

Rotary



District 6670



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Events

March 2nd
[Rotary Leadership Institute
- Part III/Session 1](#)

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[All Ohio P.E.T.S.](#)

A Message from your District Governor



Fellow Rotarians,

I hope that you are healthy and well. Since my January message, I was diagnosed with COVID-19. I am fortunate that my symptoms were very mild. I was tested after another family member was diagnosed and then discovered I too had COVID. It reaffirmed for me the importance of face masks and social distancing as I could have unknowingly been a walking **◆spreader.◆**

The February Rotary International monthly theme is **◆Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution.◆** Peace is a cornerstone of our mission. In my opinion, Rotary's Vision Statement succinctly summarizes this, **◆TOGETHER, WE SEE A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE UNITE AND TAKE ACTION TO CREATE LASTING CHANGE ACROSS THE GLOBE, IN OUR COMMUNITIES AND OURSELVES.◆**

Rotary International outlines four roles that we as Rotarians have in promoting peace:

1. Practitioners: We fight disease, provide clean water and sanitation, improve health of mothers and children, support education and grow local economies for peaceful solutions.
2. Educators: Rotary Peace Centers has trained over 1,300 peace fellows to become effective catalysts for peace through careers in government, education and international organizations.
3. Mediators: Our members have negotiated humanitarian ceasefires in areas of conflict to allow polio vaccinations to reach at risk children.
4. Advocates: Our members have an integral role as respect, impartial participants during peace processes and in post-conflict reconstruction.

I am dismayed by the level of conflict in our country over the last 18 months with unpeaceful protests, the 2020 elections, the attack on the US Capitol, and political divide. I am personally very concerned over the lack of civility. We as Rotarians, can and should do what we can to help create a more peaceful nation. My ideas:

- Be mindful of comments on social media. I am not suggesting suppression of freedom of speech; I am suggesting respectful speech. Hopefully, we can agree to have difference of opinions and agree to disagree without personal attacks on individuals or groups or our governmental and civic leaders.
- Reach out to your local, state and federal governmental and legislative leaders and ask them to work together for meaningful and important discussion on key issues including racial, social and economic equality and equity. Send our representatives a copy of our Four-Way Test and ask them to utilize the test in their representation of us. I am not espousing any political position here.
- Create a Peace Committee in your club to help further promote peace in your local community.
- Continue to provide service projects that promote health, safety and education.
- Participate in Rotary Youth Exchange. While COVID-19 has paused RYE for now, this is a great way to **Open Opportunities** for young persons to learn and experience cultural differences.
- Sponsor a potential Rotary Peace Scholar.
- Become a Peace Builder Club. See <https://rotaryactiongroupforpeace.org/how-to-become-an-active-peacebuilder-club> for more details.

In this newsletter and in continuing my question to Rotarians **◆◆**Are you greatly interested in Rotary, **◆** Fred Abrams writes about his Rotary experience. Thank you, Fred, for your participation in service to our local and international communities as each of projects help further peace.

Best wishes for peace to you, your family, our communities, our Nation and the World.

District Governor Club Visit Schedule

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Thank you to the following clubs for hosting me at a recent Club meeting:

West Chester / Liberty	Cincinnati Eastside
Tipp City	Wilmington AM
Xenia	Oxford
Springfield	

Upcoming Visits:

Club	Date
Piqua	2/9/2021
London	2/11/2021
Wilmington Noon	3/1/2021
Vandalia	3/4/2021
Eaton	3/22/2021
Urbana	3/29/2021
Cincinnati	4/1/2021

2021-2022 Theme Announced



As part of my preparation to be your District Governor in 2021-2022 I am required to attend a final training known as International Assembly or IA.

IA was supposed to take place in Orlando FL this year, with the 535 District Governors-Elect from all around the world coming together for this magnificent week-long event showcasing the work of Rotary across the globe. Well, we were not in Orlando last week as you might guess, but instead took part in the first ever virtual International Assembly.

The big reveal of the Rotary theme for 2021-2022 was made on the first day. Rotary International President-Elect Shekhar Mehta broadcast his message from the JW Marriott Hotel in Aerocity New Delhi, India. His theme this year will be **◆Serve To Change Lives◆**

Please join me in celebrating this great news! We all look forward to a deluge of graphics and logos being launched that we can all use in our Rotary messages, letters, newsletters and other communications.

I hope you are all staying well and healthy. We are in different times right now, but I know all of you are ready to make a difference in Rotary, in your community and around the world.

Sincerely, in Rotary

Carol Hughes
District Governor Elect



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

Why I joined Rotary but more importantly, why I stay in Rotary

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By Fred Abrams, Rotary Club of Dayton



I joined Dayton Rotary shortly after retiring from 27 years in the USAF. Dayton Rotarian Jim Gallagher **asked** me to join. I joined because I saw Rotary as a way to continue in service, primarily to my community.

What were my expectations?

I could get involved in projects to benefit my community. Over the years I chaired the Environmental Committee that organized and ran the annual Dayton Environmental Expo. A lot of my work was in recycled product manufacture so it was a natural. That committee expanded its scope to the Environment and Health Committee and our expo became the Healthy Planet/Healthy People Expo. Nearly 100 organizations had booths and fellow Dayton Rotarian and radio broadcaster Bill Nance broadcasted live from the Expo. I led the effort to provide health care access info for the under and un-insured populace by deploying Access Computer Kiosks (HealthLinks) throughout the area with interactive information on using

public transportation to get to the care needed.

I also co-chaired the Education Committee that had as a primary focus providing tutoring in the Dayton Public Schools to seniors who had failed the Ohio Proficiency Test multiple times and could not graduate without passing. It was incredibly rewarding working one-on-one with high school students who wanted to succeed - there was as much mentoring as there was tutoring.

When in 2006 Dayton Rotary decided to get involved in International Projects, I volunteered to be the project manager. We engaged with Maji Mazuri in Kenya and a supporting non-Rotary Dayton area organization and I led three consecutive Rotary Global Grant projects. The projects were visited by three Rotary International Presidents. We then did two separate water, sanitation health care and sanitation projects in Nigeria. ***The first of these projects was triggered by Rotary Exchange students who saw the need to provide a solar powered borehole for clean safe water to a small community.*** Our Club is now pursuing a water project in Ecuador.

Why have I stayed in Rotary for 27 years?

The work in Africa was more rewarding than words can express. It was a natural follow-on to the very rewarding civic action work I did in Vietnam (1968) with a school, orphanage and leper colony. The projects in Nigeria and the current project in Ecuador are also very rewarding. Dayton Rotary, by its size and financial resources, provided me an opportunity to lead very large and ambitious projects that make an amazing difference in the lives of people locally and worldwide.

Why would someone spend time on a club committee?

I believe the answer is that **they truly feel** they are making a difference through service. Our club partners with other clubs to make our ambitious projects possible. The members of the Education Committee, where I am again engaged, are mentoring high school students - very rewarding work.

Mason Deerfield Club Provides Meals to Health Care Workers



Our club was honored to provide meals recently to the medical and support staff at Atrium Medical Center in Middletown . So much has been asked of our healthcare workers this past year and we appreciate all that they do. #mdrotaryproud





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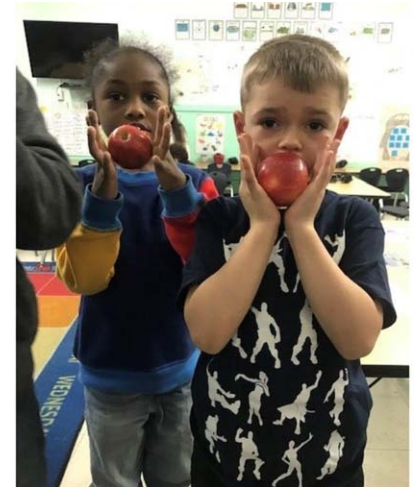




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Rotary Club of Cincinnati Fruit Bowl Program



Our Cincinnati Rotary Club started a new service project on October 16, 2020. Rotarian Pat Neal-Miller is heading up our  Fruit Bowl  program which provides fresh fruits & vegetables to students in need at St. Joseph Catholic School in the West End neighborhood of Cincinnati. The West End is one of the food deserts in our city where many families have poor access to fresh produce. Every week, our  Club 17  members pick up crates of fresh fruit & vegetables from a wholesaler, and deliver them to the school where it is parceled out into individual bags for students to take home. This program is helping to improve the lives of many. Special thanks to Pat Neal-Miller for being the Fruit Bowl Program Leader and to all the other Rotarians who are part of this team!



Group photo (left to right): Rotarian Brett Lebar, Rotarian Bill Stille, St. Joe  School Principal Ashley Toney, St. Joe  Development Director Mary Beth Knight, and Rotarian Pat Neal-Miller