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Grants process underway

Each year, the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River provides grants to support 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations that serve our two communities. Non-profits are invited to submit applications for grants that historically have ranged from \$500 to \$2,500.

Each year, the club attempts to refine its selection process to focus on the changing needs of our communities. This year, the club is emphasizing activities in the areas of job training, youth leadership, and health ministries.

Other changes to the grants process include:

- **The number of grants will be reduced.** The objective is to provide fewer but larger grants to organizations that have a positive impact on those they serve. This means some organizations that have received funding in the past may not receive a grant this year.
- **Seed-money is available for new programs and services.** The club is attempting to identify at least two new programs that will be eligible for one-time grants up to \$5,000. Organizations that believe their request falls within this area are asked to describe how the grant will have a significant positive impact on those they serve. Organizations can apply for a special seed-money grant in addition to a regular grant.
- **Hands-on opportunities will receive special consideration.** Requests will receive special consideration if the organization can identify realistic opportunities for Rotarians to volunteer at a project within the organization.
- **Successful applicants are requested to speak to our members at one of our meetings about their organization and the how Rotary has helped their group accomplish its mission.**

Request forms can be obtained from Phil Ardussi at 216-218-8780 or pardussi@cox.net. In addition to completing the forms, organizations should respond, in writing, describing the nature of their request, the impact it has, and how they believe their program provides a new approach to their area of service. Any other justifying information is welcome and it is suggested that the criteria listed is addressed.

Requests should be sent to the Grants Committee, Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, PO Box 770916, Lakewood, OH 44107. The deadline for the committee to receive requests is January 21.

New members to be inducted

Three new members will be inducted in January.

John Lamb lives in Rocky River. He works for Stewart Title doing title insurance sales, escrow services, and business development.

Jon Clark lives in Avon. His business is Clark Financial Services in Lakewood.

John Clapper started in brokerage business at Hayden Miller & Co. in 1968, specializing in institutional sales, and retired from Smith Barney in 2003. He was a member of the Cleveland Rotary - West for many years, that met for lunch at Higbee's Grill Room adjunct.

He is active at Bay Presbyterian and dabbles in golf and watercolors. John and his wife, Phylis, travel whenever possible. They live in Rocky River. They have two daughters; one is a flight attendant at United and the other a graphic designer in Denver.

Rachel's Challenge meetings set

Jean Rounds has listed dates for Rachel's Challenge meetings and events at Rocky River middle and high schools.

Middle School "Be the Change"

- January 10, 17, and 24 at 3:30 p.m. in the choir room. Report to the office and you will be directed to the room.
- January 24 at 5:30 p.m. The club will host a Special Olympics basketball game and will be cheering on the participants. Then, around 6:15-6:30 p.m., the club will host a party for the team's members.

Rocky River High School "Friends of River" (FOR)

- January 11, February 8, March 8, April 12, and May 10 at 7:30 a.m. at the high school. Report to the office and you will be directed to the room.

January member birthdays

20 – Michael Abraham, 28 – Chet Brian and Julius Skerlan. A birthday donation to the club foundation or Rotary International entitles the donor to a free lunch.

January membership anniversaries

Charles Grace (16 years), Kanchan Adhikary and Charles Eversole (seven years).

The Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River

P.O. Box 770916, Lakewood, OH 44107
<http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org>

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2012-2013

President	Curt Brosky
President Elect	Phil Ardussi
Secretary	Todd Lessig
Treasurer	Tom English
Directors:	
2010-2013 – Kanchan Adhikary, Chuck Gustafson, Matt Daugherty (replacing Curt Brosky)	
2011-2014 – Pam Gallagher-Vine, Jerry Martau, John Mielke	
2012-2015 – Phil Ardussi, Charles Eversole, Greg Thompson	
Past President	Lynn Donaldson

COMMITTEES 2012-2013

Club Service

Administration

Archives	Thom Geist
Attendance	John Latham
Cashiers	Larry Yunaska (chair), Julius Skerlan, David Zupan
Fund Raising	Matt Daugherty (chair), Todd Lessig, Dave Zupan, Greg Thompson (golf)
Membership/Education	Tom Turner (chair), Matt Daugherty, Phil Ardussi
Nominations	Chris Arnold, Matt Daugherty, Lynn Donaldson
Sunshine	John Latham
Listener, Public Relations, Website	Lynn Donaldson (chair), Charles Eversole
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	Pam Gallagher
Rachel's Challenge	Jay 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

News briefs

New members of the club **Board of Directors** elected on December 17 for three-year terms starting July 1, 2013, are **Dave Zupan** and **Tom Turner**. **Lynn Donaldson** was elected for a one-year term.

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President-elect **Phil Ardussi** will attend PETS-1 (District 6630 president elect training) on January 26 at the Hilton Cleveland East in Beachwood, and then get the “big picture” at All-Ohio PETS at the Renaissance Hotel in Columbus on March 8-9.

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Four Rotarians participated in the **West Shore Career-Technical District Business Professionals Panels** on November 9 at Lakewood High School. The Rotarians shared how they made their career decisions and how events and jobs led to their current career. Each spoke to students for 10 minutes and then responded as a panel answering questions.

Students learned that not every career path is straight and how to handle curves in their pathways. Rotarians who shared their career paths were **Jon Fancher**, **Jim Harris**, **Deb Bernard**, and **Chuck Drumm**.

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Super Bowl XLVII will take place on February 3, 2013 at Mercedes-Benz Superdome, home to the New Orleans Saints. So it goes without saying that **John Mielke** will be telling us how **Super Bowl Squares** benefits the club, as well as winning participants.

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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 on the Home page. The link is only visible to logged-in members. 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.

Club benefits from The Rock Pile program

Our club has benefited The Rock Pile’s “Fundraising that Rocks,” a simple year-round program that donates back to the organizations that its customers care about.

When you shop at The Rock Pile, you can have them donate to our club simply by telling them you’d like the donation to the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River. A total of five per cent of every purchase (pre-tax) will be donated. Complete details are available at The Rock Pile, 900 Nagel Road, Avon.

Thanks to Chuck Gustafson for registering our club in the program, and to Chuck and Nancy, as well as Jim and Marty Harris, for making purchases at The Rock Pile and designating our club to receive the donations.

Upcoming meetings and events

Meetings

Remember, guests are welcome to all club 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.

Monday, January 28, 2013, Noon.

Adopt-a-Family Program – Tracey Dimond. The Rocky River Assistance Program (RRAP) is a 501(c)3 organization initiated in 1984 by the Rocky River Women's Club. Each November, clients of the RRAP submit holiday wish-lists for themselves and their children. Our club's Wassail Bowl Christmas Party last month provided gifts for this program. Tracey Dimond and Megan Alexander were the RRWC's 2012 Adopt-a-Family co-chairs.

Monday, February 4, 2013, Noon.

Rachel's Challenge – Jean Rounds. Students and faculty from the Rocky River Schools will update us on what's going on with Rachel's Challenge in the middle and high schools.

Monday, February 11, 2013, Noon.

Cleveland Indians Update – Bob DiBiasio. Entering his 34th season with the Indians and his 35th in major league baseball, Bob started in 1979 as assistant public relations director for the Indians. He is currently senior vice president, public affairs. A Lakewood native, he was the 1999 recipient of the prestigious Robert O. Fischel Award for Public Relations Excellence in Major League Baseball. He was inducted into the Lakewood High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 1999.

February 18

No meeting – Presidents' Day observance.

March 11

Outstanding West Shore Career-Tech Students Awards. The district offers students of varying abilities and career interests a wide spectrum of rewarding, real world technical education experiences. Its programs provide students with hands-on professional training along with high-level academics in new, state-of-the-art classrooms and labs. Students have the opportunity to

earn college credit and/or industry credentials at no cost to their home school district, parents, or student.

Events

The date of next **Board of Directors** meeting has not been set and will announced from the podium by President Curt. All club members are welcome to attend, regardless whether or not they are a Board member or officer.

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Tom Turner reports that the next **After-Hours Social** is January 24 at Pearl of the Orient, 19300 Detroit Rd. in Rocky River, beginning at 5 p.m. Socials are the fourth Thursday of each month. Bring your significant other, friend, or another Rotarian. No agenda...just an informal opportunity for some social time together. Contact Tom, 440-823-4007 or tomtrnr07@gmail.com, for information.

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District 6630 **Foundation Celebration**, "Casting A Wide Shadow," is February 2, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Hilton Garden Inn, 1100 Carnegie Ave., Cleveland.

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The **District Assembly** will be held on Feb. 16 at the Lakeland Community College Conference Center, 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland. The Assembly will offer training for club officers (president, president elect, secretary, treasurer, club foundation chair, and club membership chair) and any other interested Rotarians. The fee is \$15 per person and includes a continental breakfast and a box lunch at the conclusion of the event.

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The **District 4-Way Speech Contest** is March 23 at Aurora High School, 109 W Pioneer Trl, Aurora, OH 44202-9104. Registration for students and Rotarian sponsors is at 8:30 a.m. and the contest begins at 9 a.m.

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The **District Conference** will be at Quail Hollow Resort, 11295 Quail Hollow Drive, Concord, April 12-14. More information will be forthcoming.



Rotarians, family and friends who helped with the Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation food basket distribution on December 15 were (from left) Jim Harris, Curt Brosky, Kanchan Adhikary and his son, Todd Lessig, John Mielke, Tom Turner, Dick Garrett, Chuck Gustafson, and Jim Lechko.

Club supports international projects in Zambia, Bolivia

The club Board of Directors voted during the 2011-2012 Rotary year to support two international projects. Both just received matching grants from Rotary International.

OMNI Project

Our club is one of 31 clubs in the district contributing to the West Shore Rotary Club's international project, the purchase of a pick up truck for the Orphan Medical Network International (OMNI) Children's Village at George Compound, Zambia, Africa. The contribution was \$1,000.

The truck project is in conjunction with OMNI, the Rotary Club of Ndola, Zambia and Prince of Peace Lutheran Church. The Ndola club is the first Rotary Club (and indeed the first service club) in Zambia, the Northern Rhodesia.

Since its founding in 1989, OMNI has focused on medical care for orphans around the world. Its mission has taken OMNI to Russia, South Korea, Philippines, Romania and now Zambia.

Dan Fronczak, West Shore's current president and his committee (Rotarians Tom Eble, Kathy Murphy, Bryan Mollohan, along with non-Rotarians Mary Sue and Ron Claus) have worked diligently to raise the needed funds.

To make the purchase possible, our Rotary District 6630 needed to come up with half the money before Rotary International would match the funds. The project has been approved by Rotary International and has been given a matching grant number (78108).

The truck is so badly needed by the Children's Village; recently a child died of malaria, because she couldn't be transported to the hospital in time to be treated.

Fronczak is the heart and soul of this project. It was his idea and he carried it through to the end. The process has taken a year, but he was able to reap the fruit of his labor, when, with tears in his eyes and all those around him, he recently presented the president of OMNI with a commitment of \$46,420 to purchase the truck.

Etta Project

On September 18, 2012, our club's Board of Directors approved \$500 toward a district project to fund an educational program in Bolivia, contingent upon the approval of our International Service Committee. The project was subsequently approved.

Etta Projects was created in 2003 to honor the life and humanitarian concerns of Etta Turner. Etta died November 25, 2002, at the age of 16, in Bolivia, during her travel there as a Rotary International exchange student. Etta and six Bolivians were killed when their bus driver fell asleep and drove off a cliff.

Etta Projects carries on her legacy of inspiration and caring, partnering with Bolivian communities to implement sustainable solutions to the challenges of poverty, while educating and inspiring North Americans to act for positive change.

Notice was received December 27 by Past District Governor Steve Zabor that the matching grant for the Etta Project in Bolivia was approved by the Rotary Foundation. Thirteen clubs in the district supported the Etta Project.

Steve will be visiting Bolivia in late May and will be sharing his experiences with clubs in the district upon his return.