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Calendar of events

Monday, June 4

Foundation Scholarship Winners. Jon Fancher and scholarship committee.

Monday, June 11

Open Mic. Club members.

Monday, June 18

Providence House. Natalie A. Leek-Nelson, CEO and President.

Monday June 25

Officer and Club Director Changeover. Jim Lechko, Jim Harris.

Monday, June 25, 5:30-7:00 p.m.

West Shore Rotary Club is hosting a Rotary Cluster After Hours social event at the Whistlestop Restaurant, 673 Cahoon Road, Westlake. Free appetizers will be provided.

Monday, September 10, 11:30 a.m. shotgun start

Annual Golf Outing at Red Tail Golf Club. (See story below.)

Annual golf outing September 10 at Red Tail

Sponsored by our club in conjunction with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Pillars of Lakewood, our annual golf outing is set for Red Tail Golf Club on Monday, September 10, with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$125 per golfer, and includes greens fees for 18 holes plus boxed lunch, barbecue for dinner, contests and door prizes.

Registration for both foursomes and golfers can be completed online at the club website, www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org. Registration forms can also be downloaded from the website or obtained by contacting Matt Daugherty. If not registering online, forms and payment should be mailed to Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River, P.O. Box 770916, Lakewood, OH 44107.

Sponsors are also needed for the event. A sponsorship form is also available for download from the website.

The course is located at 4400 Lear Nagle Road, Avon.

Committee Sign-up. Please indicate on the sign-up sheet on which committee you wish to serve. For additional information, see President-Elect Curt Brosky.



Scholarship winners (from left) Michael Warren, Claire Bierge, Mark Moskwa and Alaine Valkoff.

Four receive scholarships

Four graduating seniors were awarded scholarships by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River at its luncheon meeting on June 4.

Mark Moskwa and Alaina Valkoff from Rocky River High School and Claire Bierge from Lakewood High School received \$2,500 awards; Lakewood High School senior Michael Warren received a \$1,000 award.

The Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation funded the scholarships.

In addition to outstanding academic achievement, the four were chosen for their extracurricular and community involvement.

Michael Warren's participation has included marching band (clarinet section leader), Model United Nations and membership in the National Honor Society. He plans to study neuroscience and chemistry at Baldwin Wallace University.

Claire Bierge was a Field Commander for Lakewood's marching band. She was president of the German Club, received "Student of the Month" awards for German and Wind Ensemble, and is a member of the National Honor Society. She will study nursing at the University of Cincinnati.

Mark Moskwa captained the varsity soccer team and was named to the First Team All-Conference while also lettering

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OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2011-2012

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Meetings & Fellowship

Devotional Jon Fancher

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Music..... Charles Eversole, Jon Fancher

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

Sergeant-At-Arms John Mielke

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, 12:15 p.m. Winking Lizard, 32045

Detroit Rd., Avon.

West Shore (formerly Fairview/West Park/North Olmsted),

Tuesday, Noon. 100th Bomb Group, 20920 Brookpark

Road near Hopkins airport.

On-line at www.rotaryclubone.org

Four receive scholarships

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in varsity basketball. He was selected as Advanced Placement Chemistry Student of the Year. In addition, Mark volunteers with youth soccer leagues and works as a caddy at Westwood Country Club. He also tutors children living at the Domestic Violence Center of Greater Cleveland. Mark will attend Carnegie Mellon University to study chemistry and economics.

Alaina Valkoff was president and three-time state qualifier on her school's speech and debate team. She was on the Model United Nations team and president of the Law Explorers Program through the American Bar Association. In addition, she was her school's "Pirate of the Semester" and Outstanding English Student of the Year. Alaina will study public policy administration and pre-law at the University of Mississippi.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River is part of Rotary International, a worldwide organization of more than 1.2 million business, professional, and community leaders. Members of Rotary clubs, known as Rotarians, provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

There are 33,000 Rotary clubs in more than 200 countries and geographical areas. Clubs are nonpolitical, nonreligious, and open to all cultures, races, and creeds. As signified by the motto "Service Above Self," Rotary's main objective is service – in the community, the workplace, and throughout the world.

Who are those invocators?

You could be one!

Here's an easy way to contribute to our weekly club meetings: join the list of about a dozen people who take turns offering an invocation to open our meetings.

You can offer a prayer "off-the-cuff," or a poem or prayer or devotional moment that you came across recently. And since we have about a dozen people who take turns doing this, you'll be scheduled only about once every three months.

If you want to learn more about it – or you want to volunteer for the next six-month period – contact Jon Fancher (440-333-4888 or jfancher@riverpres.org).

June birthdays

4 – Martin Dodenhoff, 12 – Bill Knoble, 21 – Jon Fancher, 29 – Dick Garrett, 30 – Mark Getsay. Birthday donations to the club foundation or Rotary International entitle the donor to a free lunch.

June membership anniversaries

John Lance (48 years), Bill L. Huffman (47), Bill Knoble (46), Thom Geist (42), Bob Weber (39); Joe Hammerschmidt (24), Julius Skerlan (22), Chet Brian (14), Michael Abraham (10), and Lee Elmore (five). Thanks for your years of service.

2011 scholarship winner thanks club, asks for Relay for Life event support

Dear Lynn,

Hello, my name's Kelsey Solarz. I believe we met at the reception for the scholarship recipients in 2011, but I was your \$2500 scholarship recipient last year who was headed to Kent State for Nursing! I just had a couple of points I wanted to share with Rotary – I promised I'd let you all know what happened my freshman year!

Also, I had some exciting news and was wondering if the Rotary would like to take a role with it.

I just finished spring semester finals and received my grades for the year. I ended my freshman year in Pre-Nursing at Kent State with a 4.0 cumulative GPA, one of about ten kids who managed a 4.0 and President's List! Needless to say I'm at the top of my class and in the nursing program here at Kent now! I was also chosen to be a member of the National Society of Collegiate Scholars and my induction is in August! Thank you all for your support last year that made this possible!

Also, I don't know if any of you have heard word of it, but I'm chairing (heading, planning, and running) the Lakewood Relay for Life! The American Cancer Society finally set up an event in the Lakewood community and I couldn't be more honored to run it. I cordially invite all of you to the event on June 15-16, or if anyone would be willing or able to volunteer, you're more than welcome! If you'd like more information on ways to participate either as individuals or as a team for the Rotary, let me know! I'd be delighted to share with you!

Anyway, a second thanks is in order for the scholarship. So thank you! Everything is falling completely into place for my college career because of it.

Sincerely,

Kelsey Solarz

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News briefs

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 June 19 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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Effective June 7, the **Westlake/Bay Rotary Club** will be meeting at the Winking Lizard, 32045 Detroit Rd., Avon. Meetings are on Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. Cost is \$14.00. The club's plan is to stay at the Winking Lizard for a year or so until the new Westlake High School opens and then move to the school's community room.

It's not too late!

With less than one month left in this Rotary year, the District is appealing to every Rotarian to consider donating to The Rotary Foundation.

As an extra bonus each scheduled recurring gift that is made between 1 April and 1 July will automatically receive double Foundation recognition points. Additional information about this promotion and Foundation Recognition points is available from Jim Lechko, Lynn Donaldson or Smitty Haller.

Donating to TRF is very simple. Members can choose to donate through Smitty, our club Foundation Liaison, or directly to TRF on line.

To donate on line, you need to sign in on the member access page which will take you to a menu of on line services. Look for "Contribute to The Rotary Foundation" which will then walk you through the process.

Sunrise at Sunset auction raises \$12,500 for community, international projects

The 2012 Sunrise Club auction was a big success! Over 200 Rotarians and their guests including several Noon Club members enjoyed a lively evening with refreshments and a light supper prepared and served by the Ranger Catering students from Lakewood High School.

Check in, side board, top hats and the silent auction were held in the small meeting room of Umerley Hall. Attendees could have a drink and look over the 24 Top Hat packages and 28 Silent Auction items.

Auctioneer Bill Gaydos kept everyone in the main hall interested and excited leading the bidding for twelve live auction items, such as a sailboat cruise, box seat tickets for an Indians game, Beck Center tickets and dinner, a Fourth of July barbecue and prime seat for the Lakewood fireworks, and even a lunch with Mayor Mike Summers.

A highlight of the Auction was a chance to hire the American Youth Federation students for inside and out home chores and home entertainment by talented students. Nearly \$1,500 was raised for scholarships to the summer AYF Leadership Camp. Interact and Rotary exchange students participated and raised money through cake raffles.

The balance of the proceeds will provide funds for the Sunrise Club community projects such as support of the Beck Center, Rocky River Assistance Program and the North Coast Health Ministry. The proceeds also fund international service projects including PolioPlus, Shelter Boxes, and shoe boxes for the Children of the Dump in Nicaragua.

Nearly all of the Sunrise Club members participated in planning, organization, set up and conduct of the event.

Recent new members, Dave Clement, Randy Gray, and Dan Klenkar were key members of the Auction Committee chaired by Tim Hill and Marty Harris. A goal of \$20,000 has already been set for 2013 Auction.