



# THE LISTENER



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## **'Be the Change' hosts game, provides welcome atmosphere, support to teams**

On Thursday, January 24, the Rocky River Middle School's "Be the Change" students hosted a Special Olympics basketball game. The Rocky River Pirates played against the Cuyahoga County Eagles in the Rocky River Middle School gymnasium.

The students created a welcoming atmosphere with the posting of signs, smiles, and verbal welcomes. Rotarians attended to cheer on the players and support the "Be the Change" students. After the game, players, their family members, principal Megan Rose, staff members, and Rotarians enjoyed a buffet and also played various games.

Thanks to the following Rotarians for attending and contributing to the refreshments: Phil Ardussi, Jon Fancher, Jim Lechko, John and Phylis Clapper, Curt Brosky, and Jay and Jean Rounds.

Advised by Mary Fancher, "Be the Change" carries out the message of compassion and service, the mission of our club-sponsored Rachel's Challenge program in Rocky River. The club congratulates these students for hosting a wonderful event!

## **Committee goal is one member per month**

The club's Membership Committee has been meeting regularly to plan how to introduce Rotary to prospective members in our communities. Chaired by Tom Turner, the committee includes Phil Ardussi, Matt Daugherty, Todd Lessig, and Chuck Gustafson.

The committee's goal year is a new member each month. According to Tom, "We cannot do it alone, and certainly need each member to think of someone in their circle of friends, business, church, or other organizations you might belong to, such as a country club, yachting club or chamber of commerce, to invite to join Rotary."

Tom and his committee will be calling each member personally to discuss who they might know that would make a good Rotarian.

## **February member birthdays**

6 – John Schmucki, 11 – Jim Harris, 20 – Charles Grace, 21 – Tom English, 26 – George Frank and Chuck Gustafson, 27 – Joe Hammerschmidt, 28 – Phil Ardussi. A birthday donation to the club foundation or Rotary International entitles the donor to a free lunch.

## **Meet some amazing students from Lakewood, Rocky River**

Our Club Foundation's Scholarship Committee awards four college scholarships annually to graduating high school students who are residents of Lakewood or Rocky River.

The Committee solicits applications in February and March. Then it reviews the applications to determine which six to 12 students to invite to interviews. The brief interviews are conducted in one afternoon, usually in April.

The scholarship recipients are notified in May and will attend a club luncheon in June when we will recognize their achievement.

The work involved in serving on this committee consists largely of reading the scholarship applications (two to four hours), an interview session (three hours).

If you would like to be considered for working on the Club Foundation's Scholarship Committee, please contact committee chair Jon Fancher at (440) 333-4888 or [jfancher@riverpres.org](mailto:jfancher@riverpres.org).

## ***Planning underway for 'Spamalot' club social this summer at the Beck Center***

"Monty Python's Spamalot" is coming to the Beck Center July 12 to August 18, and planning is underway for a club social event that will include tickets to the show at a special group rate.

An outrageous musical comedy lovingly ripped off from the cult classic motion picture, "Monty Python and the Holy Grail," Spamalot tells the story of King Arthur and his Knights of the Round Table as they embark on their quest for the Holy Grail.

Winner of three 2005 Tony Awards including Best Musical, this hysterically irreverent musical features a chorus line of dancing divas and knee-slapping knights, flatulent Frenchmen, flying cows, killer rabbits, a legless knight, and several show-stopping musical numbers.

To help with the planning for this event, contact Pam Gallagher-Vine, [paga18179@aol.com](mailto:paga18179@aol.com) or (440) 331-5459.

## **February membership anniversaries**

Dave Shaw (23 years), John Schmucki (20), Tom English (11), Phil Ardussi (10), and David Zupan (two).

# The Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River

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## 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	
2013-2016 – Tom Turner, David Zupan, Lynn Donaldson	
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
Nominations .....	Curt Brosky, Matt Daugherty, Lynn Donaldson
Sunshine .....	John Latham
Listener, Public Relations, Website .....	Lynn Donaldson
District Activities .....	Jim Lechko
Club Foundation .....	Matt Daugherty
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](http://www.rotaryclubone.org)

## News briefs

District 6630 Nominating Committee Chair, Immediate Past District Governor Steve Zabor, has announced that the Nominating Committee has selected **Cheryl Warren** of the Rotary Club of Akron as our district's nominee for **District Governor 2015-2016**.

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New member nominee **Ann Sevenich** was introduced at our January 28 meeting. The executive director of the Northwesterly, an assisted living facility in Lakewood, Ann hails from Columbiana (OH) and had been a member of the Salem (OH) Rotary Club for seven years. Please welcome her to our club.

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Our speaker at our January 28 meeting was **Tracey Dimond** who spoke about the **Rocky River Assistance Program**, a non-profit organization initiated in 1984 by the Rocky River Women's Club.

The group is very active in the community giving assistance to those in need. She told us that the RRAP's food pantry is very low and needs our help in restocking it. RRAP has a drop off location at the Rocky River Recreation Center for any non-perishable food products you would like to donate.

Please stop by with your donation and put a smile on your face knowing you're helping someone in Rocky River who has fallen on hard times.

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Our illustrious leader for the 2013-14, **Phil Ardussi**, will be attending **All-Ohio PETS** at the Renaissance Hotel in Columbus on March 8-9. with his lovely wife Annie. They are in for an unforgettable weekend.

Phil recently attended PETS-1 (District 6630 president elect training) on January 26.

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We failed to mention last month that **Curt Brosky** also participated in the **West Shore Career-Technical District Business Professionals Panels** on November 9 at LHS.

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Each year in December, **John Latham** delivers **poinsettias** to the widows of our past presidents. Recipients of this past Christmas were Elaine Brandt (Dick, 1998-99), Lynn Bredt (Jack 1990-91), Sandy Dawson (Hugh, 1971-72), Jane Hawthorne (wife of Hugh 1986-87), and Betty Laundry (Howard (Gus) 1965-66). John also delivered a poinsettia to Bill and Jane Huffman.

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Delivering food baskets in December were **Jim Lechko**, **Chuck Gustafson**, **John Mielke**, Jim Harris, Tom Turner, Phil Ardussi, Todd Lessig, Dick Garrett, **Kanchan Adhikary** and his children, **Marjorie Corrigan** and husband and children, Betty Tereck and **Curt Brosky**.

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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.

# Upcoming meetings and events

## Meetings

Remember to invite a guest to an upcoming meeting!

### Monday, February 4, Noon.

**Rachel's Challenge – Jean Rounds.** Students and faculty from the Rocky River Schools will update us on what's happening in the middle and high school clubs.

### Monday, February 11, 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 and is currently senior vice president, public affairs. A Lakewood native, he was inducted into the Lakewood High School Distinguished Alumni Hall of Fame in 1999.

### Monday, February 18.

**No meeting** – Presidents' Day observance.

### Monday, February 25, Noon.

**Women's Leadership Series – Lynda Carter.** brings a lifetime of successful experience working and training men and women in a variety of industries including insurance, manufacturing, consulting, technology, and financial services. She is a member of the Sunrise Club.

### Monday, March 11, Noon.

**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.

### Monday, March 18, Noon.

**Four-Way Speech Contest.** Finalists from our preliminary competition will present their speeches based on Rotary's Four-Way Test. The winner will present his/her speech at the awards night March 26 at the Beck Center, and at the district competition on March 23.

### Monday, March 25.

**No Meeting due to Speech, Music and Visual Arts Awards Night at Beck Center Tuesday, March 26.**

### Tuesday, March 26, 6:00 p.m.

**Speech, Music and Art Awards Ceremony** (The Beck Center). Replaces the club's regular Monday, March 25 meeting. The speech and music competition winners will be on stage; visual arts work will be on display. All winning students will be honored, followed by a reception. Cost to attend is \$20.00 per person.

## Events

Mark your calendar for our club's next **After Five Social on February 28.** Tom Turner reports there was a nice group for

the first social for the new year on January 24. George Hwang is gracious to give us a private room at his Pearl of the Orient restaurant. The socials are always the fourth Thursday of each month.

Bring your significant other, friend, or another Rotarian. No agenda...just an informal time to socialize with other members. Contact Tom, 440-823-4007 or tomtrnr07@gmail.com, for information.

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The next **Board of Directors** meeting will be February 18 at 11 a.m. at Panera in Rockport.

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The **District Assembly** will be held on **February 16** at the Lakeland Community College Conference Center, 7700 Clocktower Drive, Kirtland.

A mandatory meeting for all club officers, directors and committee chairs, the District Assembly is a training workshop for all Rotarians. Attendees will have the choice of multiple work shops to get their Rotary questions answered by District Officers or members of other clubs. It is a GREAT networking opportunity.

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.

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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.** The conference is a celebration of our district's activities and another great opportunity to learn more about Rotary and experience Rotary outside of our own club.

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**Jim Lechko** has announced that a **Grant Managements Seminar** will be held at the District Conference and other times and places TBD. Attendance at one of these seminars will be required of at least two members from our club in order for our club to be certified and able to apply for a matching grant in the 2013-14 Rotary year.

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The Sunrise Club's "**Sunrise at Sunset**" fundraising auction will be Friday, April 19, at 6:00 p.m. at Umerley Hall in the Rocky River Civic Center. Tickets are only \$20 per person and include dinner and dessert with a cash bar. The event provides funds for the club's service mission and American Field Service Leadership Camp each year.

Watch for more information in the next *Listener* and a list of the exciting raffle and auction items that will be available at the event.

## RI president-elect announces 2013-14 theme Engage Rotary, Change Lives

RI President-elect Ron Burton will ask Rotarians to *Engage Rotary, Change Lives* in 2013-14.

He unveiled the RI theme during the opening plenary session of the 2013 International Assembly in San Diego, California, USA, the annual training event for incoming district governors.

“If we really want to take Rotary service forward, then we must make sure that every single Rotarian has the same feeling about Rotary that each one of us here has today,” Burton said. “We need to make sure that every Rotarian has

### District recognizes Sunrise Club for EREY

The Sunrise Club was one of six clubs in the district to qualify for the Annual Fund Banner Recognition from The Rotary Foundation by attaining the “Every Rotarian Every Year” status, with 100% participation, and \$100 per member being gifted to the Foundation during the 2011-2012 Rotary year.

The club was recognized at the district’s Foundation celebration, “Casting a Wide Shadow,” on February 2.

In addition, District Governor Julie West notified the club that it can name a District-sponsored Paul Harris Fellow due to this achievement. The club selected Jeff Broestl of Broestl and Wallis Fine Jewelers. He attended received his Paul Harris Recognition that evening.

Jeff has crafted a beautiful jewelry item and donated it for a Sunrise Club fund raising raffle each year for the past six years. Over \$10,000 has been raised through the raffles, and the funds have been used to support the club’s many Community and International Service projects.

### Meet new member Jonathan Clark

Jonathan Clark is an investment advisor representative with his office located in the Lakewood Center North Building. He works with pre-retirees and retirees on investment options for their retirement and savings.

Jonathan is joined at Clark Financial Services by his father and fellow Rotarian, Steven Clark. The company’s website is [www.clarkfinancialadvisory.com](http://www.clarkfinancialadvisory.com).

Jonathan grew up through the Lakewood City Schools and now lives in Avon with his wife and two boys. He was a member of the Ohio Air National Guard Reserves out of Mansfield during his college years.

a meaningful role to play, that they’re all making a contribution, and that their contribution is valued.”

Burton said the July launch of The Rotary Foundation’s new grant model, Future Vision, makes it an exciting time to be a Rotarian. He said the new grant model, which has been used by about 100 pilot districts since 2010, represents a new era for the Foundation, and will help Rotarians get excited about Rotary’s ability to change lives.

“It takes everything that is wonderful about Rotary and raises it to a new level – by encouraging bigger, more sustainable projects while providing increased flexibility for local projects, both of which address the needs of the community being served,” he said.

Burton asked the incoming district governors to take the lead in helping their clubs through the transition, with the assistance of their district Rotary Foundation chairs, who also attended the assembly this year. The training sessions are focusing heavily on equipping these leaders to go back to their districts as experts on the new grant model.

Before the assembly, Burton asked each of the incoming governors to make a donation in their name to The Rotary Foundation in order to demonstrate leadership by example. At the assembly, he announced that all 537 governors-elect had complied; along with donations from all RI Board members and Foundation Trustees, the contributions totaled US\$675,412.

“Now, I have to believe that some of this is money that The Rotary Foundation probably would not have received had I not asked. And I think that this is an important lesson” he said. “If you want somebody else to do something, you can just sit around and wait for them to get the idea, or you can ask.”

Burton applied that lesson also to membership development, which he insisted is the responsibility of every Rotarian. He told the audience that although he had been an active member of the Key Club, a youth program of Kiwanis International, he went on to join Rotary simply because the Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, invited him to.

“You have to ask,” he said.

But Burton emphasized that the job doesn’t end when a new member joins. “It’s not done until that new member is engaged in Rotary, inspired by Rotary, and uses the power of Rotary service to change lives.”



*Save the date!*

**Monday, August 12, 2013**

Annual Golf Outing

Red Tail Golf Club

4400 Lear Nagle Rd., Avon



*Save the date!*

**August 19, 2013**

Past Presidents Picnic

Cleveland Yachting Club

200 Yacht Club Dr., Rocky River