



Oberlin Rotary

# CHRONICLES

*A Guide to Making the Most of Your Oberlin Rotary Experience!*

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**October is Vocational Service Month**

October 2010



## EVENTS

### November thru December: Food Drive

Collection of Food, to help the Community Center.  
Distribution date to be announced.

### November 17, 8:00am: Board Meeting

### November 26, 6:30pm: Santa's Arrival

### 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 22nd, 6:00pm: Dinner with Santa

The Oberlin Rotary family will be joined by a very special guest at the Oberlin Inn.

### December 24<sup>th</sup> and December 31th 2010:

No noon meetings.

### February 26, 2011: Paul Harris event

Paul Harris dinner and presentation(s) of PH fellows: Committee to choose from the community, members to decide if they want to make someone a PH fellow.

### March 5, 2011: Pancake Breakfast

### May 14, 2011: Strive Interviews

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Congratulations, fellow Rotarians, on a very successful auction! We cleared over \$23,000. A special thank you to the committee for a wonderful job in our 18th year.

The food drive has started and let's keep up the momentum. Bring in any canned food or boxed food that you have. Drop off locations include Curt Paul's office, Melanie Satterfield's office, and the Oberlin Inn.

The Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) campaign is underway. Your minimum gift of \$100 to Rotary International will help to change the world for the better. We are striving for **100% participation** for our club.

It may be hard to imagine, but Santa is already preparing to make his stops in Oberlin this year. Santa's Arrival is on November 26th at 6:30pm. We will need volunteers for this event. Santa will also be visiting with the Oberlin Rotary Club family on December 22nd at 6:00pm at the Oberlin Inn.

Take a look at the events calendar to the right and MARK YOUR CALENDARS for fun!

Yours in Rotary,  
Tad Cowling  
President, Oberlin Rotary Club



## Notes and Information from your Club Sec / Treasurer

### Thank You Notes Received.

Rotarian Marlene wrote to thank us for our contribution to the Oberlin Senior Center. This contribution was funded by proceeds from our fall garage sale. Marlene's note was shared at a recent Friday meeting.

**Average attendance for the month of Sept was 69.87%**

### Highlights from the Board Meeting

Financial Report:

- Sept 2010: Gen Fund balance \$12,581.56.
- Doggie Doo report—\$700.00 to Doggie Doo Committee, retain \$300.00 for next year's event.
- Past due notice from Ohio Community Media, re Rotary ad in Community book. J. Cole is helping to address this issue.

### Memorial Fund

Scholarship Fund report by Engle

- Fund balance \$223,830.85
- No deposits, 2 checks written for Strive Scholarships.

Community Fund report by J. Cole

- Fund balance \$742,297.43
- Oberlin Co-Op preschool has gone out of business. They returned the \$500.00 we sent them a few months ago.
- No final report on the fall auction, pending receipt of some outstanding income and expenses. J. Cole noted that it was a success and that there were many 'new' people in attendance.
- AAUW. This group has sponsored an annual lunch for 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls. The theme has been that they can 'Reach for the Stars'. This organization has decided to disband and inquired if the Rotary club would be willing to run the program in the future. Houck noted that while this program has had some impact young ladies have many opportunities today to learn about their potential. Board requested Club President / Secretary to inform AAUW that we are not interested in taking this project on.

### Director's Reports

#### Club Service - Satterfield

1. Canned food program.
  - Curt Paul is collecting canned food and putting it in the window of his office.
  - Distribution is plan for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> week of December.
  - J. Cole inquired if we could do the food collection more frequently. Board considered that we could have an 'on going' collection program. Houck and others suggested that we contact IGA, Wal-Mart, Drug Mart, etc to see if they would permit the club to have a canned food collection box in their facility. Our club would check the box and pick up the items on a regular basis. Satterfield felt it was a good idea and will bring this up to her committee and see what can be done.
  - Satterfield reported that the book reading program is going well.
  - "Coats for Kids" Satterfield is working on starting that program.
  - Santa comes Nov 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Christmas Party Dec 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Oberlin Inn at 6:30 pm
  - Discussed canned food collection at the Santa Movie. R. Cole is working on that.

#### Community Service - Walter

Walter proposed a fund raiser at the Harry Buffalo in Elyria. Concept is that the tickets are \$11.00 each, 50% goes to the club. All the wings you can eat plus other stuff, on a Sunday from 1 to 4 pm. Board discussed the concept, suggested that Walter get a date in Jan (after the holiday rush) get all the details nailed down and inform the club. Cowling moved, Heuring 2<sup>nd</sup> for Walter to proceed with the fund raiser. All aye.

#### International Service - Aufdenkampe

No report

#### Vocational Service - Houck

Strive reports will be sent to Holsworth, as the club archivists.

#### Program Chair - Paul

Possible programs are

- Crushers
- BFI
- USS Cod

Fellowship Chair - Cowling / Nichols

Cowling thinking of some fellowship ideas for Jan.

**Old Business**

1. Fire truck. Fire chief is willing to consider a price less than the \$7,000 originally asked. J. Cole still researching this project, most likely we will not ship it out of the USA.

**Next scheduled Board meeting:**

**Wed, Nov 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00 AM Oberlin Inn. All members are welcome and encouraged to attend.**

Yours in Rotary



Gerry Findlan

**INTERESTING FACT:**

One of our recent visitors, DO NGUYEN, is a Rotarian, a Past President, and the organizer of the DOVE FUND (the Development of Vietnam Endeavors), a non-profit comprised of veterans, Rotarians and concerned citizens.

In the past 10 years, the Dove Fund has:

- Built 44 schools
- Established 4 medical centers,
- Given \$30,000 a year in scholarships
- Built 150 latrines
- Dug 70 wells,
- Distributed sand filters for cleaning water
- Given microloans
- Distributed audio books

Do travels to Vietnam multiple times a year. He just returned from Vietnam with Rotoplast; he accompanied 30 medical volunteers who provided cleft palate surgery in two weeks for 85 people who have suffered from this disfiguring condition!

If you wish to learn more, visit [www.dovefund.org](http://www.dovefund.org).



**ANNUAL PROGRAMS FUND—EREY**

The mission of the Annual Programs Fund mirrors that of The Rotary Foundation: to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill, and peace through the improvement of health, the support of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

Contributions to the Annual Programs Fund through the Every Rotarian, Every Year (EREY) initiative are the primary source of funding for Foundation programs, which cover more than 160 countries and geographical areas on seven continents. From digging water wells for villages in Africa to teaching basic literacy skills to children in Latin America, during any given moment, thousands of Rotarians volunteer their time and expertise. All contributions to the Annual Programs Fund are spent wisely on quality Rotary projects.

As the Oberlin Rotary Foundation Chair I would like to remind all Oberlin members that Rotary Foundation month is November and this year President Tad would like each of you to participate in the program. Make your check payable to The Rotary Foundation and we will be glad to get it to Rotary International for you. If you have questions I would be happy to answer them.

Thanks for you do, it benefits many!  
Rtn. Rex Engle

**MAKE UP MISSED MEETINGS ONLINE!**

Club members who wish to “make up” for missed meetings are reminded that they can do so on line. Try this link, it is one of many eclubs that support on line make ups.

<http://www.rotaryclub7890.org/>

If you complete an online make up please let Gerry know via email or phone call as he does not always get the make up notice from the e-club in question.

**STRIVE**

Club members, please remember to let Gerry know of any time you are involved with STRIVE, so he can credit you with a make up.

You can send him this information via email, phone or letter. Include in your message that it is for STRIVE and the date of the event.

## Seniors Honored for their Character and Service to the Community

By Donna Marie Shurr

Each month the Oberlin Rotary Club honors two Oberlin High School students as "Senior of the Month." These young people are being recognized for their good character and positive attitude. They have contributed their time and energy by helping the school and community, and are excellent role models for the students at Oberlin High School. The Oberlin Rotary Club will donate \$50.00 to a charity or project in the student's name.

**The seniors of the month for September 2010 are Katherine Cavanaugh and Zach Norenberg.** They were honored on September 24, 2010, at a weekly noon luncheon of the Oberlin Rotary Club at the Oberlin Inn.

Not only does **Katherine Cavanaugh** excel in her academic pursuits, this creative young woman is a concerned and active member of the global community. As a member of Art Club and this year's president, Cavanaugh leads the club in community service. Last year she was instrumental in forming an Art Club Drill Team which marched in the Big Parade and this year she is already assisting the club in designing and making a "scarecrow" for the third annual scarecrow contest sponsored by East End Oberlin Nursery. All proceeds from this event will go to the Oberlin Community Service Center. As a member of Drama Club, Cavanaugh has portrayed Mother McGoof in *Dark Deeds*, Ellie Bart in *Hide and Seek*, Ruth Condomine in *Blithe Spirit* and Fran in *Heidi Chronicles*. Her presence on the Oberlin High School stage will be missed. Katherine has also served as an usher at many other performances.

This very busy young woman has managed to balance the rigor of the Diploma Program advanced courses, many extracurricular activities, community service and her pursuits in art while earning membership in National Honor Society and becoming a Commended Scholar for her PSAT scores. Cavanaugh has been a participant in National History Day for five years. This self-motivated young woman has stretched her learning outside the classroom to prepare outstanding projects each year. History Day projects require many hours outside of the classroom to complete intensive research on a topic and then develop a project which must be defended to adult judges. Cavanaugh has been an exceptional representative of Oberlin and Oberlin High School at Case Western University for five years.

Outside of school Cavanaugh enjoys Life Drawing in the Open Studio at FAVA and art lessons with local artist, Donna Coleman. Cavanaugh's talent has been recognized each year, receiving Bronze, Silver and Gold Medals in the National Scholastic Competition. She volunteers weekly at the Hot Meals Program and the Interfaith Hospitality Network. Cavanaugh enjoys

horseback riding and singing in the Voces Jubilantes Choir, an Oberlin Acapella Choir and she writes an on-line blog for a journal for young feminists.

Her interest in social justice lead Cavanaugh to become involved in sociopolitical campaigns like the Obama Hope for a Change Campaign and the campaign to save the life of LGTB rights activist and filmmaker, Kiana Firouz. She also was the first place winner of the 2010 Oberlin Rotary Four-way Speech Contest.

Cavanaugh plans on attending art school to major in painting and illustration. Her first choice would be The Rhode Island School of Design. When asked about her commitment to service Cavanaugh responds, "Lately, I've become really interested in art as social activism, as seen in work by street artists like Shepard Fairey and "Banksy." I write for an online journal for young feminists, as an outlet for that interest." Cavanaugh believes her greatest strength is that she is driven by her values, very dedicated to art and to social change. She tries to bring that into everything she works on at school and in the studio. When asked how she would like to be remembered by her teachers and classmates, Cavanaugh replies, "I'd like them to think of me as someone who appreciates the value of her education and takes learning seriously."

**Zach Norenberg** is also involved in activities and groups at school. He is a member of National Honors Society, which is a club that promotes and practices service, teamwork, and good grades. He was inducted last year because of his high academic achievement, character and his commitment to community service. Norenberg has been a member of the high school orchestra since coming to Oberlin with his family in 2007. He has played cello for 8 years and enjoys it a great deal. As an International Baccalaureate Diploma candidate he is extending his musical education by taking the Standard Level Music Theory class, which is co-taught by Mrs. Thomas and Mr. Gnizak.

Outside of the school day, Norenberg keeps a very busy schedule. He has been a lifeguard at Splash Zone for two and a half years, and a swim instructor for two years. Norenberg enjoys giving swimming lessons to all ages. Like Cavanaugh he also volunteers at Hot Meals at Christ Church in Oberlin on a weekly basis. As part of the Diploma Program, Norenberg is committed to taking an active role in his own physical fitness. He is working on improving his strength and endurance to prepare for a triathlon in the



summer. One way he is working on this goal is by attending 50-minute spinning classes once or twice a week, which he really enjoys.

Norenberg's plans after high school include attending college. As a lifeguard, he has realized that he really enjoys helping people and is interested in going into pre-med. Norenberg has not decided on a particular area of medicine, but he has a strong interest in neuroscience. Norenberg hopes to be accepted to Oberlin College, University of Pittsburgh, Ohio State University, or Loyola University in Chicago. He is still investigating colleges and has not narrowed down a first choice. Norenberg's commitment to service not only includes Hot Meals at Christ Church in Oberlin but other one-time events. He recently participated in an in-door triathlon at the Splash Zone that is supporting the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Norenberg has spent extensive hours creating a face book page for Friends of the Oberlin Public Library.

When asked what his biggest strength was Norenberg replied, "I think my biggest strength is organization. I like to plan ahead, whether it's finding a block of time to work on a school project or setting aside a time to run errands, I think having a structure gets things done more easily and efficiently and it prepares me for the future." Norenberg would like to be remembered as a student who works hard to earn his success, whether it's his grades, his acknowledgments, or his acceptance into colleges.



The seniors of the month for **October 2010** are **Victoria Hardnett and Abigail Weiss**. They were honored on October 22, 2010, at a weekly noon luncheon of the Oberlin Rotary Club at the Oberlin Inn.

**Victoria Hardnett** has been a member of Interact Club, the community service club of Oberlin High School, sponsored by the Oberlin Rotary Club, for four years. She has

participated in service to the community by helping to prepare gifts for Santa's Attic and helping the children at the event. Hardnett has also volunteered to bake desserts for Hot Meals Program and has worked at other community events during the year. Her commitment to service led her to participate in a new Junior Docent camp at Oberlin Heritage Center. This experience prepared her to give tours of the historic buildings and assist teachers as a junior counselor for the children's camp programs. Hardnett has also been a camp counselor in training at the FAVA summer art camps.

Hardnett's plans after high school include attending college with a major in International Relations with a focus on Latin America. Her studies will also include Business and Spanish. She hopes to attend Washington University in St. Louis or Spellman College. She is currently making application to both colleges.

As a member of Interact Club, Hardnett practices the motto of Rotary, "Service Above Self." She feels that her greatest contribution to the community has been as a docent at Oberlin Heritage Center. Hardnett has enjoyed teaching others within this community and those who know little of Oberlin, the rich history that she has learned. She believes her biggest strength is being a listener and being understanding of others. Hardnett would like to be remembered as a hardworking student who always had a smile for everyone.

Physical fitness and health are very important to senior, **Abby Weiss**. Her year-round participation in soccer ensures that she balances the rigor of the IB Diploma Programme and other responsibilities with personal wellness. Weiss has been on the Oberlin High School Girls Varsity Soccer team all four years of high school and the Oberlin Girls Varsity Softball Team for three. This year she served as a captain of the soccer team.

Weiss's dedication to her studies has earned her a place on National Honor Society and has prepared her to be a candidate for the IB Diploma. Art has also been a huge part of her high school program. This spring Weiss and Anne Carruthers worked together to repaint the five Welcome Signs for the City of Oberlin. As part of the diploma program, this project combined creativity and service to meet part of the service requirements for the IB Diploma. Weiss is very dedicated to all of these pursuits. She comments, "All of these activities keep me pushing myself to be the best I can be and not to slack off."

Outside of school, Weiss plays soccer with the Cleveland United Soccer Club all year round. This practice is much more competitive than school soccer and helps to keep Weiss in shape. She has also played cello for 8 years and has taken private art lessons with local artist, Anette Poitau. Weiss participated in the Appalachian Service Project for the past three years. With other local teens from the community, Weiss has built a porch, installed a floor and repaired a roof as part of this project. She volunteers at the Oberlin Community Service Center and helps with the Food Pantry and food distribution program. With other soccer players, Weiss runs soccer clinics for young athletes.

Although Weiss plans on attending a four year college, she hopes to take some time off to travel or live abroad. She has applied to Oberlin College and Earlham College but Oberlin is her first choice. Weiss believes her biggest strength is her creativity which allows her to express herself and use her art talent for her own enjoyment and the enjoyment of others. She would like to be remembered as a nice girl who was friendly and kind to everyone.



## Rotary Club of Oberlin

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### Oberlin Rotary Officers...

Tad Cowling, President  
Don Heuring, Past-President  
Gerry Findlan, Treasurer/Secretary  
Heidi Freas, Deputy Treasurer  
Rex Engle, Sergeant-at-Arms

### Oberlin Rotary Directors...

Mary Aufdenkampe  
Maxine Houck  
Melanie Satterfield  
Chris Walter

### Oberlin Rotary Service Directors...

Club Service: Melanie Satterfield  
Community Service: Chris Walter  
Vocational Service: Maxine Houck  
Int'l Service: Mary Aufdenkampe

### Oberlin Memorial Fund...

John D. Cole, PDG, Charitability  
Rex Engle, Scholarships

### Committee Chairs...

Fellowship: Tad Cowling/Christina Nichols  
Program: Curt Paul

### Oberlin Rotarians in District Leadership

Mary Aufdenkampe: Group Study Exchng.  
John Cole: Chair of STRIVE; PDG  
Ronnie Cole: Asst. Gov. Area 14  
Jim Hieb: District Trainer

### District 6600 Governor...

David Dayne

### Rotary International President...

Ray Klingensmith

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

## BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

### Birthdays

November 2—Michael Loflin  
November 3—Gerry Findlan  
November 18—Bert Locke  
November 21—Richard Gilbert  
November 23—Luke Washburn



Indonesia (again!) and Benin are the latest countries to which Shelterbox is responding with life-saving shelter and supplies. Indonesia experienced another tsunami after a 7.7

earthquake, and some coastal villages were wiped off the map. This disaster on top of the volcano eruption which required emergency aid.

Having just returned from helping after flooding in Niger, Shelterbox teams are returned to assist after flooding in nearby Benin.

Over 250,000 people in Haiti live in Shelterbox tents. These tents were used early on as surgery and recovery rooms. Almost 150,000 people are living in Shelterbox tents after the devastating floods there.

Shelterbox dispatches response teams to areas of natural or man-made disasters, along with a large plastic tote containing a tent and sleeping bags and eating/cooking equipment for a family of 10, along with tools, water purification system, mosquito nets and ponchos, a children's activity kit. Shelterbox was a Centennial project of the Helston-Lizard Rotary Club in Cornwall, England. The Duchess of Cornwall, Camilla, helped the leadership celebrate their contributions with a reception at Clarence House this month. Shelterbox has responded to 140 disasters in over 70 countries during its decade of existence.

### Living Green Bags

LIVING GREEN bags are a CREATIVE and ECO-FRIENDLY way to wrap your holiday packages. Forget having a trash bag to collect all of the paper refuse—give your gifts in reusable LIVING GREEN bags!