

# Rotary



## District 6670



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### Events

July 10th  
**CANCELED--YEP Outbound  
Orientation Otterbein O-E  
Multidistrict**

## A Message From Your District Governor May



May is Youth Service Month—how are we answering the call to action?

*(taken from Myrotary website) Submitted by Sigrid Solomon*

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs help younger leaders build leadership skills, expand education, and learn the value of service.

### How Rotary makes engages youth

#### INTERACT

Interact clubs bring together young people ages 12-18 to develop leadership skills and learn about the world through service projects and activities.

There are 468,556 Interactors who are members of 20,372 Interact Clubs within 159 countries. Youth are encouraged to connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:

- Take action to make a difference in your school and community
- Discover new cultures and promote international understanding
- Become a leader in your school and community
- Have fun and make new friends from around the world

#### rotaract

Rotaract clubs bring together people ages 18-30 to exchange ideas with leaders in the community, develop leadership and professional skills, and have fun through service.

There are 250,792 Rotaractors who are members of 10,904 Rotaract Clubs within 184 countries.

### These are young leaders who are developing innovative solutions to the world's most pressing challenges.

In communities worldwide, Rotary and Rotaract members work side by side to take action through service. From big cities to rural villages, Rotaract is changing communities like yours.

#### rotary youth leadership awards

RYLA is a leadership development program for young people who want to learn new skills, build their confidence, and have fun. Events range from one-day seminars to weeklong camps.

RYLA events are organized locally by Rotary clubs and districts for participants ages 14-30. Depending on community needs, RYLA may take the form of a one-day seminar, a three-day retreat, or a weeklong camp. Typically, events last 3-10 days and include presentations, activities, and workshops covering a variety of topics.

These students connect with leaders in your community and around the world to:

- Build communication and problem-solving skills
- Discover strategies for becoming a dynamic leader in your school or community
- Learn from community leaders, inspirational speakers, and peer mentors
- Unlock your potential to turn motivation into action
- Have fun and form lasting friendships

August 15th  
Rotary Night at the Dayton  
Dragons

### Rotary youth exchange

Rotary Youth Exchange builds peace one young person at a time. Students learn a new language, discover another culture, and truly become global citizens. Exchanges for students ages 15-19 are sponsored by Rotary clubs in more than 100 countries.

Rotary Youth Exchange inspires young leaders to serve as catalysts for peace and social justice in their local communities and throughout the world, long after their exchanges end. This program is possible because of the dedication, leadership, and passion of the tens of thousands of volunteers  
◆ Rotary members and nonmembers alike ◆ who make this unique program so successful.

### new Generations Service exchange

New Generations Service Exchange is a short-term, customizable program for university students and professionals up to age 30. Participants can design exchanges that combine their professional goals with a humanitarian project.

Benefits to the young professional:

- Make connections with service-minded community leaders in another country
- Learn another language
- Build your professional skills and gain international experience
- Travel and explore a new culture while giving back through service

Many clubs and members in our District have provided their time and treasure for the success of experiences or initiatives as it relates to Youth Service, 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 June as it is Rotary Fellowships Month.

## An Update From Your District Leaders Regarding COVID-19

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, we communicated to the District the Rotary International guidance for in-person meetings, which strongly recommended that Districts and Clubs refrain from in-person Rotary meetings and events through 12/31/2020. We advised the District will follow RI's guidance and asked that each Club do the same. Several of our District's Rotarians challenged the recommendation and asked for reconsideration. Virtual meetings were held with the Past District Governors, Assistant Governors, Directors of District Committees, current Club Presidents, and Presidents-Elect seeking feedback. Rotary International Director Floyd Lancia attended these meetings to share RI's position. Based on the feedback, the District's revised guidance is that all Clubs refrain from all in-person meetings or gatherings through July 1, 2020. The District is monitoring Ohio Governor DeWine's and Director of Public Health Amy Acton's guidance on social distancing requirements, face masks and limitations on size of group gatherings. As you are aware, even though Ohio businesses are starting to reopen, we are asked to stay home as much as possible through May 29, 2020. The month of June will allow time to thoughtfully and carefully plan with regard to virtual meetings, in-person meetings/events/gatherings or combination thereof.

A Club's decision whether to follow the District's guidance rests with the Club's leadership. In making this decision, all Clubs are reminded of Rotary International's requirements as follows:

- The health and safety of all participants in Rotary programs, meetings, and events is of paramount importance
- No in-person meeting or event shall be mandatory for any Rotary participant who may feel uncomfortable attending because of the pandemic
- All conveners and organizers of Rotary meetings are strongly encouraged to consider all health concerns in deciding whether to hold in-person meetings
- **All conveners and organizers of Rotary meetings shall fully comply with all health and safety rules in effect in that location.**

While it may be legally possible to meet or gather, please keep in mind that one of Rotary's areas of focus is disease prevention. As Rotarians, we are called upon to aid in reducing the spread of COVID-19.

In light of all of these developments, I am asking Clubs consider the following:

To assist clubs in their ability to hold virtual meetings, the District will reimburse each club not to exceed \$128 for the purchase of Zoom or other virtual meeting software. \$128 is the cost for one annual license of Zoom Pro purchased through Rotary Global Rewards



(<https://my.rotary.org/en/member-center/rotary-global-rewards/offers#/offers/featured>). Clubs may take a credit against the July 1, 2020 District dues billing invoice by providing a receipt of purchase. This includes a virtual meeting software purchase the club has made since March 14, 2020, the date the State implemented COVID-19 protocols. District Trainer and Public Image Chair Heidi Schiller will assist any club needing Zoom implementation and training assistance necessary to help deploy this useful tool.

Until there is a vaccine, very few places in the world will be coronavirus-free. However, in order to resume in person Club meetings, we need to be coronavirus-safe. We should all be working within the guidelines developed by Governor DeWine and the Ohio Department of Public Health, to assure the safety and well-being of our members.

It goes without saying that no one could have adequately predicted the extent to which a virus would disrupt the normal routines that we all have developed in our lives. However, you continue to impress me with the quality of virtual meetings and service projects you managed to master while keeping the safety and well-being of your members in the forefront.

As things change and if more guidance is needed, we will continue to be in touch. Remember that we are here to assist you navigate these rough COVID-19 waters.

Sigrid Solomon, 2019-2020 District Governor

Greg Birkemeyer, 2020-2021 District Governor

## District 6670 Clubs to Provide a Reliable Source of Clean Drinking Water to Thousands in Haiti



In late May/early June of 2018, Ron Hollenbeck (past President of the Centerville Rotary club) traveled to Haiti with Dr. Greg Bixler [Co-founder/CEO of Design Outreach (DO)] to install a water pump in a remote part of NW Haiti. A water source had been identified at the location, but the 400-foot deep borehole remained dormant for several years because there was no way to extract the water. This was DO's first attempt to install their Life Pump at such a depth. The installation was a success, and it was the first location anywhere in the world where a **hand-cranked water pump** was used

to bring water to the surface from a depth of 400 feet. No power source such as electricity or solar panels was required. Not only can the Life Pump bring water to the surface from depths that other pumps cannot, it has proven itself to be more reliable, and can be monitored remotely. DO has installed over 100 Life Pumps in eight countries. These countries include Haiti, and seven (7) countries in Africa. As a testimony to the Life Pump's reliability, one of the first Life Pumps installed in Malawi has been running non-stop for almost seven (7) years with no breakdowns.

Before Ron left Haiti, he and Greg met with representatives from the Rotary Club in Port-au-Prince, Water-for-Life Haiti, and Global Outreach-Haiti Mission. There was discussion on progressing a Rotary International (RI) Global Grant, where they hoped to secure matching funds from both District 6670 and RI. If they were successful in that endeavor, they would be able to install a significant number of water pumps in remote or mountainous regions on Haiti.

Upon Ron's return, he made presentations to eleven (11) Rotary clubs about his trip to Haiti, and explained the initiative of developing the global grant. The response was fantastic. The following Rotary clubs made a total of \$33,625 in pledges:

Centerville, Fairborn, Huber Heights, Kettering, London, Miamisburg, New Carlisle, NE Cincinnati, Northmont, Springboro, Trotwood

With the help and guidance of Frank Scott, a global grant request was initiated with RI. If the requirements of the global



grant were able to be met, and matching funds were able to be received from both the District and RI, there would be sufficient





funding to install ten (10) Life Pumps. However, that was not to be. After 18 months of sustained efforts, necessary information (ex: Community Assessment Reports) was unable to be obtained from Haiti to progress the global grant. A big factor which prevented the information from being gathered was the ongoing severe unrest taking place on Haiti. A decision was taken at the beginning of this year to terminate the global grant efforts and to collect the pledges from the clubs. The pledges have

been collected and sent to Design Outreach. Their goal is to get the Life Pumps installed as early in this summer as possible, as Haitians are already experiencing big challenges in obtaining water. Greg indicated to Ron that the three (3) communities that will be the recipients of the Life Pump will be truly blessed, and will forever be thankful for what Rotary has provided them a reliable, local source of clean drinking water. Each Life Pump will provide water for 1500-2000 community members. Once the Life Pumps are installed, Ron will receive installation reports from each location that he will share with the Rotary clubs who made pledges.

Finally from Ron I just want to give a heartfelt thanks to all the clubs who made pledges to this important initiative. It truly reflects Rotary's motto **SERVICE ABOVE SELF**.

## District 6670 Special Grants for COVID 19 Support

The support required to fight COVID 19 is significant. People are hungry. People are ill. First responders and healthcare workers are over worked caring for themselves and their families and those who are sick with this virus.

During the month of April your District 6670 Leaders sought ideas from Rotary Clubs just for COVID 19 support. We had about a dozen different Grant Requests that included food support, personal protective equipment, support of first responders and healthcare professionals and other support.

When we looked at the support needs the total came to \$32,500. However, this amount was to be matched by Clubs and in total provided \$150,000 in COVID 19 support.

Your District Leaders came together to fund this need with \$25,000 from the District Reserves. The District Reserves are not used to fund District Grants. They are in place to make sure that District 6670 can fund operations into the future. The District Leaders reviewed the current financial position of the District and the anticipated future needs. After careful deliberation your District Leaders approved the use of \$25,000 from the District Reserve. The balance of \$7500 came from the contingency fund still available from The Rotary Foundation District Grant award for 2019-2020.

The Grant Requests were reviewed and approved and checks were issued. The clubs were notified the day of the review and the checks were sent out within 48 hours. Clubs have acknowledged receipt of the checks and implemented their projects. Some are still underway.

## In Memory of Lebanon Rotarian and Club President John Poe



John Poe, a longtime member of the Rotary Club of Lebanon #3635 passed away on Friday, May 22 following a three-month battle with lung cancer. There will be a Celebration of Life service at the Countryside YMCA on Saturday, June 13. Friends and family can visit from 10 am to noon, with a service conducted by fellow Rotarian Pastors Steve Kramer and Chris Johnson. The Celebration of Life will be at the Countryside YMCA's activity center.

John truly was one of the nicest, most generous people anyone could meet, said Linda Oda, President-Elect of the Lebanon club. He didn't know a stranger and was always one of the first people to greet visitors to our club.

John enjoyed working with food and was always the grill master at the annual Rotarian picnics. He and his wife Janet owned Miranda's ice cream shop in Morrow, and it wasn't

unusual for him to bring homemade ice cream as a treat for Rotarians on his birthday.

POE, John William, 67, of Morrow, died on Friday, May 22, 2020 at his residence in Morrow, with his family by his side. Born on November 24, 1952 to William and Pauline (nee: Oeder) Poe in Cincinnati, OH, John retired from Kings Island and Crane America Services. John loved people and

never met a stranger. He and his wife, Janet, own Miranda's Ice Cream in Morrow. He was a past council member of The Village of Morrow, a founder of the Little Miami History Connection, past Salem Township Trustee, a member of the Little Miami Chamber and is currently the President of the Lebanon Rotary Club. John was an avid cook and loved to make gelato in the ice cream shop. He enjoyed nature, traveling and went on several cruises with his wife.

Preceded in death by his parents, he is survived by his wife, Janet (nee: Hornaday) Poe, his step-daughter, Kate (Chad) Zwisler of Englewood, one sister, Carol Helsinger, his grandson, Jackson Zwisler, nephew, Mark (Nikki) Helsinger of Franklin, niece, Jenny (Neal) Kennedy of Morrow as well as numerous other family members and friends.

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at the Countryside YMCA, where the family will receive friends from 10:00 AM-12:00 PM with a service beginning at 12:00 PM. The family would like to specifically thank members of the local fire department for all of their support the past week. Therefore, in lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Salem/Morrow Fire Department. Arrangements made by Vale-Hoskins Funeral Home, Morrow. Online condolences at [www.hoskinsfh.com](http://www.hoskinsfh.com).

## The 2020 Rotary International Virtual Convention Schedule at a Glance

# Save the Date for Rotary International's Free Virtual Event






*"Now More than Ever, Rotary Connects the World: The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention"*

Rotary's first ever Virtual Convention will be taking place 20-26 June 2020.


Below is a list of dates and times for Virtual

Convention programming. As you can see, the convention does not run the entire day, but instead will be broadcast at a few set times each day. Additionally, if you miss the live broadcasts, they will be readily available on the convention website, providing some flexibility for you and your event attendees to participate at your own convenience. The Virtual Convention is free to all attendees, however, there will be a sign in process in order to access the programming. Detailed Instructions for this process will be provided before the event.




### Saturday 20 June

\* 8:00  9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5)  Together We Connect  Virtual Convention General Session 1


\* 14:00 - 15:15  London/Lagos Time



\* 21:00 - 22:15  Taipei Time


### Sunday 21 June


\* 8:00  9:15 Chicago Time (UTC-5)  Together We Learn  Virtual Convention General Session 2

\* 14:00 - 15:15  London/Lagos Time

\* 21:00 - 22:15  Taipei Time

**Monday 22 June  Friday 26 June ** Featured Breakouts Daily, one breakout will be offered at each of the following times\*:

\* 8:00  9:00 Chicago Time (UTC-5)

\* 12:00  13:00 Chicago



Time (UTC-5)

\* 18:00 ♦ 19:00 Chicago  
Time (UTC-5)

#### Monday, 22 June

- 8:00 - Using Virtual Tools to Engage Members
- 12:00 - Engaging Rotary Alumni
- 18:00 - Greening Rotary Events: Be Plastic-free, Offset Carbon, and More!

#### Tuesday, 23 June

- 8:00 - Grow Rotary Through New Club Types
- 12:00 - President-Nominee Session
- 18:00 - How to Start and Manage RAGM Microfinance Projects/ C♦mo iniciar y administrar proyectos de micro finanzas RAGM (**presented in Spanish**)

#### Wednesday, 24 June

- 8:00 - Adopt-a-River Initiative: A Rotary & UNEP Partnership Model
- 12:00 - Rotaract Elevated, Now What?
- 18:00 - Disruptive Innovation in Rotary Clubs/La innovaci♦n disruptiva en los clubes rotaries (**presented in Spanish**)

#### Thursday, 25 June

- 8:00 - How to Submit a Great Global Grant Application
- 12:00 - President-Elect Session
- 18:00 - Digital Trends of 2021: Using Tech to Engage Millennials

#### Friday, 26 June

- 8:00 - Engage Young Families with Service and Alternative Meetings
- 12:00 - The Rotary Brand
- 18:00 - Personal Growth Opportunities: Rotary♦s Alliance with Toastmasters

**PLEASE NOTE:**

*These Live Sessions will be recorded and made available for On Demand viewing*