

Rotary



District 6670



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Events

December 15th
President Elect Training
January 13th
Rotary Leadership Institute - Part II/Session 1
January 20th
Rotary Leadership Institute - Part II/Session Two
January 27th
Rotary Leadership Institute - Part II/Session Three
February 9th
District Grant Management Seminar
February 16th
District Team Training Seminar
February 23rd
President Elect Training
March 27th
District Four Way Test Speech Contest
April 23rd
Youth Peace Symposium
April 29th

A Message from your District Governor - November



District 6670 Rotarians,

I hope you had a Happy Thanksgiving and are looking forward to the holiday season as we head into December. Wow! We are almost halfway through our Rotary year! I am almost done with a first visit to each club, with just two left, Tipp City (TBD) and Xenia (December 14).

December is Disease Prevention and Treatment Month. As you may have heard, there were two more new cases of polio in Afghanistan in November, bring the total to 4 in 2021. The first two were back in January. Pakistan has had only one case, 10 months ago. We really are very close to seeing this disease gone. Rotary continues to focus on Polio, plus major disease prevention through clean water initiatives around the world. Give deep from your heart to the Rotary Foundation this month and help us see progress through the important work that Rotary does around the world. Go to www.rotary.org to make your tax-deductible donation to help us finish the year strong.

Some upcoming District events to add to your calendar:

DaCdb University Trainings Nov 30, Dec 7, Dec 14, (zoom)
President Elect Training Dec 15, Feb 23 (zoom)
Rotary Leadership Institute Part II Jan 13, 20, 27 (zoom)
Rotary Leadership Institute Part III May 14 (in person)
Grant Training Seminar Feb 9 (zoom)
District Team Training Seminar Feb 16 (zoom)

President Elect Training Seminar Mar 11-12 (in person)
Rotary Youth Leadership Awards Mar 18-20 (in person)
District 4 Way Speech Contest Mar 27 (in person)
Youth Peace Advocacy Leadership and Service Day April 23 (in person)
District Gala Dinner/Conference April 29 (in person)
District Day of Service April 30 (in person)

All the above events plus some additional Club events are listed on the District website at www.RotaryDistrict6670.org. As you can see, a lot of these events are on zoom. All links can be found on the website.

Carol

****The December newsletter will go out the week of December 13-17, to get ahead of the holiday rush. The deadline for articles to be submitted to Carol is December 11.**

Each One Bring One ♦ Grow Rotary ♦ Report from October 31, 2021

RI President Shekhar Mehta challenged us all as Rotarians to help Grow Rotary during the 2021-2022 year to 1.3 million members worldwide. I would like to share with you our progress as a District. The increase needed to reach Shekhar's 8.3% net increase goal in our District is to add net 229 new members. We currently sit at a net growth of 24, or 1% net growth, so we still have a long way to go. I did want to give a shout out to the 20 clubs in our District that are showing a net growth since July 1. **Please note, these numbers are as of 10/31/2021.**



CLUB	NET NEW	% GROWTH
Batavia	2	7%
Bellefontaine	2	3%
Centerville	1	2%
Cincinnati	6	2%

Cincinnati Eastside	1	2%
Fairfield	3	7%
Greater Harrison	3	16%
Greenville	2	6%
Hamilton	1	7%
Kettering	4	9%
Mason-Deerfield	2	4%
Miamisburg	2	4%
Middletown	1	3%
Springboro	1	4%
Springfield	1	1%
Tipp City	1	2%
Vandalia	2	6%
Washington CH	2	6%
West Chester/Liberty	1	3%
Xenia	3	6%

Please also note that we had 16 more clubs in our District that had a 0% increase. That means we had 11 clubs that had a net loss of members. My hope is that all clubs can make strides in an increase in the coming months. We need you all to help, invite someone to breakfast or lunch, or a service project, or a fundraiser, talk to them about why you love Rotary, and ask them to join.

Empowering Girls Initiative ♦ District 6670



As I am touring our District and visiting your clubs, one topic I am talking about a lot is RI President Shekhar Mehta's Empowering Girls Initiative. He spends a lot of time talking about literacy, and how two-thirds of the world's 795 million illiterate population is female, setting them up for a life lacking in education, and keeping them in a life of poverty. Shekhar challenges us all to look at ways to improve the lives of girls and young women in our communities. As I have visited your clubs, and also had conversations with other District Governors in the mid-west, I have heard about some really good projects that clubs are undertaking. Here is a sample of some of them:

1. Recognize Female Business Owners in your community
2. Offer a program for girls whose parent(s) are in jail
3. Develop a Girl Scout Badge
4. Hold a health screening day for teenage girls and young women
5. Prepare hygiene packs for your local homeless shelter or abuse shelter
6. Hold a menstrual poverty drive
7. Reach out to your school district to see what the greatest need is for girls
8. Sponsor self defense classes for girls in your community
9. Reach out to your local Girls Scout groups to find out how you can support them
10. Reach out to your local shelters to find out what young women need as they leave the shelter to become independent.
11. Reach out to your local YWCA to see how you can support their work
12. Tuesday January 11, 2022 is National Human Trafficking Day, known as ♦Wear Blue Day♦. What could your club do in January to demonstrate solidarity with survivors of human trafficking while building awareness of modern-day enslavement? There are all kinds of things a club could do to support this day.
13. Maybe consider joining this zoom meeting to learn more about The Rotary Action Group Against Slavery

Rotary Action Group Against Slavery, Inc.

December 8th, 2021 at 0900 EST (New York)

To Access the meeting please use the provided Zoom Link on Wednesday November 10th at 0900 - 9am EST (New York)

Join Zoom Meeting: [Zoom Link](#)

Meeting ID: 836 5993 3103

Passcode: 791258

The Rotary Action Group Against Slavery (RAGAS) is excited to host a Zoom call to action for all Rotary SUPERHEROES to learn more about how to stop human trafficking and modern slavery in their community. Featuring special guest, RAGAS Board Member and founder/CEO of Mekong Club, Matt Friedman. Matt is an international renowned global expert on modern-slavery with over thirty-five years of experience in the field. He will share ways you can engage your community in the fight against human trafficking/modern-slavery in the world and share his new book "Where Were You?".

RAGAS Coordinator, Amelia Stansell, will share the RAGAS Community Action & Prevention Education (CAPE) strategic action plan. She will share our newly developed toolbox that where you may begin addressing CAPE in your District, Clubs and your Communities. RAGAS is offering ten (10) grants to help Districts and Clubs execute local community awareness & prevention education projects through a competitive request for proposal which will be introduced during the call. The deadline to submit a project proposal is 28 February 2022.

Agenda ♦ RAGAS Community Awareness & Prevention Education

1. 9:00 am - Welcome/Update on RAGAS, Chair Dave McCleary
2. Introduction, Matt Friedman
3. Matt Friedman
5. RAGAS Community Awareness & Prevention Education (CAPE) Strategic Action Plan and RFP 2021-2022, RAGAS Coordinator, Amelia Stansell, Ashley Bryant, RAGAS Coordinator, CEO 3strands Global, Valerie Ellery, A21.
9. Q/A

RAGAS mission - The Rotary Action Group Against Slavery is committed to **connect**, **empower** and **equip** Rotarians to **engage** their communities to eradicate all forms of Human Trafficking/Modern Slavery, locally and around the globe.

Check out our new website: www.ragas.online

If you have questions please contact - [Dave McCleary](#)

A Message from Rotary International Zones Director Elizabeth Usovicz

Dear Friends and Colleagues in Rotary in the Heart of America,

As we enter the holiday season and bring 2021 to a close, now is a good time to reflect on the year. For a second year, we've all experienced new ways of living, working, socializing and serving through Rotary. We've discovered ways to adapt and be resilient. And most of all, 2021 has reminded us to cherish our relationships and find space for gratitude in our lives.

As Rotary members and club, district, regional and senior leaders, we've faced the issues that many organizations have faced with technology and connection while balancing the safety of club members and the continuity of our meetings. I am thankful for the role that each of you continue to play in finding the opportunities in these challenges.

I am grateful for the teams who lead and serve Rotary so well in Zones 30 and 31. I am grateful for your ongoing friendship, and for the unique gifts that each of you bring to Rotary - gifts that enhance our ability to serve our communities, enhance our diversity and create club experiences that we and our current and future members appreciate.

Personally, I am grateful for my health. I am grateful for the quiet and steady support of my spouse, Dean Mathewson. And I am grateful for this opportunity to serve this family of Rotary that has so enriched my life for the past 24 years.

However you choose to spend these final weeks of 2021, I wish each of you a safe and joyful holiday season. Peace to you, and peace to us all.

4 Way Speech Contest ♦ A Message from Chair Beth Huber

It's Speech Contest Time Again!

Hello fellow Rotarians. Please Mark Sunday, March 27, 2022, on your calendars. It is the date for the next District Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Contest. It will be held at Wright State University beginning at noon (and ending around 5 p.m.).

Look for all the forms on the District Web site after 12/1/21. It will run much the same as in 2019 (remember back then!), but if you are new to this, please jump right in, we will help. We will need:

- ***Students who will give memorized four-to-six-minute speeches***
- ***Rotarians who will volunteer to evaluate the speeches, time them, score them and generally assist through the day***
- ***Friends of Rotarians who can help with Judging (do you know a teacher, professor, etc.?)***

More to come in next month's newsletter ♦ but save the date and look for the forms. Every club should have a chair (or generally responsible party) to champion this at the club level. There is still time to find that person.

Thank you ♦ and Happy Holidays

District 6670 Peace Initiative

District 6670 is partnering with Zones 33 & 34 to offer some online Peace Training sessions to youth in our District. These sessions will be held on zoom, and start soon. High School and College Students who complete the sessions will be recognized as Certified Peace Builders. Following these sessions which end in March 2022, students will be invited to attend our Youth Peace Advocacy, Leadership and Service Day on Saturday April 23, in Dayton. Attached is the postcard that describes both these programs and how to get your students involved. All students who attended RYLA were invited to participate.



The 4-Way Test

of things we do and say:

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

STAY CONNECTED!

YOUTH & PEACE IN ACTION

JOIN US FOR FACILITATED MONTHLY ZOOM "CONVERSATIONS ON PEACE"

RECEIVE FREE ACCESS TO PEACEBUILDER CERTIFICATION THROUGH
A SERIES OF SELF-PACED LEARNING MODULES

November 29, 2021 - March 28, 2022 | Live On Zoom 7-8PM

DISCUSSIONS ON

November 29, 2021

Introduction (Hello/Hope)

December 27, 2021

Historic Overview of Issues (Harm)

January 31, 2022

Past Good Practices & Challenges
Overcome (Healing)

February 28, 2022

Framing Current Issues & Problem
Solving (Heart/Head)

March 28, 2022

Mobilizing Action & Actively Building
Peace (Hands)

ABOUT

At the close of RYLA weekend, a Rotary Club member will be assigned to each student team as an online facilitator. There will be a ZOOM presentation each month for the entire group, including a Q/A period for the presenter, before moving into team breakout sessions for further discussion.

For more information on District 6670 initiative, contact Kelly Lehman @ (937) 760-4100 or kellymarielehman@gmail.com



FIRST TIME EVER INAUGURAL EVENT!

ROTARY YOUTH PEACE ADVOCACY, LEADERSHIP & SERVICE DAY

APRIL 23, 2022

Stay connected to your RYLA team from November 2021 through March 2022 via monthly ZOOM speaker series.

HOW

Everyone who participates in the November-March monthly speaker series is eligible to attend this day of service learning activities.

ALSO

In addition to an educational morning program, friendship, food, fun and games, attendees will help with 3 non-profit projects 1) Femme Aid Collaborative 2) Days for Girls International 3) Dayton International Peace Museum.

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WHO

RYLA Recipient Alumni
Selected 14-18
year old students in
District 6670

WHAT

Inaugural Rotary
District #6670
Youth Peace Advocacy,
Leadership &
Service Day
Education + Teamwork
+ Service = Making a
Difference

WHEN

8:30 AM - 5:30 PM

WHERE

Dayton International
Peace Museum
10 N. Ludlow Street
(Courthouse Square
Downtown)



Looking for a Good Speaker?

Amber Smith (amber.smith@lung.org) wrote:

Good afternoon, I am the Development Coordinator with the American Lung Association and I wanted to share with you an exciting new event that will be taking place in Dayton on April 30th 2022. The American Lung Association will be holding its first ever Dayton Fight for Air Climb at Day Air Ballpark! The American Lung Association is the leading organization working to save lives by improving lung health and preventing lung disease through education, advocacy and research. I would love the opportunity to share the information about the event with the Rotary Clubs in the Dayton area. If possible, I would love to come speak at their meetings to provide information about the event and the American Lung Association. I look forward to hearing from you! Amber Smith

Miamisburg Rotary Pancake Day is Back!



In Miamisburg, the holiday season means different things to different people. On Saturday, 4 December 2021, we'll see the return of one of the favorite community traditions in the form of the Miamisburg Rotary Club's 61st Annual Pancake Day. For many, Pancake Day has become a fun, social event and an excellent time to see and catch up with friends.

In 1961, the Miamisburg Rotary Club decided to create a new fundraiser that would involve and benefit the local community. Through the collaborative efforts of Hubert ♦Hubie♦ Fields and Dr. Glen Brandon, both Past-Presidents of the club, Rotary's Pancake Day was born in Miamisburg.

Since then, with the efforts and dedication of our Rotarians, families, friends, and the Miamisburg High School Interact Club, this event has become one of our largest fundraisers. Proceeds support local charities and organizations, including the Dr. Glen Brandon and the HV Bear scholarship funds, Perkins Kids, the Children's Performing Arts, The American Legion Boys State, American Legion Auxiliary Girls State,

Blessings in a Bag, the Miamisburg Historical Society, the Helping Hands Food Pantry, Club Impact at the Miamisburg Youth Center, the YMCA Youth Programs, and many others. The proceeds from Pancake Day provide \$15,000.00 per year to local organizations.

Pancake Day will be at the Miamisburg High School Commons area on Saturday, 4 December 2021, from 7:00 am to 12:00 pm. Bring your family and friends out to enjoy some pancakes, sausage links, apple sauce, orange juice, milk, coffee, and tea. Santa Claus will be on hand to visit the children. Tickets are available from any Miamisburg Rotarian or at the door for \$6.00. Children 4 and under eat FREE.

The Miamisburg Rotary Club thanks all the many people who attend and help support our work in the community. We hope to see you there!

ABOUT THE ROTARY CLUB OF MIAMISBURG.

Chartered in 1922, the Miamisburg Rotary Club has continually built on a strong tradition of serving our community. We have assisted numerous local and international charities.

The Rotary Club of Miamisburg meets every Wednesday at noon at the Baum Opera House (15 South First Street in Miamisburg). Club members, visitors, and guests enjoy lunch, fellowship, and a program speaker at each meeting. For a list of upcoming speakers, please visit our website at www.miamisburgrotary.org.

Cincinnati Rotary Club Newsletter



2021-22 Board of Directors

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Together - Collaboratively We Learn, Grow and Serve

We were elated to host the Rotary Large Club Conference (LCC) in the Queen City October 13-16, 2021! It was the first time it was held in Cincinnati since 1960!

At the LCC, Presidents-Elect and Executive

Directors exchanged ideas, challenges and approaches to meeting community needs, both locally and globally. This year's conference included local experts who shared information related to executive leadership, cybersecurity, membership strategies, environmental support and communication. We were fortunate to have Retired U.S. Navy Commander Kirk Lippold as a dynamic Keynote speaker! Commander Kirk was the Commanding Officer of the USS Cole when it came under a terrorist attack by Al Qaeda in 2000.



The conference was a great success with many thanks to the numerous volunteers from Club 17, led by the creative and innovative efforts of Linda Muth, Kristy Suszek and DeAnn Fleming. Listening to the numerous ideas, plans and goals from this year's ARCED Conference, President-Elect Steve King shared that in his humble opinion, "the Rotary Club of Cincinnati is leading the way!"

Thank you again to all Rotarians for your assistance during this memorable event. The time is now right to move forward realizing the vision that brings more people together, increases our impact, and creates lasting change around the world. Here is a link of additional photos taken during the event: <https://bit.ly/3GXVFAS>.



Rotary International Strategic Priorities & Objectives

1 INCREASE OUR IMPACT

- Eradicate polio and leverage the legacy
- Improve our ability to achieve and measure impact

2 EXPAND OUR REACH

- Grow and diversify our membership
- Build awareness of our impact & brand

3 ENHANCE MEMBER EXPERIENCE

- Deliver value by becoming participant-centered
- Offer personal & professional networking

4 ADAPT AND INNOVATE

- Build a culture of research, innovation, and foster more diverse perspectives in decision-making
- Streamline governance and processes

Rotary Large Club Conference Data Reveals:

Average member age: **62**

Rotary Club of Cincinnati
average member age: **62**

Percent of women in
Club: **30%**

Rotary Club of Cincinnati
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Data Obtained July 2021



Rotarians @ Work Day

Rotarians @ Work Day, formerly known as Vocational Fellowship Day, took place on the last Thursday in October. This year members ventured out of the workplace for lunch and educational opportunities. This year during the Rotarians @ Work Day, we were able to attend one of seven locations to either view the new coroner's facilities, learn tips on investment planning, visit an architectural treasure, hear about a special 100-year anniversary & building remodel, learn about disaster relief efforts, explore the future of entrepreneurship & philanthropy work, or stretch out & relax with yoga!

Thanks to Rotarians who planned, hosted and attended the meetings.

We learned a lot of new and helpful information such as the above notification. Special thanks to Committee Chair, Anthony Ricciardi. Here is a link of additional photos taken during the event: <https://bit.ly/3GZn4sl>



Gamble Montessori Elementary School

Club 17 executed another clean-up day at Gamble Montessori October 16th!

Creating Opportunities By Investing In Communities

During the month of October, Rotary Clubs around the world celebrated Rotary Community and Economic Development month, where clubs serve above self and invest in the economic health of communities at home and abroad.

The COVID-19 pandemic affected poverty levels and advanced inequality in numerous communities. As families struggle(d) to meet their needs for food, shelter, work, and economic security, the Rotary Action Group for Community Economic Development provided information and advice on planning and managing sustainable community development projects. More information is at this link: www.ragged.org and/or contact Barbara Dickerson at bjdickerson72@hotmail.com.



World Polio Day - Purple Pinkie Donuts

For more than 35 years, Rotary International - a founding partner of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative - has been working diligently to eradicate polio. Rotary's contributions, total more than \$US 2.16 Billion, making it the second-largest private sector and non-governmental donor globally.

Progress has been incredible! Polio cases have been reduced by more than 99.9 percent, and polio is now endemic in only two countries, Pakistan and Afghanistan.

To celebrate World Polio Day, the Rotary Club of Cincinnati partnered with the Wyoming Pastry Shop to host a fundraising event for End Polio Now! The Purple Pinkie Donuts project raised money to help put a stop to Polio. Every box contained 12 stick donuts - each topped with a dab of purple icing - symbolizing the way children's left pinkie nail is painted when they receive the polio vaccine. It is important to stay vigilant in order to keep countries polio free, and we are doing our part.



Fruit Bowl Project

Club 17's "Fruit Bowl" project provides fresh fruits and vegetables to students and their families at St. Joseph Catholic Church School. Because of your generous donations and your time and efforts making deliveries, our Foundation has doubled deliveries from once to twice each week! The school is located in the West End, which is one of the food deserts in our city where many families have limited access to fresh produce. Weekly, Club 17 volunteers pick up fresh produce and delivers it to the school. For more information and details, contact Committee Chairperson - Pat Neal-Miller at patricianealmiller@gmail.com



Hands-on Service Projects



As a member of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati, we are given an extraordinary opportunity to use our gifts to *serve above self* both locally and globally. Let's help increase our impact by continuing our volunteer efforts and work.

For more information regarding Hands-on Service, contact Hux Miller at huxmiller@gmail.com or 513-236-6540.

December 7 @ 12:30PM

Roselawn Condon School Holiday Party

Chair persons of this project are: Vince Hartman, Terri Boeing and Brad Green.

Past President's Corner

Words of wisdom, memory or celebration



Jay Schuermann

"Best of all, my BEST FRIENDS are from Rotary!"

Madagascar Project

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati has partnered with the Cincinnati-based Caring Response Madagascar Foundation (CRMF) to provide house-holds in Tamatave, Madagascar with access to clean water and sanitation. CRMF also supports adult literacy and health education. This year the CRMF team, Clean Water Lemurs, rode again in the Dayton Tour de GEM and raised over \$7,000.



Alzheimer's Walk

October 2nd the Alzheimer's Association sponsored a Walk to End Alzheimer's® to create awareness and to advance the fight against the disease. Funds raised will allow the Alzheimer's Association® to provide 24/7 care and support while accelerating critical research.

Our participants were small in number, but mighty in enthusiasm, compassion and energy!

Pictured: Hux Miller, Baffour Otchere, Angela - leader of UC Rotaract, and fellow member - Hanna!

Camp Allyn Clean Up

Camp Allyn Fall Clean day was October 30th! Over 30 Rotarians, family members, friends and staff took part in the project. At the Camp Allyn Clean Up project last week, new members: Eric Fogg, John Walters, Becky McGilligan (with young son Max) and Meredith McClain attended. Also in attendance were participants from the UC Rotaract Club, including the two Co-presidents of their club.



"It's a great day to be a member of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati! The world is counting on us, and we are delivering. Let's continue this momentum and reach HIGHER heights."

Balinda S. Kelley

Rotary Club of Batavia Giving Back

The Rotary Club of Batavia, Ohio has one question to ask. Is there a better way to get into the holiday spirit than to volunteer? Their answer is a simple NO!

During their regular meeting time on November 16, twelve members of the Batavia Rotary Club donated their energy to assemble Thanksgiving boxes for IPM Food Pantry. In addition to filling boxes, some members donated nonperishable food items that the pantry has found to be in high demand.

IPM (formerly InterParish Ministry) serves many families in the eastern Hamilton and Clermont County area, and their Thanksgiving needs have



been on the rise for a few years. This year, their needs rose to 700 families. IPM reached out to service groups, asking for assembly assistance so families in need will be able to enjoy a feast over the Thanksgiving holiday. Batavia Rotary's members were happy to help.

For additional information about Batavia Rotary, visit www.bataviatorotary.org.



Miamisburg Rotary Veterans Day Program

The Miamisburg Rotary Club's 10 November 2021 meeting featured a special program in commemoration of Veterans Day. We were privileged to welcome Mr. Kevin Rusnak, Chief Historian of the Air Force Life Cycle Management Center (AFLCMC) History Office, located at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, in Dayton, Ohio.

Kevin's enthralling presentation entitled "The Road to the Unknown: 100th Anniversary of the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier" was immensely enjoyed by the 45 Rotarians and guests in attendance.

Mr. Rusnak explained that in early American wars it was not difficult to identify soldiers who were killed in battle. Generally, they were identifiable by townspeople or other soldiers and accounted for.

During the Civil War, many unidentified soldiers were buried in mass graves (Confederate soldiers who were killed in the North and Union soldiers who were killed in the South). Some were later identified but thousands remained unknown. Many were honored in a mass grave at Arlington Cemetery.

During WWI, the destruction and death increased with the new wartime weapons and technologies of modern warfare.

Many foreign and US soldier (out of four unknown casualties to be honored at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier). The remains were sent to Washington DC and received full military honors, including lying in state from November 9 to November 11, 2021 (a very rare honor normally reserved for Presidents.).

The Tomb was officially dedicated 100 years ago, on the 3rd anniversary of the end of WWI (Armistice Day) on November 11, 2021.

Throughout his presentation, Mr. Rusnak highlighted several Dayton and Miamisburg connections to the war efforts, including aviation manufacturing at the current Fuyao site and at a former carriage factory in Miamisburg located on Pearl and Sixth Streets.

In October 1921, four of the bodies of unidentified U.S. military personnel

were exhumed from different American military cemeteries in France. The caskets were placed on a shipping case other than the one in which it had arrived. An Army Sergeant was chosen to select one of the Unknown by placing a spray of white roses on one of the caskets. The selection was to be delivered to Arlington National Cemetery's new Memorial Amphitheater to be interred in the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier.

The World War I "Unknown" is a recipient of the Medal of Honor, the Victoria Cross, and several other foreign nations' highest service awards. The other U.S. Unknowns who were interred are also recipients of the Medal of Honor, presented U.S. Presidents who presided over their funerals. The monument has no officially designated name.



Oakwood Rotary Programming



Oakwood Rotary recently had as a speaker former Montgomery County Commissioner Dan Foley. Dan is now the Director of the Great Miami Riverway, headquartered at the Miami Conservancy District it helps communities from Sidney to the Ohio River to focus on the many resources available on the Great Miami River to become a focal point for economic growth in Southwest Ohio. During Dan's informative presentation, he highlighted the many activities available to people of all ages, from biking, biking, skydiving and even surfing on the Great Miami River that is bringing in tourist dollars from all over the region.

He also gave rotarians a taste of what is to come as plans are underway to make shuttered power plants along the River renovated centers for shopping, entertainment and dining locations, easily accessible from the river. Foley hopes these new offerings will make the 99 mile stretch the premiere Riverway in the country!

Visit: GreatMiamiRiverway.com to find your way!