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Club donates \$4,000 to help with Hurricane Sandy relief in Staten Island

Members of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River have donated \$2,000 to help victims of Hurricane Sandy in Staten Island, NY, one of the areas hardest hit by the storm. The club's board of directors matched the members' giving.

Funds were sent to the Staten Island Rotary Foundation, which is using donations to ensure that the appropriate goods and services (including alternate housing arrangements) reach those affected by Sandy in the most efficient manner.

Right after the storm hit in early November, Phil Ardussi, president-elect, contacted Professor Dong-Joon Lee, a past district governor and member of the Staten Island club, to learn how Rotarians here could help.

Every dollar donated to the Staten Island Rotary Foundation is used to assist those in need.

"Though the destruction to Staten Island has been quite devastating," Professor Lee wrote, "I have also been struck by the kindness that Rotarians and others have shown in the hurricane's aftermath. This is what Rotary's all about."

Immediately, the SI club mobilized to help with relief, purchasing water, blankets, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, underwear, socks, sweatpants, and flannel shirts – as well as food items – which were delivered to distribution centers and shelters where the need was the greatest.

Now, all five Rotary clubs on Staten Island are working together in a coordinated effort to bring assistance and relief to the victims of Sandy by supplying food, supplies and labor to help in the cleanup.

"In certain neighborhoods, houses and cars were swept away; in other areas, seawater completely ruined entire floors, including all of the households' furniture and possessions, which now line the sidewalks as heaps of garbage," Lee added. "It's a tragic sight."

Rotarians in Staten Island assemble to organize clean-up efforts during the early days of Sandy's aftermath.



Annual holiday social is Dec. 10

Giving, fellowship and music will mark our annual holiday social on Monday, December 10 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Don Umerley Civic Center.

Last year, nearly 60 children from Lakewood and Rocky River families were the recipients of gifts purchased by our members.

Music will be by students from Rocky River High School.

Members are encouraged to bring spouses, significant others, and family members. There is no cost to attend; just bring your gift and an appetizer to share. The evening will be BYOB. Coffee and set-ups will be provided.

Again this year, students from the West Shore Career-Technical District's culinary arts program will assist with set-up, serving and clean-up.

There will be no noon meeting the day of the social. For details, contact Pam Gallagher-Vine, 440-331-5459 or paga18179@aol.com.

Rachel's Challenge activities updated

Students at Rocky River middle and high schools are continuing to meet regularly to plan activities to promote acts of kindness as part of Rachel's Challenge.

Club members are attending student meetings at both schools, offering support and encouragement.

Students present a Rachel's Challenge program at our club's February 4 meeting.

The middle school group, "Be the Change," recently wrote paragraph to submit to the Rachel's Challenge website, made large letters for an upcoming bulletin board, and wrote down acts of kindness that will be part of the bulletin board. Some wrote a song that they will pair with a video to advertise their group, and others planned skits that they will video and put on the morning announcements.

"Friends of River" (FOR), the high school group, met November 30 and has published its scheduled meetings for the remainder of the school year. Sub-committees meetings are scheduled in between the groups regular meeting dates.

FOR is planning to start kindness chains at Goldwood and Kensington, is developing a teacher guardian angel project, and creating memory signs for lockers as another way to include all students at the high school.

The next FOR meeting is January 11 at 7:30 a.m. at RRHS.

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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Meetings & Fellowship

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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

News briefs

Thanks to Rotarians who distributed 735 dictionaries to third graders in Lakewood and Rocky River: **Curt Brosky, Jon Fancher, Pam Gallagher, Thom Geist, Jim Harris, Brian King, Jim Lechko, Todd Lessig, Jay Rounds, Jean Rounds, John Schmucki, and Michael Shoaf.** Jay Rounds headed up the project. Since 2003, the club has given a dictionary to over 7,263 students.

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Helping the Sunrise Club with the fall Beck Center grounds clean-up November 10 were **Phil Ardussi** and **Jim Harris.**

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Bring your significant other, friend, or come with another Rotarian to our **Monthly Socials.** No agenda...just an informal opportunity for us to spend some social time together. Scheduled for the fourth Thursday or every month, except December, at Pearl of the Orient, 19300 Detroit Rd. in Rocky River. Contact **Tom Turner**, 440-823-4007 or tomtrnr07@gmail.com, for information.

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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, 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 \$20 per month or \$225 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.

December birthdays

2 – Marjorie Corrigan, 23 – Matt Daugherty, 25 – Kanchan Adhikary, 26 – Curt Brosky. Your contribution to the Rotary International Foundation or the club's Foundation entitles you to a free lunch.

December membership anniversaries

Marjorie Corrigan, two years; Matt Daugherty, six years; Mark Getsay, 18 years; Smitty Haller, 13 years; Andrew Ginter, Andrew, one year; Dick Garrett, 13 years; George Frank, 14 years; George Hwang, 15 years; Bob Lawther, 15 years.

Cleveland - Pittsburgh squares winners

John Mielke announced the winners of the Pittsburgh Steelers - Cleveland Browns "squares" game at our meeting on November 26.

The club received \$75.00 in the event. Curt Brosky won two quarters, including the final score, taking home \$50.00 and \$75.00. Todd Lessig and Brad Fagan each won a quarter (\$50.00 each). The "squares" game was a warm-up for John's Super Bowl event which promises bigger payouts for winners as well as the club.

Super Bowl XLVII will take place on February 3, 2013 at Mercedes-Benz Superdome, home to the New Orleans Saints.

Calendar of meetings, events

Monday, December 3, Noon

Meet our Youth Exchange Student, Alex. Alexandr “Alex” Ivanov from Korsakov, Sakhalin, Russia, an island in the Sea of Okhotsk north of Japan. His city, Korsakov, has a population of 33,000. During the last school year, Alex’s course load included Russian literature, English, algebra, geometry, computers, history of Russia, World history, social science, physics, chemistry, biology, technology, and physical culture. He lists his favorite subjects as English, computers and technology.

The City Mission – Michael Parry, chief development officer. As one of Cleveland’s most recognized charities, The City Mission has served hundreds of thousands of men, women and children over the past 100 years. The Mission welcomes those who are struggling with homelessness, poverty, and various crises, meeting them at their point of need with practical help, loving concern and spiritual direction.

Monday, December 10, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Second Annual Holiday Party. Our focus will once again be providing gifts for needy children. See article on page one for details.

Monday, December 17, Noon.

Lakewood Hospital Foundation – Kristin Broadbent, executive director of the Lakewood Hospital Foundation (LHF), which establishes and maintains relationships that generate philanthropic support of Lakewood Hospital. With LHF for nearly 20 years, Broadbent is responsible for the development, implementation, administration and evaluation of the foundation’s fundraising efforts on behalf of the hospital.

Monday, December 24, Noon and Monday, December 31, Noon. No meetings.

Monday, January 7, 2013, Noon.

Economic Update and Forecast – Edward W. (Ned) Hill. Dean of the Maxine Goodman Levin College of Urban Affairs at Cleveland State University, Professor Hill is also a Nonresident Senior Fellow of the Metropolitan Policy Program at The Brookings Institution and a Nonresident Visiting Fellow of the Institute of Government Studies at the University of California at Berkeley though his membership in the MacArthur Foundation’s Research Network on Building Resilient Regions. He is a resident of Lakewood.

Monday, January 14, 2013, Noon. Club Assembly.

Monday, January 21, 2013, Noon.

No meeting – Martin Luther King, Jr., Day observance.

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Did you know...

Rotarians and their spouses have served as trustees of the Lakewood Hospital Foundation over the years since it was started in 1956. Current trustees with a Rotary “connection” are Ken Haber, president, Larry E. Faulhaber, James W. Harris, Nancy L. Huffman, and William B. La Place. Among the Honorary Life Trustees are Brian M. King, Peter E. Shimrak, and Robert C. Weber.

Crippled Children were our first Christmas party focus

(From *The History of Lakewood Rotary Club 1926-1956* by Roy E. Bowers. p.19-20.)

Of course as Rotarians our first major commitment was to Crippled Children, whom Cleveland Rotary was serving so splendidly. At that time the Cleveland budget was \$7,000.00 annually and increasing, and our help was urgently invited. By individual subscriptions we secured \$400.00 our first year, and more later. Our first Christmas party was to ourselves and families but we soon saw that we ought to be on the giving, rather than the receiving, end.

Our first “Crippled Children’s Christmas Party” was given in 1929. Sons and daughters of Rotarians were often asked to preside, and others were keen to serve as hosts and hostesses. Year after year Clarence Myers made up as a most realistic Santa. In ’36, George Schuele took the chairmanship of party arrangements and left nothing undone to make them perfect. Ed Saxton handled the delicate and arduous job of transportation, enlisting the help of members’ cars.

Year after year the parties mounted in efficiency and in gleeful acceptancy by the young guests. When the state took over the main care of Crippled Children the parties continued. George’s own burden of responsibility for them increased steadily, to his own delight. He never seemed to feel any weight of care but was most self-effacing and generous in giving credit to his committee and the support of the club.

In ’45, in the midst of the festivities, he suddenly passed away, in a room so near that it was echoing with children’s laughter. None of them and only a few of the members were allowed to know until after their happy evening had closed. When we heard, it was a tragic moment for all; yet in our hearts was a note of thanksgiving for the beauty of it, for we could not imagine a more appropriate close to such a life of joy-bringing service.

Two years longer “Uncle George’s Christmas Party” was maintained, until word came from the welfare agencies that it would be better to discontinue it, as more was being done for the children at Christmas than they really could assimilate. Meantime we had been able to take the measure of one part of the service George had largely carried, for we found it necessary to increase our share to \$1,100.00 to finance a single party.

Our connection as a club with Crippled Children’s service did not end however, for Ed Saxton was made a trustee on the Cuyahoga County Commission for Crippled Children, a fit recognition of eighteen years of help he had given.