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District 6670



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Events

September 12th
POSTPONED- District Service Project-Bunk Bed Build - Date TBD

September 23rd
District Trilogy

October 2nd
Ohio-Erie Multidistrict Fall Meeting

A Message from your District Governor



I write this month's Governor update as I celebrate my 60th birthday. Reflecting on my lifetime, I appreciate all the opportunities afforded me. I was raised in a good family where my father taught me hard work, perseverance and providing for my family. My mother taught me compassion, doing the right thing and spirituality. Our parents were not rich but we lived comfortably. I was fortunate to be the first in my family to attend and graduate college where I met my wife Peg. We have been together 36 years now and she is the love of my life. She encourages and supports me in everything I do including as your District Governor. Our children and grandchildren are a blessing. Those of you with children know it is not easy raising children but we find a way to love them despite the challenges they throw our way. I have the good fortune of a career which allows me to earn a good living and do many things in life I never thought possible. I have a good circle of friends and experience good health. I am indeed fortunate.

Rotary's monthly theme for September 2020 is *Basic Education and Literacy*. I suspect that many of you have taken for granted our wonderful local education systems. The impact of COVID-19 on our local education systems, I believe, should cause us to pause and really reflect on how fortunate we are. While our education system has found ways to adapt to COVID-19, many throughout the world do not have access to basic education and literacy. We Rotarians are called upon to help in the endeavor locally and globally. Through your efforts, **Rotary Opens Opportunities** for education and literacy in District 6670 every year with many clubs conducting dictionary and book service projects. For the 2020-2021 District Grant cycle, 13 of our District's clubs reported they will be delivering \$32,550 worth of educational materials with the District providing \$17,000 of this amount in matching grants. This does not include projects outside

the grant process where you provide dictionaries, books, school supplies and backpacks. You read to our children in the schools and provide meals to hungry students. Fairborn Rotary Club even arranges vision screening for all Fairborn City School kindergarten students because what good is a book if the child cannot see it? Clubs, with Interact Clubs, you too are providing education to students by affording them the opportunity to learn about the values offered in the Rotary Four-Way Test. Thank you, Rotarians, for your efforts!

By the time this newsletter arrives, I will have made my official District Governor visit with thirteen clubs. Thank you to Batavia, Franklin-Carlisle, Springboro, Greater Harrison, Huber Heights, Kettering, Northeast Cincinnati, Northmont, Troy, Dayton, Beaver Creek, Greenfield and Middletown for inviting me to visit and share my thoughts regarding **Rotary Opens Opportunities**. My upcoming scheduled visits include Centerville (9/17), Oakwood (9/18), West Milton (9/21), Sidney (9/28), Mason-Deerfield (10/20), Hamilton (10/29) and Cincinnati Eastside (11/6/21). If your club is not on the schedule, please reach out to me and propose dates for my visit. I have attended in-person, virtual, and combinations of both.

I invite you to attend our Annual District Trilogy on Wednesday September 23 from 7pm to 8:30 pm. This year's event is virtual and the registration information can be found on www.dacdb.com/calendar. This year, the topics are Membership, Public Image / Branding, and Foundation. In past years, with dinner, meeting and travel time Trilogy was a 5-hour commitment, but with this year as a virtual event, I hope you will join us for what will be a fast paced 90 minutes. I am asking that every club president to attend and to invite four of your club members to attend with you. District Membership Chair Shannon Graham will be discussing ways to retain and even attract members during the COVID-19 period. Public Image Chair Heidi Schiller will teach us ways to better utilize social media and the Rotary International's branding rules and guidelines. Frank Scott will share an overview of The Rotary Foundation, Polio Plus, District Grants and Global Grants. New members, this evening is a great primer to learn more about Rotary.

Please also mark our calendars for World Polio Day on Saturday October 24, 2020. I respectfully request that every club have a Polio theme for your meeting in the week leading up to this Day. **Rotary International asks that each and every club worldwide donate at least \$1,500 to PolioPlus during Rotary year 2020-2021.** If each of our 47 clubs made this commitment, we will have generated \$70,500 in Polio contributions. But it doesn't stop there! The Gates Foundation 2:1 match means we will have actually raised \$211,500! This would be a new record for our District. Consider having a purple pinky day. Invite members to contribute and have their pinky painted with purple nail polish. You may know that during national immunizations, vaccine recipients have their pinky painted purple to signify their vaccination. Better yet maybe some Rotarians will offer nice contributions to avoid having their nails painted! ??

And, you won't want to miss another event - The Heart of America Rotary (Zones 30/31) Virtual Summit on Saturday October 10, 2020. This one-day event is free! A list of speakers and registration link can be found later in this newsletter. You won't want to miss Jenny Stott's **Rotary Happy!** Her story on why she left Rotary and later formed a new club will certainly keep you engaged in her presentation. Our own PDG Sigrid Solomon is a scheduled speaker. International speaker Chris Wells will present his **DoGoodery!** I had the pleasure of seeing Chris' presentation live at the 2019 International Conference in Germany. Trust me when I say, you really have to see and hear this.

Lastly, please keep in your thoughts and prayers, our fellow Rotarians in District 6200 and 6190 who are suffering the effects of Hurricane Laura. Lake Charles is in District 6200 and many parts of the district is decimated. District 6190, north of 6200 also had significant damage. It is expected that some areas will be without power for two or more months while the temperature has

approached 100 degrees. If you would like to donate to recovery efforts, District 6840 (New Orleans area) is using its 501c3 to collect cash relief and distribute the funds and purchase and distribute supplies to affected areas. I know D6840 Governor Elizabeth Van Sant and trust that contributions will be handled appropriately. D6840 has significant experience in assisting in hurricane relief having managed over \$1,000,000 in relief after Hurricane Katrina. If you are able to help, you can provide support at this link: <https://portal.clubrunner.ca/50136/sitepage/district-6840-disaster-recovery>

Rotarians, thank you for your service as **Rotary Opens Opportunities.**

DG Greg Birkemeyer

Upcoming Rotary Events



Trilogy:
Wednesday September 23, 2020
Via Zoom 7:00 PM - 8:30 PM
Registration Link: www.dacdb.com/calendar

Don't Miss It!

Heart of America
Rotary
Zones 30 & 31

Taking Rotary by Storm

October 10, 2020 Rotary Summit
virtual

Presenters Include:

- Director
Floyd Lancia
- RI President-Elect
Shekhar Mehta
- Post RI President
Ian Risely
- Team Rubicon
Jake Wood
- Rotary Happy!
Jenny Stotts
- Post District Governor
Sigrid Soloman
- Rotarian & Polio Survivor
Anne Lee Hussey

DOGODERY!
Speaker, Chris Wells

Registration Now Open!
<https://3031summit.vfairs.com>

Cincinnati Rotary Shows Appreciation for Area Teachers

Roselawn Condon and Norwood Elementary Schools Teacher Appreciation

One of our Rotary International focus areas is **Supporting Education**. Especially in this time of COVID-19, our Club



desires to support education locally. Our Hands-On Service Committee, chaired by Bill Stille, has planned a series of projects with that in mind. On August 25 & 26, a

team from Club 17 did a project to encourage and thank 200 teachers and staff members at four local elementary schools: Roselawn Condon, Sharpsburg, Norwood View, and Williams Avenue. All teachers and staff members received a beautiful houseplant in a terracotta planter with a sign wishing them good luck and thanking them for their dedication to children, as well as a Rotary Club of Cincinnati cloth face mask & clip. This brought smiles to many faces at a stressful time. Special thanks to all who helped: Hux Miller (team leader), Ariel Miller, Chip Carson, Mary Ronan, Carl Grueninger, Aisling Grueninger, Terri Boeing, DeAnn Fleming, Ali Hussain, and Linda Muth.

The Mason Deerfield Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon Raffle is Open!



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Purchase a \$100 raffle ticket for a chance to own a 5-bottle set of Pappy Van Winkle Bourbon (10yr, 12yr, 15yr, 20yr, 23yr). Four runners up will be randomly selected in the drawing. 1st runner-up will receive a bottle of George T. Stagg Bourbon. 2nd runner-up will receive a bottle of Bookers Limited Edition 30th Anniversary Bourbon. 3rd runner-up will receive a bottle of Whistle Pig(10 yr) Single Barrel Rye. 4th runner-up will receive a bottle of W.L. Weller Special Reserve. Must be 21+ to win.

Proceeds benefit Mason Deerfield Rotary Club local scholarships and projects and The Dragonfly Foundation Tickets available online until October 1st at noon. Winner selected October 1st at 2pm Purchase tickets at

<https://dragonflybourbon.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list>
[fbclid=IwAR0IS6MT19f5wctOf6AIFBoFbE695Cd9HsPNwjRModr6Yqi9Mh7FEEx7Z8BI](https://dragonflybourbon.ticket.qtego.net/tickets/list?fbclid=IwAR0IS6MT19f5wctOf6AIFBoFbE695Cd9HsPNwjRModr6Yqi9Mh7FEEx7Z8BI)

Global Grant Initiative for Providing a Permanent Source of Clean Water in Malawi, Africa

Hello District 6670 Rotarians,

My name is Ron Hollenbeck. I am a member of the Centerville Rotary club, where I served as President during the 2016-2017 Rotary year. I am now in my second year as an Assistant Governor.

During the summer of 2018, I accompanied Design Outreach to NW Haiti where we installed a Life Pump. It is a **hand-cranked water pump** that can bring water to the surface from depths of 500 feet. It was exciting to see the beneficiaries' reaction to having a local, reliable source of clean drinking water. Subsequent to my trip, clubs from District 6670 made pledges to fund three (3) additional Life Pumps which are scheduled to be installed in Haiti in the very near future.

Rotary clubs in District 6670 are partnering with Rotary clubs in District 6690 to provide permanent clean water to twenty (20) locations in the country of Malawi which is located in SW Africa. In Malawi, 40% of the existing hand pumps are non-functional at any given time. In addition to these broken pumps, research shows another 14,000 communities have water systems that are non-functional during the peak dry season month of October when the water table is low.

The scope of the global grant is as follows:

- ◆ Provide each community with a LifePump and LifePumpLink.
- ◆ Replace defunct Afridev pumps in ten communities.
- ◆ Drill new wells in ten communities.
- ◆ Educate each community on life-saving WASH (water, sanitation, & hygiene) training to reduce the threat from waterborne diseases and COVID-19. Reduce underlying conditions that cause lethal complications when infected with COVID-19 by reducing chronic illnesses and neonatal disorders, caused by bacteria, viruses and parasites in contaminated surface water, and malnutrition related to a lack of water to grow fruits and vegetables for a varied diet.
- ? Empower community leaders with a platform of authority that will allow them to protect their families amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic and serve as regarded health ambassadors within the community with an impact that organically transcends community boundaries.
- ? Provide women with training and resources to manufacture and market face masks that can be sold to neighboring communities, bolstering the ability of women to be wage earners for their households.

The Life pump has proven its superiority over other pumps through both its reliability, as well as its ability to bring a reliable source of clean drinking water to the surface from depths of 500 feet. One of the first pumps Design Outreach installed in Malawi seven (7) years ago has been running continuously without any breakdowns. **As a result, the Malawi Ministry of Water has mandated that the Life Pump must be used if water is below 45 meters (~150 feet) in depth. All twenty (20)**

communities selected meet that requirement. The average depth at the selected locations is 60 meters (~200 feet).

There is a strong collaboration with the Bwaila Rotary Club of Lilongwe, Malawi. The project lead is Dr. Beatrice Chisenga, who is both a Rotarian and the Design Outreach Africa Field Director. The attached flyer provides some additional information.

Please let me know if your club is interested in making a pledge to this important initiative that will bring a local, reliable source of clean drinking water to thousands in need. **The deadline for making a pledge is November 1, 2020.** I am happy to make a presentation to your club or meet with your Club Foundation Committee.

Yours in Rotary,

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PROVIDE PERMANENT CLEAN WATER

HYGIENE AND SANITATION TRAINING, AND
SUPPLIES FOR 20,000 PEOPLE IN MALAWI

Rotary 

Global Grant
20-16547
NOV 1 DEADLINE



ZERO DAYS WITHOUT WATER

For far too long, communities in Malawi see days, weeks, or even months without safe water. Women and children commonly walk miles for contaminated water and its often not enough to meet basic needs. This means not enough water for crops, animals, hospitals, and no water to drink.

You can help give hope and a future by providing clean water, hygiene and sanitation training, and COVID-19 preventing supplies to 20 rural Malawian communities. This grant would allow us to provide each community with a LifePump and LifePumpLink to replace defunct Afridev pumps and drill new wells. This is to serve communities where the water is too deep for the traditional Afridev hand pump.

LIFEPUMP & LIFEPUMPLINK

LifePump is a hand pump that reaches deeper in the ground than any other hand pump and lasts for years before needing maintenance. This ensures year-round safe water supply and helps transform communities. Unlike traditional hand pumps, LifePump is designed to wear slowly over time—after years of operation—in order to prevent catastrophic failure that would leave entire communities suddenly without water. LifePump is endorsed by the Malawian ministry of water.

The LifePumpLink is a satellite-based remote monitoring system that allows us to measure and analyze the performance of LifePump, no matter the location. We are able to download the data and check the performance of LifePumps on a daily basis.

BUDGET & PROJECT DETAILS

The project budget is \$310,000 (including district and global grant matches) and it will take 12 months to complete.

Rotarian Beatrice Chisenga, Ph.D, will lead the project. The implementation will be a collaboration with the Bwaila Rotary Club of Lilongwe, Malawi, the Malawian Ministry of Water, Design Outreach, and Doxa Well Holdings.

YOU CAN HELP

For more information and to learn how your Rotary Club can help, please contact Centerville Rotarian Ron Hollenbeck (District 6670) at hollenbeck407@msn.com or 484-678-4460. Together we can provide a permanent solution to the water crisis in Malawi.



50% of those who do have access to handpumps rely on inoperable or broken pumps



2/3 of sub-Saharan African drinks come from polluted water sources



1 in 3 people in Malawi don't have access to clean water

