

# Rotary



## District 6670



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District Executive Secretary

### Events

August 6th  
[business meeting](#)

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## Message from Your District Governor

By Laura Erbaugh on Wednesday, July 31, 2019



One month down! It is a privilege to serve as your District Governor for the 2019-2020 Rotary year. I look forward to visiting all of you to share the goals that I have for the District which are aligned with RI President Mark Maloney's goals for Rotary International. This year is not about me but about moving our District forward on a positive trajectory. I have a wonderful team of Assistant Governors and Committee Chairs in addition to a host of Past District Governors to reach out to for support. You are encouraged to be an active participant this year instead of sitting along the side lines.

This year, I offered the presidents some flexibility in the type of visit that I can make to their club attached you will see the options. This ranges from a traditional formal visit to a social gathering to a service project. Some clubs are partnering together for their visit to foster a spirit of collaboration and fellowship

Here are some comments that I shared at the change over dinner last month and I think is appropriate to kick off the first newsletter:

Rotaract and then what? I would like our District to be more intentional in recruiting dynamic young professionals over the age of 30 and maybe below 55. This would really challenge our way of thinking as many of our clubs are steeped in tradition. The key is to maneuver this transition with respect for history while providing motivation and excitement for the future. Focusing on this population will provide us the opportunity to further the thought of New Generations Service which according to RI publication, recognizes the positive change implemented by youth and young adults through leadership development activities, involvement in community and international service projects, and exchange programs that enrich and foster world peace and cultural understanding. What are the ingredients of this New Generations Service cake?

- 1 cup of humility
- 1 cup of respect
- 1 cup of sifted historical perspective
- 1 cup of risk taking
- A dash of thinking outside the box
- 1 cup of enthusiasm
- 1 cup of collaboration

Bake for 365 days.

Take a huge bowl (District 6670) and pour in the first three ingredients. I would start with a heaping cup of humility as I don't have all the answers and add the cups of respect and sifted historical perspective provided by previous and current members working with Interact, Rotaract, Youth Exchange, and RYLA at the local and District levels. Allow time to let these three ingredients take shape by intentional strategic planning as it relates to New Generations Service.

Now add the cup of risk taking and the dash of thinking outside the box in regards to recruiting these young professionals without alienating long-time members of the 49 clubs. Some of these risks might include but is not limited to an increase use of social media or have evening club meetings instead of in the morning or lunchtime. Implement nontraditional club meetings; meet twice a month, one meeting for business/presentations and the other dedicated to family activity. Come up with Club projects that involve the family as many of these members will have young children, perhaps at their child's school. Provide more social opportunities for these young members to gather outside of club meetings.

Lastly, add the cups of enthusiasm and collaboration from all 52 clubs to make this a priority. I would garner support from key members at the local and District level to help me stir up all of the ingredients. Next we pour our mixture into a large blue glass baking dish so that others can pier in to see the progress as it's baking for 365 days. Now, take it out of the oven and cool- this

would be our assessment and evaluation time to make sure we have the right ingredients for our intended outcome. After sufficient cooling add frosting which is a presentation to the District of a recipe that has been tried, tested and evaluated for all to enjoy. Are you hungry for a piece of cake?

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## Upcoming Important Dates in our District

By Laura Erbaugh on Thursday, August 1, 2019

Important Upcoming District Events

- Rotary Night at the Dragons August 10
- Submissions for the August Newsletter August 10
- District Trilogy September 11 at 5:30pm at Normandy Church

## Dayton Rotary Presents the 2019 Tour de Gem Cycling Classic

By Laura Erbaugh on Thursday, August 1, 2019



2019 DAYTON CYCLING CLASSIC  
Presented by the Rotary Club of Dayton  
Sponsored by the Kettering Health Network

The **2019 Tour de Gem Cycling Classic** is a fundraising cycling event created to foster a sense of community, history, pride, and healthy living through cycling. This ride highlights the **◆gems◆** in the Dayton region for cyclists of all ages and abilities.

Tour de Gem is first and foremost a fundraising tool for local nonprofits. Participating nonprofits have formed ride teams, with riders joining the teams to use the event as a fundraising opportunity. Individual riders may also join a team created by a nonprofit they support. The ride is modeled from the El Tour de Tucson, which in 2016 had over 9,000 riders and raised over \$12 million dollars for area nonprofits. Our goal is to build Tour de Gem to the level of success El Tour de Tucson has reached.

In order to make this ride a success, we are asking all District Rotarians for support. There are four key ways to support Tour de Gem:

1. Registering as a Rider ◆ There are ride options ranging from 1-104 miles or you can register as ◆fundraise only.◆
2. Making a Donation ◆ We have 41 nonprofits currently registered. You can make a donation to a team or to an individual rider to help them reach their fundraising goal.
3. Volunteer ◆ There are options to volunteer leading up to the event, as well as day of to make the ride a success.
4. Sponsor the Event ◆ We are dedicated to continuing to grow Tour de Gem, and as we grow, so do our needs. We have a variety of sponsorship options and will happily tailor a sponsorship package for you.

You can find out more information on how to register, donate, volunteer, and sponsor Tour de Gem at [www.tourdegem.org](http://www.tourdegem.org) or email [info@tourdegem.org](mailto:info@tourdegem.org).



## Cincinnati Eastside Rotary Announces 2019 Scholarship Winners

By Laura Erbaugh on Thursday, August 1, 2019

The Cincinnati Eastside Rotary Club presented scholarships totaling \$5,000 to

local high school seniors. Five students were honored with \$1,000 each to help cover education expenses including seniors from Turpin High School, West Clermont High School and Goshen High School. The Club has awarded more than \$25,000 in scholarships over the past five years as part of its mission to support youth in our community. Funds for the 2019 scholarships were raised at the Club's recent Murder Mystery Gala, where 120 members and supporters were in attendance.



◆ It's truly a privilege to be able to invest in these young people through this scholarship program, ◆ said Alison Taylor, President of the Cincinnati Eastside Rotary.

◆ Our club is devoted to ◆ Service Above Self, ◆ Taylor continued, ◆ and I can't think of a better way to demonstrate that commitment than by supporting our community's youth. Our members enjoy helping these students achieve their dreams.◆

## Mason Deerfield Service Projects

By Laura Erbaugh on Thursday, August 1, 2019

### Service Project Matthew 25 Ministries

One of our favorite places to spend on service hours is at Matthew 25 Ministries in Blue Ash Ohio. This organization sends aid all over the world to those in need dispatching supplies and workers shortly after disaster hits, like the recent tornadoes in Dayton. They also help long term with projects like building housing and providing clean water in countries in need. We have been assigned many different tasks over the years. The organization turns donations in to dollars which is then used to support their mission. Our club members and family and friends helped make this day happen.



### Service Project HEAL Family Festival



For several years now we have been a part of the HEAL Family Festival, a program through Atrium Medical Center Middletown. HEAL (Help Endure A Loss) helps families that have lost a child during pregnancy or in the first few years of life. The festival is a time for the families to gather to remember their angels and to spend time together hopefully making some good memories. We helped with games for the children, crafts and making popcorn. The day also includes a walk of remembrance, pony rides, sky divers and helicopters and food.



## Fairborn Rotary Receives Award for their Fourth of July Float

By Laura Erbaugh on Thursday, August 1, 2019



Fairborn Rotary won an award recently for their float entry in the Fairborn 4th of July Parade. The Community Award is given to an organization that exemplifies community involvement in the Fairborn area. Our float had a large (8 foot tall) Rotary logo along with rotating circular signs about our "Andy & Elmer" literacy project. As the new Fairborn Rotary President I had the honor of riding on the float while candy was being handed out to parade observers along the route. The weather was great and Fairborn had a huge turnout to watch the parade.

## North East Cincinnati Club Relocates Meeting Location

By Laura Erbaugh on Thursday, August 1, 2019

After 29 years meeting at the Hotel located at 5901 Pfeiffer Rd in Blue Ash, the Rotary Club of Northeast Cincinnati (formerly Blue Ash-Montgomery Rotary Club) is changing locations as of July 1st. They will still meet on Tuesdays at Noon however they will now meet at the Receptions Banquet Center, [10681 Loveland Madeira Rd, Loveland, OH 45140](https://www.rotaryclubofnortheastcincinnati.org/locations)

Our Service area is defined as the communities of: Blue Ash, Montgomery, Loveland, Indian Hill, Sharonville, Evendale, Symmes Township, Deer Park, Kenwood.