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A Message from your District Governor - December 2023



Happy Holidays Rotarians!

This is disease prevention month in the Rotary calendar, and we talk about polio all of the time, but there are so many other diseases out there that destroy lives, families and communities. Rotarians across the globe are committed to eradicating diseases. Did you know that there is a Rotary Action Group (RAG) for malaria? The RAG is focused on providing preventative measures in malaria-stricken areas of the world. This is just one example of how you can get involved in Rotary efforts for disease prevention. Please visit MyRotary.org for more information.

I continue to have a great time visiting our clubs throughout the district (35 visits completed with 11 to go). I have had several very candid discussions with clubs dealing with the challenges of membership. You are not alone, membership across North America, Europe and Australia is in decline. We must find new and innovative ways to attract and retain younger and more diverse members. The key to this is engagement and service. The younger generations want to make a difference by getting involved in service projects. They want to DO service above self. So, during this season of giving, look to how your club can give of your time, treasure and talent to make our communities a better place. Start planning for 2024!

May you continue to have a wonderful holiday season and see you next year!

Yours in Rotary,

Doug

4-Way Speech Contest

Happy (almost) New Year to all. Ready or not â€" the Rotary District Speech Contest is set for three short months from now! Updated 2024 Contest documents are available on the District Website (https://rotarydistrict6670. org/get-involved-2/four-way- test-speech-contest/) to share with your Clubs, Schools and volunteers who work to make the local contests possible.

The District Contest is EARLY this year (holidays, class schedules, etc.) and is set for Sunday, March 10, 2024. So, the time to get started is NOW, if you have not already.

Guidelines remain the same from past years. However, the location of the Contest this year will change. We are still at Wright State University, and delighted to be able to continue that relationship, however we will not be at Millett Hall. Please watch for confirmation information after your club submits its finalist.

Thank you for all you do to make this opportunity possible for the students in your area.

Clean Drinking Water in Zambia

District 6670 continues to partner with Design Outreach (DO) to bring a reliable source of clean drinking water to those in need in Zambia.

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 in my fifth year as an Assistant Governor, and second year as the District International Services Chair (DISC).

DO's 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 5008€™. One of the first pumps Design Outreach installed 10 years ago in Zolomondo, Malawi has been running continuously without any breakdowns. *Just think…a child 10 years old or younger has never gone a day without clean drinking water!* Based on this result, the Malawi Ministry of Water mandates that the Life Pump must be used if water is below 45 meters (~150 feet) in depth.

After successful installation of DO's LifePump in Haiti (3 pumps) and Malawi (20 pumps), we are focusing our efforts to install six (6) new LifePumps in Zambia. Our District 6670 has supported both of the previous efforts through pledges from Rotary clubs, as well as pledges of District Designated Funds controlled at the District level. We are again partnering with Rotary clubs in District 6690 to provide a reliable source of clean drinking water to six (6) locations in the country of Zambia which is in South Central Africa. Research shows that 40% of the existing hand pumps in Africa 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.





The scope of the global grant for the six (6) communities in Zambia is as follows:

â&¢ Provide each community with a LifePump and LifePumpLink. â&¢ Drill new wells in each community.

ac¢ Educate each community on life-saving WASH (water, sanitation, & hygiene) training to reduce the threat from waterborne diseases. Reduce underlying conditions that potentially could cause lethal complications 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 serve as regarded health ambassadors within the community with an impact that

organically transcends community boundaries.



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 the pledge is June 30, 2024.

I am happy to make a presentation to your club or to meet with your Club Foundation Committee.

Yours in Rotary,

Ron Hollenbeck Hollenbeck407@msn.com 484-678-4460 (c)

Rotary Bowl



For years, the McClain and Hillsboro High School football teams have battled for the coveted Rotary Bowl trophy, giving added incentive and bragging rights to the long-standing rivalry between these two Highland County schools. The winner of the annual game gets to keep the trophy until the Big Game next year.

This Highland County rivalry is important to the communities of Greenfield and Hillsboro. Each team's record coming into the game doesn't matter â€" a win in the Rotary Bowl can make a disappointing season into a successful one, and turn a good season into a great one. Sometimes the winning coach brings the Rotary Bowl trophy to a Rotary meeting to the sound of cheers and congratulations!

The Greenfield and Hillsboro Rotary Clubs have a good time with the rivalry and remain good neighbors to one another with the shared purpose of serving others. In fact, the two clubs work together each year to raise funds for the Highland County Society for Children and Adults. But it is nice to have that trophy â€" and corresponding bragging rights â€" for a whole year following a victory. And after a seven-year drought, the McClain Tigers won the Rotary Bowl on their home field Oct. 20, 2023 with a 21-13 victory over the Hillsboro Indians.

The first â€ceRotary Bowl〠was played in 1985. Some Rotarians are known to keep meticulous records of the results. Below is a summary of Rotary Bowl results down through the years

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Dayton and The Victory Project

In April 2023, the Red Ribbon Committee of the Rotary Club of Dayton raised funds to buy a new dump trailer for The Victory Project. Recently, the club learned that the company they worked with to purchase the trailer, Midway Trailers, had entered The Victory Project in a national contest - and they WON! Monnie Bush and his Victory Project team were surprised by Midway Trailers and PJ Trailers with another brand-new trailer along with \$10,000. What an awesome gift for a very deserving organization!



It's incredible to see the ripple effect that can grow from one positive action - the Red Ribbon Committee's project. The Dayton club has a special shout out to the Miller-Valentine corporate members - Jim Gilbert, Doug Bennett, Hank Betts and Greg Rambo for lending their expertise and energy to the project. Also, shout out to: Scott Kayser, Alan Lee, Judy Budi and the rest of the 22-23 Red Ribbon committee.



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Over the last few weeks, the Monroe Interact Club has been collecting donations of candy from throughout our community to send to troops overseas with the help of the Yellow Ribbon Project. We are proud to say that we managed to raise 226 pounds; more than double our previous record of 98 pounds! On top of this, our club has been working closely with the Guatemala Literacy Project to translate documents from Spanish into English, and we have put a combined 26.25 hours of work into translating 11 projects. We hope to continue working with both the Guatemala Literacy Project and the Yellow Ribbon Project in the future to continue making our world a better place!



State Representative visits with our Exchange Student

State Representative Susan Manchester made a stop at Benjamin Logan High School in Bellefontaine on November 7 to learn more about their student-led mental health program ' Time4You. During her visit she had the pleasure of meeting Benjamin Logan High School Rotary Youth Exchange student, Anni Kuntonen from Finland. They chatted for a few moments about the similarities and differences between Anni's home region and Logan Countv.



Manchester shared, $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{C}$ This morning I had the privilege of visiting Benjamin Logan Local School District. It $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{T}$ s clear that the students, teachers, and staff are truly dedicated to excellence. I $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{T}$ m proud to have championed quality education in the past and look forward to working with the Benjamin Logan community. $\hat{a} \in \mathbb{T}$



Mason-Deerfield 14th Annual Reverse Raffle

After being halted the last 3 years due to "you know what", the Mason-Deerfield club is pleased to have their Reverse Raffle back up and running again. This is their first year at The Manor House, and it promises to be a really great event and a lot of fun for those attending! See the flyer below for more information.





Bellefontaine Interact Club



The Riverside Interact Club, sponsored by the Bellefontaine Club, wanted to help remember loved ones of students and faculty that have passed away. They helped students and staff decorate ornaments to hang on trees located in each local school. After the holiday season is over the ornaments will be taken home. This Rememberance Tree Project is funded by the Interact Club and a Mary Rutan Foundation grant.

