



Speakers

October 09, 2025

[David Robins](#)
Creative Foundations

October 23, 2025

[John McNamara](#)
Appalachian Renewable
Power

October 30, 2025

[Brent Carson](#)
Delaware County Historical
Society

November 06, 2025

[TBD](#)

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Jason Barlow
October 16th

Hal Taylor III
October 29th

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](#)
iPast President

This Week's Speakers:

Lonny Ransaw from The Unity Community Center

Lane Herdman began their journey with Creative Foundations in 2015 as a Direct Support Professional, bringing heart and hands-on care to the individuals we serve. In 2017, Lane transitioned into the Adult Day Program, helping create meaningful and inclusive day services. By 2019, they moved into Human Resources, supporting staff and strengthening agency processes. In 2023, Lane stepped into their current role as the Director of Training & Development, where they lead onboarding, staff education, and professional growth across the organization.

Isabella “Billie” Crawford serves as our Programming Coordinator at Creative Foundations, bringing creativity, structure, and passion to the individuals and programs she supports. With a strong background in art, Billie incorporates creativity into her work, helping make programming engaging, expressive, and person-centered.

Club Reminders:

No board meeting this week, it will be held on 10/23

Happy hour 10/16, 4:30pm at Koble Grill

Rotary Foundation: Building Stronger Communities Together

By William Grindle



Bryan D. Lane
Club Grant
Coordinator
Club TRF Chair



Jennifer T. Carney Triplett
Club Service
Projects Chair

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This month, Rotary shines a light on **Community and Economic Development** a theme that speaks directly to the heart of our mission. Across District 6690, our clubs are stepping up with projects that meet urgent needs, strengthening neighborhoods, and creating opportunities for growth. From the Athens Sunrise Club's *Drafts for a Difference* project supporting a wide range of community organizations, to the Westerville Sunrise Club's work with their local resource pantry, these efforts remind us that when Rotarians unite, lives are changed.

These projects—and so many others—are made possible through contributions to the **Annual Fund**. Your giving fuels the grants that put Rotary's values into action right here at home.

October also marks a global moment for Rotary: **World Polio Day on October 24th**. Clubs across the district will host events to raise awareness and funds to finish the job of eradicating polio worldwide. Thanks to our renewed partnership with the **Gates Foundation**, every dollar Rotarians contribute to Polio Plus is matched with **two more dollars**, tripling the impact of your gift.

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Register Today For District 6690 Fall Assembly – Oct. 18

2025 Fall Assembly

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Continental Breakfast
Taco Buffet Lunch

The Fall Assembly has
Something for Everyone...
Register Today!

Engagement • Membership
Service Projects

Registration
only \$30

Hocking College, Nelsonville, OH

October 18, 2025

9am to 2:30pm

The Lodge at Hocking College | 15770 OH 691 | Nelsonville, OH 45764

\$30 includes Continental Breakfast and Taco Buffet Lunch

The Fall Assembly on Oct. 18 at The Lodge at Hocking College promises to be an inspiring and fun day with dynamic presentations on leadership, membership growth, and innovative service projects. You will leave energized with new strategies and ideas to take home and strengthen your club.

This year's assembly features dynamic presentations on leadership, membership growth, communication strategies, innovative service projects, and more. You'll also hear powerful stories of service and impact from fellow Rotarians across the district and beyond.

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Sock-ktober Is Underway – Join The District-Wide Project

By Wolfgang A. Lant



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Celebrate Rotary's Impact At District Awards Dinner



Join us for an evening of fellowship, fun, and celebration at the District 6690 Awards Event. This is your chance to honor the incredible accomplishments of our clubs and members during the past year.

Sunday, November 2
Hofbräuhaus Columbus, 800 Goodale Blvd.
3:30 p.m. – Fellowship
4:30 p.m. – Dinner
\$40 per person (cash bar available)

This will be a casual and festive gathering, perfect for celebrating the impact Rotary is making across our district. All Rotary members and their spouses/partners are welcome — let's fill the room and cheer on our clubs' achievements!

[Please register at rotary6690.org](https://rotary6690.org) today and encourage your club members to attend. It's a wonderful way to connect and celebrate all we've accomplished together.

District Veterans Committee Update

By David Williamson

The District 6690 Veterans Affairs Committee is in the process of building its annual calendar designed to inform veterans in our clubs and communities of national, state, and local programs, projects, and services that may be

of value and assistance to veterans. As part of that program, the committee is developing a project to promote veteran support initiatives and activities within the clubs, encourage recruiting of veterans into our clubs, and share opportunities clubs can use to support veterans in their communities. Another initiative would allow the district to adapt and support national programs like Wounded Warrior Project, Tunnels 2 Towers program, and Folds of Honor program.

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Thank You For Supporting Kick Cancer

Dear Fellow Rotarians of District 6690,
Each year as the past district Kick Cancer chair, I share with you the total of our district endowment at The James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute.

Our endowment as of June 30, 2025 stands at \$256,170. The amount used for research from our returns for the year is \$11,721. For the past few years, the funds from our endowment have been used researching drugs that will prolong the lives of those battling leukemia.

Our endowment will continue to support the hand work of the researchers. Our district members are proud to do their part by joining the fight to find a cure for cancer.

Yours in Rotary,
Peggy Murgatroyd
District Governor 2005-2006

The James



What Is Group Study Exchange, and Why Is It Important?

By Jan W. Zupnick

How many of us recite Rotary's 4-Way Test without really thinking what those simple rules say? Having been brought up to be the kind of people who join Rotary, a service club, the first two rules about whether what we say is the truth and will it be fair to all concerned are probably unconscious guidelines for the way we normally behave. The third and fourth rules are the basic guiding principles of nGSE: will it build good will and better friendships and will it be beneficial to all concerned.

New Generations Service Exchange, or nGSE, is a short-term, customizable program for professionals and university students. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project, while also enjoying local cultural events and spending time getting to know residents by living with and among them, something not possible during the usual tourist visit.

Sharing a meal in Sorucaba, Brazil Visiting a Rotary E-Club, Romania





Why is nGSE important? Quite simply, by exchanging teams from reciprocating countries, greater understanding is built and through understanding world peace grows. [Read More](#)

Building Peace Through Service



Join fellow Rotarians on a purpose-filled cruise to the Virgin Islands while supporting youth peace programs worldwide.

Rotarians and peacebuilders are invited to embark on a transformative journey during the Building Peace Through Service Cruise, sailing February 20–27, 2026. Departing from Port Canaveral, FL, this inspiring voyage will visit Puerto Plata (Dominican Republic), St. Thomas (U.S. Virgin Islands), Tortola (British Virgin Islands), and Great Stirrup Cay (Bahamas).

The cruise is more than a vacation—it is a mission-driven experience supporting the Building Peace Through Service Rotary International Global Grant, in collaboration with Hope for Peace, LLC. Proceeds will help fund Building Peace Through Service Youth Peace Programs, which equip young leaders with education, mentorship, and resources to promote peace in their communities and around the world. [Read More](#)

District 6690 Honor Flight

PDG Gary Baker and Westerville Sunrise Rotarian Andy Tompkins presented two checks to Beth Johnson, Executive Director of Honor Flight Columbus in September. Clubs in District 6690 raised \$27,440, and the Westerville Rotary donated \$10,000 to send veterans to Washington D.C. to visit the nation's memorials.

The first group of veterans participated in the HFC Mission 145, on Sept. 25. The next HFC flight with District 6690 Rotarians will be Thursday, Nov. 6, followed by an HFC flight on Nov. 13.

Rotarians are invited to celebrate these veterans when



they return to John Glenn Airport between 8:45 and 9:45 p.m. on the day of their flight. The celebration will be at the Ticket Level of John Glenn Airport.

Youth Exchange Program Offers Exciting Opportunities For Students



District 6690 welcomed our four inbound students who arrived from Switzerland, Mexico, Poland and Brazil, and wish our six outbound students bon voyage!

The first informational session was held last week for interested short- and long-term students considering becoming Rotary Peace Ambassadors in our District's Rotary Youth Exchange Program last week. Our inbound students from Switzerland, Mexico, Poland and Brazil were also in attendance. District Committee members and Rotex (students who traveled internationally recently) facilitated the meeting, trainings and discussions. Applications for travel in 2026-2027 are due November 15. More information can be found at the District's Rotary Youth Exchange website at www.6690exchange.com. Future opportunities to learn more about the program are listed in the calendar on the website.

Rotarians Are Stronger Together This October

By Sandra Knoesel

October is blowing in with a burst of energy as Rotary clubs across District 6690 dive into service projects and fundraising events that make a difference.

Socktober Service Project

Our district-wide Socktober project is off to a strong start. Rotarians are collecting socks, hats, scarves, and underwear to help people experiencing homelessness in their communities. The friendly competition is heating up, with a \$250 prize and bragging rights on the line for the club that collects the most items.

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dynamic presentations on leadership, membership growth, and innovative service projects. You will leave energized with new strategies and ideas to take home and strengthen your club.



One Day, One Focus: End Polio

Building on the momentum of Fall Assembly, we will turn our focus to one of Rotary's most important causes — eradicating polio. Thanks to Rotary and its global partners, polio cases have dropped 99.9% since 1988, protecting over 3 billion children from paralysis.

This year, Rotary is committed to raising up to \$50 million to finish the job, and the Gates Foundation will match every dollar 2-to-1, tripling our impact to as much as \$150 million annually.

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Save The Date! District Conference April 2026



District 6690 Conference

April 24–25, 2026

Hilton Hotel -- Polaris

Join Rotarians from across District 6690 for a fun weekend of learning, networking, and celebration on April 24-25 at the Hilton Hotel – Polaris. This year's conference will focus on how we are Stronger Together —building connections, sharing ideas, and amplifying our impact in our communities and around the world.

More details, including speakers, breakout sessions, and registration information, will be shared soon. Make plans now to attend!

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