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Rotary-sponsored Rachel's Challenge kicks off September 26 in Rocky River

Wednesday, September 26, is the kickoff date at Rocky River High School for the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River-sponsored project, "Rachel's Challenge."

Rachel's Challenge "is a program to assist students in making permanent and positive cultural change in their schools and communities by accepting the challenge of Rachel Scott to start a chain reaction of kindness and compassion." The program reaches out to students, parents, staff, and community members in providing an enriching educational experience and also generating leadership to help create a safer and more nurturing environment.

Nearly 1,600 students in grades six through 12 will be included within the learning opportunity as well as the staff and community members, including many Rotarians.

Jean Rounds, club chairperson for the project and Rocky River school board member, is reaching out to Rotarians to participate within this exciting program that will provide opportunities for interaction with youth attending the Rocky River City Schools.

Rotarians are encouraged to also attend the evening community meeting on September 26 from 7 to 8 p.m. at RRHS, 20951 Detroit Road in Rocky River. At this time, a national presenter from Rachel's Challenge will address the public and provide general information on the program.

There will be two assemblies for the students earlier that day as well as training sessions for students and adults. "I am hopeful that Rotarians also will schedule time to attend one of the two assemblies and also the training session," Jean explains, "as they are necessary in order to provide direction for interaction with the students during the school year."

The high school assembly is from 9 to 10 a.m. and the middle school from 10:15 to 11:15 a.m. Small group training is from 12:30 to 2 p.m. Contact Jean Rounds (440-333-9805) to confirm your attendance at one or more of these events.

Throughout the school year there will be ample opportunity for Rotarians to work with the students in meaningful service projects related to Rachel's Challenge. Rotarians can meet with students during the students' club meetings, which occur before or after school. "Rotarians can determine how much time they can spend depending upon personal schedules," she notes. "It is important to attend the training sessions on September 26 to become informed."

"This is an exciting opportunity to become engaged with youth in meaningful service with the underlying value of

kindness and compassion being emphasized," Jean adds. "What a wonderful way to embrace this year's Rotary International theme of Peace through Service! Please consider being an active participant."

Clambake reservations due soon

Our annual clambake is Tuesday, October 2, and prepaid reservations must be turned in to Tom Turner by Wednesday, September 19, to receive the \$39 per person price. After that date, the price increases to \$44.

Your name and those of your guests must be attached to your check for admittance. Space is limited and a sell-out is expected.

Set for the Clifton Beach Pavilion, the event begins with a BYOB social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. The clambake buffet includes New England clam chowder, one dozen steamed clams, one half barbecued chicken, baked yams, local sweet corn, cole slaw, brownies and coffee.

Checks should be made payable to the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River. Contact Tom Turner, 440-823-4007 or tlt4400@sbcglobal.net, for further information.

Next monthly social is September 27

On September 27 there will be another social gathering at Around the Corner on Detroit in Lakewood's west-end, starting at 5:00 p.m. Bring your significant other, friend, or just come with another Rotarian. There is no agenda except to spend some social time together.

The socials are the fourth Thursday of every month and are well attended. Contact Tom Turner, 440-823-4007 or tlt4400@sbcglobal.net, for further information.

Calendar of events

Monday, September 17, Noon

Rocky River Yesterday – Phil Ardussi. Published by the Rocky River Historical Society, this 400-page book contains 360 illustrations and stories about Rocky River, focusing on its citizens. Authored by Jim Sanders, Richard Maturi and Phil Ardussi, the book was started in the 1980s (approximately 120 pages) and finished in 2012 by Phil. All proceeds from the sale of the book go to the Rocky River Historical Society. The book will be available in the near future.

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The Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River

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OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2012-2013

President	Curt Brosky
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2010-2013 – Kanchan Adhikary, Chuck Gustafson, Matt Daugherty (replacing Curt Brosky)	
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2012-2015 – Phil Ardussi, Charles Eversole, Greg Thompson	
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COMMITTEES 2012-2013

Club Service

Administration

Archives	Thom Geist
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Fund Raising	Matt Daugherty (chair), Todd Lessig, Dave Zupan, Greg Thompson (golf)
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Nominations	Chris Arnold, Matt Daugherty, Lynn Donaldson
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District Activities	Jim Lechko
Club Foundation	Chris Arnold
Rotary International Foundation	Jim Harris

Meetings & Fellowship

Devotional	Jon Fancher
Greeters	David Shaw
Music	Charles Eversole, Jon Fancher, Phil Ardussi
Program	Matt Daugherty (chair), Tom Turner, Pete Shimrak
Sergeant-At-Arms	John Mielke (chair), Chuck Gustafson
Social	Tom Turner

Community Service

International Service

New Generations Service

Dictionary Project	Jay Rounds
Rachel's Challenge	Jean Rounds
Youth Exchange	Chris Arnold (chair), Andrew Ginter

Vocational Service

LEADERSHIP 2012-2013

Julie West, Governor, District 6630 (Cleveland)

Shawn Mueller, Assistant District Governor, Cuyahoga County Northwest - Lorain County (North Ridgeville)

Sakuji Tanaka, President, Rotary International (Yashio, Saitama, Japan)

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

September birthdays

5 – Dave Baker, 9 – Wib Leopold, 23 – Jim Lechko, 29 – Brian King. Birthday donations to the club foundation or Rotary International entitle the donor to a free lunch.

September membership anniversaries

Jim Harris (44 years), Doug Blackburn (32 years).

Foundation annual meeting Sept. 24

The Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Club Foundation annual meeting will be held on September 24 at the luncheon meeting. Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend so you can learn from Chris Arnold about the performance of our foundation in the Rotary year 2011-2012.

Members of the club are encouraged to contribute to our foundation as a way to memorialize the passing of friends and relatives. Remember that the family who has lost a loved one will receive a letter from the foundation telling them that a contribution has been made to the Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Foundation in memory of the deceased. This is a gift that lasts a lot longer than a basket of flowers and keeps on giving because our foundation supports our community each year. Plus, and this is a big plus, a Rotarian's contribution in memory of someone will be credited towards his or her Carl Dryer Award account.

Remember, if you are planning to contribute to our foundation in memory of someone, please include the name and address of the family of the deceased when you send your contribution to Tom English so a letter can be sent to the family acknowledging your contribution to our foundation.

Sunrise Club in fifth year filling shoeboxes for Children of the Dump in Nicaragua

August 2012 marked the fifth year that the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club has participated in the Children of the Dump Project.

In the late 1990s, missionary Father Marco Dessy noticed the children in the city of Chinandega, Nicaragua, were rummaging through the city dump each day looking for something to eat or usable items to salvage. A civil war and the 1998 hurricane had left the city in ruins and a cycle of poverty had developed.

During a visit to the area on another humanitarian project, Past District Governor Jack Young learned about an effort to help these children and their families. Sunrise Club member, then assistant governor, Bill Gaydos, initiated a project within the Sunrise Club to help.

On August 8, 25 Sunrise Club members met and filled specially marked Rotary "shoeboxes" with clothing, toys and school supplies. Thirty-five individual members adopted a child of a specific age or size and filled a large box with toiletries, an outfit of clothes, school supplies and optional items like games or toys depending on the child's age.

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Club built, maintained cabin for Boy Scouts in Metroparks

(Editor's note: The following is an excerpt from *The History of Lakewood Rotary Club 1926-1956* by Roy E. Bowers. p.20-21. During our club's Appreciative Inquiry meetings two years ago, long-time member Bob Cook mentioned the cabin as a hands-on project that made him proud to be a Rotarian.)

With so many sons in Scouting, we naturally pulled strong for the Boy Scout service. During Russ Cook's presidency he moved us to build a Scout Cabin for year-round use. Metropolitan Park Commissioner W. A. Stinchcomb assigned a suitable site in the Cedar Point neighborhood, deep in the forest. Oliver Chamberlin drew plans, perhaps a quarter of the membership, enlisted by Russ and Ollie, got up enough steam for week-ends lugging materials, digging holes, laying footings, setting piers and, under expert supervision, helping to frame, roof and finish.

There were many aggravating delays and it was not until Bill Latimer's term had got well a-going that on September 28, 1936, the Cabin was dedicated and the keys presented to the Cleveland Boy Scout Council in the presence of fifty-five men; our lunch being held there that day. Granville Cook had secured a bronze plate to be fixed to the Cabin, lest the boys forget, and the December "Rotarian" (**below**) printed a picture, an account, and high praises of the achievement, the largest undertaking of the Club up to that time. The Cabin has justified the effort. Thousands of boys have camped in it and their vigorous use has called for repairs and replacements. During 1950 a complete renovation inside and out involved much glass and hardware, new floors, door and steps, adjustment of foundations and piers, and repainting complete. Much of the material was donated or furnished at huge discounts by club members and the Cabin is in absolute shipshape.

We are favored in having official representatives of scouting in our own membership, "Stewie" Barlow, Field Scout Executive of the Cleveland headquarters, and Ralph Elsas, his associate.

P.S. Neither have we by any means overlooked our daughters' interests in Camp Fire, Girl Scout and Girl Reserve activities, which for years have had contributions from Sunshine Fund for summer camps.

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Through fund-raising efforts the club purchased items and filled an additional 40 boxes. The total of 75 were packed and prepared for shipment to Nicaragua. Packing night has also become a social with Rotary families gathering to help with the packing and enjoying pizza and pop while working.

PDG Young has made arrangements with a Rotarian in Michigan to get the shoeboxes shipped. Last year, 11 clubs in the District participated and with the help of other Ohio and Michigan Rotary clubs, 28,000 shoeboxes were sent to Chinandega.

In order to receive one of the shoeboxes the child must be going to school and meeting at least minimum grade level requirements. It is the goal of this project that the cycle of poverty will be broken through providing food, education and programs to encourage good health. PDG Young has made plans to be in Chinandega in November 2012 to help distribute the boxes and see how the lives of these children and families has improved through the efforts of the Sunrise Club and other Rotary clubs who participated.



They had their fun—these Rotarians of Lakewood, Ohio—when they built this cabin with their own funds and hands. Now the Boy Scouts for whom they built it can have theirs. The Club, back to normal after the strenuous but satisfying toil, is shown as it appeared on dedication day. The camp site is in a metropolitan park.



Calendar of meetings, special events and fun!

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Monday, September 24, Noon

Foundation Annual Report – Jim Harris. See story on page two.

Wednesday, September 26, 8:45a.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Rachel's Challenge at Rocky River High School. See story on page one.

Monday, October 1, Noon

The Ohio Turnpike. Officially the James W. Shocknessy Ohio Turnpike, it's a 241.26 mile-long, limited-access highway that runs east to west in the northern section of the state, from the Indiana Toll Road to the Pennsylvania Turnpike. Owned and maintained by the Ohio Turnpike Commission headquartered in Berea, it was built from 1949 to 1955. Completed a year prior to the Interstate Highway System, the turnpike carries three interstate routes: I-76, I-80 and I-90.

Tuesday, October 2, 6:00 p.m.

Annual Clambake at Clifton Beach. For information and tickets, contact Tom Turner, tlt4400@sbcglobal.net or 440-823-4007.

Monday, October 8, Noon

American Youth Foundation – Matt Heslep. For over 20 years, Lakewood - Rocky River Rotarians have provided assistance for students to go to AYF's Camp Miniwanca in Shelby, Michigan, for leadership training. AYF inspires people 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 in the wider world.

Matt serves as faculty advisor for the AYF club at Lakewood High School. For six years, he has coordinated scholarships and taken ten to twenty students annually to the National Leadership Conference in Shelby, MI. He is passionate about providing transformational educational experiences for students.

Thursday, October 11, 2:00-7:00 p.m.

Rocky River Business Expo, Don Umerley Civic Center. Booth with the Sunrise club.

Saturday, October 20, 10:15 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Produce Distribution with Trinity Lutheran Community Outreach, 16400 Detroit Ave. This is second year our club will assist TLCO in handing out fresh produce to the needy in the community. From April through November, TLCO distributes large quantities of local surplus produce at no cost, in conjunction with its Third Saturday meal.

Full of energy and activity, produce distribution days attract hundreds of area residents and dozens of volunteers. Cooking demonstrations and nutrition information are often part of the day. The Cleveland Food Bank and the Peace and Plenty Garden of Trinity Lutheran Church provide ongoing support.

Saturday, November 17 and Saturday, December 22, 8:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation Food Delivery. Lakewood Masonic Temple on the corner of Detroit and Andrews in Lakewood. Join club members and other community organizations by volunteering your time at one or both of these delivery events. Volunteers move, pack and distribute food items and household supplies for needy people and families. Join us as little or as much as you would like...better yet, bring a friend or neighbor! Since its inception LCAC has helped provide over 5,000 Lakewood families with holiday food bags at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Monday, December 10 (Tentative date, time TBD).

Second Annual Holiday Party. Our focus will once again be providing gifts for needy children from Lakewood and Rocky River families. Gift tags bearing 'wishes' for the children will be provided by the Lakewood Community Services Center.

Online option available to pay dues

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.lakewoodrockyriverr Rotary.org, in the Site Pages section. Dues are \$260 for a year or \$155 for a half year.