

Youth Exchange Program Update

We are changing the process for arranging exchanges beginning with the current selection cycle. In November - December of 2011, we will be interviewing and selecting students from our District who will travel to another country (Outbound). Before we determine who will go out, we must have a commitment to host a corresponding Inbound student. We will only select the number of Outbound students that we can match with Inbound hosting commitments. Please discuss your Club's plan for hosting an Exchange Student next school year. The Youth Exchange Committee will be contacting you to determine your interest and will limit the number of exchanges to match club interest.



The Four-Way Test:

Followed by Rotarians worldwide in their business and professional lives, The Four Way Test was created by Rotarian J. Taylor in 1932. It has since been translated into more than 100 languages and is used by organizations and individuals throughout the world.

Of the things we think, say or do

1) Is it the TRUTH?

2) Is it FAIR to all concerned?

3) Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?

4) Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?

News from the frontline:



Sieglinde Warren, Division I-A



Cooperation - Rotary Style - In Division 1A

POLAND

Poland Rotary's Second Annual Car/Bike show was a rousing success. The show was held on Wednesday, 17 August complete with classic cars, a DJ, a super slide for kids and fire engines!

Yes, fire engines, since the proceeds of the event went to the Poland Firemen's Association. The association assists the fire department with training, education and the purchase of safety equipment. The group also assists families in need, especially if the need occurs in conjunction with a loss due to fire.

Over 100 classic and other vehicles were registered for the show. The beautiful summer evening attracted many residents and passers-by in what has become an annual late summer event.

Chair Matt Bodine was happy with the event. As with any successful Rotary event, many Poland Rotarians stepped up with donations to the basket raffle, preparing for the event and working to make it successful.

One couldn't help but notice the support from other Rotary clubs.

A generator was needed to supply power. A death in the family of the scheduled provider made it difficult to procure this, but there was no problem as **Mike Krake** from **Struthers Rotary** jumped in to save the day. **Dan Becker**, also a Struthers Rotarian, supported the effort by bringing two classic Packard vehicles to the show: a hearse and a limousine. **PDG Jack Polen** of **Malvern** brought his convertible as a show entrant.

Baskets for the show were provided by **Canfield Rotarian Gail McCullough** and **Boardman Rotarian Shelly LaBerto**. In addition, **Canfield Rotary** provided a basket of car care products in appreciation for the opportunity to sell tickets for the Chevy Cruze which will be raffled off on Labor Day at the Canfield Fair.

So, you see, Rotarians help each other as they each help their communities. These stories are repeated throughout District 6650 and the Rotary world. Together we are greater than the sum of our parts. When one club succeeds, we all succeed and we all have a vested interest in the success of our fellow clubs.

*SERVICE ABOVE
SELF*

*Our motto
embodies our
humanitarian spirit.
Our Avenue's of
Service guide our
activities:*

*Through CLUB
SERVICE, we have
fun, build lasting
friendships, and
make sure that our
club runs well.*

*Through
VOCATIONAL
SERVICE, we
volunteer our
professional skills
to serve others and
promote integrity in
everything we do.*

*Through
COMMUNITY
SERVICE, we
address local needs
and work with our
community to bring
lasting
improvements.*

*Through
INTERNATIONAL
SERVICE, we meet
humanitarian needs
around the globe
and promote world
understanding and
peace.*

*Through NEW
GENERATIONS
SERVICE, we work
with young people
to help them
become the next
generation of
leaders, visionaries,
and peacemakers*

YOUNGSTOWN



This September will mark the reactivation of Youngstown Rotary's "**PUT KIDS FIRST**" mentoring project at Harding Elementary. On June 1, 1996, the Rotary Club of Youngstown launched "**PUT KIDS FIRST**," a community service program aimed to align the resources of Rotary Club of Youngstown with the needs of the Youngstown City Schools. **PKF** builds on the Rotary's long-term standing commitment to the youth of Youngstown.

Youngstown Rotarians are also anxiously awaiting the arrival of their exchange student from Italy, Margherita Bellu, this week. She will meet the Rotarians at Youngstown's annual steak fry on August 24th.



Debbie Esbshade, Division 1-C

Since the last newsletter, I had the pleasure of accompanying DG George when he made his official visit to the Niles Rotary Club on Thursday, July 28, 2011. It is a wonderful experience getting to visit the clubs in Division 1-C and I'm looking forward to visiting Howland Rotary in September. Division 1-C clubs are very active and here is just some of the projects they are working on.

NILES Rotary President Traci Buttar reports that they are busy collecting school supplies to donate to Niles Community Services to help those kids who need supplies get off to a good school year. Niles is also gearing up for TNT night when they take over Trumbull New Theater on September 21st for their annual fundraiser. It's a fun event because in addition to visiting with fellow Rotarians and guests, they get to sample delicious food prepared and donated by Niles club members, and see a fantastic play! This year's production is "School House Rocks" and it's based on the after school television shows we all watched when we were kids. If you'd like more information, or would like to order tickets, please contact Marlene Rhodes at (330) 652-8010 and come on out to learn how a bill becomes a law!

GIRARD-LIBERTY Rotary recently received 1,000 Lit Kits for distribution through their "Poorest of the Poor Campaign." This project has been a very long-standing and successful project for the Girard-Liberty club and they can always use help. Why not have a clothing drive as a Club Service Project and donate the clothing to this campaign. Monetary donations are always needed and welcomed in order to provide assistance with transportation costs. If you club would like to help out in any way, please contact President Sam Zians at (330) 559-5662.

HUBBARD is working on plans for their annual Auction Event which will be held this year on Thursday, November 3, 2011 at the Brentford House. Doors open at 5 pm and the Auction starts at 6 pm. There is no charge for this great event. For additional information, please contact Hubbard President Mike Holdford at (330) 534 0890.



Jody Levitt, Division 2-A

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CANTON



The Rotary Club of Canton volunteered the week of July 28th to work the Pro Football Hall of Fame's Rib Burnoff. Many Rotarians and their family members were on hand to help out during this three (3) day event volunteering for one of many six (6) hour shifts. Much fun was had by all as some Rotarians were stationed in the pop/water booth while others were kept busy at the beer booth.

The Pro Football Hall of Fame and Enshrinement Festival is Canton's largest event and is attended by nearly 700,000 people. This year's event marked the 48th anniversary of honoring the legends of professional football as well as celebrating the annual enshrinement of football players, coaches and contributors into the Pro Football Hall of Fame. The collaborative efforts of the HOF Enshrinement Festival committees, combined with the professional staffs at the Chamber of Commerce and the Pro Football Hall of Fame, and the dedicated team of more than 4,200 volunteers ensured the success of 18 unique events.

THE ROTARY CLUB OF CANTON/NORTH CANTON ANNUAL GOLF OUTING



The Rotary Club of Canton's annual golf outing was held on Friday, August, 26th on the Tam O'Shanter Hills Course with the clubs of Canton and North Canton participating. Canton Club Treasurer, Dave Schrade, served as general chairman.

There were a total of 22 hole sponsors from various local businesses who contributed to the success of this outing.

This year's winning team consisted of David Beule, Chuck Monat, Charles Robertson and Brad Hayes. This team was awarded four (4) rounds of golf including carts at Tam O'Shanter Golf Course.



Greg Anderson, Division 2-B

ROTARY CLUB OF MALVERN PANCAKE BREAKFAST

The Rotary Club of Malvern will be hosting an all you can eat Pancake & Sausage Breakfast on Saturday, September 3, 2011 from 7 am - 11 am. The event will be held at the United Methodist Church Educational Building located at 121 Wood Street, Malvern, Ohio, 44644.

Ticket prices are: \$6.00 – Adults; \$4.00 – Children.

There will be carryout's available.



Dan Morgan, Division 2-C

ROTARY CLUB OF MASSILLON

On August 11th, the Rotary Club of Massillon presented \$10,000 to Community Services of Stark County for their NEW Family Living Center located in Massillon. With this gift, along with those from other members of the community, the Family Living Center will continue to be a safe haven for those who have lost their homes. The Rotary Club of Massillon is honored to be a part of this partnership.

On August 11th, the Rotary Club of Massillon hosted Congressman Jim Renacci for their weekly luncheon meeting. Congressman Renacci shared his thoughts on the state of the nation and took questions. He believes that "America's best days aren't behind it. There are better, brighter days in the future." The Rotary Club of Massillon is determined to be a part of those brighter days.



On August 18th, the Ladies and One Gentleman of the Rotary Club of Massillon hand washed cars for a donation to the Club's scholarship fund. Thanks to all the ladies...and Duncan...for giving of their time and talent for the education of the children in our community. We are especially grateful to Bob Yund of Yund's Busy Bee Car Wash for letting us use his space, water, and supplies. And, we thank all those who purchased a car wash for a good cause.

Pictured in the car: Bob Yund and Tom Jingo

Behind the car: Kathy Schultz, Penny Isom, Barb Leasure, Rhonda McMahan, Tawny Cowen-Zanders, Duncan Tanner, Kathy Champlin, Diane Richmond, Kristen Hackenbracht, Marci Bragg, Wendy Blosser and Marlo Thompson.



Phil Mariola, Division 3-A

ROARY CLUB OF MILLERSBURG



Hosting a Youth Exchange Student:
Just Do It!

Submitted by Kathy Hughes, Host
Family Mother

When my husband Tim and I lived in California, we were asked to host a foreign exchange student from Japan. The director of the exchange program told us it would only be for three weeks. We said sure. It was one of the best experiences of our lives. The young woman who was 19 spoke broken English and was as sweet as could be. She was so eager and excited to learn everything about America. The following year, we were asked again to host a young lady from France. She would also be in our home for three weeks. Again, we had a great experience and we keep in touch with her today.

When we moved back to Ohio, the Rotary Club in Millersburg asked us to host a young lady from France for the last 4 months of her stay. She was a senior at West Holmes High School and at that time I had two of my children attending the high school. Charlene had spoken broken English when she arrived at her first host family's home but, by the time she had to go back to France her English was perfect. Charlene was such a joy to have in our home. She was always so polite and always willing to help with anything. We learned so much from her about France and she learned a lot about America. She even served us crepes for one of our meals!

Charlene enjoyed her stay here so much that two years later she brought her mother and younger sister to visit. We spent a lot of time with the three of them. This summer Charlene came back to visit by herself for about 10 weeks. Again, she stayed with us for 1 month. Our family has developed such a deep bond with Charlene that will last a lifetime. I encourage anyone who is thinking of hosting a foreign exchange student to just do it! The experience of hosting will have such a positive impact on your family for many years to come. It is a chance of a lifetime for the student to come to a foreign country and we were happy to be a part of that experience.

ROTARY CLUB OF ORRVILLE

Make a joyful noise unto the lord...

The youth of Honduras have made this dream come alive with the musical program at the Santa Rosa Cultural Center. However, with the limited number of instruments at their disposal, noise-making is in short supply. Seeing this need, CAMO has reached out a hand to those in need.

Central American Medical Outreach, or CAMO, was founded in 1993 by Kathryn Tschiegg as an attempt to provide sustainable development in Honduras. We have since then provided more than 140,000 services to people each year with the assistance of our 16 different programs.

After constructing the Cultural Center in 2010, CAMO now sees the void needing filled in its attempts to teach music to the students: there is a teacher and a building, but no instruments for them to play. One young man was forced to limit his time with the trombone to one hour a week, because there was only one instrument between him and the whole population of Santa Rosa. To help in this crisis, CAMO is hosting an Instrument Drive, in Orrville and the surrounding areas, to help collect used instruments and put them in the hands of longing students.

If you have an old instrument that you would like to donate to this cause, we would love for you to stop by our Orrville office and drop it off! All instruments in working condition are accepted. Your generosity will grant the children in Honduras the gift of music!

For more information on CAMO and its services visit our website at www.camo.org

ROTARY CLUB OF RITTMAN

The Rittman Area Rotary Club announces its Annual Labor Day Pancake Breakfast on Monday September 5th from 8:00 am until 10:30 am. This will be an all you can eat Pancake and Sausage Breakfast along with coffee, tea and juice. As the Rittman Area Rotary Club has done in the past the site of this great breakfast offering will be Autumnwood Nursing & Rehab Center of Rittman Ohio.

Advance sale tickets can be acquired from any Rittman Area Rotary Club member, or by calling Gordon Bury at 330-855-4251 or emailing your request to: rittmanrotary@gmail.com

All-you-can-eat pancake & sausage Advance ticket price is: Adults \$5, Child \$3
Tickets at the door price will be: Adult \$6, Child \$4

Come join the Rittman Area Rotary for your Labor Day Breakfast, save time, save money, and save dirty dishes by obtaining your advance sales tickets today. See you on Labor Day.

Rittman Rotary has launched the 2011-12 Rotary year with renewed focus and vision for the future.

Our DSG project, in partnership with the Rails to Trails program, is moving smoothly and should develop into a long term effort of beautifying and maintaining the trail as a great outreach for the Rittman community. Several new ideas are being developed with the school to reach the youth. The community center meeting room where our lunch takes place is being updated and there will be a Rotary historical section on permanent display. Our annual pancake breakfast fundraiser will be held on Labor Day at Autumnwood in Rittman from 8-10:30am. For details or to attend contact Jere Dutt at 330-338-7639. All is well and growing in Rittman. Hope the same for everyone in 6650. Anyone interested in doing a joint project please don't hesitate to call. Sincerely, Jere

ROTARY CLUB OF WOOSTER

Wooster Arts Jazz Fest 2011
Wooster City Square
Saturday, September 17th
11am to 7pm

Art Under the Stars
Wayne Center for the Arts
September 16th
5pm - 8pm

This year's Wooster Arts Jazz Fest will be on Saturday, instead of Sunday, and features longer hours for family fun and artistic enjoyment. Local Wooster businesses will be open, adding to the downtown festivities. This day long festival features art, fine craft, jazz, quality food, a traditional New Orleans-style parade and free children's arts activities. The purpose of this festival is to celebrate the arts, provide sales opportunities for artists and promote economic development in downtown Wooster.



In its 8th year, the Wooster Arts Jazz Fest 2011 will feature over 60 artists, along with children's activities, music, and gourmet food. Music will be provided by Mo'Mojo, The Akron Big Band, and The River City Jazz Band. This free festival, which draws visitors from throughout the Northeast Ohio region, will take place on Saturday, Sept. 17th, 2011 from 11:00 am – 7:00 pm in historic downtown Wooster.

Presented through a partnership between Main Street Wooster, Rotary Club of Wooster, the Wooster City Schools, and including the Wayne Center for the Arts, the Wooster Arts Jazz Fest is organized by volunteers and funded through donations.



In addition to providing a free, quality arts event suitable for all ages, the Wooster Arts Jazz Festival supports, through private and corporate sponsorships, arts education in the schools, economic development in downtown Wooster and the Wooster Rotary Club's college scholarship program for area students.



The Wooster Rotary Club provides over 120 hours of volunteer time to provide support including festival set up, artist's booth coverage and hospitality, Children's Creation Station activities volunteers, gourmet food ticket sales, Rotary Information Booth, and take down. These volunteers convert downtown Wooster into a vibrant festival environment providing jazz music, a juried fine arts event, gourmet foods, and children's art creations.

On Friday night, September 16th, The Wayne Center for the Arts will host Art Under the Stars with music by the Joe Barrone Trio. Wine and gourmet appetizers will be served and an artist preview will be held. Tickets are \$35.00 and are available at Main Street Wooster, 330-262-6222.

All information regarding the event is available at the Wooster Arts Jazz Fest – 2011 website: <http://www.woosterartsjazzfest.org/>. The website provides comprehensive information and visuals.

Rotary Club of Wooster – Joint Service Club Program



Three years ago Wooster Rotary proposed hosting a Joint Service Club program to the local Kiwanis and Lions. Before the planning was complete it had expanded to a joint service program and project.

Each Club committed their meal money from one meeting (over \$2000) and their members (over 200) as volunteers. A simple grant request was created and all area non-profits were invited to submit applications. The Club Presidents select the finalists. The finalists present their proposals to each Club and each Club gets one vote. The local paper generously promotes the project and also does a feature article on each finalist. The community is invited to vote for their favorite on-line using the newspaper website. The on-line voting also counts as one vote. After the voting is complete, a Joint Program is hosted at the Shisler Conference Center on the OSU-ATI campus. The program features youth entertainment from the Wayne Center of the Arts, is emceed by the Chamber President and the winner is announced by the Mayor of Wooster.

In 2009 the winner was the Wayne Holmes Mental Health Coalition. The project involved renovating a church manse into a setting which offers support, social benefits, activities, projects and programs for anyone recovering from a mental illness. Winning the award played a critical role in receiving another grant from the Margaret Clark Morgan Foundation, other local donations and in-kind services. The MOCA House, partly named because of the paint color used for many of the interior rooms, continues to serve our community today and the services expand each year.

The 2010 winner was the Wayne County Children's Services Board. The project involved enhancing the interior visitation rooms with very colorful murals of animals and different countries, and also adding a fenced in playground area for outside visitations. Again winning the award served as a catalyst for other donations such as the time of local artists to paint the murals and Lowe's to provide the fencing.

In 2011 the Exchange Club has been added to the group of participating service clubs. On October 3rd one of the three finalists: the OSU-ATI Secret Arboretum, the Sustainable Energy Network or the Wayne County Humane Society will be named the third award winner.

This provides an opportunity for members from different clubs to work together, for the community to benefit from a major project each year and promotes "service above self."



Tom Ogden, Division 4-B

East Liverpool Rotary announces their 7-day Alaska Cruise departing from Vancouver, British Columbia 12 May 2012. Travelers will experience magical fjords, calving glaciers and abundant wildlife. Prices begin at \$1,070 per person, based on double occupancy. A portion of each passenger's cruise cost will go to support Smile Train to help children get treated for cleft palate. East Liverpool is promoting this to all Ohio Rotarians. Contact Rtn. Leigh Ann Arnholt at 330-932-0157 for more information.

2012 District Conference

Beautiful Glenmoor Country Club, formerly Brunnerdale Seminary, has been selected as the site of the 20-21 April 2012 District Conference. Conference Co-Chairs David Mollenkopf and Mary Winch are already hard at work to create a conference that continues the success of PDG Jim Russell's 2011 conference that incorporated Rotary with family fun activities. The golf course and spa will be available. Glenmoor operates a state-licensed day care center for those wishing to have option available to them. Plan now to bring children and grandchildren to the 2012 District Conference.



International Convention – Bangkok, Thailand, 6-9 May 2012

Thailand is known as the Land of a Thousand Smiles. The Thai people are gracious and polite. When you go to Thailand for the International Convention, 6-9 May 2012, you will want to greet your Thai hosts with the *wai*, their traditional greeting. Place the palms of your hands together in front of your chest. And then bow your head gently until your nose is level with your longest fingers, keeping your elbows tucked at your sides. When someone offers you a *wai*, it is polite to return a *wai* or acknowledge it with a nod of your head.

District Office – A New Resource for 6650

The District has a partnership with the Rotary Club of Canton to share administrative and office resources in downtown Canton.

The Rotary District office is located at:

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Lauri Coy is available to assist coordinating communications, district meetings, district archives, updating data on the Clubrunner data base and posting items on the District website.



We direct our service in six AREAS OF FOCUS: peace and conflict prevention/resolution, disease prevention and treatment, water and sanitation, maternal and child health, basic education and literacy, and economic and community development.