



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

Hal Taylor III

October 29th

Joseph P. Schaefer
November 18th

Club Leaders



John O'Connell
President



Joanne Sexton
President-Elect



John R. Jordan
Treasurer



Jutta Reinold
Secretary

Mike Miller
Past President

This Week's Speaker:

John McNamara from Appalachian Renewable Power

John McNamara serves as Chief Operations Officer at Appalachian Renewable Power (ARP Solar), a turnkey solar and storage installer based in Ohio since 2008. In his role, John oversees operations, project delivery, and strategic growth initiatives that expand access to clean energy across the region. He holds an MBA from Capital University and a Master of Sustainability Leadership from Arizona State University.

Beyond his work in solar, John is deeply engaged in community sustainability, serving as Board Chair of Green Columbus—a nonprofit that has helped expand the region's tree canopy and volunteer network since 2008. He lives in Hilliard, Ohio with his wife and 12-year-old son.

Club Reminders:

Football Fever NFL Raffle - Ticket sales close at the end of October. To date we've sold less than half of our goal (184 out of 500). Please reach out to friends, family and acquaintances - let's crush the goal!!! Top 3 sales MTD belong to Bryan Lane (37), Jason Barlow (32) and John O'Connell (30).

We will be collecting socks at this Thursday's meeting in support of Sock-Tober. Additional details below.

Board meeting will be held after the meeting this Thursday.

**Service Opportunity:
Adopt a Highway Cleanup**

Below Saturday morning, October 25th, 8:30am. We will meet at the Get GO Parking lot at 9590 Sawmill Pkwy, Powell, OH 43065. Please bring a raincoat just in case.

Below are the reminders about the highway cleanup: We will meet near the Get Go Gas Station in the Giant Eagle/Market Place parking lot. Please wear closed toed shoes that you don't mind if they get wet from potentially wet grass. Also, it is very important to bring gloves. We will provide you with a trash picker, safety vest, and garbage bags.



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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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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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

District Awards Celebration
November 2, 2025
Hofbrauhaus Columbus
800 Goodale Blvd Columbus, OH 43212
3:30 pm – Fellowship
4:00 pm – 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.

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](#)

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