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Events

April 23rd
CANCELED District Conference 2020

April 24th
District 6670 2020 Golf Outing - Cancelled

A Message from Your District Governor for April

Maternal and Child Health Month ♦ how are we answering the call to action?

(taken from Myrotary website) Submitted by Sigrid Solomon



Rotary makes high-quality health care available to vulnerable mothers and children so they can live longer and grow stronger.

We expand access to quality care, so mothers and children everywhere can have the same opportunities for a healthy future. An estimated 5.9 million children under the age of five die each year because of malnutrition, inadequate health care, and poor sanitation ♦ all of which can be prevented.

How Rotary makes help happen

Rotary provides education, immunizations, birth kits, and mobile health clinics. Women are taught how to prevent mother-to-infant HIV transmission, how to breast-feed, and how to protect themselves and their children from disease..

HEALING SCARS OF WAR

In the mountains of Poland, 26 children traumatized by violence get a chance to be kids again at Rotary camp where psychologists mix escape and therapy.

ACTION



SUSTAINABLE PROGRAMS

Rotary programs improve women ♦s access to skilled health personnel: doctors, nurses, midwives, or community health care workers.

CLEAN BIRTHS

Rotary members distribute clean birth kits and train health workers in safe delivery of babies.

KEEPING CHILDREN ALIVE DURING THEIR FIRST YEAR

Rotary members teach mothers how to breast-feed, promote immunizations and regular checkups, and distribute insecticide-treated bed nets.

TELEMEDICINE

Through the use of technology, doctors are bringing health care to women and children living in rural Nigeria.

LIFESAVING HOSPITAL EQUIPMENT

Clubs in Japan and Brazil used a Rotary Foundation global grant to equip a hospital with lifesaving neonatal equipment.

Rotary makes amazing things happen, like:

Mobile prenatal clinics

Haiti has the highest maternal and infant mortality rate of any country in the western hemisphere. [Rotary provided a fully equipped medical Jeep](#) to volunteers and midwives to reach mothers and children in remote areas.

Cancer screening

Rotarians provided a mobile cancer screening unit and awareness trainings around Chennai, India, where there is a high mortality rate of women with breast and cervical cancer due to late diagnosis.

Preventing injuries and deaths

Rotary members launched a \$3 million, five-year pilot to [save lives of mothers and children](#) during home deliveries in Nigeria. Since 2005, they ♦ve also repaired 1,500 obstetric fistulas ♦ 500 more than their initial goal ♦ restoring dignity and hope to vulnerable mothers.

Many clubs and members in our District have experiences and implemented initiatives as it relates to Water and Sanitation, but we need to tell our story. Please submit articles regarding your contribution to this month ♦s theme while thinking of articles to submit for May as it is Youth Service Month.

COVID 19 Support Grant Requests

The District is asking for all COVID 19 support Grant Requests to be submitted by Wednesday, April 22, 2020. An informal request was sent by the District Rotary Foundation Chair and your District Leadership has formalized the submission with a deadline date. We have a small contingency of funds available at this time and we are seeking other funding sources to supplement this contingency. We are maintaining the District Match requirement so District will fund up to 50% of the requested funds. Our District Grant Sub-Committee is actively reviewing Grants as they come in. We will inform clubs as soon as possible about the results of our deliberations.

District Leadership would also like to confirm the deadline date of May 10, 2020 for the new Rotary year District Grants. We will inform clubs about Grants for the new year very quickly as well. Funding for those Grants will likely be in August, 2020.

District 6670 ♦s Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Program

By Heath MacAlpine, Rotary District 6670 Youth Exchange Chair

District 6670 ♦s Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) 2019-2020 program kicked off with another strong start, sending a group of bright, excited young people to spend the school year in countries in Europe, South America, and Asia, and taking a similar group from around the world to spend their school year with us in southwest Ohio. It ♦s coming to an end, however, as the cloud of the COVID-19 virus wraps around the planet. Strange times!



We recruited 11 local high school students, ages from 15 to 18, for our long term exchange program. After training, orientations, and a lot of hard work last spring and summer, they boarded their flights in late August for France, Poland, Finland, Brazil, Spain, Turkey, Italy, The Czech Republic, and Slovakia. Once there, they settled in with their first host families and got to know their new schools and communities, immersing themselves in completely different cultures.

Our inbound students followed much the same path. This year, District 6670 hosted 9 RYE students, from Turkey, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Spain, Thailand, Italy, Germany, South Korea, France, and Brazil. They moved in with volunteer host families, practicing their language skills and exploring Ohio and the United States.

A normal exchange year became something different as the pandemic emerged and worsened in late January and early February. As the Corona virus took hold in Europe, the two countries most impacted were Italy and Spain, both exchange partners with us this year. All of our partners, just like the U.S.A., eventually started to feel the impact.

Across the world, the advice was similar to what we received here; practice social distancing and shelter at home. As time went on, however, the combination of a much limited exchange experience and the desire to be with their families started to pull our outbound students home. In one case, it was the overseas Rotary district, and not our student, who decided to end the exchange early. As of now all have returned, with the exception of two who are in Finland.

Our inbound students faced similar pressures. One student had decided to go home early prior to the pandemic, and three more have returned since then. We currently have five left. I expect most of them to stick it until the end of the exchange in June.

So what about the 2020-2021 RYE year? Well, things are up in the air right now. We've already recruited a group of outbound students, and have agreed to accept inbound students as well. This was all before the virus showed up, though. District 6670 is part of the O/E (formerly Ohio/Erie) multi-district, an administrative group set up to more efficiently facilitate RYE across a wider area. The O/E executive board is wrestling with the issue as I write.

My assessment? Well, 2020-2021 could go three different ways. We could attempt to mount a normal exchange year (unlikely). We could try for an abbreviated version (possible). Or we could do what a number of districts have already done and suspend the program while the world heals up, with a relaunch in 2021-2022 (probable). We'll let everyone know more when we know more.

So what's next for RYE in District 6670? Well, we're going to move forward with our recruitment effort for 2021-2022. Our target is to help at least 20 bright, well-spoken and enthusiastic high schoolers experience this life changing opportunity, and to accept a similar number of inbound students. There are over 200 (!) high schools in the district, so it's going to be a question of engaging all our clubs in the recruitment and support efforts. I'll be reaching out to the current club presidents and president-elects to get the ball rolling.

Some thanks are in order. First, we have a great district RYE team ♦ Steve Naas, Outbound Chair (Dayton); Nikki Larson, Inbound Chair (Fairborn); Mac Hickman, Compliance Chair (Batavia); Katie Neubert, Procurement Chair (Centerville); and Arnie Biondo, Pinch Hitter (Centerville). They turn the wheels that make things work.

Thanks are also deserved by the clubs who sponsored or hosted an exchange student, or who otherwise were involved in RYE this year. Those clubs are Batavia, Beavercreek, Bellefontaine, Dayton, Fairborn, Kettering, Lebanon, London, Mason-Deerfield, Miamisburg, Oakwood, Piqua, and Troy. We couldn't do this without you.

If you have any questions or would like to get involved (we could always use some more team members), get in touch. You can reach me at 937.313.4040 or at heathmacalpine@hotmail.com



District Updates

Events Cancelled/Rescheduled

1. Pre-PETS-Greg Birkemeyer and Heidi Schiller are hosting virtual training seminars every two weeks for the President Elects
2. PETS ♦ modified and hope to take place on May 27th location TBD
3. 4 Way Speech Contest ♦ Beth Huber and committee might consider virtual option if time permits
4. Golf Outing- Look for future opportunities in conjunction with another event to make a two-day event
5. District Conference ♦ Sigrid Solomon and committee will host the Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build in Wilmington from 8am-12noon on **September 12th** followed by a free BBQ for participants. The afternoon will consist of an option of a tour of historic/economic sites within Clinton County or admission to the Clinton County Corn Festival for the afternoon. The day will be topped off with dinner and entertainment. Thanks to the hard work of the committee the events of the day will be free as a result of the fundraising, donations, and sponsorships. More details to come!
6. RYLA ♦ new model of camp in the fall and adding a second gathering in the spring so that the group in the fall can reconnect. Look for more information...
7. RLI ♦ Dottie Meade and committee is ready for the next session in November.
8. Youth Exchange

Regrets from the RIPR

• Regrets from the RIPR:

Dear District 6670 Rotarians,

I am so sorry that I won't be able to join you in Wilmington for your District Conference. It was an honor to be asked by RI President Mark to serve as his representative. And I was looking forward to getting to know you and hearing about all the wonderful things you are doing to improve your community and the world.

This is a very unique time and we all need to be very careful. I look forward to the time when we are able to get back to spending time together and doing good in the world. Although we will probably do it with a new knowledge of how to protect everyone.

Hopefully, we can meet somewhere down the Rotary road! Take care of yourselves and your families.

Pamela S. Russell

TRF Zone 26 Endowment Major Gifts Adviser 2017-2020

District 5340 Governor 2008-2009

La Jolla Golden Triangle Rotary Club

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/33-0385197>.

619.723.3651

Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bed Build



2020 DISTRICT ROTARY SERVICE PROJECT

ROTARY DISTRICT 6670 BUNK BED BUILD DAY

Volunteer with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build 200
beds for children in Ohio. No experience necessary.

SEPTEMBER 12, 2020
8 AM - 1 PM
BBQ LUNCH PROVIDED
WILMINGTON COLLEGE CAMPUS

For more information contact:
Rotary District Governor Sigrid Solomon (937) 725-5533
Sleep in Heavenly Peace President Carrie Zeigler (937) 728-0986

District 6670 Rapid Response Team

In response to the effects of the Coronavirus, District 6670 has assembled a Rapid Response Team to assist members is dealing with various issues. This Team is led by District Governor Sigrid Solomon.

This team was selected based on their leadership and Rotary Knowledge. They are ready and willing to support Rotarians with ideas and tools that will provide resources to assist you as your club adapts to changes caused by the Corona Virus.

Please reach out to the members of the team if you have questions or suggestions. We are here to help. If you lose the information, it can be found on the District 6670 web site www.rotary6670.org.

I realize that Coronavirus has transformed our world. Remember, we are **transformational leaders: Answering the Call to Action in our Communities.**

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Membership, innovative ideas to keep members involved	Shannon Graham & Wendy Kissel	937-671-7362 513-267-9541	gscontractor@gmail.com wckissel@gmail.com
Use of Zoom and other platforms to enhance communication	Heidi Schiller	513-659-6603	hschiller@fairfield-city.org
District grants	Sue Taylor	937-545-1976	suetaylorlortunes@yahoo.com
District information, archive of data	Laura Erbaugh	937-228-3331	laura@daytonrotary.com
Project support, Rapid Response Team communication. If you can't reach someone, please call Sigrid.	Sigrid Solomon	937-725-5533	sigrid_solomon@wilmington.edu

PEOPLE OF ACTION!

What Are District 6670 Clubs Up To

Miamisburg Rotary Club

The Miamisburg Rotary Club normal meeting time is Noon on Wednesdays, and starting with the April 1st meeting they initiated a Zoom meeting for the Club. One of the Club officers has an expanded license for Zoom and can host up to 100 people, so he is the host and the Club will be meeting at the regular time for the next 6 weeks. At the first Virtual meetings there were 15 members participating, with the hope to have more members join in the weeks ahead. Once everyone got settled into the meeting, each member shared what they are doing, and how they are adjusting to the new reality and coping with the coronavirus. It was great to see the faces of those who joined the meeting and being able to share Rotary with them again. A screen shot from the meeting is provided.



The Miamisburg Club also sent a Newsletter to all the members with information from the President and several of the Board Members to provide updates on Club activities, the weekly Zoom virtual meetings, and other items of interest. One key fundraiser for the Club, the Annual Edith Philhower Auction, was scheduled for April 25th but that has been postponed until the coronavirus crisis is over and will be rescheduled for a later date.

Several members of the Miamisburg Rotary Club have joined other community leaders to form the Star City Business Support Fund. Star City is the nickname for Miamisburg. The purpose is to reach out to the businesses of the community, identify their status and needs, and provide information and assistance where possible to help them weather the current crisis and shutdown, and again become thriving members of the community.

If you would like to join our weekly Zoom meetings, here is the information:

Eric Flasher is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Rotary Social Gathering

Time: Apr 1, 2020 12:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Every week on Wed, until May 13, 2020, 7 occurrence(s)

Apr 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29 2020 at 12:00 pm

May 6 & 13 2020 at 12:00 pm

Please click the following link to download and import the optional weekly iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/811408578>

To Join the noon Zoom Meeting, please click on the following link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/811408578> Meeting ID: 811 408 578

Call in numbers to listen in by phone (if your PC, laptop, or ipad doesn't have a mic or speakers)

1 253 215 8782 US --or-- 1 301 715 8592 US Meeting ID: 811 408 578

New Lebanon Rotary Club

We are continuing to communicate through e-mail, text and phone calls. This week we provided peanut butter and jelly to a local church that is preparing lunches for pickup and delivery to children that will not receive their lunches from the local school during spring break. We will continue to look for opportunities to be of service to our community over the next few weeks.

Kettering Rotary Club

We're sending weekly newsletters to our members, updating our website and engaging on social media. We are considering doing a 'zoom' meeting in the future.

I personally have sewed and donated over 185 masks for nursing homes and immune compromised individuals. Since my businesses are closed it helps me keep sane and it's healing to focus on doing something for others. Several of our Rotary members have donated fabric and supplies to me and I am so grateful. We have sent 100 to The Widows Home in Dayton, 40 to Mt. Notre Dame Health Care in Cincinnati, private health providers and those who requested for personal use. I delivered one to an elderly woman and she was in tears. I am now working on requests from two other nursing homes in Miamisburg and Franklin. I am still sewing! As long as the need and the supplies are plentiful this is my 'work from home' job. (Shared by member- Brenda Standsfield)



Cincinnati Rotary Club

We continue to send out our weekly email newsletter to all member (ERays)

Pres. Dave Carlin will host our first virtual Club meeting this Thursday, April 2

We held a Club Board meeting via Zoom on March 18. A key outcome of this Board meeting was that

- our Club made a donation of \$50,000 to St Vincent De Paul's Homelessness Prevention Program Fund to help those in Cincinnati who are in immediate danger of losing their home. Linda Muth, our Exec Dir, submitted an article to Laura Arbaugh last week for the District Newsletter
- The Club Board also approved a plan to support the 35 employees who serve us weekly at our meeting location (the Hilton Netherlands), but who have been furloughed. This will be a more than a \$22,000 donation which comes from Club members' monies from our cancelled weekly lunches they're willing to donate (plus other Rotarian's donations) all matched one-for-one by our Rotary Club's funds, resulting in us giving each of the 35 employee \$650 in Kroger gift cards.



- We held a Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati Board of Trustees meeting via Zoom on March 26 which resulted in a decision to:
 - **Support the families of health care workers and first responders** by partnering with the YMCA of Greater Cincinnati, which has been given special authority by the State of Ohio to provide daycare for their children. **Our Club will be donating up to \$92,000** to supply almost 7000 dinners to 113 families at 8 area YMCAs for 4 weeks. Our local restaurant industry, which is under substantial pressure, will also be supported through this effort.
- One of our members, Sam Schutte, **set up a Virtual Tip Jar** (you may have seen it in news reports). This is a way for people to go on-line and give tips to servers at bars and restaurants who have lost their main source of income due to no dining in. There's a link to it on our Club's Facebook page
<https://www.facebook.com/RotaryClubCincinnati/>

Oxford Rotary Club

I wanted to share with you what our Club is doing to help our community bear the recent challenges:

- our small business restaurant where we hold meetings would have cash flow challenges, therefore we forwarded funds in one lump sum that they would've received from us for the next month's worth of meetings;
- 3 of our younger members offered grocery shopping services for our "wisest generation"; the same group delivered hot chocolate chip cookies to members just at the time of our usual meeting last week...they plan on doing this until all members have enjoyed the delivery
- our Community Foundation has created a specific fund to assist the community through grants and other measures with COVID-19 related circumstances; our board is meeting Wednesday to determine how much we can contribute.
- our board is meeting using Zoom which has been a fun challenge for some of our older members.

Cincinnati Eastside Rotary Club

Happy to report that we are having virtual meetings via zoom! J

Middletown Rotary Club

We are looking to purchase food and deliver it to three of the local food pantries and also to purchase hand sanitizer for daycares, beginning with one for medical personnel's children, and shelters.

Springfield Rotary Club

Below is what Springfield Rotary is doing to stay connected, and to support our community.

Food Bank: donated \$5,000 to support the food needs of Clark County residents

Volunteers: reached out to Rotarians that are under 60 to assist with packing kid lunches and getting them ready for delivery

Rotary Buddy Program: All Springfield Rotary board members have 2-3 older club members that they are assigned as their ♦rotary buddy♦. They were given their phone numbers and are expected to reach out to them weekly to make sure they are doing ok.

Quarterly Lunch Fee: Our club charges Rotarians \$150.00 per quarter for weekly lunch. For the April-June fee, we have waived that cost, but are encouraging members to still pay the bill and all proceeds will go to the food bank. This could generate up to an additional \$18,000 for our local food bank.

We have been conducting virtual meetings via ZOOM. In terms of community projects, we provided a large monetary donation to our Food Pantry and helped pay to have 2000 masks made and distributed them. We also, delivered lunch to a senior center for their staff and will be delivering food next week to feed EMT crews.

Farmersville Rotary Club

Gearing up to make cloth face masks for local seniors and area nursing homes. Besides Rotarians we have volunteers from the Twentieth Century Club and Farmersville United Methodist Church. We plan to continue this project until the Need is over.

Oakwood Rotary Club

We had our first Club meeting last Friday via ZOOM and we plan to continue until the restriction and ban is lifted.

I♦ve attached a link to YouTube of our first meeting. <https://youtu.be/ux-6RBI1yCU>

We did not have a speaker but plan to incorporate them after we get a couple of meetings under our belts.

I have held two Club Board meetings via ZOOM and our Foundation Board recently held their April meeting via ZOOM. I♦m wishing I owned stock in ZOOM.

As for tech COVID-19 pandemic, our Club recently submitted a District Grant request to help support Seniors with in the St. Mary♦s Development Corporation and providing food boxes containing enough supplemental food for 2 -3 weeks for one adult.

The total project cost of \$5,972.40 will benefit 553 units throughout 7 facilities.

We initially established a team of Club Volunteers to provide services for our more vulnerable and Senior members requesting errands and or shopping needs.

Mason-Deerfield Rotary Club

Rotary is alive, well and digital in Mason-Deerfield Ohio.

Pre-COVID-19 on March 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th Rotarians Tina and Nicole were joined by our Exchange student Ellena at Cinderella♦s Closet. Cinderella♦s Closet in Mason helps over 250 High School girls who otherwise may not get to attend. Nicole continued all weekend as a ♦fairy godmother♦ to three girls. It may only seem like a dress but watching their eyes light up when we found the ♦one♦ was so much more. (Pictures can be found on the club♦s Facebook site.)

Friday March 13th was a very busy day for the Mason-Deerfield Rotary Club. In addition to hearing about the District♦s new policy on meeting we hosted our 25th Charter Dinner. This year♦s Charter Dinner was the last official meeting when we met in person. Since then President Michael Kramer has been keeping in touch through emails and Facebook.

On April 7th the Mason-Deerfield club hosted its first virtual meeting using Zoom. You can find their meeting information listed below. Included in the information is a way to learn and test how to use Zoom.

Mason-Deerfield has also been active in helping fight the COVID-19 virus. They are working with two great local organizations, Atrium Medical Center Foundation and Matthew 25 Ministries. With a \$1,000 donation to Atrium Medical Center Foundation the club is supporting 112 PPEs. For Matthew 25 Ministries a \$1,000 donation is helping get 476 masks. With the club♦s pledge of \$1,000 and the district♦s match of \$1,000 we hoping to double the impact Rotary makes.

Mason-Deerfield♦s Annual Pappy Bourbon Raffle is off to a flying virtual start. Tickets are now on sale and the drawing will be on June 5th, 2020. We have 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th prizes, all for the purchase of \$100.00 chance. The retail price on the 10yr Pappy alone is over \$500 and 20yr Pappy can go for over \$2,000. If there is a bourbon connoisseur in your life, they will want to know about this raffle. Spread the word, with more people online these tickets are sure to go fast. <https://dragonflybourbon.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list> Ticket sales of the past have helped fund the Mason-Deerfield Common Ground at Makino Park. Common Ground is a fully Americans With Disabilities Act cooperative play and all-inclusive playground designed to promote interaction with all. You can see more of Common Ground at <https://youtu.be/Ul6-3Qu2upQ>. We all look forward to the time we can meet again in person and service together. Until then we are meeting virtually and making an impact directly where we live and on the world around us.

Please follow these steps to join the Zoom meeting for our Mason-Deerfield Rotary Club.

1- Play the following video if you need help on how to join a Zoom meeting(First 45 Seconds).

<https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting>

2- When joining the meeting you will be prompted with "Join with computer audio", but right below that option you will see "Test Computer Audio" link, please do this before joining the meeting.

We want to avoid spending time on computer audio issues.

3- Zoom Meeting Invitation:

Topic: Mason Deerfield Rotary AM

Time: Apr 7, 2020 07:30 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2854437394>

Meeting ID: 285 443 7394

Purchase a \$100 raffle ticket for a chance to own a 5-bottle set of Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon (10yr, 12yr, 15yr, 20yr, 23yr). Four runners up will be randomly selected in the drawing. 1st runner-up will receive a bottle of George T. Stagg Bourbon. 2nd runner-up will receive a bottle of Bookers Limited Edition 30th Anniversary Bourbon. 3rd runner-up will receive a bottle of Whistle Pig (10 yr) Single Barrel Rye. 4th runner-up will receive a bottle of W.L. Weller Special Reserve. Must be 21+ to win.

<https://dragonflybourbon.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list>

Additional information about the prizes

- ♦ George T. Stagg Bourbon, retail price \$800

- ◆ Bookers Limited Edition 30th Anniversary Bourbon, retail price \$170
- ◆ Whistle Pig (10 yr) Single Barrel Rye, retail price \$72
- ◆ W.L. Weller Special Reserve, *** Out of stock ***

Northeast Cincinnati Rotary Club

We are hosting our Northeast Cincinnati Rotary club's meetings on Zoom, and incorporating speakers into the meeting. We have 2/3 of our club attending the online meetings.

Our founding President Rev Ted Kalsbeek who prepared the prayer book of Rotarian prayers that the district has used on special occasions prayed with us on our Zoom meeting this past Tuesday. Since he does not have the internet I called him and put him on speakerphone while everyone was in attendance online and we were able to share a moment of prayer. We have been reaching out to each other as often as possible to stay in touch.

To help with the COVID 19 pandemic We have formed a committee and board approved a budget to give ◆ Helping Hands ◆ Grants to individuals or families in our service area that are in need during this time and we are working with local organizations to vet these. Many in our club are volunteering their time to prepare meals with school district/meals on wheels etc. to delivery to needy families. While maintaining Social distance of course.

Centerville Rotary Club

FYI, in an effort to keep our Centerville Rotarians informed on what is going on with the club, I sent an email to everyone last week. This week, Carol Kennard took my e-mail and added it to a news letter, with photos, club scheduled speakers, etc. We plan to do this on a weekly basis until we can return to our normal meeting schedule.

Take care and be safe!

Yours in Rotary,

Chuck

Huber Heights Rotary Club

We had our first Zoom Meeting today. We will be meeting every Monday on Zoom at noon moving forward. Unfortunately, there have been 2 deaths due to COVID 19 in extended family members of 2 club members. Our prayers are with them as they navigate this time of grief and loss. We brainstormed some ideas of how we can contribute to our community at this time. We will be looking into our local food pantry we donate to each month to see what their additional needs are, looking at getting sidewalk chalk for kids, and possibly even offering to shop for the elderly. Stay tuned for what we come up with!

Wilmington Noon Rotary Club



Kyle Rudduck

April 3 at 10:41 PM

****BIG ANNOUNCEMENT — Thanks to the support of generous sponsors in our community, we're re-opening the gift card match — details below****

Buy A Local Gift Card - Get It Matched

COVID-19 has created a challenging time for everyone but certain industries are getting hit particularly hard. We want our LOCAL businesses to be here when we emerge on the other side of this.

So let's support our local businesses and get rewarded!

Here's how it works:

1. Purchase a gift card from a LOCALLY OWNED (Wilmington/Canton Co.) business/restaurant in the amount of \$25, \$50, or \$100 — \$25 minimum / \$100 maximum purchase.
2. Email a picture or copy of your receipt to: k.rudduck@gmail.com. Include your name, mailing address, and phone number.
3. We'll send you a gift card to a different (but also local) business of an equal amount.

*\$100 is the maximum matching amount per person.

*The fund for matching dollars is made possible by generous local donations from: Liberty Savings Bank, LT Development, Generations Pizza, Constellation Wealth Advisors, Ron/Nancy Rudduck, and Tammy Mudd. It's currently capped at \$2,000 and will be paid out on a first come/first served basis.

If you'd like to contribute, let me know and we'll keep it growing.

#OURTOWN



Dayton Rotary Club

The Dayton Rotary Club has continued their mentoring program with Dayton Public Schools high school students. In lieu of face-to-face meetings which were occurring prior to the CoronaVirus pandemic, 10 Rotarian volunteers are meeting virtually or on the phone to continue their support of the students. Many Rotarian volunteers have dropped off care packages on students' porches to help keep their spirits up during the pandemic. Maintaining flexibility is key!

During the pandemic, Dayton Public Schools continues to deliver breakfast and lunch to poverty-level students who are now at home. When we asked if assistance was needed, school administrators explained that there are federal programs that provide food. However, the school district has a very heavy printing cost for parent and student communications of syllabus and other school information for the student households that would not be necessary if students were able to be taught in classrooms. The latest bill for printing of these vital communications was \$7,500. Dayton Rotary is working with available resources to help the schools offset this cost.



On March 30 we conducted our first on-line ZOOM weekly meeting of the Rotary Club of Dayton, thanks to the generous donation of Rotarian Frank Scott who provided the software. 45 members attended the first meeting and almost 70 attended yesterday's meeting. We have asked our members to volunteer programs and our options are exceptional! Folks have so much to share!! It has been good to ◆see◆ several Rotarians who have been unable to attend regular meetings and to know that we have provided them an outlet to stay connected.

Our Board members are personally reaching out to each member born prior to 1950, and the Dayton Club boasts 70 such members! Staying connected during these challenging times is vital and has been very much appreciated.

There are many small and simple tasks that we can do individually to help others affected by the pandemic: Provide restaurant gift cards to first responders, help with a neighbor's lawn care, donate blood, encourage our employees to be aware and conduct ◆random acts of kindness,◆ donate to local food pantries, work with our church groups. Little things make a huge difference. All Rotarians are encouraged to provide ◆Service above Self.◆

Wilmington AM Rotary Club

We have been hosting coffee time or Wilmington AM Rotarians for Peace Happy Bucks Meetings during our meeting time via ZOOM. The Club is also considering hosting a virtual happy hour via ZOOM in addition to the regular calls, texts, and email to members.

Thank you to the President's who have reached out as a result of my email to have a one on one meeting via ZOOM or phone. It was great connecting to see how you are doing personally in addition to how you are courageously leading your clubs through these tough times. They were encourage to adopt- Every Rotarian Every Day- Pick up the phone and check in with fellow Rotarians. It only takes 5 minutes but will make the world of difference!

This unprecedented situation has required some out of the box thinking as it relates to member engagement and serving the needs of others . Remember, we are transformational leaders: answering the call to action in our communities!

Thank you so much,

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Rotary Club of Cincinnati Gives \$50,000 To help Stressed Families in Covid-19 Crisis

As businesses, restaurants and organizations close their doors in response to the Covid-19 virus, the Rotary Club of Cincinnati has opened its wallet - announcing the club is donating \$50,000 to help provide rent and utility assistance for families in need. The donation to the St. Vincent de Paul Homelessness Prevention Program comes at a particularly critical time, said Mike Dunn, executive director of the Society of St. Vincent



DePaul in Greater Cincinnati.

◆St Vincent de Paul is the leading provider of what we call homelessness prevention services, which is largely rent and utility support,◆ said Dunn. ◆In the past calendar year we provided \$1.6 million in assistance. That ongoing need is exacerbated by this current crisis.◆

In response to the health crisis, St. Vincent de Paul closed all of its Thrift Stores, which were a major economic engine that helped fund the rent and utility assistance.

◆The timing of this donation could not have been better,◆ said Dunn.
◆These dollars from the Rotary will, literally, keep people in their homes.◆

Rotary Club of Cincinnati President Dave Carlin said he called an on-line meeting of the Rotary Club◆s Board on March 18 to find a way to help in this community crisis.

◆We know there are people in the restaurant and service industries, people in hourly jobs, who are hurting and need help now. We wanted to make a swift, targeted impact to help those in need, particularly in the inner-city,◆ said Carlin.

◆We don◆t have the infrastructure to directly help. If we had to do it ourselves, it would take weeks or months to perfect it. We wanted to partner with someone who was already out there meeting the needs.◆

The St. Vincent de Paul Homelessness Prevention Program works with individuals to assess needs. The program provides funds directly to landlords or utility companies.

◆Our average rent assistance for a neighbor is about \$350,◆ said Dunn. ◆In an eviction situation, where a notice has been served, is it over \$600.◆

Besides providing immediate financial assistance, the program helps individuals work toward long-term solutions with financial literacy, budget counseling, job readiness and other resources.

◆Once someone loses their home, the cost to the system in community services and resources is \$4000,◆ said Dunn. ◆The economics of prevention make sense. But more importantly is the trauma to the family and the kids involved that homelessness can cause.◆

One of the Rotary◆s missions is to serve children in need. ◆This donation will keep children in their homes,◆ said Carlin.