

Rotary Club of Olentangy



Weekly Update



Speakers

October 22, 2026

Alexa Ollier
Guatemala Literacy
Project

October 29, 2026

Club Assembly

**November 05,
2026**

Andrew Fawcett
Columbus Fitness
Consultants

**November 12,
2026**

Carol Richardson
Make-A-Wish

Events

No Events found

Birthdays

Terry L Lowe
October 24th

Hal Taylor III
October 29th

Joseph P. Schaefer
November 18th

Club Leaders



Joanne
Sexton
President



Bryan D.
Lane
President-
Elect
Club TRF
Chair



John R.
Jordan
Treasurer



Jutta
Reinold
Club
Executive
Secretary
Secretary



Mike Miller
Club Peace
Committee
Chair
Club
Membership
Chair

John
O'Connell

Guest Speaker:

Alexa Ollier with the Guatemala Literacy Project

Alexa Ollier is the Grants Coordinator for the GLP's fundraising partner, Cooperative for Education, which is headquartered in San Lucas, Guatemala, with a satellite office in Cincinnati, Ohio, United States. With a background in tours and storytelling, Alexa's role is to share the GLP's mission and connect volunteers to sponsorship and travel opportunities.

Pints for Polio - Delaware County Event

Join us October 27 from 5:00 - 8:00



**For fellowship with the Delaware County Clubs!
\$5 entry**

All are welcome — Rotarians and friends and family!

Olentangy River Brewing Company

303 Green Meadows Drive South
Lewis Center, OH 43035

Sponsored by the Delaware County Rotary Clubs

Delaware
Dublin AM
Dublin-Worthington
Olentangy
Westerville
Westerville Sunrise
Worthington AM

Football Fever Fundraiser



Charity Raffle

The raffle starts at game time on November 4, 2026 and ends when the last game is over November 29, 2026. Weeks 9 – 12.

Last day to enter tickets into system is November 4.



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President



Randall
Trickett
Club Public
Image
Chair



Jennifer T.
Carney
Triplett
Club
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Projects
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MEMBERS: Use this [LINK](#) to submit payments collected for the AddSum Cards that you sell.
Be sure to enter the ticket number(s) in the Comment/Note field.

Call or text Jason Barlow for any questions: 740-960-0962

You're Invited to the District 6690 Awards Celebration on Nov. 8



Join us for an evening of fellowship and fun at the District 6690 Awards Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 8 at the Hofbrauhaus House Restaurant in Columbus. We will be honoring the incredible accomplishments of Rotarians and our clubs during the past year.

Registration is [now open](#).
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Sock-tober is Coming

By Wolfgang A. Lant



It's time once again for our annual "Sock-tober+" service project which we have been doing every October for the past 5 years. District 6690 is having a contest to see which local Rotary club can collect the most socks, gloves, hats and underwear for the homeless and needy. Since we've done such a great job with this contest over the last few years, some area non-profits have asked if we can also collect hats, gloves and underwear as well as socks! Please check with the local charity of your choice in advance to see which items are most needed.

Last year, our district collected 20,461 items and the Marietta Rotary came in first with 4250 pairs of socks donated. The Marietta club was also first in the number of socks donated per member (43.81 items / member). This year the district will pay \$250 to the first-place club with the most socks, hats, gloves and pairs of underwear donated and \$250 to the club with the highest number of socks etc. donated per member (per capita). Please note that each pair of socks, gloves, hats and underwear will count equally in your totals.

Starting October 1st and going through October 31st, you can collect cash from your club members for your club to buy warm clothing items, or they can purchase the socks, gloves, hats and underwear themselves and bring them to a Rotary meeting. Amazon has many specials on men's, women's, and kid's socks lately, and it is a good place to get more socks for your money. In years past, Costco had wool socks on sale in late October, so hopefully they will again this year.

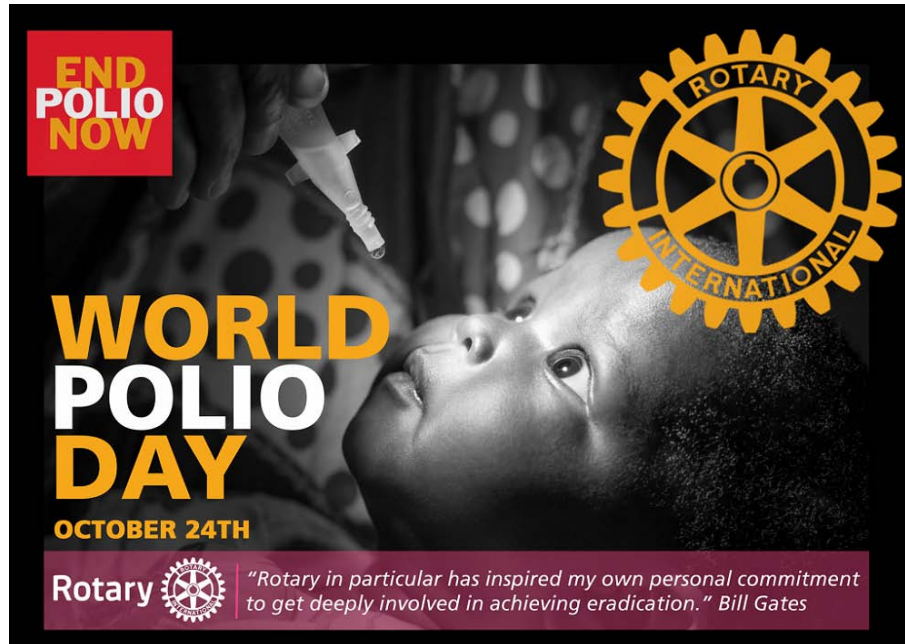
Club service project leaders are encouraged to contact the homeless shelters in your community to develop plans for donating the clothing items to the organization of your choice. Additional organizations in the Columbus metropolitan area that may need sock donations include:

- Homeless Families Foundation

- Salvation Army
- Sanctuary Night
- Star House
- The Open Shelter

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World Polio Day



What is your club doing to support

World Polio Day?

Have Fun and Fight Polio

Newark-Heath
Rotary
Club



The 4th Annual
Bourbon & Wine
NIGHT
TO END POLIO



Have Fun and Fight Polio!

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24th
at LICKING SPRINGS COUNTRY CLUB
4:30pm-7:00pm

\$60 per person / \$100 per couple
Includes 5 sample pours of your choice of top shelf bourbons like: Blanton's, Weller, Eagle Rare, & many more!
Or Superior Red and White wine pours selected by LSCC Manager and sommelier Marcus King and Heavy Appetizers included!

FEATURING: Bourbon & Wine Night Golf Pkg. Raffle!
6 month Clubhouse Membership at Licking Springs Country Club, and 5 rounds of golf. (Need not be present to win. Tickets: \$75 each)
PLUS! Bourbon and Wine Package Silent Auctions!

For Tickets Please Scan here 

SPONSORSHIPS NEEDED! FOR \$300, EVENT SPONSORS SHOWN ON ALL PROMOTIONS. AND RECEIVE 2 FREE TICKETS AND 1 FREE RAFFLE TICKET.

PI Tip of the Month

Every Rotary Project Has a Story Worth Telling

1 Start with a Person, Not a Project Find the human face. One child's smile is more powerful than 100 statistics. 	2 Define the Problem Clearly What was the need in the community before Rotary came in? 
3 Show Rotary Action What did your club do? Who volunteered? Show Service Above Self in action. 	4 Show Real Impact Use both heart and numbers. Use changed + data (e.g., 200 girls now in school). 
5 Add a Voice & Quote Include a direct quote from beneficiary, teacher, mother, or Rotarian. 	6 Keep it Simple & True to 4-Way Test Be truthful, fair, build goodwill, Beneficial. Short sentences, no jargon. 
7 End with Hope & Call to Action What next? Invite others to join, donate, or partner. 	

Change a Smile. Change a Life.



The Columbus Rotary Club is joining forces with Rotaplast International and the Rotary Club of Jalalabad to bring free, life-changing surgeries to children and families in Sylhet, Bangladesh.

For more than 30 years, what began as a single project of Rotary Club of San Francisco #2 has grown into Rotaplast International, an independent nonprofit that has conducted more than 275 surgical missions in 26 countries and provided free cleft and burn scar contracture surgery to over 23,000 patients. Through a clinical shadowing program, Rotaplast also mentors early-career clinicians, combining hands-on education with Rotary's value of Service Above Self to help prepare the next generation of healthcare professionals worldwide.

The 2027 Sylhet program marks the **10th** collaborative mission between Rotaplast and the Rotary Club of Jalalabad — a decade-long partnership that keeps changing lives, one smile at a time.

To get involved, donate, or learn more go to rotaplast.org.

Rotary Club of Pataskala's Chalk the Walk for Peace

By Elizabeth Kolp

On World Peace Day, the Rotary Club of Pataskala held a Chalk the Walk for Peace event.

We collaborated with Licking Heights High School and invited the students to draw positive messages for peace around the pollinator garden and peace pole that our club helped install in past years.



We had probably 200 students participate in a 2-hour time span. We interacted with the students and teachers and handed out peace coloring pages and stickers. It was such a cool event to share with the students at a school that has more than 55 languages spoken amongst the student body.

Challenge Accepted

By Tracy Kelly

On September 3rd, the Rotary Club of Westerville challenged the Westerville Sunrise Rotary Club to a corn hole showdown at Smash Park, all in support of the Alzheimer's Association.

There was wonderful fellowship (70 Rotarians), delicious food, even better drinks, and a side of smack talk throughout the night, all in the name of making a difference. Most of us know someone who has been affected by Alzheimer's and have seen firsthand the impact this disease has on both those living with it and the people who care for them.

Our fun-filled evening resulted in a total of \$1,900 donation to the Alzheimer's Association. While one club, Sunrise.... who won 1st and second place, may have walked away with bragging rights, the real win was coming together for a cause that impacts so many families in our community.



Bring Hope to Light: Partner with the Nightbirde Foundation for Your Next Service Project!



If your Rotary club is looking for a deeply meaningful, customizable, and high-impact service opportunity, look no further than the Nightbirde Foundation.

The Nightbirde Foundation was created in honor of Jane "Nightbirde" Marczewski, the inspiring singer-songwriter whose golden buzzer performance on *America's Got Talent* touched millions of hearts worldwide before she passed away from breast cancer. The foundation's mission is to bring hope, support, and specialized "boxes of hope" containing comfort items, encouragement, and resources to women actively fighting breast cancer. It is a powerful reminder that—even in the darkest times—hope is always worth sharing.

What makes this partnership even more special is that it hits very close to home: Mitch Marczewski, a passionate champion of the foundation, is an active member of our very own Granville Rotary Club!

Choose Your Impact: 4 Ways Your Club Can Connect

Whether your club is looking for a no-cost meeting activity, a hands-on service project, or a massive community-wide fundraiser, the Nightbirde Foundation offers the perfect tier of engagement to match your budget and volunteer hours:

Option	Engagement Level	Description
1. Invite Mitch to Speak	No Cost / High Impact	Invite Mitch to a meeting! He is happy to join your club to speak about Jane's legacy, the foundation's life-changing work, and how your members can make a difference.
2. Write	Low Cost /	Simply cover the minimal cost of printing the foundation's official cards, and dedicate 15–20

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District 6690 Seeks Applications for District Governor 2029-2030

By Sandra Knoesel



Are you ready to take the next step in your Rotary leadership journey? Rotary District 6690 is seeking qualified Rotarians interested in serving as District Governor for the 2029–30 Rotary year.

Applications are now being accepted from eligible Rotarians who have the experience, enthusiasm, and commitment to lead District 6690 from July 1, 2029 to June 30, 2030. Applicants must submit an Intent to Apply email by Nov. 5 to Sandy Knoesel, Nominating Committee Chair, at sandra.knoesel@gmail.com. The formal application must be sent by U.S. Mail to Sandy on or before Nov. 21, 2026.

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20 Clubs Down, 34 to Go... and So Much More Ahead!

By Terry Edward Rataiczak

It's hard to believe we're already well into October! It seems like just yesterday we were kicking off this Rotary year, and here we are, nearly four months in.

I've now had the opportunity to visit about 20 of our 54 clubs across District 6690, and I have to tell you, I continue to be amazed by what I'm seeing. Every club has its own personality, its own traditions, and its own way of making a difference. Some are doing things they've done successfully for decades, while others are trying something completely new. And that's what makes Rotary so special.

One thing I've really enjoyed is hearing not just about what our clubs are doing, but **why they're doing it**. Behind every project is a need, a story, and a group of Rotarians who decided they could make a difference.

And speaking of making a difference, we're right in the heart of **SockTober!** I love this initiative because it reminds us that creating lasting impact doesn't always require something big or complicated. Sometimes something as simple as a new pair of socks can make a meaningful difference in someone's day. I hope every club is finding a way to get involved, and I can't wait to see what we accomplish together.

We're also entering an important couple of months for our Rotary Foundation. October and November are a great time to renew our commitment to giving through our **125 Club and 200 Club** recognition opportunities. Whether you're continuing a tradition of giving or taking that next step, every contribution helps fuel the projects, programs, and opportunities that make Rotary what it is.

I've said it before, and I'll keep saying it: **The Rotary Foundation is what helps turn our good intentions into lasting impact.** It's how we take the passion and commitment I see in our clubs and extend that impact far beyond what any one of us could accomplish alone.

So here's my challenge as we head toward November: Keep doing what makes your club special, find a way to be part of SockTober, and consider what your personal commitment to our Foundation can help make possible.

Twenty club visits down, 34 more to go. And if the first 20 are any indication, I've got a lot more inspiration coming my way!

Let's keep Inspiring, Cultivating, Rethinking, Pioneering, and Thriving together.

Because that's how we Create Lasting Impact.



Olentangy (Southern Delaware County)
Meets at Scioto Reserve Country Club
Scioto Reserve Country Club 7383 Scioto Pkwy
Powell, OH 43065
Time: Thursday at 07:30 AM



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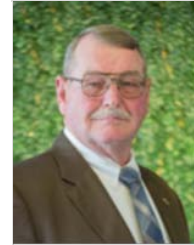
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