



Speakers

September 25, 2025

[Jenise Lefevre](#)
Turning Point

October 02, 2025
Club Assembly

October 09, 2025
[David Robins](#)
Creative Foundations

Events

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Birthdays

Steven Gay
September 21st

Thomas J. Kleven
September 23rd

David R. Brown
October 5th

Club Leaders



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Club TRF Chair



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Club Service Projects Chair

Happy Hour This Thursday!

No meeting this week but you and your friends are cordially invited to join us for Happy Hour at Nocterra Brewing Co, 41 Depot St at 4:30pm on Thursday 9/18

Rotarians Unite For Good To End Polio

Coming up in October, Rotary clubs throughout District 6690 are planning events to raise funds to end polio and increase awareness of why this world-wide effort to vaccinate children is so critical.

This year, Newark Rotary Club is organizing a multi-club polio event led by Rotarian Heather Powell on Oct. 21 from 4:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Mariposa In downtown Newark. Many other clubs have plans underway for World Polio Day on Oct. 24.

To show the world how Rotary unites for good, club leaders are encouraged to [register their events here](#).

Today, polio cases still exist in Afghanistan and Pakistan. Last April, Afghanistan began two nationwide campaigns and synchronized the campaigns with Pakistan to close the immunity gaps in their countries. These campaigns were in response to the resurgence of wild poliovirus in 2024 paralyzing 99 children across both countries.

Since launching its PolioPlus program 40 years ago, Rotary has contributed more than \$2.7 billion to fight polio and countless volunteer hours. Rotary partnered in 1988 with the World Health Organization, UNICEF, and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention to form the Global Polio Eradication Initiative. The Gates Foundation and Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance, joined later. When the initiative began, there were 350,000 cases of polio every year.

Rotary has committed to raising \$50 million each year to support the global polio eradication efforts. The Gates Foundation will match these funds 2-to-1 for a total yearly contribution of \$150 million.

For information on a club program about the PolioPlus initiative, contact [Jim Rogers](#), District 6690 Polio Plus Chair.



RYLA 2026 – Volunteers Needed To Make It Happen!

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RYLA is returning to District 6690, July 16–18, 2026, at Ohio University — and we need your help to make this an unforgettable experience for the young leaders we serve!

Rotarians and friends of Rotary play a vital role in shaping RYLA's success. From guiding small group discussions to helping with registration, meals, and logistics, every volunteer creates a more impactful and welcoming environment for participants. Opportunities include:

Facilitators – lead discussions and activities with student groups

Chaperones – provide guidance, encouragement, and support

Registration & Sign-In Support – welcome students and families on arrival

We also encourage clubs to reach out to former RYLA participants in the district. Alumni bring a unique perspective and energy, and their involvement adds tremendous value to the program.

Be part of creating a life-changing opportunity for future leaders! If you're interested in volunteering or connecting alumni to RYLA 2026, please email [Andrea Lewis](mailto:Andrea.Lewis@rotary.org).

Fall Assembly Promises Something For Everyone

District 6690's Fall Assembly will be motivating, informative and fun on Oct. 18 at the [Hocking College Lodge](#) in Nelsonville.

Start time for the assembly is 9 a.m. and includes a continental breakfast followed by an inspiring message on leadership and service from R.D. Saunders, professional speaker and president of Ohio Christian University.



Attendees will have five breakout sessions to choose from including:

- Launching a Companion Club to Expand Your Reach with Raph Zuke, District Governor 6060 and Mary Titus, District 6690 Membership Chair;
- Power Your Member Communications with Ignite Mobile App featuring Rotarian Patrick Longano, co-owner, Member MinderPro/DACdb, and Terry Rataiczak, District 6690 Governor Elect;
- Expand Your Club's Impact through Global and District Grants with Bill Grindle, District 6690 Foundation Chair;
- I Can Program – Teaching Character Building to 650+ Second Graders with David Read, President, Westerville Rotary; and
- A Tribute to our Veterans – Honor Flight Update presented by Gary Baker, Immediate Past District Governor 6690 and Ed Zirkle, Photographer, Columbus Rotarian.

Following a taco-buffet lunch, District 6060 Governor Ralph Zuke will share stories about his Rickshaw Road Trip to Calgary to End Polio. A few attendees may even get a rickshaw ride.

Additional opportunities to attend one of the five breakout sessions will be offered during the afternoon. The Fall Assembly will adjourn at 3 p.m. Cost of the assembly to cover meals is \$30.

[REGISTER HERE](#)

Join Us For Hilliard Rotary's Peace Celebration



Live music along with fun games and arts activities for the family will be part of the Hilliard Rotary Club's Peace Celebration on Sept. 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Merchant Park, 5467 Center St., Hilliard. The event is free and open to the public.

Along with the festival, a Peace Symposium will be featured at the Makoy Center at the same location where well-known peace advocate Flavio Bollag, executive director of the Outward Bound Center for Peacebuilding in Smithtown, New York, and District 6690 Peace Committee cochair Tom Carlisi will present programs on:

- Mindfulness & Inner Peace, Community, Collaboration and Compassion,
- Peace & Relationships featuring Nonviolent Communication,
- Peace Mapping, Positive Peace including the 8 Pillars of Peace.

(For Ohio State Buckeye fans, the football team does not have a game on Sept. 20; so, plan to bring the kids and grandkids and join the fun.)

Hope to see you at the Hilliard Rotary Peace Symposium.

District Calendar

As we look ahead to September, District 6690 Rotary Clubs are uniting for good with an abundance of fund-raising initiatives that will make a difference in the lives of so many people. Following is the line-up for some upcoming fundraising events.

Sept. 7 Short North Rotary Club -- Fundraiser for Polio Plus

Bryn Du Mansion, 537 Jones Road, Granville, Ohio 43023

Come one, come all and experience a Polo match at the beautiful setting of Granville's Bryn Du Mansion lawn. The horses will amaze you with their beauty and athleticism. No entry fee. Donation to PolioPlus only.

Sept. 8 Athens Rotary Annual Golf Fundraiser at the Athens Country Club

To register, go to [Athens Rotary Club website](#).



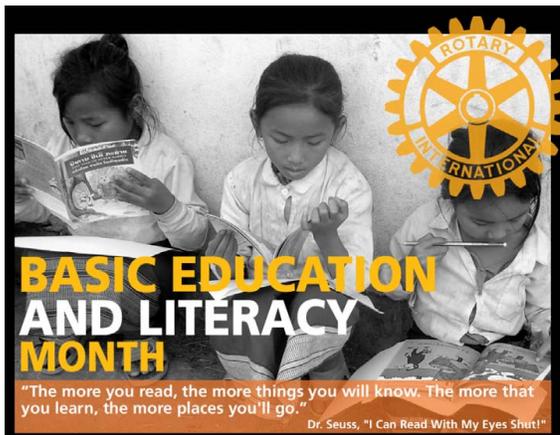
Sept. 15

25th Anniversary Westerville Rotary Foundation Golf Outing at the Medallion Club

To register, go to: <http://www.golfgenius.com/ggid/pm54vq/register>

To include your club's event in the October district calendar, please post your events on the District 6690 website calendar.

September: Lighting The Way Through Education And Literacy



September is a time to celebrate one of Rotary's greatest calls to service—**Basic Education and Literacy**. Around the world, and right here in our district, Rotary clubs are transforming lives through education. District grants fund diverse projects, from scholarships, literacy and dictionary projects to global education and literacy initiatives in Guatemala, Mongolia, and Kitale. These efforts are only possible because every year Rotarians across District 6690 choose to give to The Rotary Foundation.

This year, we've set bold goals: **\$375,000 for the Annual Fund, \$200,000 for Polio Plus, and \$500,000 in Bequest/Endowment commitments**. These numbers represent more than dollars, they represent hope, opportunity, and a better future for children and families everywhere.

And this year we have a challenge. Here's how *every one of us* can make a difference: with a simple commitment of **\$200 to The Rotary Foundation—just \$16.66 a month**. We are asking Rotarians to donate \$100 to the Annual Fund and \$100 to Polio Plus. When multiplied across our district, these gifts add up to life-changing impact. Support the District 6690 Challenge and [make your donation here](#).

By making this contribution you're also joining the **125 Club**, becoming part of the **Polio Plus Society**, and taking a step closer to your **Paul Harris Fellow**

recognition.
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Sock-tober

By Wolfgang A. Lant



Our first district-wide service project of the year starts on October 1st! We call it "Sock-tober" and we hope that every club in the district will participate in a sock collection to help people in your area experiencing homelessness. Socks are the most requested item of clothing for those people living on the streets or in homeless shelters, since they can't do laundry and they wear out quickly when worn constantly.

Last year, the Circleville club was our grand prize winner with 2,886 pairs of socks collected and the Logan club was the top collector per capita, with almost 41 pairs of socks collected per club member! As a district, we collected over 20,000 pairs of socks that were donated to the homeless shelters of your choice. I hope we can surpass that this year!

Look for additional information to come via email to your club president soon!



Fall is my favorite time of the year. As the weather cools down and before the countryside turns into vibrant colors, it reminds me of cozy fires, harvest celebrations and the many ways our Rotary friends work to make a difference in our communities.

A few weeks ago, I joined the Coshocton Rotary Club to pick sunflowers on a bright sunny day at the KOA campground's Sunflower Patch. The only sound you could hear was the resonant buzz of the honeybees that were everywhere. Club members arranged the flowers in vases and delivered them to nursing home residents.

A few days later, I helped the Wellston Rotary Club members insert Rotary "Service Above Self" stickers in children's books for students at a local elementary school. For me, this is what makes Rotary so special – giving back to our community.

Many clubs are also ramping up for PolioPlus fundraising events in coordination with World Polio Day. My goal is to attend as many of these special events as possible. I am grateful for the work you do to help us end Polio and the projects you do year-round to improve the lives of others in our communities.

New Phone App Purchased for Clubs to Streamline Club Member Communications

The District 6690 board of directions recently approved the purchase of a new mobile app for all clubs that will connect you to club members at lightning speed. The phone app is called Ignite, and it is a powerful platform that enables you to email, text or call a club member with the touch of your fingertip. Rotary clubs that already purchased the mobile app will be sent a partial reimbursement from the district for the cost of Ignite.

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Club Meeting

Olentangy
Meets at Scioto Reserve Country Club
Scioto Reserve Country Club 7383 Scioto Pkwy
Powell, OH 43065
Time: Thursday at 07:30 AM

District Leaders



[Sandra Knoesel](#)
District Governor