



Speakers

July 10, 2025

Denise Steele
Lohcally Artisan
Chocolates

July 24, 2025

Maurice Irish
Ohio Dept of Natural
Resources

July 31, 2025

Kimberly Sinicropi
COHatch Powell

Events

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Birthdays

Jennifer T. Carney
Triplett
July 9th

Venkata Chari
July 18th

Jutta Reinold
July 26th

Michael R. Brown
July 27th

Club Leaders



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This Week's Speaker:

Denise Steele, owner of Lohcally Artisan Chocolates

An Ohio native, Steele dreamt of opening a chocolate shop since she was little, inspired by the chocolate shop her mother worked in when she was growing up. After leaving a 10 year career at an investment firm, Steele graduated from Ecole Chocolat's Professional Chocolatier Program and launched Lohcally Chocolates in downtown Powell in 2019. Since then, the brand has been selling truffles online and at local pop-ups and retailers including Meza Wine Shop and North Market Dublin Bridge.

Reminder: No Meeting on 7/17

I'll be on vacation, so no bulletin will be sent next week. Special thanks to Jo Sexton, who will be running the 7/10 meeting in my absence.

July Service Opportunities

Mark your calendars, check email for Sign-Up Genius

July 20th - Flying Horse Farms, 8:30am-noon. Various projects to support children with serious illnesses.

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.

District 6690 Honor Flight

Honor Flight Columbus

Opportunity Available to all Rotary Clubs in District 6690!



A District 6690 sponsored flight will take place in September of 2025. The veterans eligible would be Senior Veterans who are age 65 and over and served on FULL TIME active duty (outside of any basic training active duty) or over 20 years in the Guard/Reserves. WWII, and Korea. Terminally ill veterans will have scheduling priority. Veterans who served prior to 1961 receive top priority. The HFC 925 applications will include veterans that are Rotary club members, Rotary club alumni, related to Rotary families or local veterans sponsored by the Rotary club. The plane, scheduled for some time in September of 2025, can take 87 veterans and 43 guardians. Guardians will be provided by Honor Flight of Columbus. Earlier flights in the spring may be available, however, they are not District 6690 sponsored.

Rotary District 6690 HFC 925 applications can be found at:

<https://www.honorflightcmh.org/veteran-application> and <https://rotary6690.org>

We are asking for \$2500 sponsorships from Rotary Clubs, businesses, or individuals to help offset the cost of the September 2025 flight. You will be recognized in print material, social media and at District events.



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Jennifer T. Carney
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Applications for Veterans: <https://www.honorflightcmh.org/veteran-application>

The District 6690 HFC 925 now has an official mission date of September 25, 2025.

District Governor Message



Time flies when you are having fun and that's exactly what is happening as I begin our new Rotary year as your district governor. After completing two years of training, it's time to get rolling into another exciting and fun year as we strive to live Service Above Self every day.

Our new Rotary International President Francesco Arezzo recently showed us what it means to be a Rotarian and say "yes" to the challenges before us.

A few weeks ago, Rotary International faced one of these challenges when President-elect Mario Casar Martins de Camargo resigned his position due to family and business reasons. Upon learning the news, the Rotary International Board of Directors sprang into action.

President Francesco was at his district conference when he learned that he had been selected as Rotary International president. He was sitting next to a friend when he received the email on his phone, but he wasn't allowed to tell anyone. Another email came to confirm his selection; but he still had to be quiet. Then a few moments later, a Rotary member walked up to him with his phone showing him the Facebook post and then he was swarmed by 400 Rotarians. A few days later he was on a plane to attend the Rotary International Convention in Calgary, Canada.

Life comes at you fast; but Rotarians always say "yes" to a challenge to do good in the world.

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RI Convention In Photos

Lunch With Friends

With more than 15,000 Rotarians attending the International Convention, District 6690 Rotarians still found each other at the President's Luncheon.

International Director Ghim Bok Chew and his wife, Phyllis, shared Rotary stories with Past President Juile Baker, Newark-Heath; PDG Gary Baker, Newark; DG Sandy Knoesel, Columbus; and Club President Jim Caldwell, Westerville Sunrise.

It's Happy Hour Time

District 6690 had 42 Rotarians and partners at Rotary International Convention in Calgary. After a full day of learning sessions, it was time for Happy Hour at the St. James Restaurant and Irish Pub. A big thank you goes out to Ed Zirkle, Columbus Club, for his photos. Ed was tapped by the RI staff to photograph our new RI president Francesco Arezzo. Congratulations, Ed.



Francesco Arezzo, 2025 - 2026 RI President

Francesco Arezzo, is Rotary's new International President. Arezzo said in the past he did not want to accept roles as Club President and district governor because he had a stutter, but overwhelming support from Rotary members persuaded him, and he went on to serve as an RI Director and now RI President. Leadership training is a gift that Rotary gives its members.

[Learn more about President Francesco here.](#)



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