



THE LISTENER



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Upcoming programs and events

Monday, April 2

Trinity Lutheran Community Outreach Program – Pastor Paula Maeder Connor. The program provides hunger relief and more – Pantry bags (one a month), four community meals, Ohio Benefits Bank consultation, health screenings for meal guests, nurse consultations with guests, support group for women living in poverty. Trinity Lutheran Church is located at 16400 Detroit, Lakewood. Pastor Paula has been executive director of the Outreach since 1990.

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.

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.

Monday, April 16

Program TBA.

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.

Monday, April 23

Rocky River Public Library – Nick Cronin. An independent library, it's supported by the residents of Rocky River and by a portion of the Ohio General Fund. A seven-member Board of Trustees, consisting of community members, is the governing body. Cronin was chosen to be the library's director in June 2010.

Monday, April 30

Youth Challenge – Mary Sue Tanis. For over three decades, Mary Sue Tanis has worked to help improve the health and quality of life for children with physical disabilities by providing opportunities for them to have fun through physical and social activity. Today, many of YC's programs take place at its 16,000 square foot headquarters in Westlake, a place where the children

can enjoy everything under one roof, including a gymnasium, adapted weight-lifting area and teen volunteer resource center.

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

Plans are nearly complete for the Sunrise Club's annual Sunrise at Sunset service auction on Friday, May 11 at Umerley Hall.

Last year, the large meeting room at was jammed with members and guests of both the Sunrise and Noon clubs who enjoyed the food, beverages, raffles and the auction. This year both meeting rooms will be used to give more room for the attendees to enjoy the event.

Many Noon Club members attended the auction last year and several provided items for the raffle. Contact Kathy Berkshire at sloopyohio@cox.net to donate an auction item. Parties, boat rides, dinner parties and tickets to sporting events make popular auction items.

The auction provides scholarships for the American Youth Foundation Leadership Camp, and funds for Sunrise Club community projects such as support of the Beck Center, Rocky River Assistance Program and the North Coast Health Ministry.

Proceeds also fund international service projects including PolioPlus, Shelter Boxes and shoe boxes for Children of the Dump in Nicaragua.

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

The student work auction offers help in your yard, garden or around the house. Tickets will be available at Noon Club meetings in April.

Member birthdays for April

6 – Phil Alexander, 7 – Nancy Lee Malm, 12 – Nancy Ralls. A birthday donation to the club foundation or Rotary International entitles the donor to a free lunch.

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2011-2012

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Social Pam Gallagher

District and International

District Activities Jim Lechko

International Foundation Jim Harris

NEARBY MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Speech winner places second at district

Rocky River High School senior Connor Hooper placed second in the Rotary District 6630 Four-Way Speech Contest on March 31 at Aurora High School.

There were 30 participants at the district contest from throughout Northeast Ohio.

Hooper was the winner of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River's Four-Way Speech Contest on March 19, which entitled him to compete at the district competition. His speech was on "Pacifism as U.S. Foreign Policy."

Speeches for the contest 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?"

Hooper has been a member of the Rocky River High School forensics team for the last two years. He was a state quarterfinalist in U.S. Extemporaneous Speaking, for which the student must, in 30 minutes, prepare a seven-minute persuasive speech pertaining to a current event or issue in the United States.

Club second in state in eyeglasses project

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River's collection of 279 eyeglasses plus 63 eyeglasses cases earned it a second place out of all clubs in Ohio at the annual All-Ohio President Elect Training Seminar in Columbus on March 9-11.

The club was the top collector among all clubs in District 6630 that covers 55 Rotary clubs in Northeast Ohio. The first place club in the state, Oak Harbor, collected 446 pairs.

Honorary Rotarian Rocky River Mayor Pam Bobst and her husband, optometrist Tom Bobst, donated more than 250 of club's total.

All donated glasses will be cleaned and repaired by OneSight, a non-profit organization with 15 locations worldwide. Trained volunteers take each pair of glasses through a multi-step process to ensure the highest quality is dispensed to patients in need around the globe.

Interact Club tutoring students in math

Sunrise Club members Marty Harris, Jean Vahue and Barb Sabol have been working with Lakewood High Interact Club members participating in a math tutoring program at Lakewood High School for students with English as a second language.

The high school is providing the tutoring lab for 45-minute sessions five days a week. Interact Club members have reported it is challenging work, but they enjoy working with the students and being able to provide the service.

April membership anniversaries

Phil Alexander (19 years), Curt Brosky (16 years), and Dave Baker (15 years). Thanks for your many years of service to our club!

News briefs

Name That Tune! For the month of April, the Noon and Sunrise clubs are arranging for a “songbook swap.” Our club has one volume of a collection of classic American songs, and the Sunrise Club has the other volume. So for the five meetings in April we will have the chance to sing some different, yet familiar songs. (And yes, Jon and Charles do take requests!)

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Rachel’s Challenge. By now at least some of you may know that the club Board has approved funding for Rachel’s Challenge for Rocky River’s middle and high schools. The cost of bringing Rachel’s Challenge to Rocky River will be \$5,195.00, which will be underwritten by the club, not our Foundation.

The club Board of Directors is excited to provide the funding, but also to learn how the club membership can be involved in helping to make Rachel’s Challenge a success in Rocky River. Jean Rounds will serve as the liaison between the schools and the club.

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Golf Outing. Our annual golf outing is scheduled for Monday, September 10, at Red Tail Golf Club, a private golf club, located in Avon. There will be a shotgun start at noon. More information to come.

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Scholarships. At its March 13 meeting, the Foundation Board reaffirmed the residency requirement for its college scholarships. Many years ago, the scholarships were established specifically and exclusively for graduating seniors who reside in the cities of either Lakewood or Rocky River. Thus a student’s eligibility is not based on whether the high school he or she attends is in Lakewood or Rocky River, but whether he or she is a resident of one of those two cities.

For the first time this year, the scholarship application can be accessed from the club web site. The scholarships will be awarded on May 14.

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Lemonade! Students from Rocky River High School’s Service Learning class will do a quick presentation at our April 2 meeting. They will be promoting their Alex’s Lemonade Stand that will take place in May. Members who wish to have a cup of lemonade and support the cause can do so on their way out of the meeting.

The students will be accompanied by Kristen Kalinowski, Family and Consumer Sciences teacher.

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Thanks! Phil and Ann Ardussi are listed on the district web-site as one of the sponsors of the district conference.

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Rotary Benches. The club Board has approved the purchase of two park benches that will be placed at Beck Center later this year. The benches, built of pressure-treated lumber, will be painted and decorated by student artists at Lakewood

High School, and will include the Rotary emblem. Thanks to Pam Gallagher-Vine for her work on this project.

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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 April 17 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.

Club Foundation provides over \$37,000 for youth, community

Over \$37,000 from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation will be used to provide scholarships, recognize student achievement, purchase dictionaries, and fund grant requests made by Lakewood and Rocky River community organizations.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River began presenting the awards on March 27, when student winners in the club’s annual speech, music and art competition were recognized at an awards ceremony and reception at the Beck Center.

The Beck Center’s visual arts program also received \$2,500 for club-sponsored scholarships, and \$1,322 was used to continue the club’s commitment to provide a dictionary to every third grader in Lakewood and Rocky River.

Other grants for youth-related programs were awarded to: Mathew’s Lending Library, Lakewood Community Recreation, H2O (Help to Others), and the American Youth Foundation programs at Lakewood and Rocky River high schools.

This year’s largest grant of \$5,000 was awarded to Trinity Lutheran Community Outreach for its weekly hot meal program, gardens and fresh produce distribution.

Additional community service grants were awarded to: Lakewood Community Services Center, Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp., North Coast Health Ministry, Lakewood Meals on Wheels, Rocky River Meals on Wheels, Barton Senior Center, Rocky River Senior Center, and Lakewood Hospital Foundation’s diabetes assistance initiative.

The Foundation’s assets grow each year as the result of gifts, donations and bequests by members and friends of the club.

Our club’s mailing address is:

P.O. Box 770916, Lakewood, OH 44107

Our web site is:

<http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org>

Club honors speech, music and visual arts winners at Beck Center event

Winners of the Rotary annual Speech, Music, and Visual Arts Contest were honored at an awards ceremony March 27 at the Beck Center for the Arts.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River, the competition showcases the incredible talents of students attending one of the five high schools – Lakewood, Lutheran West, Magnificat, Rocky River, and St. Edward.

“This annual event is a wonderful way to acknowledge the talents of our youth,” said 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.” The Beck Center is a longstanding partner with the Rotary club for this competition.

The winners received congratulations and prize money from Lynn Donaldson, Rotary club president. “Our club has a long history of recognizing, encouraging and supporting the youth of our community in many areas of endeavor,” he told the audience. “We celebrate each participant’s talent hard work and persistence in the visual arts, music and speech.”

Connor Hooper of Rocky River High School was the speech contest winner. His topic was “Pacifism as U.S. Foreign Policy.” Second place went to Steve Saed, Lakewood High School, and third place to Alaina Valkoff, Rocky River.

The speech contest was held in two parts with the semi-finals at the Beck Center on March 10 and the finals at the Rotary’s March 19 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?”

All music contest winners were from Lakewood High School. Jiale Peng, violin, captured first place in the music contest with “Violin Concerto” by Sibelius. Soprano Abby Boland placed second, performing “Se tu m’ami, se sospiri” by Pergolesi, and Jacob Short, trumpet, placed third, performing “Hummel Trumpet Concerto, Movement 1” by J. Hummel. The contest, which follows the judging standards set by the Ohio Music Education Association, was held on March 24.

Visual arts winners were Bram Myers, “Forest in Charcoal,” charcoal, Lakewood, first place; Montague Cockrell, “Cleveland Born,” acrylic painting, Lakewood, second place; Mike Benesh, “State Champ,” clay and colored pencil, St. Edward High School, third place.

Honorable mentions went to Hannah Frimel, “Under the Sea,” batik, Lakewood; Michael Todaro, “Stun E. Cuffs,” ink, Lakewood; and Blakes Trumbel, “Croc,” clay, St. Edward.

Judging for the visual arts portion took place in late March and over 100 pieces, of numerous styles employing various media, were submitted by all five schools. A jury of artists selected outstanding works of art meeting the contest requirements. From this gallery of art, judges chose winners

and prizes were awarded for the most outstanding works of art in the contest.

Selected entries from the visual arts contest are on display in the Rotary Student Art Show in the Jean Bulicek Galleria now through April 29. This exhibit is free and open to the public during regular gallery hours.

Awards ranged from \$500 for first place to \$100 for third place. Support for the event was provided by FFL Investments Services at First Federal of Lakewood.

Club recognizes outstanding West Shore career-tech students

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 12 at the Don Umerley Civic Center.

The 17 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.

Parents, employers, work supervisors and guests were among those in attendance. The Rotary club presented each student with a U.S. Savings Bond and a plaque to honor their achievements. According to Nancy Ralls, West Shore Career-Technical District career development coordinator, this is the fifteenth year the club has honored the Outstanding Student Award winners.

Each award recipient is automatically nominated to receive the “Career-Technical Student of the Year Award” which will be announced at West Shore’s annual Career Passport and Student Recognition Assembly on May 22.

West Shore districts are Bay Village, Lakewood, Rocky River and Westlake. This year West Shore is serving 491 students in its workforce development programs.

The 2012 Outstanding Student Award recipients are: Mike Willi, automotive technology; Jessi Ganyard, biotechnology; Josh Jenkins, business management; Max Smith, community based training at Bonne Bell; Crystal Palmer, community based training at Marriott; Sarah Musleh, community based training at Rae Ann; Corey Riester, construction trades; Howard Kolodny, culinary arts/ProStart;

Caroline Schwind, early childhood education/senior services; John Blainer, electronic technology; Mark Hanna, health careers technology; Elizabeth Taucher, interactive media; Asael Suleiman, medical office management; Alex Wilson, networking/Cisco; Ryan Cleary, Project Lead the Way; Michael Simmons, service occupations training; and Matt Lewis, Transition to Work.

Photos of these events can be viewed on our club’s web site, <http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org>