



THE LISTENER



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MARCH 2012

Upcoming programs and events

Monday, March 5
Club Assembly

Monday, March 12

Outstanding West Shore Career-Tech Students Awards. The district offers students of varying abilities and career interests a wide spectrum of rewarding, real-world technical education experiences. Its programs provide students with hands-on professional training along with high-level academics in new, state-of-the-art classrooms and labs. Students have the opportunity to earn college credit and/or industry credentials at no cost to their home school district, parents, or the student.

Monday, March 19

Four-Way Speech Contest. Finalists from our preliminary competition will present their speeches based on Rotary's Four-Way Test. The winner will present his/her speech at the awards night March 27 at the Beck Center, and at the district competition on March 31.

Monday, March 26

No Meeting due to Speech, Music and Visual Arts Awards Night at Beck Center Tuesday, March 27.

Tuesday, March 27

Speech, Music and Art Awards Ceremony (The Beck Center, 6 p.m.). Replaces the club's regular Monday, March 26 meeting. The speech and music competition winners will be on stage; visual arts work will be on display. All winning students will be honored, followed by a reception. Cost to attend is \$20.00 per person.

Monday, April 2

Community Service Grant Presentations.

Monday, April 9

State of the City Address. Lakewood Mayor Mike Summers.

Friday-Sunday, April 13-15

District Conference (Sheraton Suites, Cuyahoga Falls). A great opportunity for all Rotarians to learn more about Rotary, and connect with and learn from members of other clubs. (See attached letter from DG Steve Zabor.)

Saturday morning, April 14

District Assembly (Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls). All club members, especially club leaders, are welcome and highly encouraged to attend. Sessions will focus on a wide range of topics pertinent to all clubs. Learn and share with Rotarians from throughout the district.

Thursday, April 19

Cluster Social Event at Dave and Buster's. Hosted by the Westlake-Bay Rotary Club, Marie Marrali, president. It will feature complimentary appetizers with a cash bar. More details will follow.

Friday, May 11

Sunrise Club Service auction for AYF. (Umerley Center, 6 p.m.). See story below.

Monday, May 14

Club Foundation Scholarships Awarded.

Sunrise Service Auction is May 11

The Sunrise Club's annual Service Auction to benefit of American Youth Fellowship Leadership Camp scholarships will be Friday, May 11 at 6:00 p.m. at Umerley Hall at the Rocky River Civic Center.

Tickets are just \$15 per person and include two tickets for the wine and beer bar, dinner, and dessert. Ranger Catering will have several food stations around the room and there will plenty of time to visit the silent and top hat raffle tables.

The highlight will be the student work auction. If you are looking for help in your yard, garden or around the house you can bid and get help from a great group of students.

In addition, there will be a live auction of great parties and outings, valuable sports events and art items. Last year was a sell out with many Noon Club members attending. Tickets will be available in April.

Sunrise, Chamber honor Westshore students

Eighteen West Shore Career and Technical District students were honored at the Work Ethics Awards Luncheon co-sponsored by the Sunrise Club and the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce on February 24.

The students were recognized for their hard work in the classroom as well as a demonstrated work ethic in their part-time work connected with their career field of study.

Students received gifts from Chamber members and a certificate of recognition.

Member birthdays

5 – William L. Huffman, 7 – Doug Blackburn, 10 – Dave Shaw, 17 – Pete Shimrak. A birthday donation to the club foundation or Rotary International entitles the donor to a free lunch.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2011-2012

President Lynn Donaldson
President Elect Curt Brosky
Secretary Todd Lessig
Treasurer Tom English
Directors: Kanchan Adhikary, Phil Ardussi, Curt Brosky,
Lynn Donaldson, Pam Gallagher-Vine, Chuck Gustafson,
Jerry Martau, John Mielke, Michael Shoaf
Past President..... Matt Daugherty

COMMITTEE CHAIRS 2011-2012

Community Service..... Curt Brosky

International Service Kanchan Adhikary

New Generations Service

Dictionary Project..... Jay Rounds

Youth Exchange Marjorie Corrigan, Chris Arnold

Vocational Service..... Nancy Ralls

Club Service

Administration

Archives Thom Geist

Attendance..... John Latham

Cashier Larry Yunaska, Julius Skerlan, David Zupan

Fund Raising Matt Daugherty, Pam Gallagher-Vine

Todd Lessig, David Zupan

Membership..... Chris Arnold, Phil Ardussi

Nominations Jim Lechko

Sunshine John Latham

Communications

Education..... Chris Arnold

Listener, Public Relations, Website..... Charles Eversole

Lynn Donaldson

Meetings & Fellowship

Devotional Jon Fancher

Greeters David Shaw

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

News briefs

Gently used prescription eyewear and non-prescription sunglasses are being collected by our club as part of a statewide Rotary project. Presidents-elect for 2012-2013 are collecting the eyewear to be recycled by OneSight. President-elect Curt Brosky is heading up this project for our club, and has prepared a box where Rotarians can deposit their used eyewear each week.

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Included with this newsletter is an opportunity northeast Ohio businesses to promote their business by taking advantage of various **sponsorships for the district conference** April 13-15. Jim Lechko is chairing this effort for the district again this year. He can be contacted at 216.529.5625.

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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 March 20 at 7:30 a.m. at First Federal of Lakewood. All club members are welcome to attend, regardless whether or not you are a Board member or officer.

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Thanks to all participants for making our **Super Bowl fundraiser** a success. The club was the big winner, receiving \$450.00. First, second, and third quarter winners received \$100; the final score winner received \$250. Special thanks to John Mielke for heading up this event every year.

March membership anniversaries

Bill Baker (10 years), Jon Fancher (21 years), Pam Gallagher-Vine (11 years). Thanks for your many years of service to our club!

Our club's mailing address is:

P.O. Box 770916, Lakewood, OH 44107

Our web site is:

<http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org>

Advertising opportunity:

Advertise your business on the club's website for \$150 per year. Your company logo can be included and it can be linked to your email or company's website. See any club officer for details.

District Conference of Clubs – **Building Sustainable Communities Through Rotary**

Come Celebrate **Our Clubs, Our District, and Our Rotary.**

April 13-15 at the Sheraton Suites in Cuyahoga Falls

Dear Fellow Rotarians,

- Learn about successful and sustainable projects from your fellow District Rotarians: Local, International and Literacy.
- Listen to and learn from exciting speakers about issues in our local communities, including Jim Rokakis from the **Thriving Communities Institute**.
- Celebrate the successful Group Study Exchange with a district in India as we host both the incoming and outgoing teams.
- Experience a little of Indian culture.
- Celebrate a year without polio in India.
- Hear the Four-Way Speech winners.
- Be inspired by the creator of **Etta Projects**, Penny Nixon-West, and learn about how it all began and the commitment to building a sustainable community in Bolivia.
- Explore with experts the future of key sectors of our communities: education, transportation, health and the arts.
- Be moved by the testimony of participants in Y.E.S.S.
- Meet our Ambassadorial Scholars and our World Peace Scholar.
- Meet and interact with our inbound and outbound Youth Exchange Students.
- Celebrate Rotary Heroes who **Reach Within to Embrace Humanity**.
- Join the Family of District 6630 at the Akron Aeros on Sunday, April 15.

And, perhaps most importantly, share in the community of Rotary. This past year, as I prepared for my year as District Governor and have traveled throughout the District, my wife and I have been most fortunate to meet the wonderful Rotarians of District 6630 and to learn about their commitment to Service Above Self in their local and international communities. I have been most lucky to interact with our inbound and outbound youth exchange students, our Ambassadorial Scholars and our newest Peace Scholars.

Yours in Rotary Service,

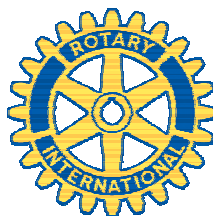
Steve

Stephen L. Zabor, Ph.D.

Rotary District 6630 Governor 2011/12

A Detailed Agenda is available and registration is live at the District Website.





March 5, 2012

Dear Business Owner:

The Rotary District 6630 is delighted to announce the Annual District Conference will be held at the Sheraton Suites – Cuyahoga Falls, OH the weekend of April 13-15, 2012 and ***we have an opportunity for you!*** As in the past, the conference offers northeast Ohio businesses the chance to promote their business by taking advantage of various sponsorships.

The District 6630 conference will have several hundred Rotarians and their family members attending from all over the district, encompassing Ashtabula, Lake, Geauga, Cuyahoga, Medina, Summit and Portage counties in Ohio. We hope you will recognize this incredible opportunity for your business to be involved in an event such as this by supporting at some level.

Attendees are among some of the community's finest; Rotary club members represent a cross-section of business and professional leading men and women who have dedicated themselves to **"Service Above Self."**

Your participation will be a tremendous public relations/marketing opportunity for your firm all while supporting your local Rotary and ultimately the communities in which we live and work. Support will be acknowledged in a number of ways including the District web site, newsletter and exposure at the conference throughout the weekend. Sponsorship levels range from \$5000 to \$50, something to fit everyone's budget. Enclosed is a sponsorship form outlining the opportunities available and benefits you'll receive through your donation.

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders united worldwide who provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world. In more than 200 countries worldwide, approximately 1.2 million Rotarians belong to more than 33,000 Rotary clubs.

Thank you in advance for your consideration. If you need additional information, please feel free to contact Jim Lechko at 216.529.5625.

Sincerely

Jim Lechko
Sponsorship Chair

Rotary District 6630

2012 Annual Conference

April 13-15, 2012

Sheraton Suites – Cuyahoga Falls, OH

Please reserve the following:

____ **Rotary International President Sponsor level - \$5,000**

- **Recognition** in the event program
- **Booth** availability at the conference
- Formal recognition at event
- Recognition in the **District monthly newsletter (+2,250 subscribers) and on the website**

____ **Rotary International Director Sponsor level - \$1,000**

- **Recognition** in the event program
- **Booth** availability at the conference
- Formal recognition at event
- Recognition in the **District monthly newsletter and on the website**

____ **District Governor Sponsor level - \$500**

- **Recognition** in the event program
- **Booth** availability at the conference
- Formal recognition at event
- Recognition in the **District monthly newsletter and on the website**

____ **Club President Sponsor level - \$100**

- **Recognition** in the event program
- Formal recognition at event
- Recognition in the **District monthly newsletter and on the website**

____ **Rotarian Sponsor level - \$50**

- Recognition in event program
- Formal recognition at event
- Recognition in the **District monthly newsletter and on the website**

____ We are unable to participate, please accept our tax deductible underwriting gift

Total Enclosed: _____

***For guaranteed inclusion in the event program, please respond by April 1, 2012.**

Sponsor Name: _____

Program listing (if different from above): _____

Contact: _____

Address: _____ City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Checks should be made payable to **Rotary District 6630** and returned with the completed sponsor form to:

Jim Lechko, Sponsorship Chair

c/o First Federal of Lakewood

1640 Snow Road – Parma, Ohio 44134

For more information, please contact Jim at 216.529.5625 or jlechko@ffl.net