



Oberlin Rotary

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December is Rotary Family Month

December 2010



EVENTS

December 2010:

Date will be announced for the distribution of food at the Community Center.

December 17, 2010: Rotary Family Christmas Party

Friday evening: There will be no noon meeting that day.

December 24th and December 31st 2010:

No noon meetings.

February 26, 2011: Paul Harris event

Paul Harris dinner and presentation(s) of PH fellows.

March 5, 2011: Pancake Breakfast

May 14, 2011: Strive Interviews



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Season's Greetings, fellow Rotarians! I hope that everyone loves this time of year as much as I do.

Congratulations to Curt Paul and his children, Logan and Brendan, for a successful and wonderful three-minute shopping spree at IGA. They collected close to \$450 worth of food to be donated to Oberlin Community Services. Plus, the Oberlin Rotary Club will be matching the amount they collected!

Get your list ready and be extra nice... Santa and Mrs. Claus will be arriving at the Oberlin Inn on Wednesday, December 22nd for our Rotary Holiday gathering. A sign up sheet will be passed around at the next meeting.

A reminder that we will not have meetings on December 24th and December 31st due to the holidays.

I hope that every Rotarian and their families have a wonderful Christmas and Happy New Year! God Bless Everyone!

Yours in Rotary,
Tad Cowling
President, Oberlin Rotary Club

ROTARIANS, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:



The Rotary Clubs of Celina and St Marys Ohio, USA, desperately need the help of Rotarians worldwide. Last year, Grand Lake St Marys, which separates the two cities and their Rotary Clubs was devastated economically with a closure of Ohio's largest inland lake due to an attack of Blue Green algae that forced the Ohio EPA to close the lake to all recreational activity. With that closure, the multi-million dollar tourist industry, boating, swimming, fishing, camping and the 5,600 local jobs it provides, sank to the bottom in one of our nations worst economic times. The effect on the local economy ravaged many business already suffering from a weakened economy. Many Rotarians in both communities suffered personally, as they are the operators of those businesses.

While the politicians sympathized and agreed that help was surely needed to fix the problems, no State or Federal monies were given to assist them, as their budgets were already strained. Local folks including Rotarians took prompt actions to reverse the catastrophe and began a program to raise monies and purchase modern stream cleaning equipment to prevent to a recurrence of the pollution that caused the problem. Over 600 thousand dollars was raised locally to purchase collectors and aerators but **more equipment is urgently needed by the spring run off.**

THIS IS WHERE YOU CAN HELP US WITH JUST A VOTE FROM YOUR COMPUTER.

The Lake Restoration Committee wrote a proposal, which is now an approved project in PEPSI's "REFRESH EVERYTHING" Nationwide competition. As a competitor for a \$250,000 GRANT..... ALL IT TAKES IS BEING ONE OF THE TWO TOP VOTE GETTERS IN THE NATION TO BE AWARDED A GRANT.

Your vote and those of other Rotarians and their families and friends can help make this happen for these two Rotary clubs and the people who are suffering from this economic crisis, not to mention the importance of saving of this precious natural resource by making the water supply healthy again.

HERE'S HOW TO VOTE:

1. Go On Line to: <http://www.refresheverything.com/savegrandlakestmarys>
2. Click on the "**Vote for this Idea**" button on the right side of the page
3. After you click that button it will take you to the "sign in page".

Follow those instructions and you will help your fellow Rotarians by providing safe clean water right here in Ohio.

SAVE THE LINK TO YOUR BROWSER AND YOU CAN VOTE EVERY DAY THIS MONTH

Thank you for helping these two Rotary clubs and their communities

Frank C Murray
District Rotary Foundation Chair
District 6600



ROTARY ELECTION RESULTS

The ballots have been counted and the results are in! Congratulations to President-Elect, REX ENGLE; new members of the Board, CHRIS FLETCHER and CHERON REBOK; and our dedicated Secretary/Treasurer, GERRY FINDLAN. Rex's term will be for the 2012-13 Rotary year. Chris and Cheron will serve for the 2011-13 Rotary years. Gerry's term is for the 2011-12 Rotary year.

CLUB SERVICE UPDATE

- We have been collecting canned and nonperishable foods to help stock the Oberlin Community Services pantry. Donations have been accepted at Oberlin Wal*mart, Edward Jones Investments, the Oberlin Inn and Oberlin Family Dental. Our goal is to fill the window of Curt Paul's Edward Jones Investments before the December distribution. Effort is being made to continuously collect food throughout the year.
- Also, a large box of mittens, scarves, hats, coats, and gloves were delivered to Eastwood Elementary School to keep little ones warm. If anyone still wishes to donate new or gently used winter outerwear, see Melanie at our weekly meetings and she will distribute to one of our local schools.
- Thank you to all the chili makers, chili servers and Interact helpers who helped make Santa's Arrival even more special. Oberlinians look forward to this event every year the day after Thanksgiving.



LOOKING FOR A CREATIVE & ECO-FRIENDLY WAY TO WRAP GIFTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON? Use an Oberlin Rotary "LIVING GREEN" reusable bag. They are large and durable (who

can say that about flimsy paper?) and the recipient will appreciate using them throughout the year.

ROTARY REACHES OUT TO GREATHOUSE-COLE FAMILY

At the November 19th meeting the Rotarians present donated almost \$650 to the jug to benefit the family of Gar and Simone Cole who were killed in a tragic automobile accident November 16. Also killed were their 18-month-old daughter Raleigh and Kyler Allen Eldon, who was to be born on Monday, November 22, Gar's 24th birthday.

An on-the-spot board meeting produced a matching amount to go to the Greathouse-Cole family for defraying funeral and burial expenses. The families receive a total of \$1300 thanks to the Oberlin Club's generosity. Other groups are also collecting funds to help in the emergency.

The close connection to the Rotary family prompted an outpouring of sympathy to go with the financial help. Simone's mother worked as a nurse's aide at Welcome Nursing Home. Simone worked as a nurse's aide at Mercy Allen Hospital and her mother, Wendy Greathouse, has been a nurse at Mercy Allen for 34 years.

The family generosity enabled MetroHealth Medical Center to keep Raleigh alive long enough to harvest her corneas and heart valves in an attempt to bring at least some good from the terrible situation and benefit of community. Local Lorain County newspapers, as well as the Cleveland Plain Dealer, carried accounts of the accident in the days following.

NOTES & INFORMATION FROM YOUR CLUB SECRETARY/TREASURER

Average attendance for the month of October was 66.50%

HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE NOVEMBER BOARD MTG

Present: Cowling, Aufdenkampe, Houck, Satterfield, Walter, J. Cole, Findlan

FINANCIAL REPORT

- October 2010: Findlan reviewed details of income and expense. Balance is \$13,526.38.
- Doggie Doo. Findlan moved, J. Cole 2nd to send \$300.00 to the Doggie Doo Committee. Findlan explained that we have already sent a check for \$700.00 and that all expenses have been met. All aye.
- American Media invoice for ad in community brochure. Findlan noted that this has been paid and that American Media was informed we would not pay an annual fee for this publication.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND REPORT

By John Cole

- Balance in fund as of Oct was \$223,396.82.
- Cowling moved, Aufdenkampe 2nd "Memorial fund send a letter requesting donations. Letter to go to Rotary members as well as the general public. There will be a match up to \$20,000.
- Discussion: Suggested that this be advertised on the web site and included in our December Newsletter. Houck: Suggested that the letter to club members present a different focus than the one to the general public. Cowling, send it to members first so they are aware of this solicitation prior to the public asking them about it. All aye in support of the motion. Aufdenkampe asked about using scholarship funds to assist 'outbound' students. Board noted that scholarship funds are for academic expenses.

COMMUNITY FUND REPORT

by John Cole

- Balance Oct 31st was \$94,381.27. Cole noted that the net income from auction was \$23,333.00.
- Satterfield moved, Findlan 2nd to "match from the community fund the value of the contents of the shopping cart spree at IGA." All aye. Funds to go to OCS.
- Aufdenkampe inquired if we might do better if our auction was held in Feb. She noted that the Maumee club raises some \$60,000.00 and their event is in Feb. Board suggested she talk to R. Cole and Engle re this.

- No requests for funds were received.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Club Service - Satterfield:

- Chili Cook-Off has as lot of chili cooks and servers. Interact club will help also.
- Letter was sent to Drug Mart asking if we could place a food box there. No response yet.
- Reading to the Children program is going well. So is the clothing drive.
- Satterfield is considering an "Angel" clothing drive. Making up paper angels with a specific request for an item of clothing.

Community Service - Walter

- Harry Buffalo fund raiser moving along. Will have more information later.

International Service - Aufdenkampe

- GSE team member interviews this Friday.
- MESA: The DVD is ready. Aufdenkampe plans to have Mark Stewart present it at a Friday meeting.
- Annual Bike Ride. Will include a separate motorcycle category. Have about 100 bikes signed up already.
- Have 4 containers of items in the warehouse. MESA hopes to have 12 when they ship.
- Resource Center project raised \$1,800.00. The goal was \$900.00 so now they can build two centers.
- Youth Exchange, potentially two young ladies will be outbound. Discussion followed re funding for these trips. Aufdenkampe noted that air fare is a major expense. Houck "I would be hesitant to make a great commitment to these kids." Findlan noted that if we wanted to provide some funding we should add it as a line item in future budgets.

Vocational Service - Houck:

- STRIVE reports are to go to Holsworth for her 'book'.

Program Chair - Paul.

- No report, but programs seem to be on track.

Fellowship Chair - Cowling / Nichols.

- Plenty of events going on in Nov and Dec.

New Business

- Status of nominations for President Elect and officers. Findlan distributed a 'draft' ballot.
- MESA letter and report, noting the strong support of our club for MESA. Cowling will share with club on Friday.
- J. Cole reported that there is no 'give' on the price of the fire truck, they still want \$7,000.00. Sense of the board was that there is no future in this project.

Yours in Rotary



Gerry Findlan
Secretary / Treasurer



SENIORS HONORED FOR CHARACTER AND SERVICE

By Donna Marie Shurr

Teacher Oberlin High School & Interact Club Advisor

The seniors of the month for **November 2010** are **Chelsea Cross** and **Stephanie Luczkowski**. They were honored on November 12, 2010, at a weekly noon luncheon of the Oberlin Rotary Club at the Oberlin Inn.

Senior **Chelsea Cross** has been very involved in extra-curricular activities mainly because everything she does involves a great deal of creativity and dedication. During her four years at OHS, she has been in every drama production either as part of the cast or part of the production crew. This year Cross serves the drama club as a senior officer. She is also very dedicated to OHS Orchestra and has earned the seat of 1st violin. Cross is devoted to the orchestra's fundraising efforts, which makes it possible for all students to participate in local, national and international tours. Her commitment to service continues with her participation in Interact Club, the Oberlin Rotary sponsored community service club of OHS. Cross's academic record, excellent character and service have earned her membership in OHS National Honor Society. She is an IB Diploma Candidate for the first cohort of diploma students. Cross manages to stay physically fit by playing soccer with the OHS Girls Varsity team.

Outside of school Cross balances her time with music and service. She takes private violin lessons with Molly Johnson and volunteers at Oberlin Weekday Community Hot Meals Program. Cross works at Ben Franklin Store where she has been employed for several years and enjoys greeting customers. After graduation Cross plans to attend a four-year college, preferably Oberlin College. She considers her biggest strength to be her creativity. Cross would like to be remembered by her teachers and peers as having a sense of humor, someone who is approachable and dedicated.

Stephanie Luczkowski was elected as Junior Class treasurer for the 2009-2010 school year. She must have done an amazing job because this year she has the duties of treasurer of the Senior Class and treasurer of the National Honor Society. Fall was a busy time for Luczkowski because she performed in Marching Band and played varsity soccer. As a senior member of Marching Band she served as field captain and librarian and was co-captain of the



soccer team. Luczkowski's commitment to music extends to her participation in Concert Band and Pep Band. She also serves on the Peer Mediation committee at OHS.

Commitment is important in all of Luczkowski's activities, including her 12-year membership in Oberlin Choristers. To stay fit Luczkowski continues to play indoor soccer during the winter months. While doing all of these activities and maintaining excellent grades, she has worked as a waitress at Kendal at Oberlin for two years.

Luczkowski plans to attend college and further her education in the areas of journalism and photography with a focus in creative writing. She has already applied to a few colleges and is in the process of awaiting acceptance letters. Like Cross, Luczkowski hopes to attend Oberlin College. Ohio University is her second choice.

One of the main programs that Luczkowski has been involved in is the Appalachian Service Project (ASP). Her participation brought her to Kentucky and West Virginia to help rebuild houses for residents who could not afford repairs. Luczkowski has enjoyed these mission trips because they meet a real need and is an encouragement to the recipients.

Luczkowski believes that her biggest strength is her passion to succeed. She was one of the major reasons why there was so much school spirit for Homecoming this year. Stephanie devotes much of her effort into things for OHS such as planning prom and the senior trip. Her passion to succeed also helps her keep her excellent grades as well. Luczkowski would like to be remembered as a tenacious, influential, intelligent, and passionate person. She says, "I want to be remembered as someone who made a difference."

OHS INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

“BUILDING COMMUNITIES - BRIDGING CONTINENTS”

by Donna M. Shurr
Teacher – IB/MYP Coordinator



L to R back row: Mirja Kasimir, Airi Sana, Vanessa Hadeball, Amy Leigh Dove front row: Meiling Lin, Nathalie Lavenere

The 2010-2011 school year at Oberlin High School has been enriched by the presence of our six international students. The six girls prepared extraordinary presentations for the noon luncheon of the Oberlin Rotary Club, where they shared information about themselves, their families, schools and countries. The 2010-2011 theme for Rotary International is “Building Communities - Bridging Continents.” These young women have become very involved in school and community activities including service. Coming from Europe, Asia, Africa, and South America, their participation in our every day life has enriched the Oberlin community.

German students Mirja Kasimir and Vanessa Hadeball come from Germany. Mirja lives close to the city of Hamburg, whereas Vanessa lives in Stuttgart, a big city in the southwestern part of Germany. One of the big changes for them is changing classes. In Germany students are grouped as a class of 25 – 30 students and teachers travel to classrooms. Rather than

interacting with a large number of students, they form close friendships with their classmates and meet other students during breaks. Hadeball is living with Daniel and Ellen Gardner and host siblings Lucy and Henry. Kasimir is enjoying living with host mom Lelia Kotnik, host brother Terrence Rush, her host sisters Jaclina Rush, Robriana Kotnik and Shuntele Milan.

Coming from the east coast of South Africa, Amy Leigh Dove’s biggest change is living in a small, quiet town. Her home is Bluff, a suburb in the large city of Durban. The states are called provinces and so the province she lives in is Kwa-Zulu Natal. Dove chose to come here because her dad was an exchange student in Oberlin. She lives with David and Nancy Browne, who were also host parents to her father.

Nathalie Lavenere, from Maceio, Alagoas, Brasil, is finishing her requirements for graduation in Oberlin and came to Oberlin to learn about the American culture. The biggest change for Lavenere is the weather. She says, “I live on the ocean and we have perfect weather all year round. The average temperature is about 90 degrees. So if you like hot weather you would like my city.” Her host parents are Don and Kathy Hilton and host siblings Kasha and Evan.

Meiling Lin comes to Oberlin from Beijing, the capital city of China! She loves to learn new languages, and because she is a Korean minority in China, her second language is Korean. Before coming to Oberlin, she was in an arts academy in California for two years where many students spoke Chinese or Korean. Lin enjoys speaking English more and says, “the most exciting thing is ----I’m learning French here now!” Lin takes piano lessons at the Oberlin Conservatory where she hopes to attend after graduation. Her host father, George Sakakeeny is a bassoon professor in the conservatory, and her host mother, Jian Sakakeeny is an amazing cook! Lin says having a host brother, Nick, is wonderful because she is an only child and having a brother was her dream.

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OHS STUDENTS – PLANNING FOR YEAR ABROAD “BUILDING COMMUNITIES - BRIDGING CONTINENTS”

by Donna M. Shurr
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Having International Exchange Students at Oberlin High School has not only enriched the lives of the school and community, it has inspired a number of OHS students to consider traveling abroad for a summer experience or in the case of Kristi LeAnn Cornett and Cassandra Galley, a year in another country. Both Cornett and Galley presented their application for approval to the Oberlin Rotary Club at their noon luncheon at the Oberlin Inn on November 12, 2010. They have prepared a lengthy and rigorous application for the Long-term Rotary Youth Exchange Program. As an exchange student they will spend up to a year living with host families and attending school in a different country. Their hope is to learn a new

way of living and a new language, while forming lasting friendships.

The Rotary Youth Exchange Program has sent students to learn other cultures for over 75 years. There are more than 80 countries and over 8,000 students each year who participate in the program.. Cornett and Galley have taken the first step and will be sponsored by the Oberlin Rotary Club. They now move on to interviews with the Rotary District 6600. These globally minded students are very excited about the opportunities that are awaiting them. Cornett has always been fascinated by the Japanese culture and hopes to spend a year in Japan after graduation. Galley hopes to spend her senior year in France or a French speaking country. These girls are living the 2010 – 2011 Rotary motto: “Building Communities - Bridging Continents.”

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Airi Sana lives in a big city called Nagoya in Japan. She says, “My school is very strict, for example, we have to wear uniforms every single day, we cannot wear make up to school, we cannot dye our hair and so on.” Sana enjoys the four seasons in Ohio since her home also enjoys the same. The reason she decided to come to America is to understand real American culture. She says, “There are a lot of people who don’t like America even though they have not been to America. I guess only because of the atomic bomb, which was dropped almost 70 years ago. I think war is caused by misunderstandings between each country. So in other words, I would like to be like a bridge between America and Japan.” Sana’s host parents are Peter Crowley and Conleth Crotser and host siblings



Brittany, Amani, Serenity, and Jabiri.

These girls have already laid the foundation of building many bridges to other cultures and other countries. Although they did not know the 2010 – 2011 Rotary International Theme: “Building Communities – Bridging Continents,” their presence and participation in Oberlin and Oberlin High School, along with their vibrant presentations, has brought that theme to reality.

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David Dayne

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A heartfelt thank you to all of the contributors to this issue of the Oberlin Rotary Chronicles!

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Birthdays

December 2—Dave Miklos
December 9—Tom Hutson
December 12—Chris Fletcher
December 18—Rex Engle
December 21—Jeanne McKibben
December 21—Kaye Norenberg
December 23—Jill Herron
December 27—Tad Cowling
December 27—Donna Shurr

Anniversaries

December 1—Mike Loflin (30 Years)
December 10—Don Heuring (6 Years)
December 12—Jim Hieb (19 Years)
December 19—Gary Cowling (47 Years)



Interact students spread holiday cheer at Santa's Attic.

