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District 6670



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A Message from your District Governor - May



Fellow Rotarians,

A belated Happy Mother's Day to all Rotarian mothers and grandmothers. Thank you for our kindness, compassion, nurturing, patience, support and guidance to our families. I hope you all had the opportunity to enjoy this special day.

Thank you to all who attended the virtual Multi-District Conference this past month and I hope you enjoyed the conference as much as I did. We had over 650 total registrations from the 4 participating districts. I thought the Friday evening format was fun and the Saturday RoTalks were top notch. I especially hope that you enjoyed our District sponsored RoTalk given by Kim Forster. Wasn't her story of the impact Rotary is having on her career amazing?

Registration is now open for the Rotary International Conference June 12-16, 2021. Originally scheduled as in-person event in Taipei Taiwan, it is now a virtual event. You won't want to miss this event! International Conferences have great motivational speakers, interesting breakout sessions and opportunity to connect with fellow Rotarians around the world. Register on-

line at convention.rotary.org/en.

Congratulations to the Rotary Club of Washington Court House for the 100th Anniversary of their Club Charter on May 1, 2021. I look forward to visiting with the club later this month to honor this important milestone.

Rotary's monthly theme is Youth Service and includes Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE), Rotary Youth Leadership Awards (RYLA) and Interact. For our District it also includes Four-Way Speech Contest. Unfortunately, COVID-19 caused the cancellation of RYE for 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 Rotary years. We may never really know the impact that RYE on a young person, but if you heard Kim Forster's talk at the District Conference, you learned that it was a teacher at Centerville High School that suggested she participate in RYE. Sponsored in RYE by the Rotary Club of Centerville, she shared with us that her experience launched her into a career of furthering world peace and conflict resolution, which includes working with Lawyers Without Borders to prevent human trafficking in Africa. Thank you, District RYE Committee members led by RYE Program Chair Heath McAlpine, Inbound Chair Nikki Larsen and Outbound Chair Steve Naas, for your RYE service. Thank you also to PDG Eric Marcus and PDG Mac Hickman for their RYE contributions at the local and multi-state levels.

RYLA is a leadership development program for high school students who want to learn new skills, build their confidence and have fun. During this 3-day, 2-night event, approximately 100 students sponsored by our District's clubs come together at Camp Kern for a weekend retreat and conference. I have attended this event and it is amazing to see kids who don't know each other when they arrive leave with lasting friendships and take-home leadership skills to their schools. During the last RYLA, an old guy like me even had fun on the climbing alongside the kids. Committee chairs Sheila Hinton and Shannon Graham do a great job with this event. While COVID resulted in cancellation of RYLA in 2019 and 2020, Carol Hughes DG 2021-2022 plans on reinstituting RYLA in October 2021. More details to follow.

Interact, as many of you know involves 12- to 18-year-old middle and high school students. In my view, Interact offers the opportunity for youth learn service to others and the principles of our Four-Way Test. In addition to local community and school projects, several Interact Clubs have conducted fundraisers and provided financial support to their Club's international service projects. Thank you to our many clubs for sponsoring Interact.

Four-Way Speech is an annual event where clubs hold local speech contests and forward their winner to the District event. The speech must incorporate each of the 4 parts of the Four-Way Test, have duration of not less than 4 minutes or greater than 6 minutes, be memorized, and presented without a lectern or microphone. Judges include members of Wright State University's English and Speech Departments. I had the privilege of being a judge at these contests and I can tell you the speeches are creative and amazing. The top place finishers receive a district cash award toward their next level of education. Thank you, Beth Huber for your many years of leadership of the Speech Committee.

I encourage every club to participate in each of these youth programs. If you would like more information about any or all of

them, feel free to reach out to me or the committee chairs.

In closing, and in remembrance of Memorial Day, I want to thank our Rotarian armed forces veterans, including veterans who have gone before us, for their dedicated and proud service to our great nation.

DG Greg Birkemeyer



District Governor Club Visit Schedule

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

Greenville	London
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Upcoming Visits:

Club	Date
Fairfield	5/14/2021
Washington Court House	5/18/2021

Register Now for the Rotary International Virtual Convention



DATES: 12-16 JUNE 2021

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN: [CONVENTION.ROTARY.ORG/EN](https://convention.rotary.org/en)

COST: \$65

This year's [virtual convention](#) will be better than ever, opening more innovative opportunities to learn and to engage with the family of Rotary!

In the virtual convention space, you will be able to network in virtual lounges, meet new partners in service, and join fun activities with Rotary members from around the world.

There are twenty not-to-be-missed breakout sessions planned, covering topics including member engagement, developing leadership skills, Rotary's new area of focus: the environment, and much more.

Exciting new activities this year include: meet and greets with leaders, virtual cooking classes, Rotary trivia

contents, a virtual photo booth, a 5K walk, and a DJ dance party.

The Virtual House of Friendship will be your place to connect with fellow Rotarians about projects, chat with staff, shop, sign up for the 2022 Rotary International Convention and explore exhibitor booths.

Fairfield Rotary is Having Their 1st Annual Golf Outing

1st Annual Fairfield Rotary Golf Classic



Wednesday May 19th 2021
Fairfield South Trace, 2200 John Gray Rd Fairfield Ohi 45014

The Fairfield Rotary Club will be hosting our first annual Rotary Golf Classic. All proceeds will benefit the Fairfield Rotary Christmas project. The event will be a four person scramble. Each team receives 18 holes of golf, gift bag, and lunch upon registration. For more information regarding the event, please contact Brad Vanoss at bradford.vanoss@bankatfirst.com. We look forward to seeing you and appreciate your support of the families in need in our community!



Fairfield Rotary Golf Classic Registration Form

Event Fee: \$125 per golfer

Team Captain: _____ Ph# _____ email address: _____

Golfer (2): _____ Ph# _____ email address: _____

Golfer (3): _____ Ph# _____ email address: _____

Golfer (4): _____ Ph# _____ email address: _____

Sponsorship Options: please check the sponsorship option you would like to select:

Hole Sponsor (1) sign / cost \$150 ☐

Hole Sponsor (3) signs / cost \$300 ☐

Title Sponsor (9 holes) cost \$500 ☐

If you one like to make a one time gift to benefit the Fairfield Rotary Christmas project, please enter the amount here: \$ _____

Team registration total: \$ _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT

Credit Card ☐ Check ☐

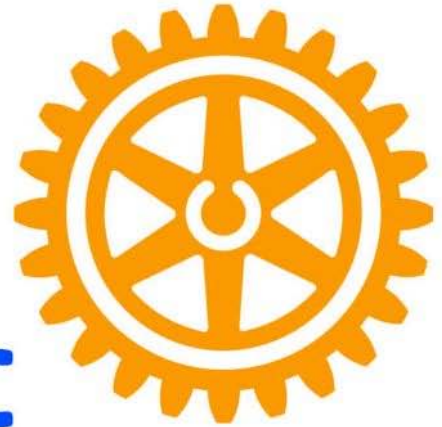
Credit Card Type: Visa Mastercard AMEX

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____ Sec Code _____

*Please mail registration forms and payment to: Fairfield Rotary P.O Box 18363 Fairfield OH 45018

FAIRFIELD Rotary GOLF CLASSIC



SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

(1) HOLE SPONSOR SIGN	\$150
(3) HOLE SPONSOR SIGNS	\$300
TITLE SPONSORSHIP	\$500

*Recognition for front or back 9 holes

BUSINESS NAME: _____

PRIMARY CONTACT: _____ PH# _____

BUSINESS ADDRESS: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

METHOD OF PAYMENT: CREDIT CARD CHECK

CREDIT CARD TYPE: VISA MASTERCARD AMEX

CARD NUMBER: _____ EXP DATE: ____/____

BUSINESS SPONSORSHIP TOTAL: \$ _____

If payment method is by check, please make check out to "Fairfield Rotary".

Please mail all forms of payment to Fairfield Rotary P.O Box 18363 Fairfield OH 45018

Kettering Rotary Activities

Kettering Rotary is sending out monthly Senior Care packages to low income seniors. Each month a facility is chosen to receive items the residents want and need. The members of the club also personalize the project by providing hand written cards of cheer to help brighten their day. Items range from personal care items to garden supplies for the entire group.

In May a special presentation was made to Dr. Jamie Yunger MD, a front line physician on the COVID unit at Miami Valley Hospital. The club gifted Dr. Yunger a beautiful piece of artwork from a local artist that



signifies the sacrifice he and other front line health care workers have given and continue to give.

The Kettering Rotary Club Foundation pledged support to the South YMCA to help send kids to camp and to support the overall well-being of the Kettering Community.

Kettering Rotary is growing! This Rotary year the club has welcomed four new members and three returning members! The club also celebrated a milestone of service for member Bruce Jump, who has served with Kettering Rotary for over 50



years! New & Returning members: Melinda Moore, Kathy Lindahl, Dan & Richa Stevens, Kamran James, Matt Wahrhaftig and Missy Mae Walters.



How is Your Financial Literacy?



Today's Bellefontaine Rotary Club meeting held in person at BUILD Cowork + Space featured guest speakers Lois Stoll from Benjamin Logan High School and students Makenna Straker and Andrew Hughes. Mrs. Stoll is the Family and Consumer Sciences teacher. She is retiring at the end of the school year.

During the Rotary presentation it was shared that only seven states in the nation require a personal finance course during a student's education. Financial literacy is currently an elective in most schools. To earn a diploma from Benjamin Logan High School, students must meet complete 1 Credit of Career Readiness (Financial Literacy). The course covers topics in order of needs after you enter the job market such as taxes, checking, savings, paying for college, types of credit and managing credit, investing, insurance, and budgeting. In this required junior-level course, students also develop effective learning strategies and

skills to provide a strong foundation for successful lifelong learning and transitioning out of high school, a critical life skill. Throughout the course, students research careers and occupations, review post secondary admissions qualifications, build resumes, complete top-notch job applications, develop interviewing skills and participate in internships. Opportunities for involvement in FCCLA and service learning are an integral part of this class.

Under current law, the manner in which financial literacy instruction is integrated into a district or school's curriculum is a local decision. S.B. 1 would require all students graduating from high school in Ohio to have a one semester course in personal finance (not Economics).

Mrs. Stoll uses a variety of resources to help students learn financial lessons including the Mimic Personal Finance simulation sponsored by the United Way of Logan County and the Logan County Education Foundation, the Next Gen Personal Finance Curriculum, Arcade style games, MOVE activities, and the Everfi Financial Literacy program sponsored by Liberty National Bank. Everfi is utilized as a reinforcement tool to cement learning. Scholarships are available to seniors who are Everfi Certified.

Students are exposed to financial literacy through a fully-embedded personal finance curriculum following the Next Gen Personal Finance course outline. Students scoring above the state cut score on the Webxam end-of-course exam have the opportunity to earn 3 technical credits (CTAG credit) which can transfer to public colleges and universities.

More information about S.B. 1 can be found here <https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/download?key=15511&format=pdf>.

Cincinnati Rotarians Support Local Businesses with Gift Card Program



Save Local/B2A Gift Card Program

Rotary Club of Cincinnati members purchased almost \$5000 in gift cards from local restaurants and other small businesses in March as part of our Save Local campaign, and donated them to our Foundation's Believe 2 Achieve silent auction. When matching funds from the Club are added, a total of \$10,000 in gifts cards will be purchased from local businesses. This generosity by our members not only supports local businesses at a very difficult time, but also jump starts the silent auction to be held at the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati Believe 2 Achieve event on August 7. All profits from that event will be donated to three very worthy organizations: The Down Syndrome Association of Greater Cincinnati, Stepping Stones for Camp Allyn, and Visionaries + Voices, which serve children and adults with special needs

Oakwood "HAZ-MAT TEAM" Rids City of Trash!



Alright, it may not be an officially recognized Haz-Mat team but it's service is just as important when it comes to collecting materials that are not picked up by weekly trash and recycling routes. Every quarter, The Rotary Club of Oakwood Haz-Mat crew picks up paint cans, stains, thinners, pesticides and batteries. First they meet at Tastefully Roasted Coffee Shop where pick-up assignment sheets are handed out. Within two hours, several trucks are filled and waste disposed of at the Montgomery County Sanitation facility.

During Covid, this free service has become a major fundraiser for the chapter as appreciative residents leave

generous checks behind for their efforts. No other Miami Valley community is afforded this service. Since the program began in 2008, it's estimated that over 50,000 pounds of hazardous materials have been disposed of.

All tax deductible donations support The Rotary Club of Oakwood's charitable projects and community events. To get on the pick-up list, just call 937-296-5155.



Miamisburg Rotary Holds Annual Auction

THE MIAMISBURG ROTARY CLUB'S 29TH ANNUAL ESTHER PHILHOWER (VIRTUAL) CHARITY AUCTION

The Miamisburg Rotary Club was Chartered in 1922 and has continually built on a strong tradition of serving our community. We have supported numerous local organizations and events with funding and volunteer service, in addition to supporting the aims of Rotary International. Since our first Charity Auction in the 1992-93 Rotary year, our dedicated Rotarians and supporters have raised over \$250,000.00. Those funds have, in-turn, been donated to the Miamisburg Rotary Club Charitable Trust Fund and the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and Polio Plus.

This year more than EVER the Miamisburg Rotary needs your help. In 2020 we were forced to cancel two of our major fundraisers. Our auction was normally held at the Baum Opera House, until this year. Covid-19 has forced us all to make changes to events.

In this year's virtual auction format, we will be offering many quality items up for bid over a two-week period beginning Friday 21 May 2021 at 12:00pm (EDT) through Thursday 3 June 2021 at 7:00pm (EDT).

We welcome additional item donations from individuals and businesses. To donate items, please contact:

Club Secretary at: barry.rotary@earthlink.net - or -

Club Treasurer at: judy@mrrealestate.us

For information and auction guidelines, please visit our website at: www.MiamisburgRotary.org.

Approval of Global Grant for Life Pumps and WASH Training in Malawi

Great news !!! Rotary International has just approved a global grant of \$306,990 for the installation of twenty (20) Life Pumps in Malawi which is in SW Africa. It also includes life-saving WASH (water, sanitation, & hygiene) training. The objective is to have all 20 Life Pumps installed by the end of 2021.

Rotary clubs in District 6670 partnered with Rotary clubs in District 6690 to provide a local source of clean drinking water and WASH training to thousands of those in need in Malawi. The initiative was led by Ron Hollenbeck in District 6670 and by Bill Grindle in District 6690. Frank Scott provided invaluable guidance and helped us secure funding from District 6670 to support the project.

PROVIDE PERMANENT CLEAN WATER

HYGIENE AND SANITATION TRAINING, AND
SUPPLIES FOR 20,000 PEOPLE IN MALAWI



**Global Grant
20-16547
NOV 1 DEADLINE**



ZERO DAYS WITHOUT WATER

For far too long, communities in Malawi see days, weeks, or even months without safe water. Women and children commonly walk miles for contaminated water and its often not enough to meet basic needs. This means not enough water for crops, animals, hospitals, and no water to drink.

You can help give hope and a future by providing clean water, hygiene and sanitation training, and COVID-19 preventing supplies to 20 rural Malawian communities. This grant would allow us to provide each community with a LifePump and LifePumpLink to replace defunct Afridev pumps and drill new wells. This is to serve communities where the water is too deep for the traditional Afridev hand pump.

LIFEPUMP & LIFEPUMPLINK

LifePump is a hand pump that reaches deeper in the ground than any other hand pump and lasts for years before needing maintenance. This ensures year-round safe water supply and helps transform communities. Unlike traditional hand pumps, LifePump is designed to wear slowly over time—after years of operation—in order to prevent catastrophic failure that would leave entire communities suddenly without water. LifePump is endorsed by the Malawian ministry of water.

The LifePumpLink is a satellite-based remote monitoring system that allows us to measure and analyze the performance of LifePump, no matter the location. We are able to download the data and check the performance of LifePumps on a daily basis.

BUDGET & PROJECT DETAILS

The project budget is \$310,000 (including district and global grant matches) and it will take 12 months to complete.

Rotarian Beatrice Chisenga, Ph.D., will lead the project. The implementation will be a collaboration with the Bwaila Rotary Club of Lilongwe, Malawi, the Malawian Ministry of Water, Design Outreach, and Doka Well Holdings.

YOU CAN HELP

For more information and to learn how your Rotary Club can help, please contact Centerville Rotarian Ron Hollenbeck (District 6670) at hollenbeck407@msn.com or 484-678-4460. Together we can provide a permanent solution to the water crisis in Malawi.



50% of those who do have access to handpumps rely on inoperable or broken pumps



2/3 of sub-Saharan African drinks come from polluted water sources



1 in 3 people in Malawi don't have access to clean water

The following clubs in District 6670 pledged a total of \$54,810:

Beavercreek, Centerville, Huber Heights, Kettering, Lebanon, Miamisburg, New Carlisle, Springfield, Vandalia

The scope of the global grant is as follows:

- ◆ Provide each community with a LifePump and LifePumpLink.
- ◆ Replace defunct Afridev pumps in ten communities.
- ◆ Drill new wells in ten communities.
- ◆ Educate each community onto

reduce the threat from waterborne diseases and COVID-19. Reduce underlying conditions that cause lethal complications when infected with COVID-19 by reducing chronic illnesses and neonatal disorders, caused by bacteria, viruses and parasites in contaminated surface water, and malnutrition related to a lack of water to grow fruits and vegetables for a varied diet.

? Empower community leaders with a platform of authority that will allow them to protect their families amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic and serve as regarded health ambassadors within the community with an impact that organically transcends community boundaries.

In Malawi, 40% of the existing hand pumps are non-functional at any given time. In addition to these broken pumps, research shows another 14,000 communities have water systems that are non-functional during the peak dry season month of October when the water table is low. The Life pump has proven its superiority over other pumps through both its reliability, as well as its ability to bring a clean drinking water to the surface from depths of 500◆. One of the first pumps Design Outreach installed in Malawi over seven (7) years ago has been running continuously without any breakdowns. **As a result, the Malawi Ministry of Water has mandated that the Life Pump must be used if water is below 45 meters (~150 feet) in depth. All twenty (20) communities selected meet that requirement. The average depth at the selected locations is 60 meters (~200 feet).**

There has been a strong collaboration with the Bwaila Rotary Club of Lilongwe, Malawi. The project lead there is Dr. Beatrice Chisenga, who is both a Rotarian and the Design Outreach Africa Field Director. The attached flyer provides some additional information.

For information, Ron has become aware of a global grant that was recently approved by RI for ten (10) Life pumps in Senegal in NW Africa. This is very good news as RI is becoming more aware of the benefits of the Life Pump when compared to other water pumps. Design Outreach now operates in Haiti, Guatemala, Central African Republic, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mali, South Sudan, Zambia, and Zimbabwe. Over 60,000 people are being served by 137 Life Pumps.

Thanks again to all the clubs for their generous support of this important initiative.

If you have any questions or need more information, please contact Ron at 484-678-4460 or at hollenbeck407@msn.com.

How Do We Better Connect our Students with Local Employment Opportunities?



The Bellefontaine Rotary Club met on Monday with special guest speakers Ben Vollrath, Logan County Chamber President, Katie Rychener, Marketing Management Teacher & DECA Advisor from Bellefontaine High School and Karen Sorreles, Youth Liaison from the Midwest Regional ESC. The Rotary Club continues to meet in person each Monday at BUILD Cowork + Space in Bellefontaine. @buildcowork

The Logan County Collaborative made a breakthrough this year creating awareness with students about the amazing opportunities that are available right in their backyards. With support from the Logan County schools and the Midwest Regional ESC, school participation in the 3E program soared this year. Each high school now has a TV screen placed in a prominent area in the school which is populated with potential jobs,

scholarships, and military options. The Collaborative is looking forward to future plans which include adding student voice to the Collaborative through student ambassadors.

Karen Sorreles is the day-to-day contact from the MRESC for the 3E campaign. Karen is also responsible for College Day in the fall, a middle school career fair, and the recent Career Expo which was open to the public and to students. To learn more about these events and much more visit <https://www.logancountyohio.com/ed-3e.html>. Karen mentioned a first time endeavor called Power Pace Interviews. They will be targeting Seniors at Bellefontaine, Benjamin Logan, Indian Lake & Riverside Schools to give students the opportunity to practice their interview skills in a familiar environment. This preparation is intended to help them be more confident when interviewing for actual positions or in some cases the college of their choice. The students will not only participate in an individual interview, but will have an opportunity to experience a group interview.

The significance of "Signing Day" was highlighted for the Rotarians. It is important to note that whether a student chooses Employment, Enrollment, or Enlistment that all options are equally valid and respectable and every student should be proud of their signing decision. The job market is desperate for students to go into the workforce. "All students deserve fair respect and honor for what they choose," stated Ben Vollrath.

Katie Rychener participates in the Collaborative in a marketing role and shares the 3 E language and promotional efforts among the business community and in the Logan County schools. Katie stated, "Social media and banners are helping us to gain momentum in the schools."

Ben Vollrath touched on a new website that was just launched in Logan and Union Counties which is <https://mylocalcareer.com/>. Cares Act dollars helped to build and launch the website. Companies within Logan and Union County are encouraged to start a profile. Local students who are job seeking can also create profiles to be matched with local businesses. The Department of Job and Family services received funds to help produce company videos to create a library for young job seekers to learn what each company does. The videos also feature individual employees discussing the progression through their careers. To learn more, visit What's Your E, Logan County? @WhatsYourELoganCounty

Ben also shared that the results of the 2021 Wage, Benefits & Skills Survey are available now and was pleased to report that over 150 businesses in Union and Logan County responded to the survey in February and March. Rotarians were encouraged to dive into the survey details and sector specific wage data in the full report which can be found on both the Union and Logan County Chamber websites.