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Prosecutor Office

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Joanne Sexton
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Brian Doone
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Club Leaders



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President-
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This Week's Speaker:

Melissa Schiffel from The Delaware Co. Prosecutors Office

Appointed to be your Delaware County Prosecutor in April 2019, Melissa Schiffel brings more than a decade of prosecutorial and leadership experience to the position. She began her career as an assistant prosecutor in Wood County, Ohio where she specialized in the prosecution of felony theft and fraud cases. After that, Melissa joined the Fairfield County Prosecutor's Office where she became the Chief Prosecutor of the Criminal Division, leaving only to join the ranks of the Ohio Attorney General's Office. During her time with the state, Melissa traveled to many Ohio counties, taking the lead on various felony cases involving crimes like public corruption, sexual abuse, and fraud.

Club Reminders:

Thanks to all who supported our Football Fever NFL Raffle, we sold a total of 443 tickets! Special thanks to Jason Barlow who, once again, coordinated the efforts. Now let's win some \$\$\$!

Final Board Meeting of the year will be held this Thursday.

**Volunteer Opportunity:
Common Ground Free Store on 11/13
Only a Few Spots Left!!**

Please join us at Common Ground Free Store this Thursday evening, November 13th, from 5:15pm to 8:15pm. During this time, volunteers will assist with welcoming guests, sorting donations, helping shoppers, and restocking items. In addition, we invite your group to provide and serve dinner to our guests that evening. Sharing a warm meal is one of the most appreciated parts of the Free Store experience, and your generosity would make a big impact.

To review the available slots and sign up, please click on the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B044DAEAC2AAFF2-59873821-common>

**Donations Needed:
PIN Holiday Clearing House 2025 Coat Drive**

The PIN Holiday Clearing House is celebrating its 71st anniversary this year and we are blessed to be part of it and running Coat Land, where each child is provided with a brand-new winter coat along with a hat and pair of gloves.

There are a record-breaking 1,421 children registered for this year's event already. Thank you in advance for helping to fill the gaps and ensure that all children will receive the coats they need for the winter ahead.

We will be accepting donations during our two December meetings. More information to follow and feel free to contact Alex Eikenberry (call/text 740-294-8297) to arrange for pickup.

Honeysuckle Hackfest was a Huge Success!



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Club Grant
Coordinator
Club TRF
Chair



Jennifer T.
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Club
Service
Projects
Chair

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One of our newest members, Jenise Lefevre and her daughter, joined Jutta Reinold, over 100 volunteers and a herd of goats at Deer Park Haven to clear out A LOT of invasive honeysuckle!



Club Sponsorship Commitment

Sponsor a future leader - Commit your club to RYLA 2026

District 6690's RYLA Committee needs your club's commitment to sponsoring students for the Rotary Youth Leadership Awards on July 16–18, 2026 at Ohio University—Athens.

It will only take a minute to complete the short Club Commitment Form. Right now, no student names or sponsorship fees are due. The RYLA Committee just needs contact information and the number of students your club would like to sponsor.

The cost per student participant is \$300 which includes all lodging, meals and program materials for the three-day experience. Clubs sponsoring 5 or more students receive a \$50 discount per student.

Commit your club today to sponsor future leaders — it only takes a minute to complete the short Club Commitment Form (no student names needed yet):

[RYLA Club Commitment Form](#)

Key details:

- \$300 per student; payment due within 30 days of submitting the form
- Final student selections due April 1, 2026; outstanding payments due April 30, 2026
- Capacity is limited to 90 students, first come, first served with payment
- Please designate a RYLA Club Contact when you submit

Thank you for helping us inspire the next generation of service-minded leaders!

Make a Direct Impact: Enroll in Rotary Direct for a Chance to Win \$1000

The Rotary Foundation



This month, our **Zone 30–31 Rotary Foundation team** launched a new contest encouraging Rotarians to make their giving simple, automatic, and impactful through **Rotary Direct**, and there's an exciting incentive to join!

New Rotary Direct participants will be entered into a drawing to **win \$1,000 cash and 1,000 Foundation Recognition Points**. The district with the largest percentage increase in Rotary Direct enrollees will also receive a **\$5,000 cash prize**. *(No Rotary funds are used for this competition.)*

The contest is called **"Direct Impact"** and runs through **January 1, 2026**. It makes supporting The Rotary Foundation easier than ever. Rotary Direct allows you to set up **monthly or quarterly contributions** from your credit card or bank account, starting at just **\$10 per month**.

At \$10 a month, you'll be both an **Every Rotarian, Every Year** participant and a **Sustaining Donor**. At \$84 per month, you'll qualify as a **Paul Harris Society** member, giving \$1,000 annually to help Rotary fund life-changing projects around the world. [Read More](#)

Westerville Sunrise Companion Club Expands Service, strengthens Fellowship



The Westerville area of Columbus recently gained a new Rotary club, but it's not the traditional club most Rotarians know. It's a Companion Club to the Westerville Sunrise Club. Starting with 12 members in July, the Westerville Sunrise Companion Club has added four new members and is led by club chair, Sue Castro.

"The companion club model shows that Rotary can evolve without losing its heart," Sue Castro, Companion Club chair, explained. "By creating more avenues to serve, we're strengthening our reach and ensuring that the values of fellowship and service grow."

The Westerville Sunrise Companion Club meets twice a month, typically in the evening, providing an alternative for those who can't attend the host club's early morning gatherings. Meetings are a blend of fellowship and hands-on planning, often centered on service projects rather than formal programs. The focus is on engagement and action — keeping Rotary service accessible, meaningful, and fun. At a recent companion club service project members made blankets for community residents.

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Stronger Together

By Melinda K. Thompson

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Union Local Welcomes 5 New Members

The Union Local Rotary Club is growing strong with the recent induction of five new members, boosting its active membership to 19.

This small but mighty group is making great strides to enhance its public image and visibility in the communities it serves. President Tim Snyder has challenged each member to select an area of focus and develop a service project, creating new opportunities to engage, collaborate, and unite for good.

Belmont County Rotarians Join Together for District Governor Visit



Knoesel's official visit.

The event was held at the enclosed Rotary Pavilion at the Capstone Pavilion Soccer Park—a beautiful community space that features a partial kitchen and fireplace. The pavilion serves as a hub for local gatherings, exemplifying Rotary's spirit of fellowship and service.



Barnesville Club Celebrates Peace Pole Installation



In a proud moment for the community, the Barnesville Rotary Club installed a Peace Pole in a prominent location in their town. The new addition symbolizes Rotary's commitment to peace and understanding.

Barnesville was recently recognized by Ohio Magazine as one of the "Best Hometowns for 2025–2026," making the Peace Pole an especially meaningful tribute to the club's ongoing efforts to promote goodwill.

St. Clairsville Sunrise Rotary Prepares for Annual 'Stuff the Truck' Project

The St. Clairsville Sunrise Rotary Club is once again tackling food insecurity with its annual Stuff the Truck service project. Partnering with local businesses, the club collects nonperishable food items to support area food pantries. Through teamwork and community collaboration, the project helps ensure families have access to nutritious meals throughout the year.



Bridgeport Club Organizes Successful Food Drive



The Bridgeport Rotary Club's food drive was a resounding success thanks to the generosity of local donors and volunteers. In addition to providing prepackaged groceries to residents in need, the club also collected monetary donations to further support families facing food insecurity—a challenge that has doubled in recent weeks.

Their efforts reflect Rotary's dedication to service above self and compassionate community response.

St. Clairsville Rotarians Teach 4-Way Test to Elementary Students

As part of its Peace Project, members of the St. Clairsville Rotary Club brought lessons of ethics and kindness to local classrooms. Rotarians read Elmer and Andy's Apple Dumpling Adventure to 150 elementary students, introducing the Rotary 4-Way Test in a fun and meaningful way. To sweeten the experience, students enjoyed an apple dumpling as they learned about honesty, fairness, goodwill, and beneficial actions—values at the heart of Rotary.



Together, these clubs across Belmont County exemplify the theme Rotary: Stronger Together—demonstrating how collaboration, service, and community spirit unite Rotarians for lasting good.

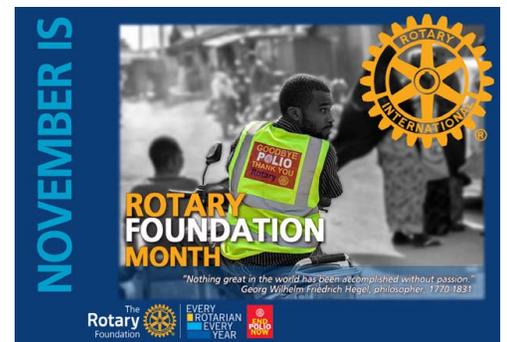
November is Rotary Foundation Month

By William Grindle

November is **Rotary Foundation Month**, a time to celebrate the incredible impact we create when Every Rotarian, Every Year contributes to our Foundation. Through our collective generosity, Rotary supports projects that bring lasting change in **seven key areas of focus**:

- **Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention**
- **Disease Prevention and Treatment**
- **Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene**
- **Maternal and Child Health**
- **Basic Education and Literacy**
- **Community Economic Development**
- **Supporting the Environment**

Each of these areas represents a cornerstone of Rotary's mission—and together, they form a blueprint for building a more just, healthy, and hopeful world. When we give to The Rotary Foundation, we're not just writing a check—we're investing in peace, health, opportunity, and sustainability for generations to come. Because of your support, last year we were able to fund o



Our Local Impact Through District Grants

Here in District 6690, our clubs continue to make a profound local difference. The **Chillicothe First Capital Rotary Club's Children's Clothing Bank** is providing clothing and support for children living in poverty. **The Logan Rotary Club's Foster Child Care Packages** provided a duffel

bag, blanket and personal items for children in foster care. These and over 50 more projects will be funded through our 6690 District Grants, and they exemplify how the Rotary Foundation dollars flow directly back into our communities—turning generosity into measurable impact. [Read More](#)

Four Rotary Clubs Unite for Good for Breast Cancer Patients



In a shining example of Service Above Self, four Rotary clubs — Chillicothe, Chillicothe First Capital, Circleville, and Circleville Sunrise — joined forces last month to bring hope and comfort to women fighting breast cancer.

More than 50 Rotarians, along with members of the Pink Pack Tribe, a support group of cancer survivors, came together to pack 200 “Boxes of Hope” filled with care items, encouragement, and love for breast cancer patients.

Items for the Boxes of hope are provided by the Nightbirde Foundation founded by Granville Rotarian Mitch Maczewski in memory of his sister Jane, known worldwide as Nightbirde. She inspired millions around the world with her song “It’s OK” on America’s Got Talent in 2021.

The idea for the collaborative project began at the Rotary District 6690 Conference last April, when attendees packed boxes for the Nightbirde Foundation. Inspired by that event and the foundation’s mission, Berno saw an opportunity to bring the same light of hope to her own community.

“Mitch’s message really touched our hearts,” said Robin Berno, president of the Chillicothe First Capital Rotary Club. “Assistant Governor David Crawford suggested that the Circleville and Chillicothe clubs work together on a project. I took that and ran with it. We had about 50 people between the four clubs, plus the Pink Pack Tribe — incredible women who have survived breast cancer and now support others on that same journey.” [Read More](#)

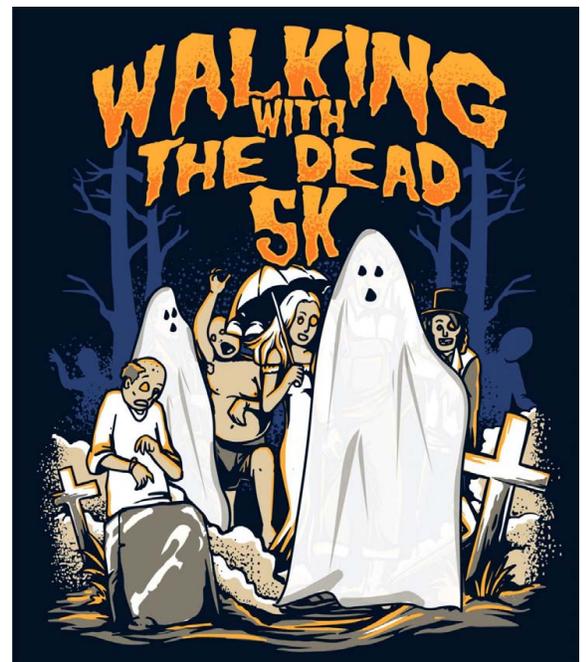
Columbus Rotary Walking with the Dead 5K supports Greenlawn Cemetery

The Columbus Rotary’s *Walking with the Dead 5K Fundraiser* at Greenlawn Cemetery on Oct. 3 was a hauntingly fun time!

With 276 participants and 15 dedicated Rotary volunteers, the evening was full of energy and community spirit. Runners and walkers—along with their four-legged friends—showed off creative costumes, with prizes awarded for both people and pets.

Participants enjoyed a festive beer garden courtesy of Nocterra Brewing and chillingly fun ghost tours hosted by the cemetery.

Together, the event raised **\$4,011 for the Rotary Club** and **\$1,000 for Greenlawn Cemetery**. It was a memorable night of fitness, fun, and philanthropy.



Celebration Honors Clubs for 2024-2025 Achievements



Club leaders from across District 6690 gathered recently at the Hofbräuhaus in Grandview to celebrate the achievements of Rotarians during the 2024-25 Rotary year. The festive evening highlighted the impact of strong leadership, dedicated service, and a shared commitment to Rotary's mission.

Immediate Past District Governor Gary Baker awarded 26 clubs with a Rotary International Certificate of Excellence for achieving at least 13 club goals. These goals included increasing membership, engaging members in sustainable service projects, contributing to The Rotary Foundation, building Rotary awareness in their communities, and maintaining an up-to-date strategic plan.

"I am thrilled to present these achievement awards to so many clubs in our district," Baker said. "Strong clubs are why we have a strong district. Congratulations to the club leaders and members for their exceptional achievements."

In addition to club recognitions, Baker presented Governor's Awards to three individuals and one club for outstanding leadership and service: **T.D. Griley Award – Fran Veverka (Delaware), for her tremendous service as district secretary more than 13 years,** [Read More](#)

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