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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 10 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 seventeenth 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 20. 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 510 students in its workforce development programs.

The 2013-14 Outstanding Student Award recipients are: Zachary Kulina, automotive technology; Neelab Abdullah, biotechnology; Dobrica Sucevic, business management; Miles Scavone, community-based training at Bonne Bell; Billal Yassen, community-based training at Rae Ann; Emmett O'Donnell, construction trades;

Sahana Petras, culinary arts; Jessica Graber, early childhood education; Kyle Kasper, electronic technology; Molli Thach, health careers technology; Alexander Sierputowski, interactive media; Angel Dickson, medical office management; Matthew Kerrigan, networking/Cisco; Steven Cross, Project Lead the Way; Sherine Doleh, service occupations training.

March member birthdays

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

Club awards over \$46,000 in grants

Over \$46,000 from the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation will be used to provide scholarships, recognize student achievement, purchase dictionaries, and fund grant requests made by Lakewood and Rocky River community organizations.

The awards focused on three main areas – community health and wellness, food and nutrition, and programs that encourage and foster youth leadership.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River will award \$9,500 in scholarships to high school seniors, and \$4,500 to student winners in the club's annual speech, music and art competition at the Beck Center on April 7.

The Beck Center's visual arts program also received \$2,500 for club-sponsored scholarships, and \$1,440 was used to continue the club's commitment to provide a dictionary to every third grader in Lakewood and Rocky River.

Magnificat High School received a \$2,500 grant for its Seeds of Service project. With construction of the "hoop house" greenhouse on Magnificat's property, the project is slated to involve over 150 students and deliver more than 200 pounds of fresh, organically-grown produce to Rocky River and Lakewood food banks.

Other grants for youth-related programs were awarded to: Mathew's Lending Library, Recovery Resources, H2O (Help to Others), Rocky River Education Foundation, Lakewood Schools Foundation, and the American Youth Foundation programs at Lakewood and Rocky River high schools.

Lakewood Community Services Center received a \$2,000 seed money grant for its Net Works jobs program. Cornucopia Inc. (Nature's Bin) was awarded \$2,000 for its job training program.

Additional community service grants were awarded to: North Coast Health Ministry, Lakewood Hospital Foundation, Barton Center, Rocky River Senior Center, Rocky River United Methodist Church "storm team," Trinity Lutheran Community Outreach, Rocky River Assistance Program, Lakewood Charitable Assistance Corp., and Meals on Wheels in Lakewood and Rocky River.

The club Foundation's assets grow each year as the result of gifts, donations and bequests by members and friends of the club.

The Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River

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<http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org>

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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

Mark Bacon and **Darrell Echard** attended the district's **Grant Management Seminar** in February. The attendance of two club members at a grants seminar is one of the requirements for clubs to be eligible to participate in the grant program the next Rotary year.

A second requirement is that the club needs to average at least \$25 per capita in annual fund (share) foundation giving this Rotary year (ending June 30, 2014).

For a district grant for 2014-2015, grant inquiry forms must be submitted to the district grants committee by May 15, 2014.

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President-elect **Todd Lessig** will be attending the **All-Ohio President Elect Training Seminar** (PETS) on March 14-15 in Columbus. All-Ohio PETS brings together presidents-elect from all five Ohio districts.

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At our March 3 meeting, the following were elected to serve on the club's **Board of Directors** for a three-year term beginning July 1, 2014 – **Mark Bacon**, **John Clapper**, and **Ann Sevenich** – affirming the Board's nominations.

Lynn Donaldson will be president-elect for 2014-2015. **Chuck Gustafson** will continue as club secretary and **Kanchan Adhikary** will be club treasurer starting July 1.

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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.

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Save the date for our **annual golf outing** fundraiser on Monday, September 8, at Red Tail Golf Club, 4400 Lear Nagle Road, in Avon.

The outing is sponsored by our club in conjunction with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce, Pillars of Lakewood, and the Lakewood Rocky River Sunrise Rotary Club.

To be an event sponsor, donate prizes, help with the event or learn more, contact **Todd Lessig** or **Matt Daugherty**.

A sponsorship form can be found on page four of this newsletter.

March membership anniversaries

Don Strang (44 years), Pete Shimrak (39), Jon Fancher (23), Nancy Lee Malm (20), Pam Gallagher-Vine (13), Bill Baker (12), Chris Arnold (10), Todd Lessig (nine), Mick Shoaf (six), and Mark Bacon (one).

Our club's mailing address is:

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Upcoming meetings and events

Meetings

Remember to invite a guest to an upcoming meeting!

March 3, Noon.

Rotary Exchange in Jaca, Spain 2013-2013 – Christina Corrigan. Natasha and Christina Corrigan, daughters of our club member Marjorie and David Corrigan, have lived abroad as Rotary outbound exchange students. Christina is a senior at Magnificat High School. Natasha, a sophomore at John Carroll University, went to Namur, Belgium in 2011-2012. She spoke to our club August 26.

March 10, Noon.

Outstanding West Shore Career-Tech Students Awards – Nancy Ralls. Each year, we recognize West Shore's outstanding career-tech students. 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.

March 17, Noon.

Identity Theft and Protection – Skip Gavorski. Identity theft affects millions of Americans each year. Protecting and safeguarding sensitive, personal information is more essential than ever. Credit report monitoring is a valuable tool of detection. The more we know about the myths and realities of identity theft, the better off we are.

March 24, Noon.

Rachel's Challenge Update – Jean Rounds. Students, principals and advisors from Rocky River's middle and high schools will update us on what Rachel's Challenge has been doing this school year, and its future plans.

March 31, Noon.

Four-Way Speech Contest Finals – Ed Gallagher. 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 on April 7 at the Beck Center, and at the district competition on April 5.

April 7, Noon.

No meeting due to Speech, Music and Visual Arts Awards Night at Beck Center this evening.

April 14, Noon.

Russian Free Enterprise Encouraged with the Help of American Rotary Clubs – Sharon Tennon.

April 21, Noon.

Junior Achievement of Greater Cleveland – Jessica Walters. A CWRU graduate and Cleveland native, Jessica Walters develops relationships with corporate and community partners and manages JA's flagship special

events – Bowl-a-Thon, Online Auction and Golf Invitational – which contribute over \$450,000 annually, providing fiscal sustainability that allows JA Cleveland to deliver programs and services to students, educators, donors, and other stakeholders in our community. She has been with JA Cleveland since September 2012.

April 28, Noon.

Alzheimer's Association – Steffani Baker. The Cleveland area chapter provides support and resources to individuals suffering from memory loss, and their families, in a five-county region of northeast Ohio. Nearly all services are provided free of charge. The disease currently affects more than five million American adults (56,000 in Northeast Ohio) and is the sixth leading cause of death in the country.

Events

Tuesday, March 11, 5:00 p.m.

Club Foundation Board at Pearl of the Orient.

Monday, March 17, 10:45 a.m.

Board of Directors at Rocky River Memorial Hall.

Thursday, March 20, 5:30 p.m.

The next **After Hours Social** will be at the Rocky River Wine Bar, 1313 Linda St, Rocky River. Bring your significant other, friend, or another Rotarian. An informal opportunity for some social time together. This is a fun event where we have the opportunity to get to know your fellow Rotarians.

Saturday, March 29, 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

District 6630 Training Assembly, Doubletree Hilton, 6200 Quarry Lane, Independence. \$40.00 per person (includes lunch).

Saturday, April 5

District 6630 Four-Way Test Speech Contest, Harmon Middle School. 130 Aurora Hudson Road, Aurora, OH 44202. Registration for students and Rotarian sponsors is at 8:30 a.m.; contest begins at 9 a.m.

Monday, April 7, 6:00 p.m.

Speech, Music and Art Awards Ceremony at The Beck Center. Replaces the club's regular noon 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.

Friday-Sunday, April 25-27

District Conference 6630. More information to be available soon.

Friday, May 2, 6:00 p.m.

Sunrise at Sunset, the Sunrise Club's annual fundraising Umerley Hall, in the Rocky River Civic Center. Tickets are \$20 per person and include dinner and dessert. The event provides funds for the American Youth Foundation leadership camp and other club service projects.

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