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JUNE-JULY 2013

Foundation to award scholarships to four high school seniors on June 10

Four college scholarships will be awarded by our club's Foundation at the club's weekly meeting on June 10.

Graduating seniors Amy Lam and Robert Hendricks from Rocky River High School and Amira Nasrallah from Lakewood High School received \$2,500 awards from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation. Lakewood High School senior Joseph Czechanski received a \$1,000 grant.

In addition to their outstanding academic records, the four scholarship winners were chosen for extracurricular and community involvement.

Joe Czechanski was a four-year varsity baseball player and a member of the National Honor Society. Earlier this year he was recognized by our club as the outstanding student in the Construction Trades program of the West Shore Career-Technical District. Joe will study engineering at the University of Cincinnati.

Amira Nasrallah contributed more than 100 service hours through her school's H2O (Help to Others) Service Program. She also was recognized by our club as the outstanding Health Careers student in the West Shore Career-Technical District. This National Honor Society member will study exercise science/pre-physical therapy at Baldwin Wallace University.

Amy Lam was a four-year member of Rocky River's tennis team, and captained Rocky River's Relay for Life event for three years. She was a member of the National and French honor societies.

She elected to forego her senior year at Rocky River in order to pursue the post-secondary education program at Cleveland State University. This fall Amy will continue her collegiate studies in health policy and administration at The Ohio State University.

Rob Hendricks was a four-year member of the Rocky River football team and was selected West Shore Conference Scholar Athlete. He served on Student Council throughout high school.

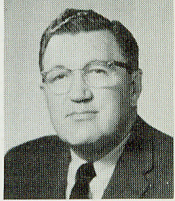

Rob is probably best known as the founder of "Hoops for Hunger," an annual fundraising program that has raised over \$125,000 for the Cleveland Food Bank's Harvest for Hunger through a varsity basketball competition between Rocky River and Bay high schools. Rob will begin studies in pre-medicine and pre-law at Cornell University this fall.

Phil Ardussi to become president June 24; past presidents, directors to be recognized

On June 24, W. Philip Ardussi will become the 88th president of the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River for the Rotary year 2013-2014 which starts July 1.

It was 50 years ago that Phil's father, Wallace F. Ardussi, became our club's president.

Phil and his father were in the club together. Wallace became a member in July 1947 and Phil, in May 1962. Phil's classification was Truck Trailer Leasing and his father's was Metal Stampings. (Listing is from our 1971-73 Roster.)

<p>ARDUSSI, Wallace F. Wally & Faith METAL STAMPINGS Pres., Variety Stamping Corp. Box 05193, Cleveland 44105 883-7950 11800 Edgewater Dr., Lkwd. 44107 521-7718</p>	<p>May 11—7/47</p> 
<p>ARDUSSI, W. Philip Phil & Ann TRUCK TRAILER LEASING Br. Mgr. Rentco Div.- Fruehauf Corp. 14080 Brookpark Rd. Cleveland 44135 267-4900 840 Bates Road, R. R. 44116 331-3212</p>	<p>Feb. 28—5/62</p> 

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New Member Orientation set for June 27

Save June 27 for the New Member Orientation at Pearl of the Orient in Rocky River.

If you are new to the club, or have never attended a New Member Orientation, please plan to attend. The event is co-sponsored by our club and the Sunrise Club.

The program will acquaint attendees with the history of both clubs, information about Rotary International, the RI Foundation, Rotary's avenues of service, our club foundation, the district, and the clubs' plans for the future.

Spouses/partners are encouraged to attend. We will gather at 5:30 p.m. for appetizers and libations. The program will begin at 6 p.m.

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, 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

Phil Ardussi to become president June 26

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Phil has served as a trustee of our club's Foundation and as a member of the club's Board of Directors.

Also during the meeting, outgoing board members will be honored and incoming board members sworn in.

Outgoing directors are Kanchan Adhikary, Matt Daugherty, and Chuck Gustafson. Incoming directors for 2013-16 are Jon Clark, Tom Turner, Dave Zupan. Continuing on the board are directors: Pam Gallagher, Jerry Martau, John Mielke (2011-14) and Phil Ardussi, Charles Eversole, and Lynn Donaldson (2012-15).

Current secretary Todd Lessig will be president-elect. Chuck Gustafson will take over as secretary. Tom English will continue as club treasurer.

As is our tradition, all past presidents of the club are invited to attend the changeover meeting: Invited are:

1967-68	Ed Saxton	1996-97	John Monson
1974-75	Bill Knoble	1997-98	Jim Saxton
1976-77	Joe Raabe	1999-00	Phil Kish
1981-82	Brian King	2000-01	Julius Skerlan
1982-83	Jack Koran	2001-02	Mary Lou Call
1983-84	Chuck Day	2002-03	Tom Giffels
1984-85	Thom Geist	2003-04	Dave Shaw
1985-86	Jim Harris	2004-05	Ken Haber
1988-89	Doug Blackburn	2005-06	Bill Gaydos
1989-90	Rick Parker	2006-07	Jim Lechko
1991-92	Larry Faulhaber	2007-08	Larry Yunaska
1992-93	Bob Scott	2008-09	Kris Spencer
1993-94	Bill Huffman	2009-10	Chris Arnold
1994-95	Mike Busta	2010-11	Matt Daugherty
1995-96	Don McQuilkin	2011-12	Lynn Donaldson

Members celebrate birthdays

Members with birthdays in June are: 4 – Martin Dodenhoff, 12 – Bill Knoble, 21 – Jon Fancher, 29 – Dick Garrett, 30 – Mark Getsay. Members with birthdays in July are: 11 – Ann Sevenich, 17 – Bill Huffman, 19 – Tom Turner, 25 – Larry Yunaska.

A birthday donation to the club foundation or Rotary International entitles the donor to a free lunch.

Years of service saluted

Members who joined on club in June are: John Lance (49 years), Bill Knoble (47), Thom Geist (43), Bob Weber (40), Joe Hammerschmidt (25), Julius Skerlan (23), Chet Brian (15 years), Michael Abraham (11), and Lee Elmore (six).

Members with membership anniversaries in July are John Latham (34 years), Tom Turner (29), and John Mielke (20).

We salute each of you for your service to Rotary and our club!

Upcoming meetings and events

Meetings

Remember to invite a guest to an upcoming meeting!

Monday, June 3, Noon.

What's Happening at Playhouse Square – George McNulty. Learn about the upcoming season at Cleveland's Playhouse Square. A representative of Playhouse Square, McNulty will preview the 2013 Broadway season and Children's Theater Series, and share information about the ten theaters that are home to seven residential companies and many annual events.

Monday, June 10, Noon.

Rotary Foundation Scholarship Winners – Jon Fancher. The Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Foundation will award four grants, three for \$2,500 and one for \$1,000, toward study at any accredited post-high school educational institution.

Monday, June 17, Noon.

State of the City of Rocky River – Mayor Pam Bobst. A former member of council and also its president, Mayor Bobst was appointed mayor in 2006. She will tell us how the city's economic outlook is promising despite statewide funding cuts.

Monday, June 24, Noon.

Officer/Director Changeover – Jim Lechko and Jim Harris. Plan to be present when president elect Phil takes over the reins of the club.

Monday, July 1, Noon

To be confirmed.

Monday, July 8, Noon.

How Do We Build an Offshore Wind Power Industry – David Karpinski. Lake Erie Energy Development Corporation (LEEDCo), is the non-profit working to bring offshore wind power to the Great Lakes region. Its first project is called Icebreaker, six wind turbines in Lake Erie approximately seven miles off the coast of downtown Cleveland. Scheduled for completion in 2017, this initial project will not only create hundreds of jobs and power thousands of homes; it will also bring offshore wind power expertise to our region and help catalyze an entire industry.

Monday, July 15, Noon.

Providence House and Child Abuse – Natalie Leek Nelson. Providence House fights to end child abuse and neglect by protecting at-risk children, empowering families in crisis and building safe communities for every child. Located at 2050 W. 32nd St., Cleveland, Providence House was founded in 1981 by Sr. Hope Greener, CSJ, as Ohio's first licensed crisis nursery, offering free, voluntary (non-custodial) placements for emergency shelter to children newborn through six years old, actively living in crisis situations which place them at risk of abuse or neglect.

August 12, Noon.

No meeting due to annual golf outing.

August 19, Noon.

No meeting due to Past Presidents Picnic.

Golf outing is August 12 at Red Tail

Sponsored by our club in conjunction with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Pillars of Lakewood, our annual golf outing is set for Red Tail Golf Club on Monday, August 12, with a shotgun start at 11:30 a.m.

The cost is \$125 per golfer, and includes greens fees for 18 holes plus boxed lunch and barbecue dinner. Cost of the dinner only is \$30.00.

Registration for both foursomes and golfers can be completed online at www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org. Registration forms can also be downloaded from the website or obtained by contacting Matt Daugherty. If not registering online, forms and payment should be mailed to: Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River, 2801 Ellington Ct. Avon, OH 44011.

Sponsors are also needed for the event. A sponsorship form is also available for download from the website.

The course is located at 4400 Lear Nagle Road, Avon.

Events

Foundation trustees will meet next on **Tuesday, June 18**, at 5 p.m. at Pearl of the Orient.

Did 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.



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

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“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 groups were formed to determine how to change the culture through positive encouragement of their peers – “Be the Change” at the middle school and “FOR” (Friends of River) at the high school. The groups and their adult advisors met on an ongoing basis throughout the school year. Rotarians regularly attended these meetings.

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.

...morning announcements were provided for the entire student body via the all-school broadcasting capabilities

...bulletin boards were created to highlight the program

...the high school created an all-school lip dub

...the middle school implemented mix it up days and new student days to encourage kindness towards others

...the middle school hosted a special education basketball game and invited other districts for player participation. Be the Change created banners, cheered for all players, and had a celebration/welcome party with refreshments after the game. Rotarians attended also.

...the high school students went to the primary school and elementary school buildings to start their involvement on creating the chain link of kindness

...both the middle school and high school students and their advisors spoke at the noon Rotary Club to inform our club members of the ongoing activities and to thank Rotary for the grant monies

...the high school students and advisor spoke at the morning Rotary Club to inform Rotarians of Rachel Challenge

...a brochure was prepared and distributed by our Rotarians at the district Rotary conference

...the middle school hosted a full week of activities occurring during the lunch periods to promote compassion and kindness--correlated with the untimely death of Rachel Scott (for which the Rachel's Challenge was instituted).

...the high school prepared a video clip that ran continuously at the district art show--students, families, and community members were able to view. also chain links were displayed

...the middle school group received an acclamation for entering the national mix it up day contest.

...the positive posters that were made by students and posted. I still love the one in the staff restroom that says you are beautiful:). Picks me up on the slower days!

“Be the Change” had a Rachel’s Challenge Week April 15-19. Each day was a different “dress up day” tied to one of Rachel’s challenges: Look for the best in others – eliminate prejudice; treat others the way you want to be treated; choose positive influencers, speak words of kindness – words can hurt, words can heal; and forgive yourself and others.

A highlight of the year was the Southern Poverty Law Center’s Teaching Tolerance program naming Rocky River Middle School as one of 63 Mix It Up Model Schools nationwide for its exemplary efforts to foster respect and

understanding among students and throughout the school.

As a Mix It Up Model School, Rocky River Middle School met five criteria: Hosting a Mix it Up at Lunch Day; including different members of the school's community – cafeteria staff, aides, administrators, teachers or students – in organizing the event; following up with at least two additional Mix It Up-related programs or events on campus; publicizing Mix It Up at Lunch Day; celebrating inclusiveness with posters, announcements and other media; and the event being seen as a success by students and school officials.

For more than a decade, Mix It Up Day has provided students across the country with an opportunity to move out of their comfort zones and connect with someone new over lunch. It's a simple act with profound implications as studies have shown that interactions across group lines can help reduce prejudice. Many schools plan activities for the entire day, and some use the event to kick off a yearlong exploration of social divisions. Last year more than 3,000 schools took part in the event.