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CASES
OF POLIO
WORLDWIDE
(TO-DATE 2019)



+ \$201,088

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CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE ANNUAL FUND

+ \$90,289

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
POLIO PLUS

Rotarians are Peace Builders!

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR CRAIG MAXEY



DG Maxey and
PRIIP Tanaka

February is Peace and Conflict Prevention/Resolution month. The first year I served as a club president, 2012-2013, the RI president was Sakuji Tanaka of Japan. Not only was President Tanaka one of my favorites, his theme of Peace through Service was my favorite Rotary theme (maybe second to Be The Inspiration!).

Renate and I have had the pleasure of spending some time with President Tanaka, and he has the most gentle and calm demeanor. He embodies his theme and Rotarians throughout the world are creating Peace through Service every day. Rotarians truly are Peace Builders.

The first District 6690 Matching Points Campaign is well underway. Until the end of February, you will receive matching points for all personal donations to the RI Annual Fund and/or PolioPlus between \$100 and \$1,000. This is a great way to achieve your first Paul Harris Fellow or recognize someone special with their very own PHF. You must follow the specific instructions and your donations must be postmarked prior to February 28, 2019 to qualify. Don't be late!

Register today for Better Together, our joint district conference to be held April 12-13, 2019 at the Hilton

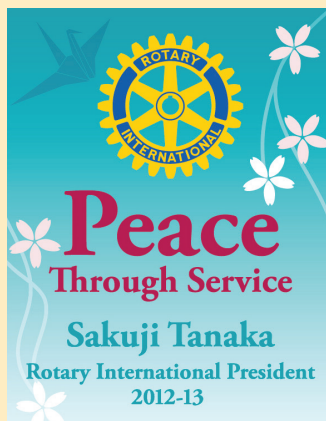
Polaris. Our district conference committee has been hard at work creating an event you are sure to enjoy. We have workshops planned on topics such as: Drug Abuse Prevention and Education; Are We This Close? – a Polio update; Diversity, Adversity and Inclusion; and the very popular Mystery Session with me and DG Scott from 6650 – fun, fun, fun! Register today – don't miss it! P.S. – I hear Elvis might be making an appearance!

Renate and I have enjoyed several club fundraisers this month. We attended the Chili Open with the Rotary Club of Westerville Sunrise, the Rotary Club of Gahanna's Annual Auction, the Athens Sunrise Murder Mystery – The Curse of King Tut, and a Drafts for a Difference fundraiser in Athens as well. Rotarians all around the District are raising money to support our great causes and to fund many service projects.

Our district is well on its way to a record year for Polio fundraising. Thank you to all clubs that have held Polio fundraisers. We made a promise to the children of the world that we would eradicate polio. We are this close!

Thank you all for allowing me the honor of being your governor. To lead such caring, compassionate, selfless, talented and giving Rotarians is a thrill I will not soon forget!

Be the Inspiration!





Barry Rassin

Combining our forces

A MESSAGE FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

One of the things I appreciate most about serving as president of Rotary International is the people I get to meet. Much of my time is spent traveling and visiting Rotary clubs around the world. A Rotarian welcome is something

quite special. But let me tell you, there's nothing so warm as the welcomes that have been rolled out for me by Rotaractors. These are young people who are committed to Rotary ideals, who are pouring their hearts into service, and who, in the process, don't forget to have fun.

One of the highlights of my recent travels was a trip to Ghana, where I visited a district that boasts some 60 Rotaract clubs. They aren't satisfied with that number, though — in fact, they're excited about a plan to double it. They'll do it, too.

Rotaractors are vaccinating children against polio. They're donating blood where the supply is dangerously low. They're providing handwashing facilities to schools where children previously had no way to get clean. In short, they're all about transformational service: carrying out projects that make a real difference in their communities.

In Nakivale, Uganda, one special Rotaract club is making a difference in its community — which happens to be a refugee settlement. These young leaders are turning what others might see as disadvantages into opportunities for service, building community and opening up new possibilities to those who are most in need of them.

In Turkey, Rotaractors are visiting children in the hospital every Wednesday to lift their spirits by playing games with them. They also are mentoring new students at their university and teaching them leadership skills. Rotaractors are blazing the path for Rotary to be more relevant in this new century of service. And World Rotaract Week, which we're celebrating 11-17 March, is the perfect opportunity to get to know your local Rotaractors and talk to them about how your clubs can work together. If your Rotary club doesn't already sponsor a Rotaract club, know that you don't need to be near a college or university to do it: Community-based Rotaract clubs are a great option. And remember that Rotaractors are part of the Rotary family.

When Rotaractors are ready to leave their Rotaract club, we don't want them to leave that Rotary family behind. I'm asking all Rotarians to help them make the transition into a Rotary club or to start a new one: I'm happy to charter as many new clubs as we need to give everyone a place where they feel at home while making the world a little better. Service should be fun, it should be inspirational, and it should be open to all.

If there's one thing Rotary has always excelled at, it's diversity. In the past, that often meant diversity of profession, nationality, and outlook. We've made great strides when it comes to diversity of age and gender, and as we welcome more Rotaractors into our organization, we'll become even stronger.

Rotary is powerful. Together with Rotaract, it is unstoppable. Working side by side, we have the potential to Be the Inspiration in every part of society, to every person we meet.

Rotarians Team Up to Kick Cancer

Cancer has affected many - too many - peoples' lives all across Ohio and beyond. We've even felt the reality of cancer within our own district through its effects on Rotarians. That's why since 2005 we've chosen to Kick Cancer as one of our district-wide initiatives. It is our time to fight back by working together to generate awareness and funding for cancer research with the ultimate goal of beating this terrible disease.

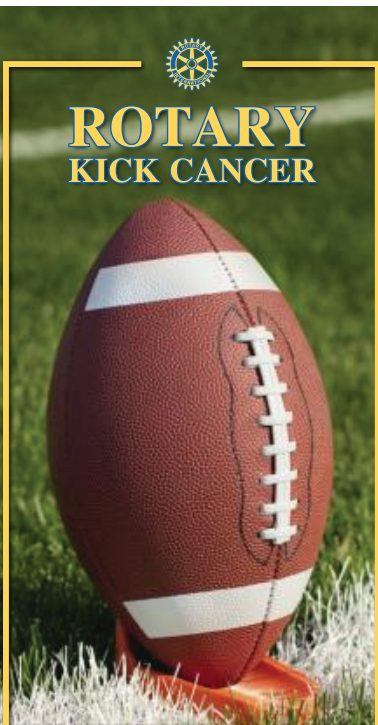
Rotary District 6690 created an endowment at the James Cancer Hospital and Solove Research Institute just for this purpose. Each year one hundred percent of the interest made from the endowment goes directly to cancer research at The James. By donating funds to this worthy cause, your generosity might ultimately assist in making a scientific breakthrough and benefit people worldwide.

I truly feel through this great Rotary district project, all Rotarians will not only be a part of an intensive, far-reaching project, but you'll feel great about making a difference too. Please choose to donate each year and help Rotary District 6690 KICK CANCER. Ask your club president how you can make a difference.

“This is an opportunity for each and every Rotarian to do something extraordinarily positive and really feel great about it.”

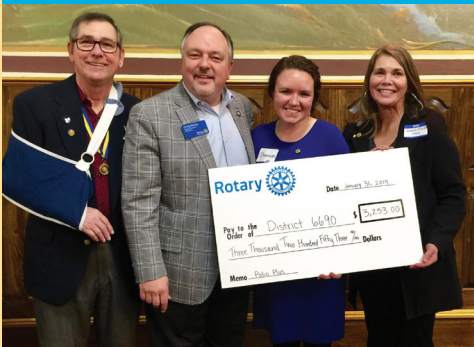
PDG, PEGGY MURGATROYD, KICK CANCER CHAIR

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Around District 6690

The Rotary Clubs of Marietta Noon, Marietta AM and Belpre present DG Craig Maxey \$3,200 for polio eradication raised from their February 1 PolioPlus event.



Worthington AM Rotarians partner with the Central Ohio Model Railroad Club and City of Worthington to turn this 1922 caboose into a Train Observation Venue at McCord Park.



Ironton Rotary Club's 2019 pancake breakfast raised funds to provide scholarships to the Ohio University Southern Nursing program.



The 22nd Annual Polar Bear Golf Open, hosted by the Dublin AM Rotary Club, raised funds for Make-A-Wish, Salvation Army, Dublin Food Pantry and YWCA.



Olentangy Rotarians volunteer at the Furniture Bank of Central Ohio.



Newark Rotarians volunteered as greeters and judges at the 11th annual STEM learning event, bringing parents and children together with industry in Licking County.

Rotarian Spotlight: **Becky Filar**

ATHENS SUNRISE ROTARY CLUB



No mystery as to why Becky Filar, President-Elect of the Athens Sunrise Rotary takes center stage in our February Rotarian Spotlight. As a first act, Becky fills a big role at the Athens County Prosecutor's Office as Director of Community Justice. Most of her day is dedicated to working alongside individuals suffering from addiction as well as survivors of sexual assault.

After work she is usually out and about in the community on behalf of Rotary or other causes near and dear to her heart. Most recently, Becky even took center stage for the Athens Sunrise Rotary annual Murder Mystery, The Curse of King Tut.

Becky was first introduced to Rotary after seeing Rotarian friends Jenny Stotts and Liesl Crites post pictures of fun activities on social media. "I was looking for a way to give back to my community, so I approached Jenny who was President Elect at the time and she invited me to a meeting. Right away, I knew these were my people," she exclaims. Later, when

traveling to my first district event I became more fully aware of all that Rotary does locally and internationally and the endless possibilities really hooked me."

At her first Rotary International Convention in Toronto this past year, Becky and the Athens Sunrise Rotarians attracted the attention of 25,000 Rotarians - getting everyone up and dancing before Rotary International President, Ian Riseley took the stage. "It was a great memory to walk away with from the convention," says Becky.

Becky grew up in the Athens, Ohio area where she stayed to attend and graduate from Ohio University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Sociology Criminology. In addition to Rotary, Becky is a Board Member of the Athens County Child Advocacy Center and often volunteers for the Athens County Court Appointed Special Advocates program.

When not taking a starring role in community activities, Becky and her friends love outdoor exploring. From camping and kayaking in Kentucky to a dream trip to Lake Superior around the Pictured Rocks.

Rotary Dedicates Well in Rafiki, Kenya

One of the most dramatic moments related to the dedication of the well in Rafiki. The original plan had been for the 3 day process of drilling the well to be completed in time for the dedication - allowing water to be drawn from it at the ceremony. Gary Vaughan, from the Short North Rotary Club had moved mountains to make the plan happen. When the drilling equipment broke down, it looked like the ceremony would have to proceed with a plaque and some sort of well symbol. Replacement equipment was on the way, but it seemed

unlikely to reach us by day of the ceremony. As it turned out, just 30 minutes before the dedication ceremony, up the dirt road lumbered the huge drill rig and supporting trucks, making a grand entry onto the farm site. Spontaneous singing broke out around the truck as it approached the designated site. While the ceremony proceeded, the drilling crew assembled the massive equipment, and we were all treated with the site of the tip of the drill actually entering the ground. It could not have been better had we planned it that way!



District 6690 P.E.T.S. Challenge

In partnership with My Very Own Blanket, supporting children in foster care.

Goal: 3,600 blankets

Make your own blanket or donate \$10

For more information, click here

(or <https://www.allohiopets.org/service-project/>)



ON THE COVER: Westerville Sunrise Rotarians host the 23rd Chilly Open, an annual wintertime fundraising event, at the Columbus Zoo and Aquarium to raise money and increase awareness for children's charities in Central Ohio.

IT'S HERE! ONLINE DISTRICT GRANT TRAINING!

We've listened and now it's here!

We're pleased to roll out the District 6690 Online Grant Management Seminar - District Grants. We have spent the past six months developing this online District Grants training seminar to replace the annual in-person training. For District Grant applications for 2019-20, at least one member of your club must complete the District Grant Management Seminar before submitting a District Grant application, and one of those club members completing the seminar must be a Club Rotary Foundation Chair or Club Grants Coordinator. If you need help designating a member of your club as Foundation Chair or Grants Coordinator for 2019-20, please consult your Assistant Governor.

The Grant Management Seminar is located at <https://my.rotary.org/en> under the Learning Center. After signing in, if this is your first time on the Learning Center, you will need to agree to the Privacy Policy and take the "Getting Started with the Learning Center" tutorial before accessing the Grant Management Seminar.

If you have previously accessed the Learning Center, you can go directly to the Grant Management Seminar after signing in with your MyRotary credentials.

To find a course or Learning Plan you have been enrolled in, 1) Click on the menu icon ? at the top left corner, 2) Select My Dashboard and 3) Access the course from My Courses and Learning Plans.

So, let's get started! The Online Grant Training for Global Grants will be available soon!

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A Great Time for a Great Cause!

Rotary International is achingly close to eliminating polio from the face of the Earth and with your help, the Rotary Youth Exchange students of District 6690 will be part of the final push to victory.



Attend the "An Evening to End Polio" on Saturday, April 6 at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church at 7121 Muirfield Dr. in Dublin. The evening begins at 6:00 pm with live music, cash bar and appetizers before moving on to a fabulous dinner prepared by an executive chef (with RYE students as sous-chefs and servers!). The finale - a buffet of international desserts provided by our District 6690 inbound students. We'll have a silent auction, plus a live (and lively!) auction of custom-made aprons hand-decorated by our RYE students. Last year's event raised more than \$10,000 for ShelterBox and was a complete blast.

Come with your club colleagues, bid for the coolest apron and have a great time while supporting Rotary's End Polio Campaign! Buy tickets or donate online at www.rye6690.com





April 12 & 13, 2019
Hilton Polaris Columbus, Ohio

*For full schedule & to register visit
bettertogether2019.com*



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Scott Schulick
District 6650



District Governor
Craig Maxey
District 6690

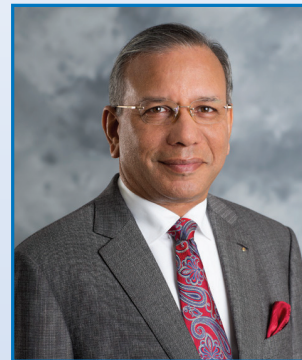
2 Districts, 2 Zones
106 Clubs &
Over 5,500 Rotarians
1 Awesome Conference
Don't miss it!

FRIDAY

- **All - Club Lunch**

Featuring Keynote Speaker
Past Rotary International President

K.R. Ravindran



FRIDAY & SATURDAY

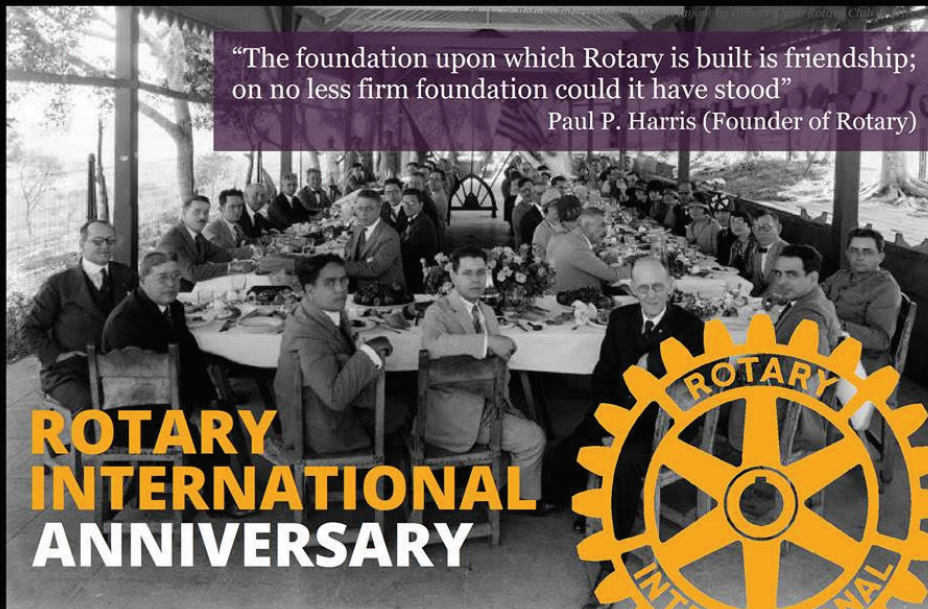
- **RoTalks-Ted Talks for Rotary**
- **Inspiring Breakout Sessions**
- **House of Friendship**

SATURDAY

- **Morning of Service**
 - Lifeline Meal Packing & Solehope Shoe Project
- **Caribbean Dinner & Dance Party**

CLICK HERE
For full schedule & to register.

FEBRUARY 23RD



"The foundation upon which Rotary is built is friendship; on no less firm foundation could it have stood"

Paul P. Harris (Founder of Rotary)

**ROTARY
INTERNATIONAL
ANNIVERSARY**



TAKE ACTION:

Celebrate Rotary, Be a People of Action

You Can Be Part of District 6690 Newsletters!

District 6690 would love 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.

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PEOPLE of ACTION

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



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- 2 SHORT NORTH ROTARY MUSIC IN THE ROUND
- 3 OLENTANGY EUCRE TOURNAMENT AND WESTERVILLE NOON ROTARY FISH FRY
- 4 CANAL WINCHESTER GROVEPORT AREA ROTARY HARLEM WIZARDS GAME
- 5 SUNBURY-GALENA ROTARY HARLEM WIZARDS BASKETBALL GAME
- 6 GROVE CITY ROTARY VS HARLEM WIZARDS BASKETBALL GAME
- 8-9 ALL-OHIO P.E.T.S. (PRESIDENT-ELECT TRAINING), COLUMBUS

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- 12-13 BETTER TOGETHER DISTRICT 6650 AND 6690 DISTRICT CONFERENCE

LOOK AHEAD:

- 18 NEWARK-HEATH BREWOHIO
- 18-19 DISTRICT 6690 TRAINING ASSEMBLY

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**BE THE
INSPIRATION**

March Deadlines Approaching!

2019 NGSE WESTERN ROMANIA

APPLICATIONS BEING
ACCEPTED NOW.
INTERVIEWS BEGIN
MARCH 17, 2019

The Rotary 6690 New Generations Service Exchange (NGSE) is a leadership development effort offering a unique cultural and vocational exchange opportunity for business people and professionals between the ages of 25 and 45 who are in the early stages of their careers. If selected, you will travel as a member of the Rotary NGSE team with expenses and travel paid by the Rotary District 6690 Coordinating Clubs. This will be a leadership, cultural, service, and vocational experience of a lifetime! The 2019 NGSE team will travel to Western Romania (Arad, Buzias, Oradea) during the three week period of May 28-June 17. Interested parties should send a request to the NGSE Coordinating Chair at janzupnick59@gmail.com.

2019 RYLA CONFERENCE

DEADLINE:
MARCH 15, 2019

Attention Clubs! Sponsor a current High School Sophomore or Junior to attend the Rotary District 6690 RYLA Conference at Ohio University-Athens. RYLA stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards and is an intensive leadership experience organized by Rotary clubs and districts where one develops his/her skills as a leader while having fun and making connections. The District 6690 RYLA Conference will be held on July 18-20 at the Ohio University-Athens Campus. For more information, please visit: <https://fs23.formsite.com/ryla6690/2019/index.html>

4 WAY TEST SPEECH CONTEST

DEADLINE:
MARCH 31, 2019

High School Students that are winners of a District 6690 Rotary Club's 4 Way Test Speech Contest are invited to participate in the District 6690 Contest to be held at the Ohio University Stevenson Center in Chillicothe on April 6. The first place winner will be invited to speak again at the District Conference on April 13 at the Hilton Polaris in Columbus. For more information, including rules and forms, please visit: <http://rotary6690.org/get-involved/four-way-test-speech-contest/>



The Four Way Test

of the things we think, say and do

1. Is it the **TRUTH**?
2. Is it **FAIR** to all concerned?
3. Will it build **GOODWILL** and **BETTER FRIENDSHIPS**?
4. Will it be **BENEFICIAL** to all concerned?

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