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Cruise-in is fundraiser for scholarships

Just imagine, a beautiful summer evening, right on the lake, live music, food and refreshments, and lots of fancy cars, trucks, and motorcycles.

Sponsored by the Rotary Club of Lakewood and Rocky River, a cruise-in is set for July 31, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m., at Edgewater Park's Lakefront Reservation, Lower Area.

The event is part of "Edgewater Live" sponsored by the Cleveland Metroparks.

Enthusiasts are encouraged to bring their cars, trucks and motorcycles. A \$20.00 donation is suggested for those who choose to participate, but any amount will be appreciated.

All donations will be used to fund grants for students planning to attend accredited post-high school educational institutions and who meet the club's scholarship program guidelines.

Edgewater Live is free and open to the public. Bring a blanket or chair and let classic rock by "Blonde Scott" move you. Local food trucks will be there for your dining pleasure.

Rain date for the cruise-in is August 7.

Edgewater Live is every Thursday until August 14.

Annual golf outing at Red Tail September 8

The Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River, in conjunction with the Lakewood Chamber of Commerce and Pillars of Lakewood, will have its annual golf outing at Red Tail Golf Club on Monday, September 8, 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, dinner on the patio, contests and door prizes.

Visium Resources, 22255 Center Ridge Road, Rocky River, is this year's Eagle Sponsor. The event raises over \$4,000 annually for Rotary projects.

Red Tail is located at 4400 Lear Nagle Road in Avon.

Foursomes and golfers can register online at www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org. Registration forms can also be downloaded from the website. 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 club's website.

Oscar Lehto new youth exchange student, coming from Pori, Finland

Oscar Lehto, 17, is our club's youth exchange student for 2014-15. He is from Pori, a city with a population of nearly 84,000 on the west coast of Finland. It is 11th largest city in Finland, and the seventh largest urban area.



Oscar Lehto

He has studied English for eight years; Swedish and Finnish for 11 years. He has just completed grade 10 and expects to graduate in May 2016.

During the last school year his courses included extended mathematics, extended physics, and extended languages (Finnish, Swedish, German and English).

Other courses have included biology, philosophy, geography, history, religion, healthcare, and chemistry. All subjects have at least one mandatory course.

The youngest of four children, he has three sisters, ranging in age from 22 to 27. His father, Esa Matti Lehto, a member of the Rotary Club of Kuninkaankartano in Pori, has worked for the last 25 years in the international pharmaceutical industry. He is employed as an associate clinical trial manager for ICON Clinical Research. His mother, Izabela Koszek-Lehto, works for Tupperware as a team leader. Both parents have their offices at home.

Oscar is interested in politics and was chosen to his city's youth parliament. He is active in social media and forums where he chats with people with similar interests to his own.

His additional activities are music and sports. Oscar has played piano since he was seven years old, and plays mostly at school and at home. He practiced handball with a team called IF Helsinge Atlas since the first grade, but switched to basketball three years ago after his family moved from Helsinki to Pori because there is no handball team in Pori.

He plays basketball on a local team called BC Sisu. He practices with the team for boys 15 to 17 and with the men's

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The Rotary Club of Lakewood & Rocky River

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<http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org>

OFFICERS & DIRECTORS 2014-2015

President.....	Todd Lessig
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Secretary.....	Chuck Gustafson
Treasurer.....	Kanchan Adhikary
Directors:	
2012-2015 – Phil Ardussi, Charles Eversole, Lynn Donaldson	
2013-2016 – John Clark, Vicky Foster, Tom Turner	
2014-2017 – Mark Bacon, John Clapper, Ann Sevenich	
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COMMITTEES 2014-2015

Club Service	Larry Yunaska
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Youth Exchange	Chris Arnold
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Mike Davanzo , Governor, District 6630 (Medina Sunrise)
Kathy Berkshire , Assistant District Governor, Cuyahoga County Northwest - Lorain County (Lakewood-Rocky River Sunrise)
Gary C.K. Huang , President, Rotary International (Rotary Club of Taipei, Taiwan)

NEARBY MAKE UP OPPORTUNITIES

<u>Avon/Avon Lake</u> , Tuesday, 7:30 a.m. Towne Center Community Campus, 200 Community Drive, Avon Lake.
<u>Cleveland, Downtown</u> , Thursday, Noon. Windows on the River in the Powerhouse, West Bank of Flats.
<u>Lakewood/Rocky River Sunrise</u> , Wednesday, 7:15 a.m. Umerley Hall, Rocky River.
<u>Middleburg Heights/Brookpark</u> , Thursday, 7:30 a.m. Front Row Grill, 15119 Snow Road, Middleburg Heights.
<u>North Ridgeville</u> , Friday, Noon, North Ridgeville Senior Center, 7327 Avon Belden Road, behind City Hall.
<u>Westlake/Bay</u> , Thursday, 12:15 p.m. Porter Library, 27333 Center Ridge Rd, Westlake.
<u>West Shore (formerly Fairview/West Park/North Olmsted)</u> , Tuesday, Noon. Amp 150, 4277 W 150th Street, Cleveland, in the Marriott.
On-line at www.rotaryclubone.org

Oscar Lehto new youth exchange student

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team. Oscar goes to gym four to six times a week and to basketball practice twice a week. He is also an assistant coach for a basketball team for boys 11 to 12.

Pori is known for its local ice hockey team which is called Porin Assat (in English, Pori Aces). Assat last won the Finnish championship in 2012-2013; previous championships years were 1978, 1971, 1967 and 1965. Oscar goes quite often to see the games with his father.

He has traveled outside of Finland many times. His family has a summer cottage in Poland. He has also been in Germany several times, because all of his sisters have been there as exchange students. He has visited Sweden with his father many times, and has been in Denmark and the Czech Republic in tournaments with his handball team.

After high school Oscar would like to study political science at Abo Akademi University in Turku, Finland. After graduating from the university, he plans to go to the Police Academy in Tampere to become detective chief inspector.

His number one goal as an exchange student is to work on his English language skills. He is also curious about the American culture. He would like to join a local basketball or handball team to meet new people and to keep up his skills.

“All his life, Oscar has seen us accommodating foreign short term exchange students,” his father wrote in his son’s youth exchange application. “During the two past years we have accommodated Rotary exchange students and (also) young adult group exchange students from Australia and from the U.S.” It was after a discussion Oscar had this spring with a exchange student from Los Angeles that he decided he would apply for the long-term Rotary program.

Members celebrate birthdays

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 July are: John Latham (35 years), Tom Turner (30), and John Mielke (21). We salute each of you for your service to Rotary and our club!

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.

Our club’s mailing address is:

P.O. Box 770916, Lakewood, OH 44107

Our web site is:

<http://www.lakewoodrockyriverrotary.org>

Upcoming meetings and events

Meetings

Remember to invite a guest to an upcoming meeting!

July 7, Noon

Five Million Steps on a Journey of Hope: Thru-Hiking the Appalachian Trail – Bob Grau. A 70-year-old retired college professor from Berea, he thru-hiked the AT from March to September 2011. He will recount details of his hike from Georgia to Maine, a distance of 2,181 miles. Grau has written a book about his experience.

July 14, Noon

Club Assembly and New Member Orientation. All committee chairs will present a short description of their committee's main function. For our newer members, it's an opportunity to learn the ins and outs of our club and to find a place for you to make your unique contribution.

July 21, Noon

Gift of Life Northeast Ohio – Ken Fogle. GoL NEO serves children and their extended families from around the world who do not have access to cardiac care. GoL NEO has hosted over 50 children from all over the world who have come to Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital for repair of their defective hearts, and recently it has also partnered with Akron Children's Hospital to bring children from Haiti for heart surgery.

July 28, Noon

Light Up Rotary – Todd Lessig. RI President Gary C. K. Huang has chosen Light Up Rotary as his theme for 2014-15. Huang was inspired by the teachings of Chinese philosopher Confucius, who stated, "It is better to light a single candle, than to sit and curse the darkness."

August 4, Noon

No Meeting – Due to Past Presidents Picnic (see Events).

August 11, Noon

Experiences from the Cold War – Dick Farkas.

August 18, Noon

To be confirmed.

August 25, Noon

To be confirmed

September 1, Noon

No Meeting – Labor Day observance.

September 8, Noon

No Meeting – Annual Golf Outing (see Events).

Events

Monday, July 21, 10:45 a.m.

Club Board of Directors, Umerley Center meeting room.

Thursday, July 31, 5:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Cruise-in for Scholarships. Edgewater Park's Lakefront Reservation, Lower Area.

Monday, August 4, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.

Past Presidents Picnic. Cleveland Yachting Club.

Monday, September 8, 11:30 a.m.

Golf Outing Fundraiser, Red Tail Golf Club, Avon

Foundation changes Carl Dryer Award certificate procedure; names new officers

Because of the increasing cost of framed certificates to recognize new Carl Dryer Award recipients, the trustees of the Lakewood-Rocky River Rotary Foundation have voted to eliminate framed certificates earned after June 30, 2016.

In recent years, many recipients have stated that they would have preferred to not receive a framed certificate, and instead have the money the spent on the certificate remain in the Foundation's treasury.

Anyone completing his/her first Carl Dryer Award by June 30, 2016 will have the option of receiving a framed certificate. After June 30, 2016, anyone completing his/her first Carl Dryer Award will receive an unframed paper certificate. In all cases, Carl Dryer recipients will be recognized with a name plate on the wall plaque outside the club meeting room at the Umerley Civic Center.

In other business, for Rotary year 2014-15, Bill Huffman will be the Foundation's president; Jim Lechko, vice president; Jon Fancher, secretary; and Tom English, treasurer. Matt Daugherty will chair the investment committee, replacing Jim Lechko. All other committee chairs will continue from 2013-14.

Pam Gallagher-Vine was chosen to serve the balance of Don McQuilkin's term on the Board, ending June 30, 2017.

The Foundation's annual meeting will be September 29 at Umerley Civic Center and will be the program for the club's regular noon meeting.

The trustees' next meetings are September 9 and December 9. Meetings are at 5:00 p.m. at Pearl of the Orient, 19300 Detroit Rd, Rocky River.



Save the date!

Monday, August 4, 2014

Past Presidents Picnic
Cleveland Yachting Club
200 Yacht Club Dr., Rocky River



Save the date!

Monday, September 8, 2014

Annual Golf Outing
Red Tail Golf Club
4400 Lear Nagle Rd., Avon

2014 ANNUAL SCRAMBLE FOR LAKEWOOD GOLF OUTING

*At the beautiful Red Tail Golf Club
in Avon, Ohio
Monday, September 8, 2014*

- Registration at 10:45 AM with Shotgun start at 11:30 AM
- Dinner on the Patio at 5:00 PM
- \$125 per golfer includes 18 holes, boxed lunch and barbecue for dinner

Proceeds Benefit:



**Rotary Club of
Lakewood & Rocky River**



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checks can be made payable to **Lakewood Rocky River Rotary** and sent to: **Lakewood/Rocky River Rotary**
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