

Rotary



District 6670



Rotary Opens Opportunities

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Events

December 1st
[Rotary Leadership Institute
- Part I/Session 1](#)

December 8th
[RLI - Part I/Session 2
\(Must be registered for
12/1\)](#)

A Message from your District Governor



Hello my Fellow Rotarians,

Well the elections are over and assuming there are no legal challenges, I for one am glad it is over. After all the rhetoric, accusations, negative news cycles, questions of COVID super-spreader events and demonstrations, my hope for our country is that we can get back to a more a cooperative and peaceful nation where our government and civic leaders work together utilizing the principles of Rotary's Four-Way Test.

I want to give a special congratulations to two of our Clubs celebrating milestones. West Milton celebrated its 75th Anniversary on 10/23/2020. Lebanon is celebrating its 100th Anniversary on 11/20/2020. I was pleased to present both clubs with framed certificates from Rotary President Holger Knaack. Thank you to for your many years of service to Rotary, each other and your

communities!

Rotary International's theme for November is The Rotary Foundation (TRF). TRF is the financial engine that allows us to deliver on our promise of service around the world and in our local communities. In July of this year, through your contributions to TRF's Annual Fund, our District awarded \$50,000 for 26 district grants to 21 clubs for Rotary year 2020-21. We also have matching grant funds set aside for Cincinnati, Dayton and Centerville working on global grants.

I am sometimes asked -- Greg, with all of the issues in our local communities, shouldn't we focus on giving to our local community's needs rather than giving to TRF. My response is two-fold. First, do you believe that one club could have solved polio all by itself? Second, as mentioned earlier, the District's local matching grants responds to the needs to our local communities where you deliver education through dictionary and book programs, feed the hungry, provide vision screening to students, provide warm coats, hats and gloves to the homeless, provide COVID supplies and protective equipment and put shoes on the shoeless.

To all Rotarians who are regularly donating to TRF, thank you very much. For those who are not, I respectfully ask that each of you consider making a donation to TRF this Rotary year. Of much importance is giving to the Annual Fund as the funds you and I donate this year will make determine how much funds the District will have available for district matching grants three years from now. Since the inception of COVID, our District's contributions to TRF has been steadily declining, which unless we reverse the trend, will result in a significant decrease in future district matching grants.

There are many ways you can give to the Rotary Foundation:

1. If your club is not having meals during the COVID pandemic, considering donating what you would have paid for your Rotary meal to the TRF.
2. Clubs can contribute Happy Bucks from one or more meetings.
3. Become a Every Rotarian Every Year (EREY) participant by donating at least \$25 annually. EREY was lowered from \$100 to \$25 to encourage more Rotarian participation.
4. Direct contributions to TRF Annual Fund funds our District's local matching grants and global grants
5. Paul Harris Society this is a commitment to donate at least \$1,000 annually to The Annual Fund and/or PolioPlus. The easiest way to make this contribution is \$85 charged monthly to your credit card. The PH Society differs from a Paul Harris Fellowship. The Fellowship is an award for achieving \$1,000 in giving or awarded points where the Society is a commitment to regular giving. Currently 50 District Rotarians are PHS members.
6. Major Donor this is achieved from donating \$10,000 or more to TRF Annual Fund. This can be achieved over time. We have 70 Major Donors in our District.
7. The Bequest Society using your last will and testament or your estate plans to donate a minimum of \$10,000 upon your death. This can be established as a second-to-die bequeath. We have 29 Bequest Society members.
8. Arch Klumph Society this is a contribution of \$250,000 or more. We are still looking to achieve our District's first Arch Klumph member. ??

Lastly, some of you may be aware that for every dollar you donate to The Annual Fund, you are awarded one Recognition Point. Your points can be used to help award a Paul Harris Fellowship. The points cannot be used on yourself. Clubs have points for donations made by the Club to TRF. Individuals have points for their contributions. We have a matching point program whereby if a Rotarian makes a donation of at least \$100 to TRF Annual Fund, we will match each dollar with one point. By example, a \$500 donation is matched with 500 points leading to an instant Paul Harris Fellowship. I ask that members and clubs not using their Recognition Points to transfer them to the District for our matching points program. Over the last several years, we have found that the matching point program has encouraged members to contribute money to TRF.

If anyone has any questions about the TRF, feel free to reach to District Foundation Chair Frank Scott or any member of the District Foundation Committee. Better yet, ask a member of the Committee to be a speaker at a club meeting.

I hope you and your families have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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:

Mason Deerfield	Greenville
Hamilton	Lebanon
West Milton	

Upcoming Visits:

Club	Date	Format*
Williamsburg	11/10/2020	Virtual
Centerville	11/12/2020	In-person
Germantown	11/13/2020	In-person
Miamisburg	11/18/2020	Virtual
New Carlisle	11/24/2020	In-person
West Chester / Liberty	12/8/2020	Format pending
Vandalia	12/10/2020	In-person
Cincinnati Eastside	1/6/2021	In-person
Tipp City	1/13/2021	In-person
Cincinnati	1/14/2021	In-person

***Meeting format subject to change pending COVID-19**

District Matching Points Program Underway



BY: Frank H Scott, District 6670 Rotary Foundation Chair

Thanks to generous Clubs within our District and generous Rotarians who have donated to The Rotary Foundation, the District is matching donations to The Rotary Foundation for Annual Fund Share and for Polio Plus with Recognition Points. Your District Leadership has asked Clubs with

recognition point balances to donate some points to this District program.

For example, you can donate \$500 to The Rotary Foundation and get 500 matching recognition points and you will receive a Paul Harris Fellowship, either your first or a subsequent PHF.

The program is designed to stimulate donations to The Rotary Foundation during this pandemic. Donations are down dramatically during the last few months. We must support our own Foundation.

Our balance right now is 25,000 points and we will be adding more as time goes on. Your donation will be matched according to the rules above.

For more details please contact your District Rotary Foundation Committee Chair, Frank Scott at fscott4971@gmail.com.

Rotary Leadership Institute

If you've been waiting for the perfect time to meet Rotarians from other clubs around District 6670, and if



you've been looking for a way to hone your knowledge of Rotary, then it's time to sign up now. Rotary Leadership Institute is a great way to know more about Rotary at the club, the district, the zone and the national level.

It's time to sign up now! **Registration is ready on-line at DACdb.** The \$20 cost includes all the materials necessary to be a successful participant. Most clubs will pay the cost for you and a friend to participate. Or just participate alone and represent your club.

This is Rotary Leadership's first opportunity to go virtual and all sessions will be held via Zoom. Part I will be held on 3 consecutive Tuesday nights (December 1, December 8 and December 15) from 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Come join us in December! What a great way to get truly informed and network with other Rotarians. Find one or two people in your club to join us. If you have questions, please

call Dottie Meade, District 6670 RLI Committee Chair at 937-477-5109. Or send her an email at dameade518@gmail.com.

See you at RLI on December 1, 2020!!!

If you have already participated in Part One and/or Part Two, please watch in the next few weeks for Part Two and Part Three to come after the first of the year.

Kettering Rotary Activities



Kettering Rotary Club has been meeting in person and via Zoom. Zoom speakers have been from around the country and the globe! Membership is up! The club has inducted four new members since July in part to the new Membership initiatives the club introduced.

Kettering Rotary Club is donating turkeys to The Widow's Home in Dayton to help them provide an extra special holiday for their residents.

Kettering also pledged \$4,810.00 to the Malawi Well Project. It was an honor to join fellow Rotarians and other local club in this worthy project.

West Milton Rotary Fall Activities

Like other clubs around the state and nationwide, the Rotary Club of West Milton is working to increase its visibility so as to recruit and sustain new members. In an attempt to increase local awareness regarding Rotary's mission, event sponsorship, and charitable efforts, our members are working on club reorganization strategies and establishing new partnerships with civic organizations on high-interest

projects in and around the West Milton community.

To fund our student scholarship program and other philanthropic work, our club has been busy! At the time this short article was written, club members had already distributed and returned Election Day materials to all voting precincts across Miami County. We have been fortunate to partner with the Miami County Board of Elections on this project, and we are pleased to continue this work as one of our major fundraising efforts.



Also, we will continue our American Flag fundraiser just in time for Veterans Day. Our community members can request that flags be displayed on their properties during patriotic holidays throughout the calendar year. Our club works together delivering flags to and collecting them from residences throughout the community.

Once again, this fundraising work helps us sustain our student scholarship program and ongoing partnership with the Milton-Union High School Interact Club. Although we might be small in terms of membership numbers, the Rotary Club of West Milton is big on effort. These activities and

partnerships keep our members on the move throughout the Fall Season, but every moment spent on these projects is an opportunity to give back to and support the West Milton community.

We also celebrated our 75th Anniversary of our Charter below are the members who were present for the celebration.



Mason Deerfield Club News

Our club was excited to induct two new members even though we had to do so via Zoom! Membership Chair Garry, President Heather and Secretary Nicole met at a local coffee house on two separate occasions and the rest of the club joined us via zoom as we inducted Mark Andrea and Tim Bonificio. The club gave a resounding thumbs up as we approved the guys for membership. We are so happy to be growing our club especially with this year's challenges and look forward to the day we can all be together in person again to welcome our new members properly.



We were also excited to be a part of the Mason Deerfield Chamber parade to thank our local businesses. We decorated cars and drove down Main Street making a lot

of noise! Business owners came out and waived which was wonderful. We recognize as a club that we need to support these local businesses. They are always the first to help us with raffle baskets for our fundraisers so now it is our turn to return the gift with or business when we can.

If any Rotarians would like to join us for a zoom meeting make up email Nicole at



masondeerfieldohrotary@gmail.com<<mailto:masondeerfieldohrotary@gmail.com>> for the meeting link!

Oxford Rotary is Awarded District 6670 Grant For Two New "Healthcare Internships"

Richard Norman and Nathan Simmons To Lead Program

The Oxford Rotary Club has been awarded a matching Grant of \$4,800 from our District 6670 to launch a new Healthcare Internship program for Summer 2021. Here is a description from the Grant describing this new project:

"Summer Healthcare Internships for (2) High School Students age 17 or older (Junior/Senior) at the McCullough Hyde Memorial Hospital/TriHealth. The selected applicants could be a student in traditional HS setting, attending Butler Tech or other accredited educational alternative. The internships are designed for an 8-week period, over the summer for 40 hours per week."

"Program goals are 1) to meet today's Global increasing demand for healthcare workers; 2) to provide a positive, hands-on experience for a HS student, leading to a career in the Healthcare field; 3) to supplement our existing scholarship program into a broader demographic for students seeking a non-college career (i.e. lab tech, phlebotomy, facilities management, etc. and 4) to demonstrate the relevance of Rotary and extend its primary mission within the community through an expansion of new opportunities of our Youth.

Two Club Members, each with unique experience in Healthcare have agreed to lead the project. Richard Norman has served as Chairman of the Board for MHMH and oversaw the affiliation with TriHealth. Nathan Simmons is Director of Pharmacy for MHMH/TriHealth and Bethesda Butler Hospitals and serves on the Board of the Family Resource Center.

Funds from our Stars and Stripes program will be used to support this program. Many thanks to Etta Reed for continuing to oversee this program so that we can expand our Youth programs.

Applications will be accepted beginning January 2021 with an award made in April. A Flyer is below.

[Read More](#)

Wilmington AM Rotary Cardboard and Cans 2020

Cardboard & Cans ♦ 2020 had teams competing using ideas and materials close to what Cardboard City and CanStructure used. Competing teams were asked to apply all their creativity to fashion art of any kind (structures, pictures, sculptures, etc.) that speak to a theme of ♦Caring for Our Neighbors♦. Construction



materials used were cardboard, paint, duct tape (!) ♦ basically anything that the team can think of for the principle building material, including nonperishable and canned food items.

The COVID-19 pandemic did not slow the Church of God team from participating in this year event to raise needed fund and food for the homeless Shelter. Their youth group sold 150 boxed Chicken and noodle dinners one Sunday and had a car wash at the church to raise the fund for the event. The team used one Sunday service as a donation day for the event. The kids worked one week every night to complete their structure and the younger kids took care of collecting over 1,500 cans of food item. In addition, the team raised over \$2,400 to support the shelter.

Their effort put them in first place for both the most creative structure that was built and for the most money raised.

The CCHS provides emergency shelter, compassionate care and support to the homeless and underprivileged in Clinton County while remembering that each resident is a person of worth. Each night, they can house up to **38** men, women and children. In 2019, the Shelter was home for **253** individuals including **39** children and **7** Veterans. They called the shelter home for **6,811 nights** and they were served **34,055** meals/snacks.

Pictured from left are: Fadi Al-Ghawi, Wilmington AM Rotary co-chair of the event); From the Wilmington Church of God, Erin Jones, Ginger Pendell, Emma Boll, Angel Boll, and Pastor Rich Boll; and Mark McKay, Wilmington AM Rotary president.

Rotary Club of Cincinnati invites you to our Solarize Uganda Now (SUN) virtual event on November 12

SUN-Solarize Uganda Now

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati invites you to our Solarize Uganda Now (SUN) virtual event on



Thursday, November 12, 2020 at 7:00 PM (Zoom). SUN is our international development project for clean, green solar-powered LED lights for rural Ugandan schools. Featured in July's [Rotarian Magazine](#), SUN was designated a model project by Rotary International's Environmental Sustainability Rotary Action Group (ESRAG). The Rotary Club of Cincinnati pivotally gave SUN its first grant five years ago and others joined in, including our Rotary District 6670 part of our 2019 RI Global WASH Grant. Each school installation, costs between \$5,000-\$6,000. LED solar lighting has changed the lives of an estimated 38,000 plus rural Ugandans helping them study longer, drink clean water (RI/GG) and have better medical care. Our exceptional partners include founder of All We Are, Midtown Raleigh Rotarian, Past President and UC grad engineer, Nathan Thomas, and the Nateete Rotary Club in Kampala. **Five years and 33 installations later SUN is working to fund 17 school installations to reach our goal of 50 by the end of 2022.** Click [HERE](#) to learn more about Solarize Uganda Now and how you can support this successful project and receive raffle tickets for ten for dinner at the Montgomery Inn Boat House. Join us on **November 12, 2020**, to hear SUN's future plans with the debut of the SUN video featuring Rotarian, Nathan Thomas followed by a Q&A session with Nathan. Visit the Rotary Club of Cincinnati website at www.cincinnatirotary.org for information on how to attend the presentation.

You may also click this link to view the presentation by members of the World Affairs Committee to the club members on October 22, 2020: <https://youtu.be/gJkqepFmOzw>.

Rotary Club of Farmersville Receives Grant to Fund Valley View Grad's Africa Water Project

The Rotary International District 6670 Grants Committee approved a grant for \$10,000 to help fund an East Africa water project in Malawi. Farmersville Rotary Club applied for a grant following a presentation by Abbie Morneault to club members.

The Malawi Water Project is making a significant impact in the health of people living in rural areas. Teams have now installed over 2,600 biosand water filters, providing clean water to over 20,000 people.

The objective of this project is the construction of a sustainable, centrally located, and good-quality water supply and transmission system for Wasambo High School and surrounding village communities.

Abbie Morneault is the Head Teacher at the Wasambo Boys High School in Malawi. Abbie, a Valley View High School graduate from Farmersville has shared her teaching experience in the Malawi school at local Rotary club meetings.

In 2006 Abbie joined high school juniors from Oakwood, Centerville, and Valley View high schools for a trip to Honduras. During their spring break, the six students and Rotarians, Susan Bantz (Farmersville), Coe Potter (Oxford), Bob Ammerman (Germantown) and John Callander (Centerville), participated in a Centerville Rotary Club sponsored project of building homes for displaced families. This trip sparked an interest Abbie's desire for working with youth in the future.

Greenfield Rotary Club Auction Nets Nearly \$18,000

Since 1987, the Greenfield Rotary Club auction has been a major fundraiser for the Highland County club. Until 2020, it was always a part of the Greene Country Towne Festival also sponsored by Rotary, but the July 2020 festival was cancelled due to concerns about the COVID-19 pandemic. As a result, the club decided to proceed with a stand-alone auction event that proved to be very successful.

After consulting with tech-savvy members, the club moved its auction to September, focusing on online bidding via Facebook Live. Participants could bid by placing comments in Facebook Live, or by calling or texting in to the auction site. A few in-person bidders also attended, wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

The auction featured 10 limited edition prints by local artist Tammy Wells, whose creations have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars for the club through the years. This year the 10 framed prints brought in a total of \$16,100 for the club. Other donated items including a self-propelled lawn mower, bicycles, a string trimmer, grill and griddle brought in additional revenue via a silent auction.

Local auctioneer Gary Binegar coordinated the live bidding for the prints, then talked with Rotarians about the other items, which were sold at silent auction to wrap up the event. ♦The whole event took about 90 minutes and we were thrilled with the results. ♦ Rotary President Ron Coffey said.

Funds raised help the Greenfield club to operate and maintain the Ralph W. Phillips Recreation and Civic Center where the auction took place, and also support local projects. ♦The community has really supported us through the years because it ♦s well known that Rotary gives back to the community. ♦ Coffey said. ♦We are grateful for that support. ♦

The club is planning an appreciation dinner in November to honor print buyers and others who have contributed to the organization ♦s success.



Photo caption: Greenfield Rotarian Pat Hays holds one of the limited edition prints sold at the Greenfield Rotary Club auction Sept. 17 as auctioneer Gary Binegar monitors the bidding.

District Governor Meets with Lebanon Club

District Governor Greg Birkemeyer met with members of the Rotary Club of Lebanon Thursday, November 5 at lunch time at the Countryside YMCA ♦s Activity Center. There were 38 members in attendance.

November 2020 is a huge month for the club, as it is the 100th anniversary of its formation. On November 20, 1920 the club was awarded its official acceptance into Rotary International. At the time, Lebanon was the smallest community in the world to have a Rotary Club.

Governor Birkemeyer awarded club members a framed certificate recognizing the accomplishment. The club also will have a monument dedicated by one of its members ♦ Senator Rob Portman ♦ later this month at Rotary Park next to the Golden Lamb. The club is still planning on having a celebration gala after the COVID situation is over.

Governor Birkemeyer encouraged members to embrace this year ♦s Rotary International theme of ♦Rotary Opens Opportunities. ♦ He also encouraged membership to be looking for other like-minded individuals to join Rotary and make our district stronger.

The Rotary Club of Lebanon is also wrapping up its first ever Buckeye tree sale. Club members sold more than 100 flowering and non-flowering trees for delivery on December 1. The sale netted the club more than \$2,000.

Its next major fundraiser will be the annual Pancake Breakfast in conjunction with Let ♦s Lebanon at Lebanon High School. Typically, this is the biggest fundraiser of the year for the club.



Photo: District Governor Greg Birkemeyer presents Lebanon Rotary President Linda Oda with a framed certificate honoring the club's 100th anniversary. In addition to members of the Lebanon club, also pictured is Assistant Governor Susan Wilkinson.

Cincinnati Eastside Rotary helps secure \$25,000 grant for Little Fork Family Advocacy Center

For nine years and counting, [State Farm Neighborhood Assist](#) has awarded grants to nonprofit organizations across the country to help make a difference in their communities. Cincinnati Eastside Rotary again answered the call to action and championed an effort to secure a \$25,000 grant for the [Little Fork Family Advocacy Center](#) serving southwest Ohio.

The Little Fork Family Advocacy Center is envisioned to be a safe shelter in the community where a variety of specialists and support resources come together to address family challenges such as domestic violence, physical and sexual abuse, suicide and drug addiction. The collaborative initiative includes Child Focus, Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA), Mayerson Center for Safe and Healthy Children (Cincinnati Children's Hospital), law enforcement agencies, mental health professionals and Child Protective Services all in one location.

To help secure the grant, Cincinnati Eastside Rotary spear-headed an aggressive campaign to promote the value of the Little Fork Family Advocacy Center and secure daily online votes through State Farm Neighborhood Assist. Nearly 4 million votes were cast in total with State Farm awarding grants to the top 40 causes. Ohio secured the most grant winners.



Picture: Little Fork Family Advocacy Center accepts \$25,000 grant from State Farm Neighborhood Assist. From left, J. Scott Robertson, Chairman, Little Fork Family Advocacy Center; Alison Taylor, Rotary; Scott O'Reilly, President, Little Fork Family Advocacy Center; Mary Eisnaugle, Rotary; Erika Yingling, Rotary.

New Carlisle Rotary Supports Salvation Army



year, due to the ramifications of COVID-19. The New Carlisle Rotary Club donated \$1,200 to Mr. Ray at the conclusion of his program to help support the Salvation Army's efforts to support families this year.

Club hosted Mr. Ryan Ray, Director of Development for the Salvation Army of Springfield. Ryan shared the increased request for Christmas assistance from families this