

# Rotary



## District 6670



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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### Events

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## A Message from your District Governor - June



Fellow Rotarians,

June 30 marks the end of another Rotary year and end of my term as District Governor. Thank you for the opportunity and the privilege to serve as your Governor. It is an experience I will remember and cherish forever.

You may recall the 2020-2021 Rotary International theme is **Rotary Opens Opportunities**. In my club visits I spoke of the many opportunities that I hope that Rotary creates for you, your club, and your community. I am most thankful for and proud of all of you is the opportunity you took to face the challenges of COVID-19. You made a positive impact on the lives of so many others during the year. You have supported your communities with food, personal care items, and personal protective equipment, made donations to charitable causes and reached out those in need. Equally important, you found ways to stay connected as members and as clubs via virtual and hybrid meetings. I am glad that clubs are now able to come back together in person, but I hope that you will continue to offer a hybrid option going forward. I believe COVID created the opportunity for a new

model where members can choose to attend in person or virtually as their schedule permits.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the many Rotarians who provided leadership and support throughout the year. I will first start with thank you to our 11 assistant governors, Susan Wilkinson, Megan Manuel, Sue Taylor, Steve Naas, Mary Nenninger, Ron Hollenbeck, Jim Perry, Lisa Crachiolo, Boyd Preston, Beth Huber, and Stan Evans. I said it many times, the role of assistant governor is very important as the conduit between clubs and governor.

Thank you also to the many Rotarians who had key District roles; Treasurer Don Stewart, Trainer and Public Image Chair Heidi Schiller, District Grants Co-Chair Sue Taylor, Rotaract Chair Ariel Miller, Membership Chair Shannon Graham, Finance Chair PDG Eric Marcus, Four-Way Speech Chair Beth Huber, Youth Exchange Chair Heath McAlpine, RLI Chair Dottie Meade, DG Nomination Chair IPDG Sigrid Solomon, Council of Legislation PDG Mac Hickman, Conference Co-Chair Paul Gruner and Policies and Procedures Chair PDG Bill Shula. Another thanks to PDG Eric Marcus for his role as our District's **DACdb Guru**. Thank you to Laura Erbaugh for administrative support and as the monthly newsletter editor. Thank you also to the many Rotarians that served on these committees; there are too many to name here.

Thank you to our District Foundation Committee led by DGN Frank Scott whose passion and support of The Rotary Foundation is second to none. Thank you to Paul Harris Society Coordinator PDG Bill Shula and Polio Plus Coordinator Kim Bramlage.

Thank you to the Council of Past District Governors for your advice, counsel, and support. And let's not forget our 47 Club Presidents. While too numerous to list all their names here, I am very proud of, and thankful for, their leadership through a challenging year.

Thank you to the Governor-Line; DGE Carol Hughes, DGN Frank Scott, DGND Doug Buchy and Governor Vice-Chair IPDG Sigrid Solomon for their support, counsel, and fellowship. Carol, Frank and Doug will be an amazing succession line of governors. Sigrid, thank you for your advice and setting for me a great example of what a governor should aspire to be.

Lastly and most importantly, I thank my wife Peg for her love, support, and encouragement. Peg has been by my side attending many Rotary training events, seminars, virtual meetings, club events and meetings and allowing me to step away from the family to handle my governor duties. While not an official member of Rotary (I'll keep working on that) Peg is a Rotarian in many ways. All the best to each and every one of you and I look forward to seeing many of you in person in the future. And best wishes and congratulations to Carol Hughes as she becomes our District Governor on July 1.

Greg Birkemeyer  
District Governor 2020-2021

## Rotary 4-Way Test Speech Contest

As we wrap up another Rotary year, we also are wrapping up the District 4 Way Test Speech Contest. Many thanks to all who were involved to make this event possible this year.

The contest was held virtually, asking clubs/students to submit a video file. Thirteen Clubs submitted student video files. As they always do, speeches ranged widely in topic, and our compliments to all the students, who, as they always do, demonstrated a wide range of presentations.

Earning First Place in the District 6670 Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Contest for 2021, was Zurie Amir Pope representing the Rotary Club of Piqua. Zurie attends Piqua High School. The District award for First Place this year was \$500. Earning Second Place this year was Sophia Jeng, representing the Mason Deerfield Rotary Club and receives \$400. Sophia just completed her Junior year at Kings Local High School. Lane Bokros, representing the Oakwood Rotary Club, earned Third Place at this year's event and receives \$300. Lane was a Senior at Oakwood Senior High school this year. Rounding out the top four, Isaac Shawn Klenda, representing the Beaver Creek Rotary Club earned Fourth Place and receives \$200. Isaac was a Senior at Beaver Creek High School this year.

Each speech allowed viewers to peek into the lives of these students, and to find new ways to apply the Rotary 4 Way Test. While **Zooming** has become commonplace for many in the last year, it is still different to offer a presentation in that format. Our compliments to all the students; and our many thanks to the club members, teachers, and parents who coached, shot the videos, tracked down paperwork, managed technology and the myriad of other things that were necessary this year.

Our Judges this year were Rotarians Norma Berry, Maggie Hess, Shawn Hoff, Chris Hubbard, Mike Kees, Anne Krehbiel, Gary Kuntz, Mitch Lippert, Megan Manuel, Mark McKay, Hux Miller, Tom Popp, Jack Powell, Angie Smith, Michelle White, Susan Wilkinson, Angela Zook.

Congratulations to the winners and thank you to all this year's participants and their sponsoring Club.

Beth Huber  
District Four-Way Speech Committee Chair.

## All District Grant Submissions Funded

Our clubs submitted 32 District Grant requests this year for projects in the new Rotary year. The total request was for \$75,000. The Rotary Foundation through its District Grant funding will fund 68% of that amount. Your District Leadership voluntarily stepped up and agreed to fund the remaining 32% from District Financial reserves.

As clubs are just beginning to meet in person again through local community projects they are staying relevant in their communities. To support all the clubs the use of District Reserves for funding District Grants is especially appropriate for the new Rotary year.

Rotarians in our District are just coming out of an unanticipated global pandemic that required behavior modification like no other Rotary year. The full funding of these District Grants will provide over \$200,000 in projects for our communities.

## Cincinnati Eastside Rotary supports Inter Parish Ministry Drive-Through Lunch

Every Tuesday in June, families can drive through the Inter Parish Ministry (IPM) Newtown, Ohio Pantry and pick up a grilled meal. To help kick off the first **Tasty Tuesday** event on June 1, Cincinnati Eastside Rotary volunteers showed up early in the morning to cook and prepare lunches. Additional Rotary volunteers helped served lunch from 10am **noon**.

More than 40 organizations form a partnership to support IPM Food Pantry as it provides food, clothing, emergency assistance and other support programs to clients. The agency employs specialized staff and depends on volunteers to provide a variety of community services including mobile and pop-up food pantries. IPM also provides personal care and cleaning products to pantry guests. FMI: <http://www.interparish.org/>



### The 4-Way Test

*of things we do and say:*

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

Cincinnati Eastside  
Rotary volunteers  
prepare and serve lunch  
to support the first



◆ Tasty Tuesday ◆  
drive-through lunch at  
the Inter Parish Ministry  
Newtown, OH Pantry.

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District 6670's first satellite club, The Rotary Satellite Club of Fairborn ◆ Yellow Springs was chartered June 7, 2021. This new club inspired by Fairborn Rotarians Dan Robrish and Rob Degenhart and supported by Fairborn Rotary's membership chair Marilyn McCauley, the club leadership, and members, saw the opportunity to create this new type of club in the Village of Yellow Springs. The club has 13 members and meets the second and fourth Tuesdays at 6 p.m. in Yellow Springs.

RI created satellite clubs in 2013 for people who wanted to join Rotary or who wanted to form a new club but did not have the minimum 20 members required to form a regular club. The satellite's sponsoring club provides advice and support and satellite members are officially members of the sponsoring club. Satellite clubs hold regular meetings, have bylaws, and are involved in community service projects. Once membership reaches 20 members, the club can choose to apply to be a standalone Rotary club or remain a satellite.

The Club wasted no time becoming *People of Action* by answering the call from the Yellow Springs Village Mayor to help install the village's flags in honor of Flag Day on June 14th.

Congratulations and welcome to the Satellite Club and its members!

## North East Cincinnati Rotary Service Above Self



The Rotary Club of Northeast Cincinnati is serving community needs in our service area and in Mexico. Through our Helping Hands program, we are working with 3 local non-profit organizations to meet emergency needs of individuals and families. For example, through Sycamore Bridges \$200 was given to a mother for car repairs so she can have transportation to work. We gave \$500 to Princeton Closet for use of a laundromat, detergent, dryer sheets, and Kroger/Target gift cards to a family affected by an apartment fire. To address mental health initiatives for students and provide for an emergency relief fund, we provided Operation Give Back with \$1,350. In Puerto Vallarta,



Mexico we are working with the local Rotary Club there to give scholarships to students to complete their education and get a head start in working for a living.

Known as the Volcanes Community Education Project, we are sponsoring 10 elementary school students, 10 middle and high school students and 14 University students. Our financial support for University students makes it possible for them to finish their studies, obtain a diploma, and receive a certificate from the Mexican government to work in their field of study.

NEC Rotary has contributed more than \$10,000 to the VCEP program. ♦We are making a long term commitment to change people♦s lives,♦ past NEC Rotary President Doug Taylor said.



## Cincinnati Rotary Clothing Drive for ♦Dress for Success♦



The Women in Rotary Committee of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati coordinated a Club-wide clothing drive on May 6 to support *Dress for Success*, a non-profit organization whose mission is ♦to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and the career development tools needed to help them thrive in work and life♦. All Cincinnati Rotary members were invited to participate, and many did.

Lisa

Nolan, the Executive Director of *Dress for Success*, spoke at our Rotary lunch that day. A big thank you to all the Club 17 members who participated in the clothing drive, and to Julie Poyer and Ali Hubbard, the Co-Chairs of the Women in Rotary Committee, for leading it.



## Transitions Underway in the Dayton Rotary Club

The Dayton Club is quite busy with many transitions for June and into July.

President Brian Martin is winding down his tenure. He has been our one and only 100% virtual president thus far. But wait - Brian will be hosting our mixed mode meetings (virtual and in person) starting on June 14! So, for the last 3 meetings in his term, Brian will stand at the podium, with tie

and jacket, and will swing the gavel! We hope to work through the mixed mode meeting process over these three weeks so that President Elect Shaun Yu has a reasonably seamless term of mixed mode meetings. Now that we've used Zoom for a year, we plan to continue it to reach all of our Rotarians as well as speakers who may not live in the area.

Due to Sinclair College purchasing our current office location, the Dayton Club is also moving offices from South Perry Street to South Dixie Drive. Through the generous support of Rotarian Rick Schwartz, the club will be moving into the headquarters of WinSupply. We are looking forward to beginning a new chapter through this new office and board room that will host our club and foundation board meetings. We plan to move on September 2, 2021. The club's new address will be: 3111 South Dixie Ave. Suite 414, Dayton, Ohio 45439.

Due to the pandemic, we are also beginning a new financial model as a club. Previously, the club required prepaid lunch payments for everyone attending or not. Since there was no lunch option as we were completely meeting virtually, we had to change our model. Through the pandemic, we have been charging all members a flat \$120 per quarter in dues. This flat dues structure will continue and will increase over time. We are partnering with Sinclair College for lunch still but members must reserve their space and pay for their lunch separately from dues. The Board feels this is a much more sustainable model in the long term. Those who will not desire lunch may always use the teleconferencing meeting option.

With Brian's support and encouragement the Club International Services Committee was able to achieve the approval of a Global Grant with a budget of \$80,000 for Clean Water, Sanitation and Hygiene in the San Juan de Inguincho Community in Ecuador. Also, during Brian's year as President, the club completed three District Grants and submitted two for the new Rotary year. Even with a global pandemic, mask requirements, social distancing and observing all health guidelines from all agencies, the Club was able to carry out local community and international goals.

## Sidney Rotary is Selling Raffle Tickets to Support Their Annual Scholarship Fund

Here's a raffle to win (2) Stage Front Seats w/meals to benefit the [Rotary Club of Sidney, OH](https://www.countryconcert.com/assets/files/RotaryRaffleForm.pdf) Scholarship Fund-CLICK [www.countryconcert.com/assets/files/RotaryRaffleForm.pdf](https://www.countryconcert.com/assets/files/RotaryRaffleForm.pdf) for an entry form. It's a chance to see Luke Combs, Alan Jackson, Jason Aldean & many more from the best seats in the house & support great causes! Thanks & Good Luck! [www.countryconcert.com](https://www.countryconcert.com)

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**BENEFITS THE SIDNEY ROTARY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**  
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## Williamsburg Rotary Achieves Paul Harris Club Status



Congratulations to The Rotary Club of Williamsburg for 100% of its members having obtained a Paul Harris Fellowship. In Rotary year 2020-2021, the club has achieved year-to-date per capita giving of \$157 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund! Annual Fund contributions support District 6670's district grants for local projects and global grants for international projects. Thank you to our Williamsburg Rotarians for being a TRF pacesetter in our District.

## Mason Deerfield Golf Outing



Join us for a fun day of golf Monday June 21st 2021 at beautiful Four Bridges Country Club. Proceeds supports our community through scholarships, grants and assistance to local families in need. Sponsorships available.

For more details and to register go to <http://bit.ly/rotarygolfouting2021> <[https://bit.ly/rotarygolfouting2021?fbclid=IwAR3erC5O5Wj3K6bM1AI2HXWfLgtbm\\_T5NdH94gjlhYpw4SI8Jzi\\_rjPun7w](https://bit.ly/rotarygolfouting2021?fbclid=IwAR3erC5O5Wj3K6bM1AI2HXWfLgtbm_T5NdH94gjlhYpw4SI8Jzi_rjPun7w)>

## All District Rotarians are Invited to Participate in Dayton Rotary Cycling to Serve



### Dayton Rotary Cycling to Serve ♦ Fellowship Rotary Casual Rides

The one hour casual rides will be a chance to get out on your bike and enjoy a leisurely experience with fellowship and beverages following.

You can use these rides as training for You can use these rides as team training for your club to have a team in the Tour de Gem ride on October 10, 2021. All rides are open to members and guests of any Rotary club in our District.

### 2021 Dates for Rides :

(all rides will roll out at 6 pm and return by 7 pm):  
Thursday, June 17 ♦ [Carillon Brewing Company](#)  
Thursday, July 1 - [Dayton Beer Company](#)  
Thursday, July 15 - [Carillon Brewing Company](#)  
Thursday, August 5 - [Dayton Beer Company](#)  
Thursday, August 19 - [Carillon Brewing Company](#)  
Thursday, September 2 - [Dayton Beer Company](#)  
Thursday, September 16 - [Carillon Brewing](#)

### Company

Thursday, October 7 ♦ Season Last Ride ♦ [Dayton Beer Company](#)  
Sunday, October 10 ♦ [Tour de Gem](#)