

#### **District Leaders**

Frank H. Scott District Governor R. Douglas Buchy Dottie Meade **DG-Nominee** Gregory A. Birkemeyer District Membership Chair (DMC) Carol Hughes District Rotary Foundation Chair (DRFC) Heidi E. Schiller District Public Image Chair (DPIC) SUSAN L WILKINSON **Assistant Governor** Coordinator Ronald F. Hollenbeck Assistant Governor Elizabeth C. Huber Assistant Governor Melinda S. Kelly Assistant Governor Charles E. King Assistant Governor Charles Martz Assistant Governor Michael T. McNeil Assistant Governor Michael N. Moorhead Assistant Governor Mary Elizabeth Nenninger Assistant Governor Frank Perez Assistant Governor Boyd A Preston Assistant Governor David P. Spencer Assistant Governor

#### **Events**

Susan J. Taylor

Assistant Governor

February 8th
District Grant
Management
Seminar
March 17th
RYLA 2023
March 26th
District 4 Way
Test Speech
Contest

## A Message from your District Governor - December

Happy Holidays my Fellow Rotarians.



I have had the pleasure this year of visiting with most of the clubs in our District and communicating with Rotarians during their meetings. It has been a wonderful experience for me and I am honored and humbled to be your District Governor this Rotary Year. IMAGINE ROTARY.

District Leadership took a giant step to help club President's Elect attend the President Elect Training Seminar (PETS) in March, 2023. Each club PE who attends will receive a \$500 reimbursement of expenses paid to his or her club after PETS. Over the last few years the subject of the expense of PETS has come up several times. District leaders thought this payment would remove a significant stumbling block to attendance at this wonderful event. The emphasis on leadership and inspiration in our District at PETS is critical to our future. This payment should cover registration for the PE and one night's hotel stay. It will be paid to the club after PETS in late March, 2023.

The December month is a difficult month to measure attendance. Clubs are preparing for the Rotary International Invoice of January 1, and having the membership roster current is critical. As of December 19, 2022 we are down 11 members from July 1, 2022. This is despite all the good work on membership done by the clubs in our District. We need to maintain our positive momentum going forward. New members are critical to our future.

For our Rotary Foundation we have a per capita donation level of \$52.94 at about mid-year. If we can maintain this level of donation we can achieve \$100 per capita by June 30, 2023, our year end. Donations to the Rotary Foundation are the means by which we can do good works in our world.

Only 17% of our clubs have goals in place in MyRotary.org. Last year at this time we were at 43.5%. I have always thought that if we do not have goals, how do we know when we have achieved success?

Many of our clubs are very active in doing good in our world. The stories below tell about just a few of the clubs significant activities.

### Dayton Rotary Foundation Recognized as "Outstanding Foundation"



Each fall, fundraising professionals across the country gather to recognize and celebrate the individuals and organizations that share their gifts to make communities better. On Tuesday, November 15, at the UD Marriott, the Dayton Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals celebrated the outstanding achievements of several organizations and individuals on National Philanthropy Day (NPD).

Nominated by one Rotarian and five non-profit community leaders, The Dayton Rotary Foundation (DRF), founded in 1954, was selected as the **2022 Outstanding Foundation.** 

The Dayton Rotary Foundation is a volunteer-lead expression of service and support for organizations that: demonstrate commitment to "service above self;" help young people and families in need; improve quality of life and foster strong relationships in both the local and global community.

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Over the years, in addition to supporting local Dayton organizations, the Dayton Rotary Foundation has joined with non-profit partners, Rotary volunteers and international development agencies on a project building wells, a school and medical clinic for children in the slums of Nairobi, Kenya and a water, sanitation and maternal/child health initiative in Ecuador. This year, domestic and international perspectives merged when the Foundation provided funds for the inaugural Youth Peace Advocacy, Leadership & Service Day, attended by 14-18 year old students, half from Ohio and half from Bosnia-Herzegovina.

#### **Batavia Rotary Volunteers at Local Food Pantry**



The Rotary Club of Batavia, Ohio assisted IPM Food Pantry with packing items for the holidays during their November 15 meeting.

Rather than schedule a speaker for the meeting, it was suggested that the club hold an off-site meeting to help IPM prepare for the holidays. Club members separated food and packed boxes full of food, toiletries, and snacks. These boxes will be distributed to families in the Clermont County area during the Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

Service Above Self...what life is all about!

# **GIVING STOCKINGS INSIDE THEIR STOCKINGS! Oakwood Rotary Foundation Grant Presentation**

Oakwood Rotary Foundation Presents \$5,000 to Blue Star Mothers (Linda and Gracie to accept the grant on their behalf)



The Blue Star Mothers mission is support, assistance and much-needed reminders to servicemen and women near and far that even the smallest needs do not go unnoticed, unmet, or unappreciated. Our grant funding will go towards providing a pair of EcoSox, ecology-friendly, bamboo viscose socks as a little extra care in their holiday stockings. They have sent over 900 pairs of socks so far, and our grant will allow them to provide even more.

Scott Fischer presents on behalf of the Oakwood Rotary Foundation, the charitable arm of the Rotary Club of Oakwood.

## Bellefontaine Rotary Club Support Youth Sports Programming at the YMCA

Rotary President Darrin Haubert presented a \$1,500 check from Rotary to Executive Director, Jeff Radde at the Hilliker YMCA.

The Bellefontaine Rotary Club is proud to support youth sports programming through the YMCA. Thank you to all that participated in the golf outing to support Rotary in funding projects to benefit our youth.

