



IMAGINE ROTARY

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- Michael N. Moorhead
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- Mary Elizabeth Nenninger
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- Frank Perez
Assistant Governor
- Boyd A Preston
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- David P. Spencer
Assistant Governor
- Susan J. Taylor
Assistant Governor

Events

- March 14th
[District Governor's Visit Sidney](#)
- March 17th
[RYLA 2023](#)
- March 26th
[District 4 Way Test Speech Contest](#)
- April 19th
[District Team Training Seminar on Zoom](#)
- April 22nd
[Youth Peace Advocacy, Leadership & Service Day](#)
- April 28th
[District Conference](#)
- April 29th
[Third Annual District 6670 Rotary Day of Service \(SAVE THE DATE\)](#)

A Message from Your District Governor - February 2023



Listening to the news about our world today is quite amazing. The Ukraine War is one year old. Pakistan has experienced floods, and Turkey and Syria have experienced earthquakes.

Our Rotary Foundation has established programs where you can apply your funds to these disasters. You log into MyRotary.org and click on the donation button in the top right-hand corner, and you will be taken to a screen where you can donate to each one.

I would also ask you to think about Polio Plus. We only have four months to achieve our \$50 million goal, which gives us \$100 million from the Gates Foundation.

And please remember our own Ohio Residents in East Palestine and the devastating derailment from a few days ago. This is the link for donation <https://rotarydistrict6650.org/>

You may recall that your District Leaders donated \$10,000 in DDF to the Ukraine Disaster Relief Fund in the last Rotary Year. With the match, this became \$18,000. The District Rotary Foundation Committee is meeting soon to discuss how we can assist the people of Turkey and Syria in the aftermath of the earthquakes through the Rotary Foundation.

As I write this Newsletter, I realize we are now 118 years old as an organization.



We have clubs in our District that are over 100 years old. A membership organization that provides service does not last this long without adapting to the current environment. The changes we have been asked to initiate over the last few years will help us to be viable 100 years from now.

Plan now for the District Conference April 28th!

PEACE IN OUR WORLD



Oakwood gets update on Public Radio

The name says it all – *public radio* and that defines the relationship-driven mission of WYSO in Yellow Springs, Ohio. In February at the Dayton Country Club, the Rotary members welcomed Luke Dennis, President, and General Manager for an update on, as Dennis proudly proclaims, “the little station that could.” Founded in 1918 by three Antioch students, initially, the station’s 19-watt signal could barely cover their campus area.

Today, the 50,000-watt station reaches parts of three states working to be reflective and responsive to the needs of southwest Ohio. WYSO strives to be community-interactive: staff-hosted content features fourteen different local music programs, and topics of local interest along with national NPR programming.

Partnering with comedian and Yellow Springs native Dave Chapelle, WYSO is in the process of repurposing a beloved, former schoolhouse on Dayton Street. Slated to open in July 2024, the new facility will feature a performance venue, classrooms, and community meeting spaces.

WYSO will also expand its footprint in the region by building, The Chuck Berry Studio, a satellite building located in the historic Arcade in downtown Dayton providing reporters a home base to keep up with Dayton’s vibrant culture and arts scene.

To learn more about 91.3 WYSO, visit their website at <https://www.wyso.org/>, call 937-769-1399 or email Luke at ldennis@wyso.org.

April 30th
District Grant
Requests
June 29th
District
Installation/Change
Over Dinner



The Rotary Club of Oakwood meets every Friday at 7am at the Dayton Country Club.

The History of the Rotary Bell

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In 1922, U.S. Rotarians organized an attendance contest; the challenge was that the losing clubs would join in giving the winning club a prize. The Rotary Club of New York City was declared the winner and to them was awarded as a prize a bell from a popular patrol boat, which was placed on wood that came from HMS "Victory", Admiral Nelson's vessel at the battle of Trafalgar. Since then, the bell used in Rotary meetings started to represent, as on the ships, order, discipline and the time to guide us through the weekly hour and a half meetings. The bell informs us with its sound the beginning of the Rotary meeting, at which time people present should stand, same as at the end, in order to salute the national and Rotary flags. The gavel symbolizes the authority invested in the Rotarian elected to the highest position in Rotary, and through him/her reminds those present of his/her authority. When presidents transmit their positions to their successors at the end of their mandate, they give the bell their last hit turning the gavel over to their successor, symbolizing the transfer of authority.



Batavia Club reads to third grade students

Batavia Rotarians met with four different third grade classes using the book "Andy and Elmer's Apple Dumpling Adventure" by Andrew J. Shoup (a Fairborn Club member). Every child received a copy of the book! Read more about it at <https://www.clermontsun.com/.../reading-is-winning-recipe...>
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Youth Exchange goes to Wright State Basketball Game

What a great idea! The Beavercreek and Fairborn Clubs enjoyed a joint event with D6670 Rotary Exchange Students. They had dinner and enjoyed a Wright State Raiders Men's basketball game. There were 2 of 3 inbound students and 9 future outbound students, along with their families enjoying an evening out!



All Ohio PETS March 10 and 11

If you are the incoming President of your club it's now time to register for PETS to be held in Columbus on March 10 and 11.

All PETS information and registration links are located at <https://www.allohiopets.org/>