

Rotary



Club of Olentangy

This Week's Speaker: Brent Carson from The Delaware Co. Historical Society

Brent Carson grew up on a dairy farm in Delaware County and was always intrigued with history, particularly local history. He spent a thirty-one year career teaching history in the Delaware City Schools and retired to devote full time to promoting and preserving Delaware County history. He has been named President emeritus of the Delaware County Historical Society. To many people of all ages Brent is frequently referred to as Mr. Delaware County History.

Club Reminders:

Football Fever NFL Raffle - Ticket sales close at the end of October. To date we've sold 276, only 229 more to go to reach our goal of 500. Please reach out to friends, family and acquaintances - let's crush it!! Top 3 sales MTD belong to Bryan Lane (38), Jason Barlow (34) and John O'Connell (30).

VERY IMPORTANT!!!! We will be collecting socks for the final time at this Thursday's meeting in support of Sock-Tober. Additional details below.

We're looking for a member to spearhead our club's annual coat drive that supports People in Need's Holiday Clearing House and runs through mid-December. Additional details will be discussed at the meeting. Please reach out to John O'Connell if interested.

125 Club Donations

Thank you to the following members who have contributed \$125 toward the Annual Fund/Polio Plus. The 125 Club recognizes Rotarians who contribute \$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and \$25 or more to Polio Plus. Donors are presented with this year's pins and it's an easy way to contribute to the work we are doing as Rotarians. Nearly all of the funds contributed to the annual fund are returned to our district to support both local and global grants.

Mike Brown

Jerry Douglas

Brian Folwarczny

Bryan Lane

Austin Meyer

Mike Miller

John O'Connell

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. [Read More](#)

Sock-tober 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 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



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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.
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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!

