

Rotary



District 6670



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Events

January 19th
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A Message from your District Governor



Happy New Year fellow Rotarians!

My wish for each of you is a safe, healthy and prosperous 2021. I look forward to getting back to a more normal Rotary in the coming months including our ability to come back together for in-person fellowship.

I continue to ask Rotarians ♦ ♦Are you greatly interested in Rotary. ♦ In this newsletter, Maria Doherty, Club President of West Chester/Liberty Rotary Club shares her Rotary story. Please take some time to read it. I believe you will find some of her comments fit nicely around this month's Rotary theme.

January is Vocational Service Month. The concept of vocational services is rooted in the Second Object of Rotary ♦ ♦**High standards in business and professions, the recognition of the worthiness of all useful occupations and the dignifying of each Rotarian's occupation as an opportunity to serve society.** ♦ The way we go about our vocational service is embodied in our **Four-Way Test**.

If you are like me, you initially joined Rotary primarily to make business connections. I was newer to the community and looking to connect to other business leaders to network and expand my insurance sales. It was explained to me in my club's orientation meeting that I was not to use the club directory for business mailings or actively solicit business at Rotary meetings. I was told my club expected me to contribute to our club monetarily and that I could become involved in committees and service projects. Yes, my Rotary membership benefitted my business through the connections I made, but it was only after I became engaged in my club that I came to understand how the skills I developed in my career and vocation would and could contribute to Rotary, my club and my community. It was also some of my fellow club members using their vocational skills in mentoring me and identifying some leadership skills in me (skills that I had not seen in myself), which encouraged and propelled me into leadership roles in the Club and the District.

One of the privileges of serving as District Governor is that I get to see how Rotarians utilize their vocational service to benefit our Clubs and our communities throughout the District. It is evident in the leadership skills exhibited by our club presidents and leaders as they work through the challenges of keeping clubs together during the pandemic. I see Rotarians with extensive project management skills organize, lead and deliver local and international service projects. I see Rotarians mentoring young persons through Junior Achievement, reading to our children in the classrooms, Rotary Youth Exchange, and Interact. Rotarians are exhibiting high ethical standards by leading ethics discussions at universities and through our Four-Way Speech contest. I see Rotarians mentoring new members to become Rotary and community leaders. I see Rotarians helping those who are, or have been, incarcerated in prison develop reading, math and job interview skills. And, I see those with skills and confidence in asking for money help clubs in fundraising efforts or to raise money for a special cause. But what is most impressive is how Rotarians use their vocations to support members struggling in their business or with personal issues/matters.

So, what can your club do to further encourage vocational service? Take time in your club to talk about your members' professions. Consider having short vocational interviews, or have club members as meeting speakers to share their vocation. Have members host meetings at their place of business. Take an inventory of your club's member classifications and determine areas of opportunities to approach prospective members in occupations and classifications that your club does not currently have. Guide and encourage others in their professional development. Practice your profession with integrity.

It is okay to allow our Rotary membership to help us grow and succeed in our professions and vocations. Our personal success results in furthering our ability to create success in others.

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:

West Chester / Liberty

Upcoming Visits:

Club	Date
Cincinnati Eastside	1/6/2021
Tipp City	1/13/2021
Wilmington AM	1/14/2021
Vandalia	1/21/2021
Oxford	1/27/2021

Meeting type subject pending COVID-19 protocols

District Governor for 2023-2024 Selected



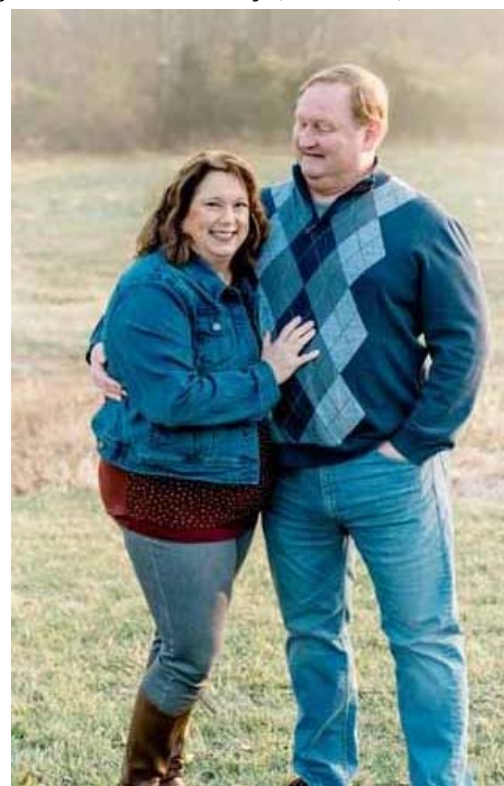
Thank you to the Nominating Committee consisting of PDG Mac Hickman, PDG Eric Marcus, PDG Mike Kelly, PDG Bill Shula, PDG Sigrid Solomon, and ex-officio members DG Greg Birkemeyer, DGE Carol Hughes, and DGN Frank Scott in their selection of our 2023-2024 District Governor- **Retired Navy Commander Doug Buchy of the Springboro Rotary Club!**

Doug is married to Elizabeth Ann Signorelli formerly of Brooklyn, New York. She has a BS in Accounting from Liberty University, Lynchburg VA and a M Ed in Curriculum Development from Concordia University, Portland OR. She is currently a Math teacher at Springboro High School teaching CP Algebra 2 and Algebra 3. She loves scrapbooking and has a Creative Memories side business. Doug is currently an Air Force Institute of Technology (AFIT) Professor teaching graduate level classes in business information management systems. They have two children, Erica (Brian) Coleman and Daniel (Kelsey) Buchy and three grandchildren, Lance (3), Felicity (2) and Connor (4 mo.).

Doug is certainly qualified for the position and brings the following Rotary Leadership Experience to the table, let's take a moment to see why it was easy to come to this decision.

Rotary Specific information:

- Became member of the Rotary Club of Great Bridge, Chesapeake, VA in 1994. Club was a medium sized club of 65 members.
- Became a member of the Rotary Club of Dayton in 2002. Club was a large sized club with 300+ members.
- Served as Technology Committee Chairman during Hans Berkel Presidency (2006-2007)
- Transferred membership to the Rotary Club of Springboro in 2007. Club is a small sized club of 25 members.
 - President Elect 2008-2009
 - President 2009-2010
 - Treasurer 2017-2019
 - Rotary Foundation Chairman 2010-2015
 - Multiple Paul Harris Fellow (PHF+1)
- District 6670 Positions:
 - Served as Assistant Governor 2010-2013
 - Responsible for the following clubs during the three years: Centerville (1 yr), Dayton (3 yrs), Fairborn (2 yrs), Trotwood (2 yrs), Waynesville (1 yr) and Xenia (3 yrs)
 - Served as Assistant Governor Coordinator 2013-2015
 - Served as District Trainer 2013-2015
 - Member of the Executive Committee 2012-2015
 - Member of the All-Ohio PETS Committee 2013-2015
 - Member of the Strategic Planning Committee 2013-2014
 - Member of the Foundation Committee 2014-2015
 - Chairman of the Grants Committee 2014-2015
- All-Ohio PETS Positions:
 - Served as a Facilitator 2010-2012
 - Served as the Facilitator Trainer 2011-2014. Responsible for training the trainers for over 260 PEs per year.
- Rotary Legacy:
 - Father, Robert L. Buchy (deceased), was a



- member of the Dayton Rotary Club (1982 to 2015) and was a Major Donor.
- o Uncle, G. James Buchy, is a member of the Greenville Rotary Club.

District 6670, let's welcome Doug Buchy to become our 2023-2024 District Governor!

Why I Joined Rotary but More Importantly, why I Stayed in Rotary.



Like most of us, I was invited to attend a meeting by a client in 2014. I planned his company holiday party and after several invitations to join him for a Rotary breakfast meeting, I reluctantly accepted. I was already active in the West Chester/Liberty Chamber of Commerce and Perfect Wedding Guide organizations and had no desire to take on another commitment. Fast forward several months and I take a job as the Director of Sales at Hilton Garden Inn. As I'm trying to get settled in my new role, the President-Elect of Rotary Club of West Chester/Liberty repeatedly stops by the hotel (unannounced) and has left several messages on my voicemail. My new boss tells me to join a civic organization so I return the persistent phone call. I'm invited to a breakfast meeting again and I'm welcomed with open arms. I complete my application and immediately get appointed on the board as International Chair. I had never been a board member of any organization so from the very beginning, I felt important and was engaged in the club. I had tremendous support from the district and embraced my new role. Nobody had held that position for many years so I was able to make it my own and used my sales and marketing skills to build awareness and recruit families. In addition to this, I became our RYLA coordinator, which again, was a position that hadn't been filled in several years. All along the way, I participated in service projects like dictionary distribution, judge for Four Way Speech and volunteered at our Annual Buckeye BBQ Fest.

A year and a half later, my friend that works at the Courtyard Marriott Hamilton offers me a job as his Director of Sales. For several weeks, I politely declined but then I accepted the offer but only under one condition- I was a part of the West Chester/Liberty Rotary Club and I was going to remain an active member of the club, meaning I would be at meetings in West Chester from 7:30am-9am every Friday, which means I would come in late every Friday. My new boss agreed and we had a deal. Hamilton Rotary meets at this hotel so I was able to attend some lunch meetings and volunteer as a judge at their science fairs. About a year later, I was humbled to be named Rotarian of the Year. I was so shocked but my husband and my boss were not shocked at all! There was no hiding how important Rotary was to me, it became my hobby. Within a few months of being pregnant with our 4th child, I was nominated to join the wheel as Vice President. Again, I agree to this role under one condition- if my husband asks, I was unanimously voted in and was appointed and had no choice, this was forced on me because they didn't have anyone else to do it!

When the pandemic hit in March, I was laid off from the hotel. I was 4 months away from being President and it was important to me to remain a part of Rotary. I've been a stay-at-home mom since then and my involvement in Rotary is what keeps me busy and sane. From working with foreign exchange students to contacting guest speakers to leading fundraiser efforts to now leading club meetings, Rotary has given me so many opportunities to do things that I never would have had the opportunity to do. I have the freedom and flexibility to be creative in our service projects. My club members have become my family. Their husbands and wives have become my friends. I'm inspired by their giving hearts and their compassion for others and it makes me want to do more.

Engaging members is so important. Get them involved as soon as possible. Invite that person to a meeting, not just once, but several times because eventually they will say yes and they will be so glad that they were able to experience Rotary. Recognize those Rotarians (or non-rotarians) that are doing great things in the community, it will make them want to do even more. We're all busy in life between work, school, kids, extracurricular activities, and family obligations but making time for your community gives you a purpose, a connection, a balance, and allows you to be thankful for everything you have.

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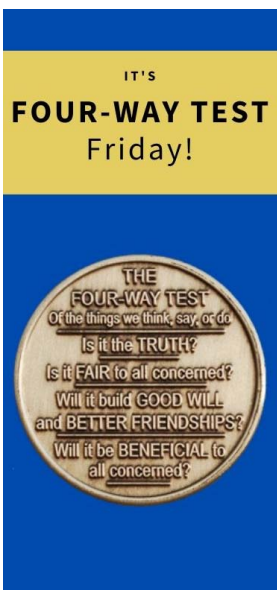
Middletown Rotary Committed to Education and Service

Middletown Rotary Club has actively supported access to higher education for more than three-quarters of a century. In 2019, the club dissolved

its foundation, endowing scholarship funds by donating nearly \$700,000 to Miami University's Middletown campus and more than \$225,000 to Cincinnati State Technical and Community College's Middletown campus.

What started as a loan program grew into the Middletown Rotary Club Foundation. For years, the club raised funds by selling truckloads of boxed fruit. Middletown Rotarians also raised funds with its annual newspaper magazine insert, both programs generously supported by businesses and friends of Middletown.

Middletown Rotarians continue to support education, along with Rotary District 6670, with its annual Dictionary Project that serves third graders in Middletown, Madison, Monroe, Trenton, and St. John XXIII Schools. This year the club adds a few bilingual Spanish-English dictionaries for each school as classroom resources.



The Middletown Rotary Club has been striving to help meet some of the immediate needs in the community. Pictured above, containers of clamshell boxes, food handling gloves and plastic forks were delivered to Feed the Hungry. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, Feed the Hungry serves about 200 carryout meals a day for those in need in Middletown, Monday-Friday.

COVID-19 changed the club's vision for 2020. With the support of District 6670, Middletown Rotary helped our neighbors by:

- ◆ Funding food purchases through Central Connections Center for older adults, the Louella Thompson Dream Center: Feed the Hungry Project, and the local Salvation Army;
- ◆ Delivering bottles of hand sanitizer to the YMCA and the Hope House shelter;
- ◆ Bolstering supplies of children's diapers distributed by the Robert "Sonny" Hill Community Center, and more.

As we continue our Service above Self, we remember our recently deceased friends: David Francis, Charles Morgan, Fred Sauer, Ronald L. Williams and Walter Roehl Jr. **

Beavercreek Rotary Provides to Families in Need at Christmas



Beavercreek Rotary Club continued the 25 year tradition of providing Christmas Baskets and Presents to 60 families to need in 2020. Like every other service project, the pandemic presented new challenges♦all of which were met with the usual kindness, grace and generosity that are the hallmarks of a Beavercreek Rotarian.

Beavercreek Rotary Club partnered with the local FISH Food Pantry to connect with families who can use the help, and won♦t be getting assistance from other organizations. To make it happen, this community effort brings together a local grocery store to source the food for a holiday dinner, Rotarians who purchase and wrap gifts, Rotarians who coordinate with the police department to plan the most efficient deliveries, Rotarians who deliver the baskets and gifts, and Rotarians who donate dollars towards the project. And increasing the level of difficulty in 2020, it was done at a distance and masked, but always with a grateful smile.

Beavercreek Rotary is appreciative of the District 6670 Grant which funded nearly half of the project.



Cincinnati Rotary Holds Drive-Thru Christmas for Kids



On December 8, our Rotary Club had a large, drive-through Christmas party for children at the Roselawn Condon School. We didn♦t let the COVID-19 pandemic stop us from carrying out our long-standing tradition of hosting a party for the children. It♦s one of the highlights of our Rotary year! Many of the students at the school have significant disabilities and other special needs. For some children, Club 17♦s party provides their only Christmas gifts. Special creativity was called for this year by Rotarians Terri Boeing and Brad Green who co-chaired the event. More than 120 children received gifts donated by Rotarians. And, many of the teachers, dressed in holiday attire, joined us outside to welcome the students. A special thanks to Rotarians Bob McElroy (Santa), Angie Fischer and Ali Hubbard (Santa♦s elves), and Nancy & Jerry Riesz and ♦Roman♦, their Great

Pyrenees, dressed as a furry elf. And, special thanks also to the companies and foundations which provided the many mascots: Mr. Redlegs (Reds Community Fund), Twister & Puckchop (Cincinnati Cyclones), Gary (FC Cincinnati), and Big Boy (Frisch's). And thanks to Mighty Mouse (our very own Foundation President, Carl Kappes). This was a great event that touched the lives of many children. And, for those students who couldn't make it to the drive-through party, teachers and Rotary volunteers delivered gifts to their homes. A big thanks to all Club 17 members who shopped, wrapped, and delivered gifts for the children! And, to Terri and Brad, our Co-Chairs!

Judge Honored by Northeast Cincinnati Club

Judge Heather Stein Russell, a prominent Hamilton County Municipal Court Judge, was honored by the Rotary Club of Northeast Cincinnati at Loveland City Council.

As a municipal court judge, Heather Stein Russell has played a vital role in helping women who have been victimized by the tragedy of sex trafficking and drug abuse. Above and beyond her duties as judge, she established CHANGE COURT, which offers women treatment for trauma and addiction, provides basic needs through faith-based organizations, provides places to live, record expungement, job training, and many other supportive actions to help human trafficking victims start new and productive lives.

The Rotary Club of Northeast Cincinnati commended Judge Russell on being selected as an Enquirer Woman of the Year for 2020 and recognized her outstanding example of Rotary's motto "Service Above Self." Judge Russell was also conferred honorary membership in Rotary.

According to Russell, "This is a great honor and especially important to me since it is coming from the local community I love." Robert Miller, President of Rotary, commented "Judge Russell has devoted her entire career to public service and has gone above and beyond her duties as a jurist to serve others." "She is to be admired for the many ways she has given back to our local community."

Left to Right in Front: Rev. Ted Kalsbeek, Northeast Cincinnati Rotary Club, Judge Heather Stein Russell, Dr. Robert Miller, President, Northeast Cincinnati Rotary Club

Background: Members of Loveland City Council



Fairfield Rotary Christmas Project



Fairfield Rotary Club Christmas Project of 2020 was a huge success again despite the crazy year all of us had. 32 Local families were blessed.

I just wanted to let you know that Rotary Club of Fairfield "Santa's" have delivered all the goodies...presents purchased by Rotary and our Rotarians, extra gifts provided by the community Giving Tree at the Fairfield Community Arts Center, food pantry items from Fairfield Food Pantry, groceries from Jungle Jim's, 32 Giant Turkeys' from Johnny V's Car Star, and personal care items from Beiersdorf (no longer in the community...but gave me enough personal care products last year for three years). In total, Rotary Club of Fairfield and our community partners distributed approximately \$14,000 worth of food, gifts and personal care products to thirty-two families consisting of 80 children.



This is our clubs favorite project of the year. Assisting families to provide them with this wonderful program to our Fairfield School



students and families. We know this has been a difficult year for everyone, and our club willingness to put in the extra time to help us bless many families in our community.

Dayton Rotary Peace Committee Holiday Meal Project 2020



The Dayton Rotary Peace Committee continues to strive for ways to build relationships in neighborhoods in West Dayton. One of our committee members, Reverend Elmer Martin, who serves as pastor of Greater Allen AME suggested that hunger has become an even more critical need of so many in the community since the pandemic. If people are hungry, peace becomes difficult to achieve.

Working with Reverend Martin and Father Benjamin Speare-Hardy of the West Dayton Caravan of Churches, our committee organized a Holiday Meal Distribution at two churches in West Dayton, Greater Allen AME and St. Margaret's Episcopal Church. On December 19, 2020, the Saturday before Christmas, we would pass out food to anyone who showed up at the churches.

The Peace Committee contacted Miami Valley Meals (MVM), a newly organized non-profit, that provides free meals to the hungry. We contracted for 200 frozen meals and the churches provided dozens of frozen turkeys and hams as well as canned goods for pick up at the two locations. Volunteers from the Dayton Rotary Peace Committee and the two churches manned the distribution stations outside both churches that Saturday.

The Holiday Meal Project was a total success! We distributed all 200 meals, the frozen hams and turkeys as well as the canned goods available. To see the smiles on the faces of the people who drove up to receive the donated food was priceless. We took that first important step in building a relationship with the community. We all agreed we would do this again next year and hope to reach even more people in need.

We truly believe peace building starts with projects like this!



Mason Deerfield Hosts Virtual 50/50 Fundraiser

Help Us Fight Hunger! We are hosting a Virtual Split-the-Pot to help raise money for Mason Food Pantry and Kings Local Food Pantry. We'll be selecting the winner (up to \$2,500) on February 13 on Facebook Live. Look below for how to purchase your tickets:

1. Go to



masondeerfield.ticket.qtego.net/ <<http://masondeerfield.ticket.qtego.net/>>

2. Scroll down to purchase your split-the-pot tickets for \$50 each.

3. Three winners will be selected and will receive the following payouts: 1st - 50%; 2nd - 35%; 3rd - 15%

Oxford Rotarian Ralph Gutowski Prints Face Mask Straps



Oxford Rotarian Ralph Gutowski's daughter-in-law Angie, a Nurse Practitioner, reached out to him about a problem she was having wearing a surgical face mask all day long. The elastic bands that loop behind the ears begin to rub the skin raw and it becomes very uncomfortable as the day progresses. She encountered a colleague who was wearing a plastic strap across the back of her head that held the elastic off the ears (see picture). The strap was printed on a 3D printer. So Angie reached out to Ralph to see if he could print one for her on his 3D printer.

Ralph found a file on the internet containing a design that would work on his 3D printer. He downloaded a file and printed off a dozen



of these surgical mask straps, which have NIH approval. After meeting Angie's and his sons' needs, he turned to Pam Collins, Chief Patient Services Officer at McCullough-Hyde Hospital to see if they could use them. Pam replied enthusiastically, "We sure could!" To maximize production, Ralph tweaked the original file in Meshmixer and duplicated the design to now print four straps at a time. So his 3D printer ran all weekend and on Monday morning it was Rotary to the Rescue. Ralph delivered 75 of these ear-saving surgical mask straps to Pam Collins at McCullough-Hyde.

Ralph's son, Jeff, reached out to colleagues and faculty in Miami's College of Engineering who have 3D printers to get involved with supplying the hospital. Ralph uploaded the build files to the cloud so others can download them and help meet the demand, and now Miami Engineering faculty are contributing, too. If you, or anyone you know, has a 3D printer and would like to join the project, please contact Ralph (rgutowski@woh.rr.com).

For readers with a thirst for the technical details: The straps are printed using a filament of biodegradable polylactic acid (PLA)



made from corn, extruded at a temperature of 220 deg. C (428 deg F). Each strap requires 1.5 meters of filament and it takes 1 hour 15 minutes to print them four at a time (on Ralph's hobby printer).