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Upcoming programs

January 9

Economic Update – Bill Baker, Winfield Associates.
As has been our tradition for a number of years, Winfield Associates presents its economic forecast for the upcoming year, including a look back on how things turned out in 2011. Bill, Winfield's president, has been a member of our club since March 2002.

January 16

No meeting – Martin Luther King Jr. observance

January 23

American Youth Foundation – Students from Lakewood High School. For over 20 years, Lakewood - Rocky River Rotarians have provided assistance for students to go to AYF's Camp Miniwanca in Shelby, MI, for leadership training. AYF inspires students to discover and develop their personal best, to seek balance in mental, physical, social and spiritual living, and to make a positive difference in their communities and the world.

January 30

Zoo Animals and their Dentistry Needs – Phil Alexander. According to D.H. DeForge, VMD, "Zoo dentistry is one of the least talked about specialties within veterinary oral care." That will no longer be the case after Dr. Alexander shares his experiences treating animals at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. A member of our club since April 1993, Phil's program is sure to be informative and entertaining.

February 6

Cleveland Indians Update – Bob DiBiasio. Entering his 33rd season with the Indians and his 34rd in major league baseball, Bob started in 1979 as assistant public relations director for the Indians. He is currently senior vice president, public affairs. A Lakewood native, he was the 1999 recipient of the prestigious Robert O. Fischel Award for Public Relations Excellence in Major League Baseball. He was inducted into the Lakewood High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 1999.

February 13

Rocky River High School Jazz Ensemble. John Latham will introduce the jazz ensemble, one of five groups available to students in the instrumental music program at Rocky River High School. Under the direction of Director Kirk Taylor and Assistant Director Ryan Hudec, additional groups are the marching, concert, pep, and pit bands.

Next Cluster social is February 16

Save the date for Thursday, February 16, when the North Ridgeville Rotary Club will be hosting the second Alternative Rotary Meeting/Social for our Cluster.

The event will be held at Fiesta Jalapenos located at 35051 Center Ridge Road in North Ridgeville from 6 to 8 p.m.

According to Adam Sonnhalter, NR club president, the meeting will be a mini-fundraiser for the North Ridgeville club. The restaurant is offering 20% of the bill all day February 16 for patrons who bring in a copy of the club's Rotary newsletter, which the NR club will be creating and distributing in the near future. The discount is good for the Cluster meeting as well.

Attendance at the social will count as a make-up. In addition to North Ridgeville and our club, the other clubs in our Cluster are Westlake-Bay, Westshore, and Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise.

Mark your calendars

March 5

Club Assembly

March 19

Four-Way Speech Contest Finals (noon).

Tuesday, March 27

Speech, Music and Art Awards Ceremony (The Beck Center, 6 p.m.). This will replace the club's regular Monday, March 26 meeting. Our winner will represent the club at the district competition for the Four-Way Speech Contest on March 31.

Friday-Sunday, April 13-15

District Conference (Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls) For all club members. A great opportunity for all Rotarians to learn more about Rotary, connect with Rotarians of other clubs and to reenergize and recommit themselves to Rotary and all of the great things we do.

Saturday, April 14

District Assembly (Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls) Mandatory for the club leadership team. All club members are welcome and highly encouraged to attend. The assembly is a great opportunity for new and old members alike to learn about all of the great things we can do as a club as well as getting great tips on efficient ways to run a club, increasing membership, how to put on great programs, develop meaningful projects, and have great fundraisers.

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Music..... Charles Eversole, Jon Fancher

Program..... Matt Daugherty, Tom Turner, Pete Shimrak

Sergeant-At-Arms Charley Bredt

Social..... Pam Gallagher

District and International

District Activities Jim Lechko

International Foundation Jim Harris

NEARBY MAKE UP OPPORTUNTIES

Avon/Avon Lake, Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Towne Center
Community Campus, 200 Community Drive, Avon Lake.

Cleveland, Downtown, Thursday, Noon. Windows on the
River in the Powerhouse, West Bank of Flats.

Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise, Wednesday, 7:15 a.m.
Umerley Hall, Rocky River.

Middleburg Heights/Brookpark, Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Front
Row Grill, 15119 Snow Road, Middleburg Heights.

North Ridgeville, Friday, Noon, North Ridgeville Senior
Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road, behind City Hall.

Westlake/Bay, Thursday, Noon. Holiday Inn Westlake, 1100
Crocker Road, second floor conference room.

West Shore (formerly Fairview/West Park/North Olmsted),
Tuesday, Noon. 100th Bomb Group, 20920 Brookpark
Road near airport.

On-line at www.rotaryclubone.org

Gifts were focus at Wassail Bowl social

Fellowship, delicious appetizers, holiday music, and festive decorations were enjoyed by 33 Rotarians and guests who attended our club's first Wassail Bowl social on December 12 at Umerley Center.

But the focus of the evening was the nearly 60 children from Lakewood and Rocky River families who were the recipients of gifts purchased by our members. Gift tags bearing 'wishes' for the children were provided by the Lakewood Community Services Center.

"All we can say is WOW!" Trish Rooney, LCSC executive director, said after picking up the gifts. "Your members just went wild and this will be an amazing Christmas for our families. I honestly cannot imagine their reactions when they see their gifts. Please extend our gratitude to your members for us and wish them all a merry Christmas and a peaceful and healthy new year."

Retired Lakewood music teacher Terry Selby led our singing and provided piano accompaniment along with LHS student Max Mulready. Dr. Lisa Hanson led the LHS Chamber Choir and LHS students Andy Peng (violin), Kendall King (violin), Devon Caskey (viola) and Hannah Gallovic (cello) performed as the Four Seasons String Quartet.

Cathy Aldrich made the arrangements for the music and Pam Gallagher-Vine and her "elves" (Marjorie Corrigan, Matt Daugherty, Chuck Gustafson, Nancy Ralls, Jay and Jean Rounds, Jim Vine, and Ann Zabkar) handled set-up and decorating.

Curt Brosky and Jim Lechko really got 'in the spirit' during the singalong, amazing us with their mastery of all the hand and body motions for "Up on the House Top" and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

Three students from the West Shore Career-Technical District's culinary arts program assisted with food set-up, serving and clean-up.

News briefs

Rotarians, family and friends who helped with the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation **food basket distribution** on December 17 were Jim and Marty Harris, Smitty Haller, John Mielke, Chuck Gustafson, Matt and Katie Daugherty, Marjorie and David Corrigan and family, Anne Hildi, Curt Brosky and Betty Tereck, Jean Vahue, Bill Gaydos, Maureen Shannon, Doug Looser, Sam Freiberg, Chuck Drumm, and Larry Faulhaber. (Taken from the sign-up sheets, we apologize if your name was omitted.)

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Andrew Ginter is our newest member. Inducted on December 19, Andrew's a Realtor at the Lakewood RE/MAX office on Warren Road. A licensed Realtor since August 2007, he graduated from Baldwin Wallace and grew up in Berea. Andrew was sponsored by Todd Lessig.

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President-elect **Curt Brosky** will attend PETS-1 (District

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6630 president elect training) on January 28 in Beachwood, and then get the “bigger picture” at All-Ohio PETS in Columbus on March 9-11.

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Club members can now **pay dues online** by credit card, or by using their PayPal account. The “Pay Your Dues Online” link is on our web site, www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org, in the Site Pages section. Dues are \$260 for a year or \$155 for a half year.

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The next **Board of Directors meeting** is January 17 at 7:30 a.m. at First Federal of Lakewood. All club members are welcome to attend, regardless whether or not they are a Board member or officer.

Member birthdays

20 – Michael Abraham, 28 – Chet Brian and Julius Skerlan. A birthday donation to the club foundation or Rotary International entitles the donor to a free lunch.

Membership anniversaries

Dale Vonderau (41 years), Charles Grace (15 years), Kanchan Adhikary and Charles Eversole (six years).



Jim Vine and Nancy Ralls share a story at the Wassail Bowl social.



Phil and Alice Alexander with David Corrigan.

Sunrise member joins her father on trip to El Salvador; club donates reading glasses

Jean Vahue, assisted by members of the Rotary-sponsored Lakewood High Interact Club, spent several months last year collecting reading glasses for a planned visit to El Salvador with her father, a member of the Myerstown-ELCO (Pennsylvania) Rotary Club.

Seven dozen pairs of glasses were collected and the Sunrise Club donated \$30.00 for the purchase of three dozen more.

The Myerstown-ELCO Rotary Club has supported Living Water International that drills water wells in villages where no clean water is available. The club has sponsored 14 wells since 2007 at a cost of \$5,000 each.

During their visit, six places where water projects had been completed were reviewed. The objective was to confirm that the wells were working and being used and that personal hygiene habits had been established. This is a part of Rotary International’s guidelines.

As they visited the wells there were many discussions in the van with the social workers and Living Water personnel who talked about their concerns for the villagers, which could lead to additional international service projects for the Sunrise Club in the future.

Jean describes it as “a one week journey that was a life time of experiences. I learned about wells, people, faith and generosity. It showed me that one small Rotary project can touch the lives of thousands of people.”

In addition to the reading glasses from the Sunrise Club, other groups brought baby clothes, stuffed animals, soccer balls and air pumps.

Living Water International began work in El Salvador in March of 1999 after hurricane Mitch struck the coast, leaving thousands displaced and without access to clean water. Since then, more than 290 water projects have been completed.

Headquartered in Acajutla, Living Water El Salvador serves communities all along the country’s Pacific coast. Most projects are completed as part of mission trips, where teams travel to drill a well and teach valuable health and hygiene lessons in communities where the water situation is critical.

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Our web site is:

<http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org>

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