

45 Million Volunteer Hours \$850,000,000 THE INSPIRATION

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District 6690



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3,536



CLUBS



33

CASES
OF POLIO
WORLDWIDE
(TO-DATE 2019)



+ \$338,360

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE ANNUAL FUND

+ \$148,326

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
POLIO PLUS



525,600 Minutes

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR CRAIG MAXEY

The Rotary year is drawing to a close and I cannot thank you enough. The truth is, there is nothing I can say or do that would adequately express my gratitude to everyone that I have encountered during my year as Governor.

Thank you for your support. Thank you for your hospitality. Thank you for your kind words. Thank you for your counsel. Thank you for your compassion for others. Thank you for your ideas. Thank you for your encouragement. Thank you for your hard work. Thank you for your commitment to "Service Above Self". But, most of all - thank you for your friendship.

Rotarians prove that when people come together, amazing things happen. I could not possibly mention every problem we have tackled, every cause we supported and project we have taken on, but here are some of the year's highlights:

Youth | We have had a tremendous increase in the number of Interact Clubs. Our very successful Youth Exchange program has had a wonderful year. We are holding the largest RYLA class we have ever had in a little less than a month. Who can forget the collection of children's books for Mongolia at All-Ohio PETS last year.

Peace | District 6690, through District Designated Funds, has supported a Peace initiative in Columbia. Tom Carlisi has

created an on-line Zoom Peacebuilder program that has gotten international attention.

We have 8 to 9 Clubs in our District that have become Peacebuilder Clubs. We hosted Flavio Bollag, who conducted a Peace Mapping exercise at our fall training. We supported Peace Scholars who are studying how to increase Peace around the world.

Global and Local Humanitarian Efforts |

We built low-cost shelters in Joquicincio, Mexico, a town devastated by an earthquake. We helped fund a Cervical Cancer Clinic for Past International President Ravi Ravindran in Sri Lanka. We worked on Literacy in Guatemala. We helped fund the Sam Owori School in Uganda. This was named after the original Rotary International President for this year who unfortunately passed prior to taking office.

We packed over 43,000 meals for those in need in Haiti. We have provided water pumps, dictionaries, food, clothing, school supplies, bikes, Christmas gifts, hand sanitizer, medical equipment, scholarships, park benches, playground equipment, ADA ramps, shelters, wheelchairs and crutches... to name a few.

The Rotary Foundation | When we combine the Annual Fund with the Polio Plus fund, we are currently at over \$550,000. We are within striking distance of a record year for the annual fund and for Polio Plus we are almost to \$200,000.

We made polio important to the club presidents and they made it important to the Rotarians. I asked for a big year for the fight against polio and District 6690 delivered.

Changing it up | We implemented some innovations in our traditional way of doing things. We encouraged clubs to purge their rosters of "names on the list" by putting membership in Rotary up against the 4-way test — all this while encouraging all Rotarians to ask someone that they think may benefit by Rotary, not the club benefiting by an extra set of hands, to consider joining.

The clubs had options for my official visits. I got to know the Rotarians on a much different, more personal level. We had a major speaker at the Assembly — remember my buddy HK Derryberry! We launched Ro-Talks and our District conference was engaging, educational, entertaining, inspirational and relevant. Past International President Ravi was indeed a highlight.

I would like to give a special thanks to the District Leadership Team. A special thank also to my vice governor — PDG Michael Brown. In addition, a big thanks goes to all the current club presidents. They were responsible for making it all happen at the club level. I could not have taken on this job without the support of the lovely and enchanting Renate Maxey. She has been my biggest fan all year long.

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THANK YOU FOR THE INSPIRATION



ST. CLAIRSVILLE CLUB Living their Mission

At the request of then President Ed Mowrer, Saint Clairsville rotary club completed a visioning exercise in the spring of 2018. He appointed Melinda Thompson to be the champion of the visioning session and its ensuing action plans. She conducted a club survey as pre-work with the members at large and took input from the club for focus areas. Forty (40) members (2/3) of the club attended the four hour visioning session facilitated by trained members of District 6690. The group identified a five-year vision, a mission statement and focus areas with measurable outcomes.

After the offsite session, the results were shared back with the club at large and committees were formed to develop action plans. The fact that the action plans and resulting engagement and momentum are sustaining through the new administration are a testimony to the buy in of leadership and members and quality of the strategy work.

One of the first key items tackled was a 'principles and policy for giving' which takes our vision and mission and translates them to a giving strategy to ensure our hard earned funds are spent where our collective hearts are. President Adam Myser reflects, "The work toward stated common goals and objectives has improved member engagement as many new members have found ways to contribute via the action plans." Updates from the committees are shared at Club Assemblies and the Board acts as the ongoing visioning team.

Recent projects include launching an active Interact club in the high school, raising \$39,000 for the local school drug free club via a Jeep giveaway, cemetery clean-up, Senior Scholarships, playground map painting, shelter renovation and allocating \$50,000 to execute Rotary projects and help local charities.

The St. Clairsville Rotary Club is living up to their mission 'to create a lasting impact in our Community and beyond.'



Understanding the Rotary Impact



That Rotary members log a lot of volunteer hours should come as no surprise to anyone familiar with the organization. But a new report just released by Johns Hopkins University provides a powerful look at the impact of all those volunteer hours.

The special report prepared for Rotary International by the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies found that Rotary members had volunteered a total of 5.8 million hours within a four-week survey period. Extrapolating those results over an entire year, the report gave a conservative estimate of nearly 47 million hours of volunteer effort generated by Rotary members in a typical year.

The report then analyzed the economic impact of all those hours and estimated the value conservatively at \$850 million a year, if communities had to pay for the services that Rotary volunteers provide.

Rotary, with the help of Johns Hopkins University, is the first global service organization to conduct an empirical analysis of its volunteer's impact using an internationally sanctioned definition of volunteer work. The authors of the report noted in their conclusion that at each stop, the analysis had chosen the most conservative estimates.

Rotary General Secretary John Hewko said the figure doesn't even include the in-kind contributions and the money that Rotary clubs and the Rotary Foundation raise every year. In addition, the figure doesn't include the volunteer work of the many relatives and friends of Rotary that members often involve in a project, or that of members of Rotaract, Interact, or the Community Corps, that would easily double the estimate of Rotary's economic impact.

ON THE COVER: A special report prepared for Rotary International by the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies estimated the value of Rotary member volunteer hours at \$850 million a year.

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Around District 6690

Barnesville and Belmont-Bethesda-Morristown Rotary Clubs host their annual Special Olympics fishing tournament.



Cambridge Rotarians collected 26 bags of trash cleaning the highways and byways in their community.



Over 1,700 people attended the Chillicothe First Capital Rotary Pizza Fest. Money raised will be invested back into the community.



The Marietta Rotary and the Marietta Noon Lions challenged each other to raise funds for Gospel Mission Food Pantry. The community won, but the Rotary President had to take a dip to save the Rotary Bell!



Chaperones on the Western Rotary Youth Exchange trip enjoy a little old fashioned down time.



Zanesville Daybreak Rotary has been a long-time major sponsor of the Carr Center's Safety Town Program - teaching children in the community safety skills.

Rotarian Spotlight: **Julie Colley**

WESTERVILLE SUNRISE ROTARY



This Rotarian has a habit of improving the world around her - both with her career as a municipal government professional and as a Rotarian leader. Julie Colley of the Westerville Sunrise club has left her creative fingerprints on communities near and far.

As 2018 President of the Sunrise club, Julie and her volunteers hosted the tenth annual Memorial Day Field of Heroes - a stunning visual tribute to American service men and women. In addition to the typical 3,000 flags, Julie says the club was inspired to bring back elements from each of the previous 9 years of tributes. "It was an enormous undertaking," says Colley, "But the effort paid off tenfold when volunteers saw tears of joy, solemn reflection and sometimes heart-felt memories from families and veterans." The event also features ceremonies, a concert and a 5K race.

Julie interjects "And don't forget the poppies!" In 2016, Rotarians and volunteers worked around the clock to create nearly 5,000 enormously popular, larger-than-life-sized red ceramic poppies for the field. Most have been sold but about 500 make a return appearance each year.

In addition to Field of Heroes, Julie and the Sunrise Rotary hosts an annual Chilly Open at the Columbus

Zoo, raising nearly \$200,000 to benefit children's charities. And during her presidency, Julie launched a Making a Difference program to highlight local charities and boost volunteerism and weekly giving.

Julie's Rotary ah-ha moment came at her first Rotary International Convention in Atlanta, "So many people in the same place with the same dedication to service; WOW! Every Rotarian should put an RI Convention trip on their bucket list."

In addition to her visible role in Rotary, Julie lends a helping hand to Honor Flight, at times even accompanying veterans to DC. And we haven't even gotten to her day job. As Assistant City Manager for Westerville, Julie is heavily invested in the economic development and planned growth of her local community.

A Central Ohioan through and through, Julie graduated from Dublin High School and received her BA and her Master's degree in Regional Planning from the Ohio State University. Her first job at the City of Columbus was followed by nearly 10 years as Administrator for the City of Grandview Heights. She has been with the City of Westerville for 17 years.

Julie and her husband David have 5 children and 9 grandchildren. Together they are planning their next improvement project - working on their pickleball game in Florida!



ROTARY IS

LIFE

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes

Five hundred twenty-five thousand moments so dear

Five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes

How do you measure, measure a year?

In daylights, in sunsets

In midnights, in cups of coffee

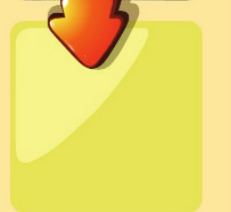
In inches, in miles

In laughter, in strife

In five hundred twenty-five thousand six hundred minutes

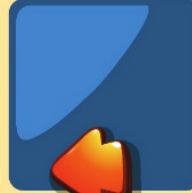
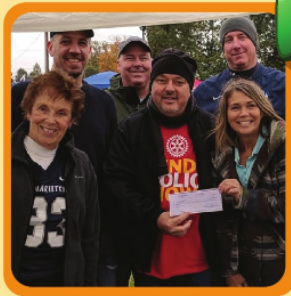
How do you measure a year in the life?

("SEASONS OF LOVE," RENT)



2018-19 DISTRICT GOVERNOR

THANK YOU, CRAIG!



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You're Cordially Invited
to the
Rotary Club of Cambridge's
100 Years

SALT FORK LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER

November 16 | **Fellowship & Refreshments**
4:30 PM
\$50 per person

Please register by visiting www.CambridgeOhioRotary.org or at a Rotary meeting



NEWARK ROTARY CLUB MEMBER T.D. GRILEY WAS PRESENTED WITH THE FIRST-EVER THEODORE "T.D." GRILEY FIVE AVENUES OF SERVICE AWARD AT THE CLUB'S RECENT ANNUAL AWARDS CELEBRATION. TO MANY IN DISTRICT 6690, HE IS INDEED "MR. ROTARY."

Register for Honolulu June 6-10, 2020!



ATTENDING A ROTARY INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION SHOULD BE ON EVERY ROTARIAN'S BUCKET LIST. REGISTER FOR RI HONOLULU, HI SOON AT WWW.RICONVENTION.ORG.

525,600 Minutes continued...

This year has been the most memorable of my 49 revolutions around the sun. How incredibly lucky am I to have been chosen to lead such compassionate, giving, talented, selfless, caring and amazing Rotarians of District 6690.

I recently heard the song from the popular musical "Rent" - "Seasons of Love."

I thought it was fitting...

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cups of coffee.
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

july

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30	31			

12-14 YEP OUTBOUND ORIENTATION AT OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY

18-20 DISTRICT RYLA CONFERENCE AT OHIO UNIVERSITY ATHENS

august

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

24 DISTRICT FALL TRAINING ASSEMBLY AT ZANE STATE COLLEGE

There are so many ways I can think of to measure this past year...ultimately I would say, it was the simply the best!

Thank you again, District 6690 Rotarians for a great Rotary year! All the best to you!

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