



THE INSPIRATION

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Rotary
District 6690



**BE THE
INSPIRATION**

3,544
ROTARIANS

CLUBS
59

9

CASES
OF POLIO
WORLDWIDE
(TO-DATE 2019)



+ \$287,458

BY THE NUMBERS

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE ANNUAL FUND

+ \$120,784

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
POLIO PLUS

Wow! What a conference!

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR CRAIG MAXEY



Craig Maxey,
District Governor

I want to thank everyone who attended the 2019 Better Together District Conference. I could not be more pleased with the enthusiasm present at the Hilton Polaris on April 12 and 13.

We welcomed over 300 people to the All-Club Lunch with keynote speaker and Past International President KR Ravindran.

He was very inspiring and talked about the Rotary Foundation Global Grant that is addressing cervical cancer in his home country of Sri Lanka.

On Friday evening we were joined by over 60 Youth Exchange Students. These students, both inbound and outbound, were treated to a "Mocktail" mixer and then attended the evening dinner that started with a great flag ceremony celebrating the internationality of our organization.

Saturday morning we rolled up our sleeves and packed over 43,200 meals that will be shipped to

Haiti, cut out patterns for shoes for Ugandans and wrote postcards to Veterans that will be used for Honor Flight.

The atmosphere in the room was electric. What fun to join with Rotarians throughout two districts and help so many people on the other side of the world.

I want to thank everyone who was involved in making the conference a big success. It would not be possible without everyone's hard work.

I want to especially thank Roe Mauro, conference chair. She did a great job executing my vision and keeping me in-line.

Our goal from the outset was to create a conference that was relevant, engaging, educational, inspiring and — most of all — fun! I think we hit the mark.

All the best! ***Be the Inspiration!***



Barry Rassin

Rotary Transforms

A MESSAGE FROM THE
ROTARY INTERNATIONAL
PRESIDENT

The people who know me best — my family — know that my passion for Rotary is boundless. They also know that I don't expect them to get involved in Rotary the way I have. It's a choice that's up to them. But I must admit, I can't help smiling when I see them making the right choice. At the end of the Toronto convention last year, my 12-year-old granddaughter turned to me and said, "I'm inspired to do something. What can I do?" Naturally, I did what any other Rotarian grandfather worth his salt would do: I asked her if there was an Interact club in her school. When she discovered there wasn't, she attempted to set one up. Unfortunately, her principal had other ideas, but we should not be deterred from helping Rotary youth programs whenever we can, because their value is beyond question.

Take Rotary Youth Leadership Awards as one example. It transforms young people into more confident, focused individuals with a better understanding of the world around them — changes I was pleased to see in my 16-year-old grandson after he participated. My family is just the beginning. Everywhere I go, I meet people of all ages whose lives have been changed by our youth programs. They tell me how, five or 15 or 25 years ago, Rotary Youth Exchange taught them a new language or introduced them to a new culture. Their eyes light up when they talk about how New Generations Service Exchange helped them advance in their career, or about how membership in Rotaract first ignited their passion for giving back to the community. Rotary's programs for young leaders extend our ideals of service, friendship, and leadership development beyond the doors of our clubs to hundreds of thousands of young people each year. And when we serve with and for those young people — as sponsors, project partners, and mentors — it brings out the best in us, and it brings out the best in Rotary.

May is Youth Service Month, and there are many ways your Rotary club can celebrate. Sponsor an Interact club or Rotaract club, and your Rotary club will give young people in your community the tools they need to take action, become leaders, and gain a global perspective. Team up with your local Rotaract club for a service project. Get to know the participants in Rotary's programs for young leaders and share their stories with your community. You'll find more ideas in this year's Rotary Citation brochure, located under the Awards section of the Member Center at my.rotary.org.

This month, let's Be the Inspiration to the young leaders in our communities by mentoring them, engaging them, and working side by side with them on meaningful projects. It's an investment in their future and in the world they will live in after we're gone. And it's work that will forever enrich their lives, and our own.

RYE Explorers Travel East



1250 MILES TRAVELED | **70** RYE STUDENTS FROM
16 DISTRICTS | **21** COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
15TH RYE EASTERN TRIP | **12** STATES VISITED
7 EXHAUSTED CHAPERONES | **6** HOURS IN CON-
NECTICUT WELCOME CENTER DUE TO **1** BROKEN
FAN BELT

PRICELESS FRIENDSHIPS AND MEMORIES MADE



Around District 6690

For their March Flash Service Project, Athens Sunrise Rotarians collected over 1140 pounds of litter along local roadways in conjunction with the Athens County Sheriff's Office.



Belpre Rotary Club installed benches at Howe's Grove Park as a community beautification project.



Gahanna Rotary serves breakfast at the Ronald McDonald House of Columbus - supporting families of Children's Hospital.



Grove City Rotarians lend many hands at the SBC Pasta Dinner at Central Crossing - allowing under-privileged students to participate in band, drama and athletics.



Lancaster Sherman presented \$1000 check to the Kiwanis Club Campaign for the all-accessible equipment installation in Hunter Park.



Wellston Rotary club serves at the TLC Community Dinner providing meals to senior citizens and students in need in the area.

Rotarian Spotlight: **Fran Veverka**

DELAWARE ROTARY CLUB



Fran Veverka never shrinks from a big challenge - even when it comes to confronting rats (more on that later). Currently serving as District 6690 Executive Secretary, Fran joined Rotary in the 1980's. "As soon as they allowed women into the club, I signed up," she recalls. "As a public health professional, I just knew I wanted to become part of an organization committed to eradicating Polio."

Fran's Rotary moment came as soon as she attended her first Rotary International Convention in Indianapolis, "I felt I had become a Rotarian as soon as I saw that parade of flags from all over the world and felt the commitment of this organization to promoting peace, improving living conditions, increasing literacy, and preventing disease." Fran's commitment to Rotary has never wavered. In addition to Executive Secretary, Fran has served as Delaware Ohio Club President and District 6690 Assistant Governor. She and her Rotarian husband Joe Evans have also hosted four international group exchange representatives and have attended a total of nine international conferences together. Traveling and experiencing new cultures is a passion

Fran and Joe share - especially now that Fran has retired from the Delaware Health Department where she served for over 31 years as County Health Commissioner. "I enjoyed a career in public health that spanned a total of 42 years," explains Fran. "It all started with a BGSU college internship as a sanitarian in public health. It was a non-traditional role for women back then. But the work is important - to protect the public supply of food and water. I liked that idea - even though I saw a news clip when I was in college of sanitarians shooting rats at a dump site." Undeterred, Fran took the job and even learned to shoot trap! Over time, she did find her talents more suited for public health education and training.

Fran completed her BA and BGSU and her Master's degree from the University of Michigan. She returned to Ohio and worked first for Lucas County, then Ohio Department of Health and then as a tri-county health commissioner before becoming Commissioner for Delaware County. During her career, Fran campaigned for 19 health levies in three counties and established important clinical services for the community. Fran and Joe continue to reside in Delaware with their lowland sheepdogs Doodles and Bentley - until the travel bug sets in. Then you just may catch them heading out of town in their camper van with a big "Rotary 6690" painted on the side - on to her next challenge.

Here's what some District 6690 Clubs are doing!



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(1) Delaware Rotarians participate in Hour to Empower – an opportunity for male role models to welcome students to school.

(2) The Rotary Club of Lancaster supports the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library by sponsoring the May mailing of free books to nearly 900 children under the age of 5 in Fairfield County.

(3) St. Clairsville Rotarians read to area elementary students.

Four Way Test Contest Winners

Nine High School students from Central and Southeastern Ohio (who had won their local Rotary Club contest) competed for honors and cash prizes with a speech applying the Rotary Four-Way Test in our everyday relationships with other people.?" Herbert J. Taylor, who was President of the Club Aluminum Products Company, authored the Test in 1932 and adopted it as a succinct code of business ethics for his company. Rotary adopted the Four-Way Test in the 1940s.

Zahra Khuhro of Hilliard won first place and a cash prize of \$500. Zahra is a junior at Hilliard Darby High School and represented the Hilliard Rotary Club.

Zahra won third place in the 2017 and 2018 contests and also won the 2018 Four-Way Test essay contest. Maggie Szabo of Dublin won second place and a cash prize of \$400. Maggie is a junior at Dublin Scioto High School in Dublin and represented the Dublin/Worthington Rotary Club. Aaron Toombs won third place and a prize of \$300. Aaron is a senior at Zanesville High School and represented the Zanesville Rotary Club.

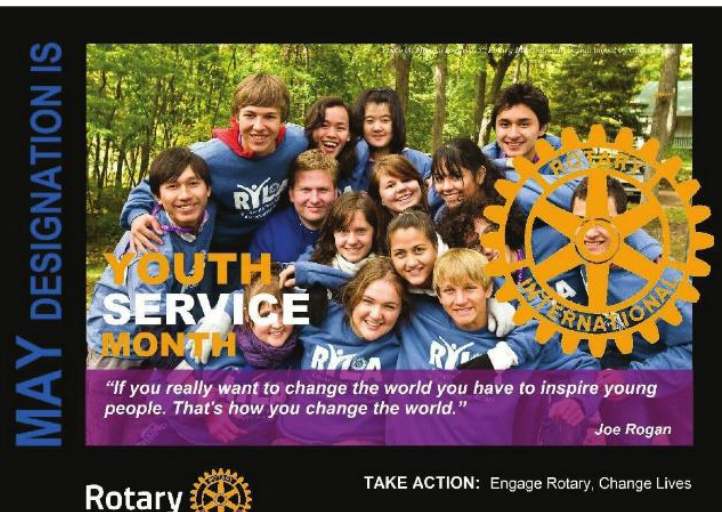
First place winner Zahra Khuhro repeated her winning speech for the attendees of the Rotary District Conference luncheon in Columbus on April 13.



CAPTURE THE MOMENT IN HAMBURG

Join us in Germany 1-5 June 2019

ON THE COVER: Tri-Village Rotarians complete a fun work session at Dreams on Horseback – an organization founded to help people with challenges improve their lives through horse-assisted learning



If you missed us this year, you missed a lot...



Rotary  **Better
together**
DISTRICT 6650 & 6690
2019 DISTRICT
CONFERENCE



The Rotary Youth Exchange "Evening to End Polio" was a huge success! The RYE students served meals to 126 people and raised over \$13,284 to eradicate polio. Of this amount, \$3,800 came from the live auction of aprons - with one apron fetching \$500!



Be Ready for Honolulu Hawaii 2020!



BE READY TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS FOR HONOLULU2020 DURING THE RI HAMBURG CONVENTION JUNE 1-5. LOOK FOR DETAILS IN THE MAY NEWSLETTER!

District 6690 is on FIRE

Increase your Public Image with the Rotary Fire Truck for...

**Parades
Public Events
Festivals & Fairs**



Minimum Donation of
\$250 to Polio Plus
Use Based on Availability of Truck & Driver.
Club responsible for fuel.

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Contact Steve Sandbo
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District 6690 wants to highlight your club's fundraisers, service projects or other activities for our "Around District 6690" feature or as an article in the monthly newsletter.

Please submit your photos and articles (100 words) to the District Newsletter Editor, Julie Colley, at julie.colley@westerville.org by the 15th of each month.

TOGETHER, WE SEE A
WORLD WHERE PEOPLE
UNITE AND TAKE ACTION TO
CREATE LASTING CHANGE
— ACROSS THE GLOBE, IN
OUR COMMUNITIES, AND IN
OURSELVES.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

may

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- 1 CAMBRIDGE ROTARY REVERSE RAFFLE
- 18 NEWARK-HEATH BREWOHIO
- 18-19 DISTRICT 6690 TRAINING ASSEMBLY AT ZANE STATE
- 24-27 WESTERVILLE SUNRISE ROTARY FIELD OF HEROES

june

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- 2 ZONES 30-31 FELLOWSHIP EVENT AT RI HAMBURG
- ZANESVILLE NOON ROTARY CLUB 2ND-ANNUAL 5K RUN WALK
- 19 FUND YOUR ROTARY CLUB TRIVIA NIGHT
- 21 DISTRICT GOVERNOR INSTALLATION CEREMONY - GARY VAUGHN
- 27 CHILLICOTHE ROTARY PARTIO

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