



# THE LISTENER



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## Clambake reservations due Sept. 16

Our club's annual clambake is Tuesday, October 1, and prepaid reservations must be turned in to Tom Turner by Monday, September 16, to receive the \$39 per person price. After that date, the price increases to \$44.

Your name and those of your guests must be attached to your check for admittance. Space is limited and a sell-out is expected.

Set for the Clifton Beach Pavilion, the event begins with a BYOB social hour from 6 to 7 p.m. The clambake buffet includes New England clam chowder, one dozen steamed clams, one half barbecued chicken, baked yams, local sweet corn, cole slaw, brownies and coffee.

Checks should be made payable to the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River. Contact Tom Turner, 440-823-4007 or tomtrnr07@gmail.com, for further information.

## Foundation annual meeting Sept. 30

The Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Club Foundation annual meeting will be held on September 30 at the club's luncheon meeting.

Be sure to mark your calendar and plan to attend so you can learn from Matt Daugherty about the performance of our foundation in the Rotary year 2012-2013.

## Scholarship winner is visitor on May 20

Mary Beth Donahoe, a 2010 Rotary scholarship award winner from Lakewood, visited our club on May 20.

A senior at Ohio Northern University majoring in music theater, she was headed to Maine State Music Theatre in Brunswick, ME, to work as a performance intern for MSMT's summer season, performing in its main stage productions *Les Misérables*, *Gypsy*, and *Mary Poppins*.

She will have the title role in *Cinderella* later this month.



## Club to help with produce distribution

Our club will once again assist Trinity Lutheran Community Outreach (TLCO) with its produce distribution this year, on August 17 and November 16. The shift is from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. both dates.

Between 15 and 20 volunteers are needed. Rotarians are encouraged to bring family members to help.

Produce distributions are held on the third Saturday of each month in conjunction with TLCO's third Saturday Hot Meal. Both events are at Trinity Lutheran Church, 16400 Detroit Rd., Lakewood.

## Annual picnic is August 19 at Yachting Club

Our annual Past Presidents Picnic is set for the Cleveland Yachting Club's Center Isle on Monday, August 19.

Cocktail hour is 6 to 7 p.m. with cash bar followed by a delicious menu of hamburgers, hot dogs, salads, desserts, coffee, hot and iced tea.

There is no charge for members and past presidents and one guest. Additional guests are \$20 per person.

Parking is at the south end of the island. Reservations were due in to Chuck Gustafson by August 14 so the club could plan for the event and the gatehouse would have your name in order for you to gain admittance.

## Hop on the CVSR for fun, fellowship; reservations due by September 13

Make your reservation now for this year's Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railway Wine Train on Friday, September 27. Join other Rotarians for fun, fellowship and some interesting wines and yummy appetizers.

Cost is only \$65 person and includes bus transportation. Our wine train starts and ends at Boston Mill Station, Boston Mill and Riverview Roads, Peninsula.

The bus will leave the Rocky River Civic Center at 6:30 p.m. sharp and the train will leave Boston Mill at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

Respond soon as space is limited. Reservations are due by September 13.

Reservations can be placed by credit card on the club website. To pay by check, or for additional information, see Pam Gallagher or Phil Ardussi.

# The Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River

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

## OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2013-2014

President .....	Phil Ardussi
President Elect .....	Todd Lessig
Secretary .....	Chuck Gustafson
Treasurer .....	Tom English
Directors:	
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 .....	Curt Brosky

## COMMITTEES 2013-2014

### 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
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
Program .....	Matt Daugherty (chair), Tom Turner, Pete Shimrak
Sergeant-At-Arms .....	John Mielke (chair), Chuck Gustafson, John Lamb
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 2013-2014

**Robert "Bob" Johnson**, Governor, District 6630 (Burton Middlefield)

**Shawn Mueller**, Assistant District Governor, Cuyahoga County Northwest - Lorain County (North Ridgeville)

**Ron D. Burton**, President, Rotary International (Rotary Club of Norman, Oklahoma, USA)

## 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)

## Many ways to contribute to Rotary

Smitty Haller explains that members of our club have the opportunity to contribute to Rotary in several ways.

**First**, to contribute to our club's Foundation, simply make a check payable to **Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Foundation** and give it to Tom English.

On their birthday, members are urged to contribute at least two dollars for every year of their age. These contributions go toward increasing what our club is able to give back to the community in grants and scholarships and enable members to earn Carl Dryer Awards.

As of June 30, 2013, 78% of our active members have earned at least one Carl Dryer Award.

**Second**, Rotarians are urged to contribute to Rotary International (RI) every year in the Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) program.

Checks for the EREY program should be made payable to **Rotary International** and designated for the EREY program somewhere on the check. These checks should be sent to Smitty Haller who will complete the paper work that should accompany contributions to RI.

In this way the Rotarian will receive RI recognition points toward Paul Harris Fellow awards and the club will get recognized for having another member participate in the EREY program.

Finally, Rotarians are urged to make bequests to the club Foundation in their estate planning, to make donations in memory of relatives and friends who have passed away, and to arrange for the Foundation to receive benefits of charitable annuities.

## Members celebrate birthdays

Members with birthdays in August are: 17 – John Latham, 19 – Pam Gallagher-Vine, 23 – Jerry Martau, 26 – Smitty Haller, 30 – Lee Elmore, 31 – Bob Weber. A birthday donation to the club foundation or Rotary International entitles the donor to a free lunch.

## Years of service saluted

Only one member joined our club in August: Larry Yunaska (16 years). Larry, we salute you for your service to Rotary and our club!

## Online option available to pay dues

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 web site, [www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org](http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org), in the Site Pages section. Dues are \$260 for a year or \$155 for a half year.

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# Upcoming meetings and events

## Meetings

Remember to invite a guest to an upcoming meeting!

### August 5, Noon.

**Sunrise Rotary: Lessons Learned** – Bill Gaydos, former member of our club and past assistant governor, will reflect on how the Sunrise Club got started and how it differs from our club.

### August 12, Noon.

**No meeting due to annual golf outing.**

### August 19, Noon.

**No meeting due to Past Presidents Picnic.**

### August 26, Noon.

**A Year in Europe: Corrigan Edition** – Natasha and Christina Corrigan. Daughters of our club member Marjorie and David Corrigan will share stories of their experiences as outbound exchange student. Natasha went to Namur, Belgium in 2011-2012. She will be a sophomore at John Carroll University this fall. Christina went to Jaca, Spain in 2012-2013 and will be a senior at Magnificat High School.

### September 2, Noon.

**No meeting due to Labor Day.**

### September 9, Noon.

**Lakewood Community Services Center** – Trish Rooney, executive director. With its partners, LCSC serves the community by providing basic needs assistance and personalized resource and referral services with the goal to empower each individual to move toward greater self sufficiency. Its offices are located at 14230 Madison Avenue in Lakewood.

### September 16, Noon.

**To be announced.**

### September 23, Noon.

**Exchange Student Welcome** – Andrew Ginter and Chris Arnold. Meet Roberta Baccanti, our club's Rotary Youth Exchange student for the 2013-14 school year. Roberta's hometown is Cesena, Italy, where her father is a Rotarian.

### September 30, Noon.

**Lakewood Rocky River Rotary Club Foundation Annual Meeting** – Matt Daugherty. Learn about the performance of our foundation, its members, and how past and present members, as well as friends of Rotary, have sustained it over the years.

### October 7, Noon.

**To be announced.**

### October 14, Noon.

**Rocky River State of the Schools** – Michael Shoaf, superintendent. With a tradition of academic quality and an "Excellent with Distinction" rating on the latest State

Report Card, Rocky River Schools are consistently ranked in the Top Ten List by Cleveland Magazine. In 2012, the high school received the national Blue Ribbon Schools award. Nearly 90 percent of River graduates continue on to colleges or universities.

## Events

### Saturday, September 14, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

**Rocky River Fall Arts Festival** – Old Detroit Road shopping area. The club will have a booth at this fourth annual event. In conjunction with the Rocky River Parks and Recreation Foundation, the festival celebrates the talents of our local artists, and will feature crafters, photographers, jewelers, painters and other artisans.

**District 6630 Foundation Seminars** – If you are at all puzzled about The Rotary Foundation, how it works, why you should contribute to it and how it benefits us, Jim Lechko notes there will be four Rotary Foundation seminars that will be held throughout our district:

**Thursday, September 19** – Time and location TBD.

**Thursday, September 26** – Time and location TBD.

**Thursday, October 10** – 6-7:30 p.m. Brunswick Library (Sycamore Room).

**Thursday, October 17** – 6-7:30 p.m. Akron Rotary Camp.

### Tuesday, October 2, 6:00 p.m.

**Annual Clambake at Clifton Beach.** For information and tickets, contact Tom Turner, 440-823-4007 or tomtrnr07@gmail.com,

**Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corporation Food Drive.** Lakewood Masonic Temple on the corner of Detroit and Andrews in Lakewood. Join club members and other community organizations by volunteering your time at one or both of these delivery events.

Volunteers move, pack and distribute food items and household supplies for needy residents. Join in as little or as much as you would like...better yet, bring a friend or neighbor! Since its inception LCAC has helped provide over 5,000 Lakewood families with holiday food bags.

### Thanksgiving Food Drive

#### Friday, November 22, 2013

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sort and count non perishable food items.

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Bag food items.

#### Saturday, November 23, 2013

9:00 a.m.-Noon. Bag perishable food, then deliver in the community.

### Christmas Food Drive

#### Friday, December 20, 2013

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Sort and count non perishable food items.

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. Bag food items.

#### Saturday, December 21, 2013

9:00 a.m.-Noon. Bag perishable food, then deliver in the community.

# Remarks by Phil Ardussi upon becoming club president June 24

*(Editor's note: The following are remarks by W. Philip Ardussi upon becoming president on June 24, 50 years after his father, Wallace F. Ardussi, became our 38th president.)*

Wow! Has it really been 50 years? Has it really been 50 years since we had those wonderful Christmas parties for crippled children? Has it really been more than 50 years since the beginning of our million-dollar Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary Club Foundation?

We come to this place, almost every Monday, getting together with friends for lunch, talking with our friends about the coming week, our golf game, the latest TV show or movie, and sometimes an opinion about the current political situation.

Occasionally we talk about Rotary's mission. Most of that discussion comes from this podium. We arrive at Memorial Hall on Mondays at noon, this wonderful building named in memory of our late mayor, Don Umerley, and are greeted at the door by a fellow Rotarian, retrieve our name badge, check in with John Latham to make sure our attendance is recorded properly, pay for lunch, purchase tickets for the drawing, go through the serving line, carefully choose where we are going to sit with friends, enjoy our lunch and the conversation, sing our songs, welcome our guests, and enjoy the current program.

***And yet, none of this describes what we are really about.***

You are all very much aware that our Foundation contributes over \$800 per week to support Rotary objectives in Lakewood and Rocky River. You all know about the amazing immediate response we received from our members when we asked them for personal donations to help the Staten Island Rotary Club rebuild their community after the terrible storm ... and we sent them \$4,000. And you are familiar with our support to build a school and additional facilities in Kanchan Adhikary's home town, Nala Village, in Nepal.

Would you be surprised if I were to tell you that our members made a difference in our community and in our world in over 150 other events during this past year? Would you be surprised if I told you that the summary of those more than 150 examples of our club's actual participation accomplishing Rotary's mission is not even the complete record of our club? Would you be surprised if I were to tell you that we needed 5,500 points to qualify for the A. Z. Baker Award and that we actually accumulated 9,220 points?

And so, here comes Phil Ardussi, trying to fit into this long line of very distinguished past presidents, the newest president in this astonishing group, with a heart full of hope for our future, full of awe for what we have accomplished since our founding in 1927: our million-dollar foundation, our crippled children Christmas parties back in the '50s, our determination to maintain focus on doing the right thing for Lakewood and Rocky River.

Here am I standing in the shadow of these remarkable past presidents, the most recent of which is Curt Brosky, and I want you to know that I will be a servant to this club and to our mission, and will work closely with your very capable and talented Board and will cooperate with our outstanding sister club that meets at sunrise to make the right decisions for our two communities.

As I look through a tiny peephole at the year ahead, I think our greatest challenge will be to recognize that our world is changing, our challenges are changing, and, as our history is recorded, I think we will be judged on our ability to accommodate and adjust to a society that is moving rapidly, whose needs are changing.

And if the history of these days is written, we will not be judged on our "average age," or the size of our club, but on our effectiveness in accomplishing Paul Harris's original timeless dream, "To serve above self."

## Curt Brosky reflects on his year as club president

*(Editor's note: The following are excerpts from Past President Curt Brosky's remarks at the club's officer transition meeting on June 24.)*

The Rotary Club of Lakewood-Rocky River has successfully completed its eighty-seventh year of fulfilling its mission which is, "To improve the lives of residents in Lakewood and Rocky River, and around the world, while conducting ourselves with integrity and compassion."

The following is a list of how we helped improve the lives of others during this past year, in our four areas of Service (New Generations, International Service, Community Service and Club Service):

### **New Generations/Youth Service**

- Sponsored the Rachel's Challenge Program at Rocky River high school and middle school. Our club funded a

national speaker to address students and the public, to kick off the program last fall. Rotarians participated in bi-weekly student meetings held thorough the year. And we assisted the students in hosting a Special Olympics basketball game.

- Presented \$8,500 in scholarships to four students for post high school education.
- We conducted a speech contest for high school students, an activity we have sponsored for 68 years.
- Collaborated with Beck Center for the eleventh year to conduct a music and visual arts awards program with winners receiving cash prizes.
- Hosted a lunch for 15 top performing students from West Shore Career-Technical District, and presented each with a gift card to honor their achievements.

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## Curt Brosky reflects...

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- Club members shared personal career experiences in a panel discussion with students at Lakewood High School and also participated in the Career Tech graduation ceremonies.
- For the eighth consecutive year, we delivered dictionaries to every third grader in Lakewood and Rocky River, more than 300.

### International Service

- We joined 29 other Rotary Clubs to purchase a pickup truck for Ndola, in Zambia, Africa. The truck will be used to deliver medical supplies to remote villages.
- We initiated our own international program to build a science lab in a school in a small town in Nepal.
- Over 75% of our members contributed to Rotary International's Every Rotarian Every Year. And our club made a contribution on behalf of those members who were unable to do so.
- We hosted Alex, an exchange student from Russia who attended LHS, and lived part of year with one of our members. Alex attended our weekly lunch meetings.
- We sponsored two local students who traveled abroad as exchange students and will soon be returning home.

### Community Service (traditionally our major focus)

- Provided over \$31,000 grants to 17 local non-profits. Our largest grants went to:
  - \* Lakewood Community Services Center to expand its mental health services.
  - \* Nature's Bin to expand its job training program.
  - \* Providence House to provide seed money to establish a medical crisis nursery.
- Participated in community events with booths at:
  - \* Rocky River Business Expo.
  - \* Rocky River Arts Festival.
  - \* Lakewood Arts Festival.
- Endeavored to have more hands-on work projects this year:
  - \* Help deliver 600 food baskets for Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp at Thanksgiving and Christmas.
  - \* Distributed produce at Trinity Lutheran Community Outreach in Lakewood.
  - \* For the first time, we sorted and packed donated food at both the Rocky River Assistance Center and the Lakewood Community Services Center.
  - \* Participated in Clean Up Lakewood Day.
  - \* Collected two car loads of Christmas gifts that were distributed to 50 children in Rocky River.
  - \* And our club collectively sent \$4,000 to Staten Island Rotary Club for victims of Hurricane Sandy.

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## District Foundation News

### Grant Committee

The District Grant Committee met Thursday, July 18, to review the District Grant Inquiries submitted by clubs in the district. Grant Inquiries had to be submitted by July 15 to be considered for a grant during the 2013-14 Rotary year.

According to Jim Lechko, District 6630 Foundation Chair 2013-2016, the Grant Management Seminars held earlier this year created a lot of interest with 15 clubs submitting grant inquiry forms totaling about \$40,000 in requests. This is significantly more activity than in the past.

The purpose of the Grant Committee meeting was to determine which requests were fundable based on Rotary guidelines. Clubs were notified if their projects are fundable and if so how to proceed.

### The Rotary Foundation

District 6630 will be holding its annual "Foundation Event" Saturday, November 9. Details to follow. Hold the date!

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### Club Service

- Initiated a monthly "after-work social" which was very well received and where we got to know one another better.
- Started a Rotary Women focus speakers' program.
- Enjoyed an outing at an Indians baseball game where we rode in Lolly the Trolley on Interstate 90 at 65 mph with all of the windows open!
- Annual Past Presidents Picnic at the Yachting Club.
- Annual clam bake at Clifton Beach.
- Annual golf outing with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Pillars of Lakewood.
- Many interesting luncheon speakers that covered a wide variety of topics:
  - \* Cleveland Indians and Cleveland Cavaliers.
  - \* Mayors from both Lakewood and Rocky River.
  - \* We learned about the Cleveland Orchestra, Playhouse Square and the Cleveland Aquarium.
  - \* From the history of Rocky River to fishing for steelhead trout.
  - \* We heard from executive directors at many local non-profit organizations.
  - \* Also we heard the president tell 42 bad jokes and two good ones.

We are saddened to lose two long-time members and good friends—Dr. Bill Huffman and George Garden.

We are pleased to have five new energetic members who will help us continue to fulfill our mission in the future.

We could not have completed these accomplishments without the hard work of all of our members, as it does take all of us working together to achieve these significant results.

I want to say thank you to each and every one of you, and especially to our board of directors. You should all feel proud, knowing that your hard work helped improve the lives of literally hundreds of people this year, locally and around world.