



Speakers

October 23, 2025

[John McNamara](#)  
Appalachian Renewable  
Power

October 25, 2025

Be sure to RSVP

October 30, 2025

[Brent Carson](#)  
Delaware County Historical  
Society

November 06, 2025

[Jan Ramer](#)  
VP of Animal Conservation,  
Columbus Zoo

November 13, 2025

[Melissa Schiffel](#)  
Delaware County  
Prosecutor Office

Events

October 25th

[Adopt A Highway  
Cleanup](#)

Speaker: Be sure to RSVP

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

No Meeting this Week and No Happy Hour

Due to several conflicts, we won't be having a happy hour this week but will see you at the next one!

Additional info below, please help us support Sock-tober by bringing your donations to the 10/23 meeting.

Rotary Foundation: Building Stronger Communities Together

By William Grindle



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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Past President



Bryan D. Lane  
Club Grant  
Coordinator  
Club TRF Chair



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Carney Triplett  
Club Service  
Projects Chair

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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](http://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.  
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## 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](#)

## 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](http://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.

### Fall Assembly – October 18

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.



### 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