

Club Officers

PRESIDENT: Leia Snyder
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PRESIDENT-NOMINEE: Bill Betson
SECRETARY: Ron Thomas
TREASURER: Barry Rahe



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Rotary International Area 6690 Officers

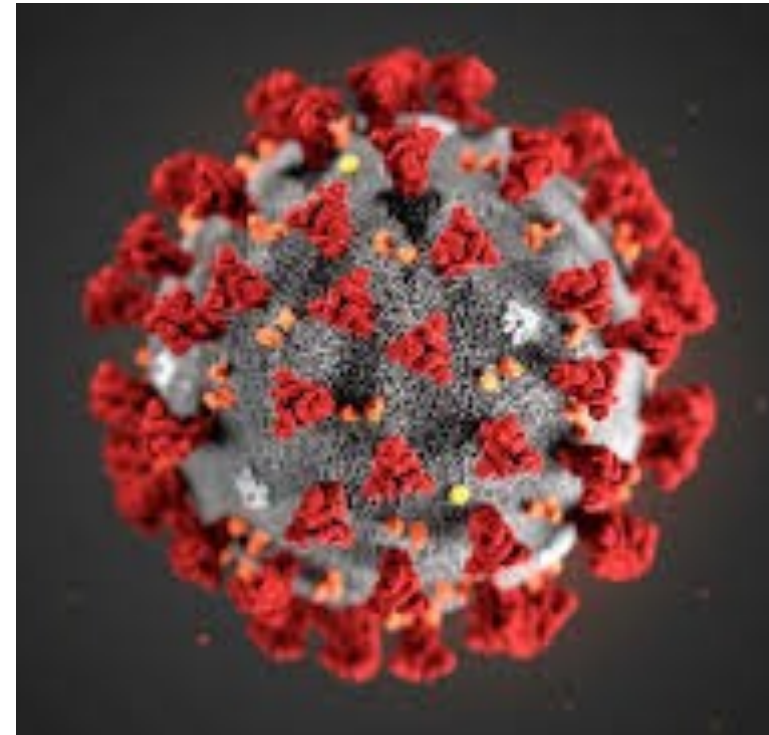
DISTRICT GOVERNOR: Gary Vaughan (Columbus Short-North)
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DISTRICT SECRETARY: Frances Veverka (Delaware)
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Chillicothe Rotary Club (District 6690, Club # 3670)

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An Image to Forget

The Chillicothe Rotary Club

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In Ohio, as of June 27, 2020, the COVID 19 Coronavirus has resulted in just under 46,000 confirmed cases, requiring just over 7,600 hospitalizations, just under 2,600 deaths. The hardest counties hit with **confirmed cases** (in order) are Franklin (Columbus), Cuyahoga (Cleveland), Hamilton (Cincinnati), Marion, Lucas (Toledo) Pickaway. The hardest counties hit with regard to **deaths** are (in order): Cuyahoga, Franklin, Hamilton, Lucas, Summit (Akron), Mahoning. In **Ross County** there were 97 confirmed cases, 23 hospitalizations and 2 deaths.

According to the **CDC**, On March 11, the COVID-19 outbreak was characterized as a pandemic by the World Health Organization (WHO). This is the first pandemic known to be caused by the emergence of a new coronavirus. In the past century, there have been four pandemics caused by the emergence of novel influenza viruses.

Beginning in December 2019, in the region of Wuhan, China, a new (“novel”) coronavirus began appearing in human beings. [It has been named Covid-19](#), a shortened form of “coronavirus disease of 2019.” This new virus spreads incredibly quickly between people, due to its newness – no one on earth has an immunity to Covid-19, because no one had Covid-19 until 2019. While it was initially seen to be an epidemic in China, the virus spread worldwide within months. The WHO declared Covid-19 a pandemic in March, and by the end of that month, the world saw more than a half-million people infected and nearly 30,000 deaths. The infection rate in the US and other nations was still spiking. <https://www.mphonline.org/worst-pandemics-in-history/>

Pandemics of note: American Polio Epidemic (1916); The Spanish Flu (1918-1920) with upwards of 100 million death (estimates vary); HIV/Aids epidemic (1981 present day) claiming 35 million lives; H1N1 Swine Flu (2009-2010) with estimated deaths upwards of nearly 600,000 (<https://www.livescience.com/worst-epidemics-and-pandemics-in-history.html>)

From the perspective of the **Club Secretary**, how has the PANDEMIC affected the community? A terribly difficult question to answer. As one can see on the Ohio.gov COVID-19 dashboard, compared with other communities, Ross County and Chillicothe fared rather well. Over the next number of months, our Club President, Leia Snyder, sent messages out to the members of the club:

March 12th: *Due to guidance issued by Governor Dewine and our local health district and to ensure the health and safety of our members, we will be postponing the following events due to concerns related to the coronavirus (COVID-19): March 16- Business Spotlight- Classic Brands; March 23- Regular Meeting/Rural Urban Day; April 6- Business Spotlight-Schwemlein Group. We will continue to evaluate upcoming events moving forward and will communicate any additional schedule changes.*

April 7th: *Good afternoon Rotarians, I hope you are all doing well and staying safe and healthy. I am writing to provide some updates regarding the next month: 1- All meetings and events for the month of April have been cancelled due to Governor Dewine’s extension of the stay at home order. When we get closer to May, I will provide another update. 2- Our board voted to contract with the country club to provide a take-out meal for people in our community who are at greater risk or whose job was impacted by the pandemic. We are using funds that would have gone to our March meeting that was cancelled to fund this project.*

May 4th: *Hello everyone, After thinking about it further, I am going to try a virtual Rotary meeting through Zoom at noon for the whole club (or at least anyone who is interested) and we can have our board meeting immediately after that. I will send that info out today. I will also set up a separate meeting for our board meeting in case people decide to stay on and chat, but if not, we should just be able to stay on after the regular meeting to discuss board business.*

June 7th: *Good afternoon Rotarians, I am writing to let you know we will not be having a Rotary meeting tomorrow, Monday June 8th, but our board members will be meeting to discuss plans moving forward. (Board members I will follow up in another email to all of you this evening). In place of our regular meeting, I would greatly appreciate it if you could set aside a few minutes to provide your input on the questions below: 1) Would you return to in-person meetings now or in the near future if we starting holding them? 2) What safety measures or changes to our procedures needed in order for you to feel safe to return? 3) If we return to in-person meetings but provide a way for members to join remotely using technology, do you think you would you use that option? 4) What other thoughts do you have that you would like us to consider?*

It has been said many times by many people that we live in a new normal; we are not told what that means, but we get the idea behind the expression. Because of the PANDEMIC, a large portion of our business community had to shut down, unless that business was considered *essential*. There were some businesses that closed their doors permanently because they could not withstand the lack of business that was generated by this PANDEMIC situation. Many churches had to close their doors for a while, while some few continued on with abbreviated services, some responded to this by having services online for the benefit of those who could not get out. Local funeral homes were considered essential, but they had to limit funeral services to ten people or less. There were many other restrictions that were placed on the community, but these few that are mentioned give some indication of the stress of the circumstances. To offset the hardship, the US government generated a stimulus checks to people and businesses to help weather the “storm” of layoffs that certainly came with businesses that lost the capability to serve the community. *The image on the front of The Teller is an image to forget, but it’s not likely to be forgotten. RT*