

THE INSPIRATION

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Rotary
District 6690



**BE THE
INSPIRATION**

3,544



CLUBS



8

CASES
OF POLIO
WORLDWIDE
(TO-DATE 2019)



+ \$258,635

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE ANNUAL FUND

+ \$113,626

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
POLIO PLUS

BY THE NUMBERS

We ARE Better Together!

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR CRAIG MAXEY



Craig Maxey,
District Governor

Happy spring, Rotarians! I hope warmer weather and sunshine is on its way.

Another month has flown by. Soon we will be inducting a new governor and new club presidents with fresh ideas and energy. My advice to all of them is not to blink...you just might miss it!

I am excited to welcome District 6650 and 6690 Rotarians to the Better Together 2019 District Conference April 12-13 at the Polaris Hilton.

The committee has been working hard to create an event that is engaging, entertaining and worthwhile. If you have not registered yet, you can do so at: <https://bettertogether2019.com/>.

Here are some highlights of Better Together 2019:

- All-Club lunch with keynote speaker PRIP KR Ravi Ravindran
- A great variety of Ro-Talks and Workshops.
- House of Friendship. Non-Profit service projects, entertainment and fellowship.
- Meet over 50 Youth Exchange students from all

around the world and going outbound.

- Morning of service. We will be packing over 43,000 meals that will be shipped to Haiti. In addition, we will be cutting out denim for shoes in Uganda.
- Caribbean Dinner and Dance Party. Steel drum band and live dance band.

Registration closes on April 5. Register today. In addition to the conference, the Youth Exchange Students are hosting An Evening to End Polio on Saturday, April 6. This will be an evening of great food served by the students and several auction items to bid on. Last year the students raised \$10,000 for Shelter Box.

Come out and support both the Youth Exchange Students and our Polio eradication efforts.

My official visits have almost come to and end. We have three more months in the Rotary year and I hope to get around to most of the clubs again. Renate and I look forward to seeing all of you at Better Together 2019. You are not going to want to miss it!

Be the Inspiration!



Barry Rassin

Saving the youngest lives through service

A MESSAGE FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT

Every two minutes, somewhere in the world, a woman dies from preventable causes related to pregnancy and childbirth. And babies whose mothers die within the first six weeks of their lives are far more likely to die themselves

than babies whose mothers survive. As I've traveled around the world as president of Rotary, I've met families for whom these aren't simply tragic statistics. But I've also met people who are devoting themselves to helping mothers and children — and because of them, I'm hopeful. And because many of those people are Rotarians, I'm also proud. April is Maternal and Child Health Month in Rotary, so it's a perfect time to tell you about some things Rotarians are doing that will make you proud too.

Last fall, I paid a visit to a hospital in the town of Jekabpils, in Latvia. It's a modern hospital, and the doctors and nurses there are caring, dedicated, and skilled. But despite all their hard work, the maternal mortality rate at the hospital had remained stubbornly high, due to a factor that was beyond their control: a lack of vital diagnostic equipment and even basic items like incubators.

And that's where Rotary came in. Twenty-one clubs from around the world joined forces for a global grant that provided what the hospital required. And in

September, when I walked into the maternity ward there, I saw state-of-the-art equipment, and I met patients who were getting the care that they needed — and that every mother and child in the world deserves to have. In Brazil, club members worked with fellow Rotarians in Japan on a global grant project that dramatically increased the capacity of an overstretched neonatal intensive care unit. New incubators, monitors, and other equipment have enabled the local hospital to save many more babies' lives each year.

And in Mongolia, a vocational training team from New Zealand organized instruction in emergency response techniques for doctors and midwives, set up a program that taught midwives modern best practices, and researched and wrote a culturally relevant childbirth education manual. Between 2013, when the team first went to Mongolia, and 2017, the neonatal mortality rate in the country fell from 11.2 to 9.1 per 1,000 births, and the maternal mortality rate has decreased as well.

That's what I mean when I talk about transformational service, and it's what Rotarians do best. Because of our networks, which span the globe; our community presence, which allows us to see what's most needed; and our expertise, which encompasses countless skills and professions, we're able to serve in a manner that has no equal. And we're able to Be the Inspiration as we help those who need us most.



Roman's Rainbow

THE GIFT OF LIFE FOR A PRECIOUS CHILD



October has always been the Christopher family's favorite time of year. October 2011 was extra special, as Brooke Christopher was due with their third child — a boy. Their two daughters were very excited to have a brother!

On October 28, 2011, Roman Christopher was born with no complications. However, on Roman's third day of life everything changed. He suddenly stopped feeding, became very irritable and was very sweaty. A doctor soon told the Christopher's that Roman was very sick.

Roman was soon diagnosed with a serious heart defect and his family was told he would need a series of three open heart surgeries to survive. Roman was seven-days old when he had his first open heart surgery. Unfortunately he was not strong enough to sustain the other two. A heart transplant was their only option.

On February 22, 2012, Roman was listed for a heart transplant. Days, weeks and months passed and then, May 6, 2012, the Christopher's got the call they had been waiting for. The next day, May 7, Roman had a fully functioning heart.

Because of Roman's donor, the Christopher's have watched him grow into a football loving, friendly, compassionate little guy. Roman's family often thinks of his donor. Driving to the hospital the night of his transplant, the most beautiful rainbow was in the sky — they knew it was Roman's donor looking down on him.

For that reason, they now refer to his donor as Roman's Rainbow. Every time they see a rainbow they stop and take time to remember his donor family for the precious Gift of Life that was given to Roman.

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Around District 6690

Byesville Rotary fights polio with a "Pints for Polio" fundraiser - leveraging the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation match of \$2 for \$1 raised.



Columbus Short North Rotary hosts "Music in the Round" raising funds for the Rafiki Aids Orphanage and the Kirk Horn Music Fund.



Craig Maxey uses some elbow grease at the Bend Area Rotary Club annual pancake breakfast.



Mount Vernon Rotary celebrates Fat Tuesday with a feast of LA Crawfish and a king cake and donated 115 warm caps to the Luke Commission for children in Swaziland.



Pataskala Rotarians plan a commemoration of Vietnam War Veteran's Day on March 29 at the Pataskala Veterans Green.



Interact Students prepare the spaghetti sauce for the Pike County Rotary Spaghetti Dinner and Chinese Auction.

Rotarian Spotlight: Adam Myser

ST. CLAIRSVILLE NOON ROTARY CLUB



He's unstoppable. At the age of 31, having already attained his own career ambition to practice law in his hometown, Adam Myser now works to satisfy the needs of his St. Clairsville community. From the smallest of gestures, like delivering donuts to public servants annually on Valentine's Day, to leadership involvement on community boards, Adam is driven to make a difference.

Adam currently serves as president of the St. Clairsville Noon Rotary. The club recently partnered with the Sunrise Rotary and a local auto retailer to raffle off a Jeep Wrangler with proceeds to benefit a drug-free kids club in Belmont County Schools.

"The goal was to sell 10,000 tickets at \$10 each to cover costs and then donate about 75% of the proceeds to drug education for children from 7th grade through high school," explains Adam. "In the end we did sell \$93,000 worth of tickets and about \$39,000 was earned for the school program. And the Jeep went to a single-ticket holder in desperate need of a vehicle, so it was a real win-win."

A St. Clairsville High School graduate, Adam earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Akron and his juris doctorate from the University of Akron School of Law in 2013, joining the law firm of Myser & Davies where he attained the rank of partner in 2017.

Adam is a second-generation Rotarian, becoming involved in club events as a child. "I loved the activities and was impressed by the sacrifices that my Dad and other Rotarians made to satisfy the needs of others." Shortly after joining the St. Clairsville Noon Club, Adam was approached by Dr. Lorrinda Saxby, whom he admires greatly, and asked to join the board. "The more I learned about the club, the more I appreciated the extent to which the club impacts the lives of others. It's a great group and I am humbled to be asked to lead them."

In addition to Rotary, Adam is a member of both the Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce and the St. Clairsville Chamber of Commerce, Board Member of Valley Hospice, and member of both the St. Clairsville Vocal Music Boosters and the St. Clairsville School Levy Steering Committee. He and his wife Sara, a school teacher, are outstanding examples in community stewardship for their two young children.



April 12 & 13, 2019
Hilton Polaris Columbus, Ohio

For full schedule & to register visit
bettertogether2019.com



District Governor
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!

CLICK HERE
For full schedule & to register.

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**



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

ON THE COVER: Dublin Worthington Rotarians continue their collaboration with their sister club, Club Rotario Santiago de Los Caballeros in the Dominican Republic, to support Santiago area students with scholarships at IPISA, the local vocational school, and to make improvements to the Barrio Lindo Clinic.



CAPTURE THE MOMENT IN HAMBURG

Join us in Germany 1-5 June 2019



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.



SATURDAY, APRIL 6
6 PM

ST. PATRICK'S
EPISCOPAL CHURCH
7121 MUIRFIELD DRIVE,
DUBLIN

HOSTED BY
DISTRICT 6690 RYE

ROTARY CLUB OF WESTERVILLE:
APRIL 6, 1959



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12-13 BETTER TOGETHER
DISTRICT 6650 AND 6690
DISTRICT CONFERENCE

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18-19 DISTRICT 6690 TRAINING
ASSEMBLY AT ZANE STATE

24-27 WESTERVILLE SUNRISE ROTARY
FIELD OF HEROES



P.E.T.S. CHALLENGE ACCEPTED!



Do You Live in Denial?

Rotarians have several opportunities in April to learn more about the challenges our families and communities confront due to opioid and other drug addictions.

The first opportunity is an Opioid Awareness Event hosted by the Whitehall-Bexley Rotary Club on Wednesday, April 10 from 6-8 pm at the Columbus School for Girls. At this event, guests will hear from Ohio's Attorney General David Yost, Derek Seigel, the Executive Director of Ohio High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area, Franklin County Coroner Dr. Anahi M. Ortiz, and other Franklin County first responders. Bexley City Council President, Lori Ann Feibel, will then facilitate a conversation with community members who have lost children to the opioid epidemic and members who are dedicated to stopping the spread of opioid addiction.

On Saturday, April 13 at the District Conference—Better Together—attendees will have the opportunity to attend a break out session -Understanding Drug Abuse, Prevention and Treatment

Want to be part of the solution? The Buck Fifty Race might be just perfect for you! The Buck Fifty Race is a 150-mile, overnight team race through the rolling and scenic hills of Southern Ohio. One-hundred percent of the profits from the Buck Fifty Race stay in Ross County and are used to sponsor every high school student in the County who would like to participate in the Drug Free Club of America Program. Contact the Chillicothe First Capital Rotary Club to see how you might volunteer at their checkpoint or visit www.buckfifty.com to enter your team in this unforgettable race that will also make a difference in the lives of young people.

DRAMATIC INCREASES IN MATERNAL OPIOID USE DISORDER AND NEONATAL ABSTINENCE SYNDROME

Opioid use during pregnancy can result in a drug withdrawal syndrome in newborns called **neonatal abstinence syndrome**, or **neonatal opioid withdrawal syndrome** (NAS/NOWS), which causes **costly** hospital stays. A recent analysis showed that an estimated **32,000** babies were born with this syndrome in the United States in 2014, a more than **5-fold increase** since 2004.

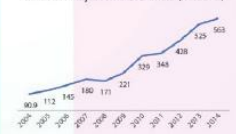


EVERY ~ 15 MINUTES, A BABY IS BORN SUFFERING FROM OPIOID WITHDRAWAL.

NAS/NOWS and Maternal Opioid Use Disorder on the Rise Rates per 1,000 Hospital Births



Growing Hospital Costs for Treatment of NAS/NOWS Inflation-Adjusted U.S. Dollars (millions)



Hossein et al. Pediatrics 2015; Workalemahu et al. Pediatrics 2013; Haight et al. MMWR 2015.



NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse

DRUGABUSE.GOV

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