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Rotary recognizes 15 outstanding West Shore Career-Tech students

West Shore Career-Technical District Outstanding Student Award recipients were honored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River at its noon luncheon on March 11 at the Don Umerley Civic Center.

The 15 students, top performers in their Career-Technical programs, were chosen for their exemplary accomplishments in the classroom, school activities, clubs, athletics and service in the community.

Parents, employers, work supervisors and guests were among those in attendance. According to Nancy Ralls, West Shore Career-Technical District Career Development Coordinator, this is the sixteenth year the club has honored the Outstanding Student Award winners.

The Rotary club will present each student with a gift card and a plaque to honor their achievements at West Shore's annual Career Passport and Student Recognition Assembly on May 21. Each award recipient is automatically nominated to receive the "Career-Technical Student of the Year Award" which will be announced at West Shore's Career Passport and Student Recognition Assembly.

West Shore districts are Bay Village, Lakewood, Rocky River and Westlake. This year West Shore is serving 475 students in its workforce development programs.

The 2012-13 Outstanding Student Award recipients are: Ashley Ruebensaal-Sinatra, Automotive Technology; Jackie Miller, Biotechnology; Samantha Fedor, Business Management; Emelia Myers, community based training at Bonne Bell; Jennie Bullard, community based training at Rae Ann; Joseph Czechanski, construction trades; Alyssa Smith, Culinary Arts/ProStart;

Nattalie Gierke, Early Childhood Education/Senior Services; Elizabeth Spellacy, Electronic Technology; Amira Nasrallah, Health Careers Technology; Jennifer Norehad, Interactive Media; Bailee Echols, Medical Office Management; Nabih Metri, Networking/Cisco; Corrigan Kenny, Project Lead the Way; and Nicole Stepp, Service Occupations Training.

March member birthdays

7 – Doug Blackburn, 10 – Dave Shaw, 17 – Pete Shimrak. A birthday donation to the club foundation or Rotary International entitles the donor to a free lunch.

Club Foundation to award scholarships

The Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Foundation is offering four grants for study at any accredited post-high school educational institution.

Three grants of \$2,500 and one grant of \$1,000 will be awarded toward the cost of one year's tuition. Payments will be made to the institution for the recipient, with the understanding that the recipient will remain enrolled in the institution for the full year.

The application is available on the club website and from guidance counselors at the high schools in Lakewood and Rocky River. It includes additional information, eligibility rules, basis of selection, and the procedure for submitting the application.

Applicants can fill the form out online and print it out, or print the blank form and fill it out by hand.

Applications must be received no later than 3:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 2, 2013. The awards will be presented on June 10 at the club's regular Monday meeting.

Todd Lessig to be president-elect; Jon Clark to join club Board July 1

At its meeting on February 18, the club's Board of Directors voted unanimously to accept the Nominating Committee's recommendations.

Todd Lessig will be president-elect in 2013-2014 and will serve as club president for 2014-2015.

Todd joined the club in March 2005.

As a result of Todd's new position starting July 1, the Board is looking for someone to take over the secretary's duties. Please contact president Curt, vice president Phil, or any Board member if you are interested in serving as secretary.

Jon Clark will serve on the Board for a three-year term from July 2013 through June 2016.

Also at the Board meeting, Lynn Donaldson was voted to serve the remainder of Greg Thompson's term on the Board, which will conclude on June 30, 2015.

March membership anniversaries

Don Strang (43 years), Pete Shimrak (38), Jon Fancher (22), Nancy Lee Malm (19), Pam Gallagher-Vine (12), Bill Baker (11), Chris Arnold (nine), Todd Lessig (eight), and Mick Shoaf (five).

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, Lynn Donaldson	
2013-2016 – Tom Turner, David Zupan, Jon Clark	
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

News briefs

The following quote comes from Brad Robinson of the Rotary Club of Beverly Hills, which appeared in the **Wall Street Journal**, March 5, 2013:

“Rotary has been at the forefront of fighting polio since 1985 when it established its PolioPlus program. Rotary’s leadership encouraged the World Health Organization to pass a resolution to eradicate polio, which paved the way for the foundation of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative in 1988. Rotary’s financial contributions to the global polio-eradication effort will reach nearly \$1.2 billion by the time the world is certified polio-free.

“Through its PolioPlus program, more than one million Rotary Club members have volunteered their time and personal resources to protect more than two billion children in 122 countries from polio. In 2007, Rotary entered into a partnership with the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, which has extended grants of \$405 million and, as part of the partnership, Rotary raised over \$200 million in matching funds.”

Thanks to all of the members of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River for your continuing support of PolioPlus.

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The club’s **Membership Committee** has set as its goal one new member a month for the 2012-2013 Rotary year. Through February 28, four new members have been inducted, while during the same period the club has lost two members.

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At the club’s **Board of Directors** meeting on February 18, the Board unanimously approved the **Grants Committee**’s recommendations for cash awards totaling \$31,656. The next step is for the trustees of the **Club Foundation** to vote to release the funds so the grants can be awarded. The recipients will be notified after the Foundation meeting on March 12.

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Winners of this year’s **Super Bowl Squares** fundraiser were the following: First quarter, **Jeff Grusenmeyer** (\$100.00); second quarter, **Bev Mielke** (\$100.00); third quarter, **Cal Ratcliff** (\$100.00); and final score, **John Latham** (\$250.00). As always, the biggest winner was the club (\$450.00). Thanks to everyone who made this a success.

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Our newest member is **Mark Bacon**. A resident of Rocky River, Mark is employed at T G Consulting Inc., a management consulting services company in Cuyahoga Falls. His classification is Project Controls. He was sponsored by past presidents Larry Yunaska and Julius Skerlan. Please welcome Mark into our club.

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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, March 4, Noon.

The Gathering Place – Kristina Austin. A non-profit, community-based cancer support center, its mission is to support, educate and empower individuals and families touched by cancer through programs and services provided free of charge. To date, The Gathering Place has served more than 21,500 individuals who have made over 120,000 visits.

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 25 at the Beck Center, and at the district competition on March 23.

Monday, March 25, Noon.

No Meeting due to Speech, Music and Visual Arts Awards Night at Beck Center in the evening.

Monday, March 25, 5:30 p.m.

Speech, Music and Art Awards Ceremony (The Beck Center). Replaces the club's regular Monday, March 25 meeting. Speech and music competition winners will be on stage; visual arts work will be on display. Cash bar at 5:30 p.m., program starts at 6:00 p.m., and 6:45 p.m. is the art exhibit opening and reception featuring heavy hors d'oeuvres. All winning students will be recognized. Cost is \$20.00 per person. See Pam Gallagher-Vine now!

Monday, April 15, Noon.

Greater Cleveland Aquarium – Tami Brown. Occupying the historic FirstEnergy Powerhouse building located on the west bank of the Cuyahoga River in the city's Flats district, the aquarium opened in January, 2012. It has approximately 70,000 square feet of exhibition space and features exhibits representing both local and exotic species of fish. It is the only free standing aquarium in the state of Ohio.

Monday, April 29, Noon.

State of the City of Lakewood – Mayor Mike Summers. In his third year as mayor, Mayor Summers was elected to city council in 2007. He served on the Board of Education for eight years, and has served and

continues to serve on many boards and committees in this area as well as statewide.

Events

The **Club Foundation Board** will meet **March 12** at 5:00 p.m. at Pearl of the Orient.

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Sign up to help the **Rocky River Assistance Program** sort and package food to be distributed to the needy in Rocky River on **March 19** at 6:30 p.m. at Beach School.

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Mark your calendar for our club's next **After Five Social** on **March 28** at the 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 Turner, 440-823-4007 or tomtrnr07@gmail.com, for information.

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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.

Friday afternoon will feature nine holes of golf, a service project at Lake Farm Park and wine tasting at four wineries. Friday night's dinner is a cookout (casual attire suggested) followed by a talent show.

Lunch on **Saturday** will include the presentation of flags and the district's Four-Way Speech Contest winners.

A full schedule of events will be posted in the near future.

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Jim Lechko has announced that an all-day **Grant Management Seminar** will be held at the District Conference on **Saturday, April 13** and other times and places TBD. Attendance at one of these seminars will be required of at least two members from each club in order for that 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 Youth Foundation 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.

'Spamalot' opening night event for Rotarians is July 12 at Beck Center

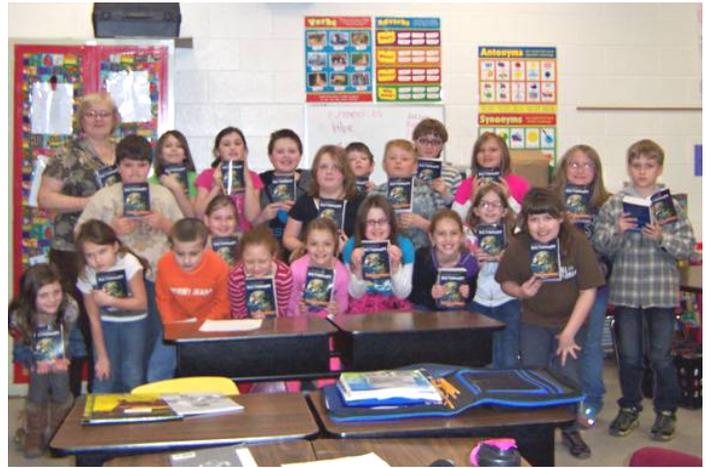
"Monty Python's Spamalot" is coming to the Beck Center July 12 to August 18, and Rotary is planning a special opening night event to kick off the run.

Join your fellow Rotarians for a fabulous evening of fun, laughter and dessert on Friday, July 12 at 8 p.m. The club has secured special pricing for tickets so mark your calendars as a limited number of seats will be available.

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.

More information will be announced in the near future. Contact Pam Gallagher-Vine or Tom Turner for more information.



One of the five third grade classes that received dictionaries from the Sunrise Club in February.

Sunrise Club provides dictionaries to students, one of many projects funded by annual auction

The Sunrise Club's Literacy Project for the 2012/2013 Rotary year was to provide dictionaries to schools in the Appalachian area Eastern Kentucky. Students in five third grade classes in the Estill and Irvine, Kentucky, schools were excited to receive their own personal dictionaries in February.

Bill Gaydos started this program working with Sr. Loretta Spotila of the Sisters of St. Augustine, a former Clevelander who has established health and educational programs in this poor area.

This is just one of the service projects that is funded by the proceeds of the Sunrise Club's annual "Sunrise at Sunset" fundraising auction. This year's event is Friday, April 19, 6 to 9 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. Tickets will be available at Noon Club meetings later in March and early April.

The Auction also provides scholarships for students to attend the American Youth Federation's Leadership Camp Miniwanca.

Plan to attend and support the Sunrise Club's service projects.



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