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iPast President

Guest Speaker: Robin McAllister-Zaas with The Mirth Project

Some girls dream of being doctors or fashion designers, but Robin McAllister-Zaas dreamed of being Santa Claus. As the Founder and CEO of The Mirth Project, she has turned that dream into a reality by delivering joy and opportunities to local youth.

In addition to leading The Mirth Project, Robin serves as the CEO and Head Life Coach at RMZ Coaching. In her coaching practice, she guides women to move past stress and overwhelm, build unshakeable confidence, and relentlessly pursue their goals. An optimist and dedicated advocate, she actively champions both her clients and the participants in her Teens with Dreams program to chase their highest ambitions.

Robin holds a BA in Broadcast Journalism from The Ohio State University. Beyond her professional work, she is a mom to three children, a giant Great Pyrenees, and two kittens. When she is not coaching, you can find her host-planning, testing new recipes, riding her Peloton, or training in her garage gym. She lives by a simple motto: "Your age is irrelevant. You are never too young, too old, or too 'anything' to go after what you want and achieve it."

Never Miss a Beat: Join Our Club WhatsApp Group!

Want instant updates on upcoming service projects, meeting changes, and social events? Join the Olentangy Rotary WhatsApp group to stay connected in real time. It's the fastest way to stay in the loop, ask quick questions, and keep up with everything happening in our club.

[Tap here to join the group](#)

Cheers to Fellowship! Join Us at Ill Mannered Brewing Co.

Save the date for our upcoming Club Social! We're heading over to **Ill Mannered Brewing Company** for an evening of great conversation, local craft brews, and fellowship. Whether you're stopping by for a quick drink or staying for the whole evening, it's a great chance to connect with fellow Rotarians outside our regular morning meeting.

Date: Thursday, September 17, 2026

Time: 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM

Location: Ill Mannered Brewing Co. (Powell)

Spouses, partners, and prospective members are always welcome!

The Final Stretch: \$3,000 by World Polio Day

Thanks to a inspiring visit from District PolioPlus Chair Jim Rogers, our club is stepping up to help finish the fight against polio. Rotary's efforts have brought cases down 99.9%, but the job isn't done until we hit zero.

Our Goal: Raise **\$3,000 by October 24.**

The Power of Matching: The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation matches every dollar 2-for-1, making every contribution go 3x as far. Visit [End Polio](#) to learn more and support our upcoming initiatives!

Joint Networking Breakfast: Olentangy Rotary & Powell Chamber of Commerce



Randall Trickett
Club Public Image
Chair



Jennifer T. Carney
Triplett
Club Service Projects
Chair

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Save the Date: Thursday September 10 Joint Networking Breakfast: Olentangy Rotary & Powell Chamber of Commerce

Expand your local network and connect with fellow community leaders at our upcoming Joint Networking Breakfast!

We are excited to host this special event in conjunction with the Powell Chamber of Commerce. This is a fantastic opportunity to build new relationships, share insights, and strengthen our local business and service community.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday, September 10th

Time: 7:45 AM – 9:00 AM

Location: Scioto Reserve Country Club

This event will take the place of our regularly scheduled meeting and we ask that members arrive 15-30 minutes prior to help with set up

Why You Should Attend

- New Connections: Meet dozens of local business owners and professionals from the Powell Chamber.
- Community Synergy: Discover new ways our club can partner with local businesses for service projects.
- Membership Drive Opportunity: We are expecting that 40-50 chamber members will attend. This is the perfect environment to highlight the work we do and introduce potential new members to the impact of Rotary.

We will be presenting donation checks to both The Dave Thomas Foundation for Adoption and The Alpha Group.

Please mark your calendars, we look forward to seeing you there for a morning of great food, excellent conversation, and meaningful networking!

A Strong Start to Our Rotary Year

By Terry Edward Rataiczak



What an exciting start to our Rotary year across District 6690! As I have traveled throughout the district, I have been energized by the enthusiasm of our club presidents and the work already happening in our communities. Our presidents have stepped into their roles ready to lead, ask questions, try new ideas, and build on the strengths of their clubs. Every club and community is different, but the energy I am seeing reminds me that we don't have to do Rotary exactly the same way everywhere to share the same purpose. Thank you to our presidents, leadership teams, and members for getting this year off to such a strong start.

We also have a lot to celebrate with the successful return of **RYLA — Rotary Youth Leadership Awards — to District 6690!** After being absent from our district, seeing RYLA come back with such tremendous participation and enthusiasm was an incredible reminder of what happens when Rotarians invest in our youth leaders. RYLA isn't simply an event; it is an opportunity to help young people discover their potential to lead, serve,

and make a difference. Thank you to everyone who worked to bring RYLA back, the clubs that supported it, and most importantly, the young leaders who made its return such a success. Now we have an opportunity to build on that momentum and make it even stronger in the years ahead.

We're also building on another successful District 6690 tradition: our **125 Club**. For more than ten years, the 125 Club has encouraged Rotarians to personally support both The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund-SHARE and PolioPlus by contributing at least \$100 to Annual Fund-SHARE and \$25 to PolioPlus. This year, we're adding another rung to that giving ladder with the **200 Club**, recognizing those who contribute at least \$100 to each. The 125 Club isn't going away—it remains an attainable way to begin that personal commitment. The 200 Club simply gives us another level to aspire to. That's what I believe a giving ladder should do: **meet Rotarians where they are, recognize their commitment, and encourage them to take the next step.**

Finally, I'm excited to officially announce our **All-Ohio District Conference!** Rotarians from across Ohio will come together **April 30th, 2027 and May 1st, 2027 at Polaris Hilton in Columbus Ohio.** for

an opportunity to learn, celebrate, exchange ideas, and build relationships beyond the boundaries of our individual clubs and districts. Much more information will be coming soon, but for now, mark your calendars and plan to join us. Between the energy of our club presidents, the return of RYLA, growing support of our Foundation, and the opportunity to gather with Rotarians from across Ohio, we have an incredible year ahead of us. Let's keep building on that momentum and, together, **Create Lasting Impact.**

District 6690 Seeks Applications for District Governor 2029-2030

By Sandra Knoesel



Are you ready to take the next step in your Rotary leadership journey? Rotary District 6690 is seeking qualified Rotarians interested in serving as District Governor for the 2029–30 Rotary year.

Applications are now being accepted from eligible Rotarians who have the experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to lead District 6690 from July 1, 2029 to June 30, 2030. Applicants must submit an Intent to Apply email by Nov. 5 to Sandy Knoesel, Nominating Committee Chair, at sandra.knoesel@gmail.com. The formal application must be sent by U.S. Mail to Sandy on or before Nov. 21, 2026. [Read More](#)

You're Invited to the District 6690 Awards Celebration on Nov. 8



Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun at the District 6690 Awards Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Hofbrauhaus House Restaurant in Columbus. We will be honoring the incredible accomplishments of Rotarians and our clubs during the past year. [Read More](#)

RYLA: It Was Better Than Ever!



RYLA returned to the Ohio University campus, bringing 44 high school students from 22 District 6690 clubs together for a weekend of leadership training, fellowship and fun. Eight Rotarians helped facilitate the programs, with dozens of volunteers from the Athens area helping out. A great team effort that shows our commitment to Youth Services. Plans are underway for the July 2027 RYLA weekend. Want to help? Contact [Terry Rataiczak](#).

Club Meeting

Olentangy (Southern Delaware County)
Meets at Scioto Reserve Country Club
Scioto Reserve Country Club 7383 Scioto Pkwy
Powell, OH 43065
Time: Thursday at 07:30 AM

District Leaders



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District Governor



[Darnell C. Perkins](#)
DG-Elect



[Patrick J. Knott](#)
DG-Nominee



[Sandra Knoesel](#)
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[John L. Vogelpohl](#)
District Treasurer



[Marti A. Wukelic](#)
District Membership Chair



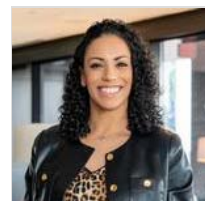
[Bill Grindle](#)
District Rotary Foundation Chair



[Claudia M. Trusty](#)
District Public Image Chair



[Bethany Moore](#)
District Youth Service Chair



[Krysten S. Stringer](#)
District Learning Facilitator

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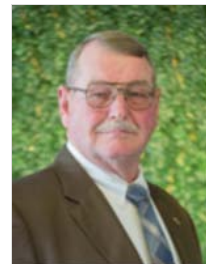
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