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## Momentum of Rachel's Challenge felt in Rocky River middle, high schools

"I have this theory that if one person will go out of their way to show compassion, then it *will* start a chain reaction of the same," Rachel Joy Scott wrote in a class essay a month before she was killed on April 20, 1999 at age 17 in the tragic shootings at Columbine High School in Littleton, CO.

Established by Rachel's father and stepmother, Darrell and Sandy Scott, Rachel's Challenge is an organization that exists "to inspire, equip and empower every person to create a permanent, positive culture change...by starting a chain reaction of kindness and compassion."

A project of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, Rachel's Challenge was sponsored on behalf of the Rocky River City Schools. A \$2,500 District Simplified Grant provided half the funding, with the club contributing the balance.

Two presentations on September 26, one for middle school and one for high school students, were followed by a training session where student leaders from both schools and Rotarians gathered to consider how to start a chain reaction in their schools and the community.

Frank Simmons, a Rachel's Challenge program presenter, shared Rachel's life story with the students. His presentations included surveillance video from within the school and news footage of the unforgettable events the day that Rachel, 11 of her classmates and one teacher, were killed by two troubled students. Recorded commentary focused on the ways Rachel touched others, including total strangers and her siblings.

Students were given an actionable set of goals intended to reduce bullying and promote tolerance and understanding in their schools and community. Many students and educators were moved to tears. Afterwards, the students were invited to sign banners to indicate their willingness to accept the challenge.

Parents and community members learned about the program at a separate presentation that evening. District Governor Julie West attended the meeting and stated afterwards, "I am so glad I was able to attend. This is an outstanding project. It truly reflects this year's Rotary theme, Peace Through Service."

Jean Rounds, a member of the Rotary club and of the Rocky River School Board, said, "There is such a wonderful connection between Rotary's mission and the message of

Rachel's Challenge. It's a wonderful way to have interaction between Rotarians and the Rocky River youth."

Student clubs have been formed in both schools to determine how to change the culture through positive encouragement of their peers. The Rotary club is committed to the project long-term, and members are attending the school club meetings, assisting in the students' planning and offering support.

To date, nearly 19 million students, educators and parents worldwide have been reached by Rachel's Challenge.



District Governor Julie West (left) and Jean Rounds. Additional pictures are on our website. Thanks to Phil Ardussi for providing photos from the day's events.

## ***Clambake enjoyed by all who attended***

Attendees at our annual clambake October 2 at Clifton Beach were treated to a wonderful evening of good weather, good food and great fellowship.

As in previous years, the event was a sell-out. Thanks to **Tom Turner** and **Thom Geist** for their time and hard work to make this a memorable evening for all who attended.

## **Next monthly social is October 25**

Our monthly social gathering for October 25 will be at a new location, **Pearl of the Orient**, 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. Contact **Tom Turner**, 440-823-4007 or [tl4400@sbcglobal.net](mailto:tl4400@sbcglobal.net), for further information.

# The Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River

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2010-2013 – Kanchan Adhikary, Chuck Gustafson, Matt Daugherty (replacing Curt Brosky)

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Past President ..... Lynn Donaldson

## COMMITTEES 2012-2013

### Club Service

#### Administration

Archives ..... Thom Geist  
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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** ..... Phil Ardussi

**International Service** ..... Kanchan Adhikary

**New Generations Service** ..... Pam Gallagher

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

**Vocational Service** ..... Nancy Ralls

## 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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)



John Mielke (left photo) and Cal Ratcliff (right photo) received Carl Dryer Awards on September 24 at the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation's annual meeting and report to the club. The award is in recognition of a member's financial support of the Foundation.

## News briefs

**Jay Rounds** reports that the **dictionaries** have arrived, have been stamped and are available for distribution to third grade students in Lakewood and Rocky River.

Last year, 776 dictionaries were delivered to the third grade classrooms. Since 2005, the club has given dictionaries to 6,528 students.

Whether you have helped distribute dictionaries before and can help this year, or would be interested in doing it for the first time, see Jay at a meeting or contact him at 440-333-9805.

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In 1942, according to *The History of Lakewood Rotary Club 1926-1956* by Roy E. Bowers (p.23), our Rotary club began sending high school students to the summer sessions of the **American Youth Foundation** for leadership training.

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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 website, [www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org](http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org), in the Site Pages section. Dues are \$260 for a year or \$155 for a half year.

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Do you know you can 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.

## October birthdays

27 – Lynn Donaldson; Jean Rounds. Birthday donations to the club foundation or Rotary International entitle the donor to a free lunch.

## October membership anniversaries

Wib Leopold (61 years), George Garden (42 years), Jim Lechko (11 years), and Jeff Grusenmeyer (eight years).

# Calendar of programs, special events and fun!

## 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.**

## 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.

## Monday, October 15, Noon

**Beck Center for the Arts – Cindy Einhouse, CEO.** More than a non-profit organization that combines professional theater with arts education, the Beck Center creates "art experiences," reaching over 50,000 annually through theater, education, exhibitions and community outreach. Rotary is grateful for the collaboration it has enjoyed with the Beck Center, particularly the annual music, speech and art contest.

## Tuesday, October 16, 7:30 a.m.

**Club board meeting. Beach School,** 1101 Morehead Parkway, Rocky River. All are welcome.

## 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.

## Monday, October 22, Noon

**Rocky River Schools Operating Levy.**

## Tuesday, November 13, 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

**Prospective Member Meeting.** Buffalo Wild Wings, 3011 Westgate Mall, Fairview Park. This is great opportunity to invite someone to learn about what Rotary's doing in Lakewood, Rocky River and the world. Free appetizers, beer, wine and soft drinks, but you can't attend unless you bring a prospective member. RSVP to Kathy Berkshire, 216-970-8887 or sloopyohio@cox.net.

## 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.