



Speakers

July 03, 2025
NO MEETING -
Holiday
July 10, 2025
Denise Steele
Locally Artisan
Chocolates
July 24, 2025
Maurice Irish
Ohio Dept of Natural
Resources
July 31, 2025
Kimberly Sinicropi
CO Hatch Powell

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Joseph Keaney
July 2nd
Jennifer T. Carney
Triplett
July 9th
Venkata Chari
July 18th
Jutta Reinold
July 26th
Michael R. Brown
July 27th

Club Leaders



John
O'Connell
President



Joanne
Sexton
President-
Elect



John R.
Jordan
Treasurer



Jutta
Reinold
Secretary



Mike Miller
Past
President
Club
Membership
Chair



Venkata
Chari
Past
President



Bryan D.
Lane
Club Grant
Coordinator
Club TRF
Chair



Jennifer T.
Carney
Triplett
Club
Service
Projects
Chair

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**Happy New Rotary Year!
Happy 4th of July!**

Reminder: No meeting this week due to the holiday. Wishing all a safe and Happy 4th of July!

2025 - 2026 Club Transition & Installation Dinner

What a wonderful night celebrating at our Transition and Officer Installation Dinner!! Congratulations to our outgoing President, Chari Venkata for a successful year and to incoming President, John O'Connell as well as the new board members for the 2025-2026 year!

We were honored to have the District Governor, Sandra Knoesel and the AG, Ned Clark with us! Mike Miller, Joe Keaney and Jason Barlow were awarded their Paul Harris Fellows and special congratulations to the Dan Weng Rotarian of the Year Award recipient, Jason Barlow!!



July Service Opportunities Mark your calendars, be on the lookout for Sign-Up Genius

July 20th - Flying Horse Farms, more information to come

This year we will be the Presenting Sponsor to People In Need as they support the United Way Scholars Program

July 21st - People In Need warehouse from 10 to 11 AM. Assembling school shoe gift cards.

July 24th - Willis Education Center. Two sessions, 9:30 AM - Noon and 3:30- 6 PM. Assist with the distribution of cards for families.

Welcome 2025 - 2026 DG Sandy Knoesel



The installation of DGE Sandy Knoesel was indeed an exciting evening. After a few opening remarks from Master of Ceremonies PDG Craig Maxey, current District Governor Gary Baker was introduced. The "short timer" mentioned how great the clubs are in District 6690, and he thanked Assistant Governors, committee chairs and the DG-line for their dedication to Rotary and to the District Governor. A gift was given by the District Leadership plus a wall plaque expressing gratitude to Gary Baker for his unselfish commitment and leadership he has provided to the district.

Past District Governor Steve Heiser then administered the oath of office to Sandy and presented her with the DG pin. Following a round of applause, Sandy introduced her family, and the district leadership team for 2025-26. She then outlined the district's goals for the upcoming year. Sandy will share more information on these goals in the July district Newsletter.

Next Newark Rotary President Janice LaRoso passed on the "Home of the District Governor" banner to Columbus Rotary President-elect Jason Southwell. Craig Maxey wrapped up the evening by introducing pianist Dan Rowan and saxophonist Dr. Michael Cox. Dan and Micheal performed outstanding music to finish off the incredible evening.

District Governor Message

By Gary D. Baker

Each year the District Governor selects a Past District Governor to be Vice-Governor (VG). The responsibilities of the VG are to act as a counselor, motivator, mentor and be a good listener. The Vice-Governor would also stand in for the current District Governor if, for any reason, the governor could not continue. My Vice-Governor this past year was PDG Price Finley. He has helped me a great deal, picking me up if I was a little down or calming me down when I was a little too fired up. I have deleted several unsent emails after sharing them with Price "the Vice". I also look forward to again walking with Price and the Rotary Club of Short North in this year's Columbus Pride parade. I appreciate his service to the District, Zone 30, Rotary International and most of all, his friendship and support. Thank you, Price.

I also want to thank the "G-line". When I was selected to be District Governor for 2024-2025, M.J. Shackelford was the District Governor. The group includes M.J., Price Finley, David Uhl, Sandy Knoesel, Terry Rataiczak and newly added Darnell Perkins (DG 2027-2028). An incredible group of influencers and amazing Rotarians.



A big thank you goes out to the leadership in District 6690 and the Past District Governors. All of you have been supportive and inspiring. It seems a bit odd that in a couple of weeks I will be a PDG. And finally, thank you to all Rotarians in District 6690 for having confidence in my leadership and giving me the opportunity to serve as District Governor. It is truly an honor. I have said before, I wish you could see through my eyes every awesome club and the impact they have on their communities. Thank you for Sharing the Magic of Rotary with me.

Peace Builder Clubs

By Gary D. Baker

I am happy to announce that District 6690 now has 55 Peacebuilder Clubs, 100% participation. We may be the first District in the world to have 100 percent of the clubs in the District as Peacebuilders. Thank you Assistant Governors, Tom Carlisi and M.J. Schackelford!



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