

Rotary



District 6670



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Events

February 21st
**Ohio-Erie
Multidistrict
Spring Meeting**
March 13th
**District 6670 Pre-
PETS (Pre-
President Elect
Training)**

A Message from Your District Governor February

Peace & Conflict Prevention/Resolution Month ♦ How are we Answering the Call to Action?

(taken from Myrotary website)

Submitted by Sigrid Solomon



Promoting Peace

Conflict and violence displaced more than 68 million people in the past year, and half of those are children. We refuse to accept conflict as a way of life. Rotary projects provide training that fosters understanding and provides communities with the skills to resolve conflicts.

How Rotary makes help happen

Through our service projects, peace fellowships, and scholarships, our members are taking action to address the underlying causes of conflict, including poverty, inequality, ethnic tension, lack of access to education, and unequal distribution of resources.

- **Stigma and Superstition.** Hunted for body parts and isolated by fear, Tanzanians with albinism are finding new futures through Rotary programs that fight pervasive myths and stigmas.
- **Rebuild Lives.** Rotary members in a small town of Nova Scotia, Canada, took action to bring two families from war-torn Syria to their country, where the refugees are starting a new life.

ACTION

- **Educate refugees.** Education on the front lines

In Nigeria, a university president and Rotary Club fight Boko Haram by educating and feeding victims

- **Bridge Cultures.** Rotary Youth Exchange student learns understanding and appreciation of another culture and the key to global citizenship, progress, and peace.
- **Empower Youth.** Young people from Rio de Janeiro ♦s infamous favelas find an outlet for their energy ♦ and a chance at Olympic gold ♦ through Rotary.
 - Renan Alves, a 19-year-old living in Morro da Mangureira, an impoverished area of Rio de Janeiro, credits the For ♦a Jovem Judo team with turning his life around. He now teaches at a day care sponsored by the Rotary Club of Rio de Janeiro-Mercado S ♦o Sebasti ♦o.
- **Prevent Domestic Violence.** Australia Rotary clubs raise awareness and funds to prevent domestic violence and support its victims.
 - The statistics are sobering: Intimate partner violence is the most common type of violence against women, affecting 30 percent of women worldwide, according to a 2013 World Health Organization report. As many as 38 percent of murders of women are committed by an intimate partner.
- **Improving quality of life.** Rotary members founded the People for People Foundation, which has helped 10,000 families afford food, clothing, rent, utilities, medications, and other necessities.
- **Raising awareness of bullying.** Rotaract clubs in the Philippines conduct antibullying campaigns in schools to teach children how to handle conflict peacefully from an early age.
- **Protecting domestic violence survivors and their families.** The U.S. state of Louisiana has the fourth highest incidence of death caused by domestic violence. Local Rotary members met this issue by helping a shelter provide food, clothing, legal advocacy, and counseling to over 500 women in one year.
- **Promoting positive peace.** Rotary has partnered with the [Institute for Economics and Peace](#), an independent think tank and leader in the study of peace and conflict, to help address the root causes of conflict and create conditions that foster peace.

100 peace fellowships are offered each year at Rotary Peace Centers around the world
65 million people are currently displaced by armed conflict or persecution

\$142 million has been raised by Rotary to support peace

1,000+ students have graduated from Rotary ♦s Peace Centers program

Many clubs and members in our District have experiences and implemented initiatives as it relates to Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution, 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 March as it is Water and Sanitation Month.





REGISTRATION
ROTARY DISTRICT 6670 CONFERENCE
APRIL 23 - 25, 2020
Wilmington College
1870 Quaker Way
Wilmington, OH 45177



ROTARIAN _____ BADGE NAME _____
ADDRESS _____ CLUB _____
CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____ EMAIL (for conference confirmation) _____
SPOUSE/GUEST BADGE NAME _____ CLUB NAME, if a Rotarian _____

FULL CONFERENCE (Registration Fee, All Meals)

Rotarian ____ x \$150.00 Non-Rotarian Spouse/Guest ____ x \$100.00

Lunch & Dinner are all buffets, includes 2 drink tickets for each dinner.

Indicate # of Vegetarian meals requested

FRI Lunch (farm option) # ____ SAT Lunch # ____ FRI Dinner # ____ SAT Dinner # ____

SATURDAY ONLY (Registration Fee, Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner)

Rotarian ____ x \$100.00 Non-Rotarian Spouse/Guest ____ x \$45.00

Sat. Breakfast # ____ Lunch & Dinner are buffets.

Indicate # of Vegetarian meals requested

SAT Lunch # ____ SAT Dinner # ____

TOURS THURSDAY, April 23rd
5:30-7:30p.m.

Enjoy Downtown Wilmington!

Travel to the **Murphy Theatre**,
Wine Loft, **General Denver** and
the **Tin Cup** via Trolleys leaving
the Hotels every half hour.

H'orderves will be available at
each stop.

YES I plan to attend # _____

FRIDAY FARM TOUR, April 24th

Visit various local farms. Enjoy a
meal prepared especially for you
at **The Murphy Farm**

Transportation from Hotels to
Farm and back will be provided.

Tour #1 10:00 Lunch at 12:00
YES I plan to attend # _____

Tour #2 Lunch at 12:00
Tour starts at 1:00 – 3:00p.m.
YES I plan to attend # _____

TOURS SATURDAY, April 25th
3:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Clinton County Port Authority

World Equestrian Center

Clinton County Courthouse

YES I plan to attend # _____

Make check payable to: District 6670 Conference Send payment with this form by April 20, 2020 to:

John Applegate • 3741 Lansdowne Ave. • Cincinnati, OH 45236

CONFERENCE PAYMENT: Registration & Meal Cost not refundable after April 20th, 2020

ROOM RESERVATIONS:

Select Wilmington, Ohio then use Group Code DRC

Holiday Inn Express Hotel and Suites- <https://www.hiexpress.com/BookToday/HIExpress> (\$139 per night)

Hampton Inn and Suites- https://www.hilton.com/Official_Site/Hampton (\$139 per night)

General Denver Hotel- call 937-383-4141 (\$95-115 per night)

[Read More](#)

Clinton County Welcomes District Conference 2020

2020 District Conference

District 6670



Rotary

of service and learning while enjoying the charm and serenity that Clinton County has to offer!

Despite its small-town feel, Clinton County is filled with opportunities for indoor and outdoor entertainment, fine and casual dining experiences, and cultural exploration.



Clinton County has the honor of hosting the **2020 Rotary District 6670 Conference** Thursday April 23rd through Saturday, April 25th. We hope you will consider joining us for a weekend focused on Rotary's mission

From the conference sessions that will take place at the picturesque, 150-year-old [Wilmington College](#) campus, to tours of the historic, enchanting [Murphy Theater](#) and experiencing the agricultural heritage of the region first-hand during area farm visits, this year's conference truly has something for everyone to enjoy, including a **Kids Camp** for those visiting us with children (*see registration instructions for more details.*)

Rotarians will begin their Clinton County visit by registering at the Murphy Theater on **Thursday, April 23rd at 4:30 PM** (**there will be other opportunities to register throughout the event as well*). There, you will discover the building's stunningly nostalgic architecture and have a chance to mingle with fellow Rotarians and community members and relax with refreshments and entertainment by Chip's Jazz Band.

From Murphy Theater, Rotarians are invited to explore downtown Wilmington's charm, traveling to the [South Street Wine Cellar](#), Clinton County's premiere wine boutique, [The General Denver Hotel and Restaurant](#), another of Clinton County's historic landmarks and an eatery geared toward both fine and casual dining and serving up a variety of mouth-watering dishes, and [TinCap Winery](#), a family-owned winery that uses apples from local orchards to create hand-crafted, delicious ciders. Trolleys will pick up every half hour from 5 – 8 PM to transport back to hotels for the evening. (**trolleys available Thursday, Friday, & Saturday.*)

Guests are invited to participate in a golf outing at the Snow Hill Country Club on **Friday, April 24th** and will also have the opportunity to tour area farms and enjoy lunch at Murphy Farm. From there, guests will be transported back to Wilmington College Campus to register for the conference and enjoy drinks, dinner and the address from the Rotary International Presidential Representative and the evening's guest speaker, Corey Minor Smith, one of the nation's foremost experts on mental

health and professional development and a leading social justice advocate. Rotarians will wrap up with fellowship time 9 -10 PM, adjourning at 10 PM.

On **Saturday, April 25th**, Rotarians will gear up for a day of teamwork and collaboration to participate in the ***Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build***. ***Sleep in Heavenly Peace*** is a world-renowned charitable organization that relies on volunteers to build beds for children who otherwise wouldn't have one. The District Conference 2020 build will be led by the founder of ***Sleep in Heavenly Peace*** and Idaho native Luke Mickelson.

Outdoor BBQ lunch will be provided, followed by the Speech of our 4-way Test speech winner, Parade of Flags, Sleep in Heavenly Peace Build Reflection, and a local speaker.

Following the afternoon build and festivities, tours of the [World Equestrian Center](#), Clinton County Courthouse, and [Clinton County Port Authority](#) will be provided. Our gratitude will be expressed at the Major Donor Reception and Cocktail Hour followed by dinner and music by *Joslyn & The Sweet Compression*.

We sincerely hope you will join us for this wonderful opportunity to connect as Rotarians and to immerse yourselves in all the magic that exists in small-town living!



Clinton County Welcomes You!

There is Still Time to Donate to Sleep in Heavenly Peace Project



Sleep in Heavenly Peace Bunk Bed Build Day

District Rotarians,

The **2020 District 6670 Conference** will include a service project for Rotarians and their family members as well as District Rotaract and Interact members. Rotary District 6670 is partnering with Sleep in Heavenly Peace to build bunk beds for children who do not have beds. Sleep in Heavenly Peace is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization with the mission that "No Kid Sleeps On The Floor In Our Town." Our goal for the 2020 District Conference is to have the **BIGGEST** Bunk Bed Build Day in Southwestern Ohio but we need your support! Beds built on the morning of **April 25th** will be delivered to children in need in Butler, Clinton and Warren Counties on another day after this event.

Financial Commitment

Our goal is to build 150 beds (75 bunk beds) in just a few short hours. In order to reach our goal we are asking each Rotary Club in District 6670 to donate a minimum of \$500 to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Funds are used to purchase lumber and materials to build beds on April 25th in addition to purchasing the mattresses, sheets, comforters and pillows prior to delivering each bed. In addition to the Rotary Club donation we encourage each club to host a SHP Bedding Drive prior to the event. Encourage members to donate new twin bedding: sheets, comforters, bed sets or pillows.

Service Commitment

Over 150 volunteers are needed to help build beds from **8 AM- 12 PM** on the campus of Wilmington College. No experience is necessary however volunteers must be age 13 years old or older. There is a job for everyone no matter the skill level. Unable to help all four hours? Split your Rotary Club into two shifts. Over 50 Wilmington College students will also be joining us a part of their Service Day on campus. We will measure and cut wood as well as sand, drill, and stain. Let's roll up our sleeves together and demonstrate the Rotary mission of providing service to others during our 2020 District Conference!

Contact a local Sleep in Heavenly Peace Chapter President with Questions:

Carrie Zeigler, SHP- Clinton County Chapter	carrie.zeigler@shpbeds.org	937-728-0986
Mike Watkins, SHP- Butler County Chapter	mike.watkins@shpbeds.org	937-938-0269
Greg Davis, SHP- Lebanon Chapter	greg.davis@shpbeds.org	513-404-4506

To plan for a successful event, please return the bottom of this form and payment ^{ASAP}.

Rotary Club Name: _____ # Of Volunteers Expected to Participate: _____

Contact Person & Email: _____

Sponsorship Amount: ☐ \$500 ☐ \$750 ☐ \$1000

Make checks payable to Sleep in Heavenly Peace. Send payment and this form to: Sleep in Heavenly Peace, 849 Orchard Road, Wilmington Ohio 45177.

Rotary Leadership Institute

It's time to sign up for Rotary Leadership Institute scheduled for May 2, 2020. The website is open and ready for your registration. Log into www.hoa-rli.org. If you are new to the system, set up a user name and password. Then scroll down to the session you are looking for. It should say District 6670, the session number you are ready for and Greene County Career Center.

Just why do I want to sign up for RLI, you ask! Here's why...

You will find a treasure trove of Rotary information and knowledge in the RLI courses, such as: How to create and carry out service projects, how to attract and retain members, how The Rotary Foundation works, how to publicize what your club is doing, how to strategically plan for your club's future, and perhaps best of all, what kind of leader you are and how to become a better volunteer leader, in Rotary and other organizations.



We hope to see you on **May 2, 2020**. If you have any questions, please contact **Dottie Meade, District 6670 RLI Committee Chair** at dameade518@gmail.com.

PDG Bud Ragan and his Spouse Pass Away within Weeks of Each Other



Our sympathy to the family and friends of PDG Bud Ragan and his wife Marty. Marty Ragan spouse of PDG Arlo "Bud" Ragan passed away on February 1st. and Bud passed away 14 days later. Bud and Marty had recently moved from their Palmetto, Florida home into an assisted living complex. They had been married for 67 years. They were both cremated and a memorial service is being planned at the First Baptist Church in Palmetto, Florida. Bud served the District as District Governor in 1999-2000.

Attention Rotary Golfers...Save the Date for the 2020 District 6670 Golf Outing

Attention Rotary Golfers:

The **2020 District 6670 Golf Outing** will be held on **April 24 at 9:00 a.m. at the Snow Hill Country Club**. Get your team together so you can be the first to register for this event. Registration will be \$85 per person. According to Punxsutawney Phil, Spring will come early this year.



Snow Hill Country Club is a highly acclaimed golf club. Snow Hill Country Club is now open to the public. Our 18 hole course is Ohio's best kept secret with every hole having its own charm and character, practice facilities, a clubhouse with dining and meeting facilities, and a sports bar where friendships will be made for a life time. A true experience, welcome. Ohio's best kept secret the golfers



Paul Harris Society Blitz

Zones 30 and 31 are conducting a PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY BLITZ in the months of February, March, and April. See the below copy. District 6670 is in Zone 30 and will be part of this Blitz.

Please go to the web site www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety to obtain further information about the Paul Harris society and Frequently asked questions.

If you have questions you may contact District 6670 PHS Coordinator PDG Ronald Britt at: ronbjudyb@gmail.com or 513-900-9113

PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY



A yearly commitment to
doing good in the world!

ZONES 30 & 31 PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY BLITZ!

FEBRUARY, MARCH, APRIL 2020



When you join The Rotary Foundation's Paul Harris Society, you will join a special group of Rotarians that make a \$1,000 or more yearly commitment to help change lives around the world. The Paul Harris Society member's ongoing donations are vital for The Rotary Foundation to continue to *do good in the world!*

Go to the Paul Harris Society page
www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety

and choose Join Today.

Never Too Late to Recall Life-Changing Kindness

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It's never too late to say Thank You again. Just ask Rita Fuchs. At 91, she is still thanking the Rotary Club of Cincinnati for the life-changing support she received as a child at Condon School for students with disabilities and the Rotary's Camp Allyn summer camp for people with disabilities.

Mrs. Fuchs, of Mt. Airy, was a luncheon guest at the January 23rd Rotary Club of Cincinnati meeting, where she helped kick off the 100th anniversary of the year The Rotary Club helped start Cincinnati's first school for children with physical disabilities.

In 1920, The Rotary Club of Cincinnati spearheaded the region's first school classes for children with physical disabilities, held at Cincinnati's General Hospital. Previously, many children with significant disabilities were simply not educated because typical schools could not handle their needs.

Rotary records from the time show the then-10-year-old Rotary Club of Cincinnati hired a nurse to conduct a survey of young patients' needs and helped bring in a teacher and fund classes that were held in previously vacant wards at General Hospital. The Rotary Club bought a school bus to transport children with disabilities who lived at home. The Rotary also purchased books and lobbied the Cincinnati Board of Education to open a full school serving children with high physical needs.

Cincinnati Public Schools opened the Randall J. Condon School for Crippled Children in Avondale in 1928, with The Rotary Club of Cincinnati offering continuing support to the students through outings, holiday celebrations and donations.



Pictured: Rita Fuchs and Rotary Club of Cincinnati President Dave Carlin

Rita Fuchs was a student at Condon School from 1941 to 1945.

♦I started in the fifth ♦ grade, ♦ she said. ♦I had been in a body cast the year before and was on crutches. ♦ She recalled. ♦The regular school couldn't take me. I wouldn't have had an education if it wasn't for Condon School, ♦ Mrs. Fuchs said.

She said many of her classmates had cerebral palsy. Mrs. Fuchs was dealing with the aftermath of massive blood poisoning that resulted in nerve damage and required multiple surgeries.

♦We all had a lot to deal with but you ♦d never find a happier bunch of kids, ♦ she said.

Rotary created a lot of those smiles.

♦Rotary took us to the Cincinnati Reds ball games several times a year. Every Christmas they had a big party. They ♦d come out before and ask what we wanted for Christmas. The first Christmas I got a little box camera. You ♦d think I had a million dollars, ♦ Mrs. Fuchs said.

♦The next year they gave me a watch. ♦

Her summers included a week or more at the Rotary ♦s Camp Allyn ♦ a summer camp that the Rotary Club of Cincinnati built in Batavia to serve people with polio and other disabilities.

When Mrs. Fuchs graduated from Condon School she studied to be a comptometer operator and worked in the payroll department of the Fair Department Store in downtown Cincinnati. She said Rotary members helped arrange her comptometer classes and helped place her in the job.

♦The Rotary set me on my path for life, ♦ Mrs. Fuchs said.

It ♦s something the Rotary Club of Cincinnati has been quietly doing for generations, said Rotary Club of Cincinnati president Dave Carlin of Montgomery. The Christmas parties at Condon School, now Roselawn Condon School in Roselawn, continue as a Rotary tradition today. Camp Allyn in Batavia continues to serve children and adults with disabilities with year-round programs that build independence and confidence.

Carlin said the Rotary club has a strong focus on serving children with disabilities. But it is a special treat to hear from long-ago children who still remember how rotary touched their lives.

Mrs. Fuchs said she was browsing through Facebook in January and saw a posting about the 2019 Rotary Christmas party at Roselawn Condon School.

♦I ♦m not very good with cell phones, but I had to send a comment, ♦ she said.

Carlin said her simple message is a warm reminder of the lasting impact Rotary ♦s programs can have.

Her message:

♦The Rotary Club did so many nice things for us children . . . I ♦m 91 years old. I'll never forget them. God Bless. ♦

Mason Deerfield Club Activities



In January the Mason Deerfield Club held their 11th Annual Reverse Raffle. A great time was had by all with food, drink and a chance at cash prizes and beautiful gift baskets.



Our Rotary's Royalty Student of the Month was Jacob from Kings High School. The program recognizes local high school

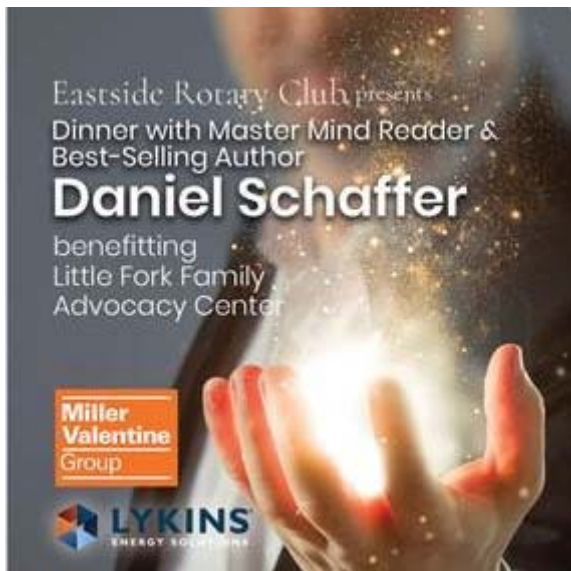
students who



have been nominated by their teachers for student that show great 'heart'. Jacob was nominated for his hard work, kindness and always doing what is best for the team.

You're invited! Rotary Clubs Unite for Gala to Benefit Child Advocacy Center

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The Cincinnati Eastside Rotary is excited to welcome the Batavia and Williamsburg Rotary Clubs as supporters of its upcoming Spring Gala. The event will help raise funds for the establishment of a new Child Advocacy Center in Clermont County and will feature, dinner, dessert, drinks, and spectacular entertainment by a renowned illusionist. The gala will be held March 13 at 6 pm at the Oasis Conference Center, 902 Loveland-Miamiville Rd, Loveland, OH 45140. Tickets are just \$75 per person. Join Rotarians from your district in support of this great cause and purchase your tickets for this unforgettable evening [here](#). [Corporate sponsorships](#) and ticket packages are also available.

The evening's entertainment will be provided by author and master mind-reader, illusionist and author Daniel Schaffer. Daniel consistently amazes audiences around the country with his unique abilities. You'll leave this experience wondering, ♦How does he do it?! ♦Check out a preview [here](#).

Funds raised at the event will support the Little Fork Advocacy Center, a comprehensive campus where specialists can address problems such as domestic violence, physical and sexual abuse, suicide and drug addiction all under one roof. All of these issues can be interconnected, but there's currently no comprehensive approach in Clermont County -- or even Ohio -- to tackle them in one place. Little Fork Family Advocacy Center will provide a complete network of survival and coping needs to those who have gone through traumatic experiences. The Center is unprecedented in its collaborative approach and its focus on the care of an entire family. Government, medical and aftercare services will share the space, making the recovery process more accessible to more people. This puts the focus on healing for victims and their families ♦ affecting generations to come. The mission of Little Fork connects closely to the Cincinnati Eastside Rotary's commitment to supporting children's causes in the community.



Rendering of the Little Fork Advocacy Center