



# THE INSPIRATION

DISTRICT 6690 | ISSUE 1 | 2018-19



## BY THE NUMBERS

**3,566**  
ROTARIANS

**CLUBS**  
59

**13** CASES  
OF POLIO  
WORLDWIDE  
(TO-DATE 2018)



**+ \$360,929** CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
THE ANNUAL FUND

**+ \$77,456** CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
POLIO PLUS

FOR ROTARY YEAR 2017-18

## Exciting Year Ahead for District 6690

### A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR CRAIG MAXEY



Craig Maxey  
District Governor

Welcome to the first edition of the 2017-2018 District Newsletter, The Inspiration! We are excited to roll out the new, easy-to-view flip-book format and we hope you will find it both informational and inspirational.

First, I would like to congratulate Immediate Past District Governor Shane Pyle on an exceptional Rotary Year. Shane and Angie led our District with an enthusiasm and creativity that will not soon be forgotten. Shane should be very proud of our District's accomplishments in the 2017-2018 Rotary Year. I would also like to wish him well in his new position of Rotary Zone 30 Assistant Public Image Coordinator. Great Job, Shane!

Aside from marrying the lovely and enchanting Renate Maxey, being your Governor is the biggest honor of my life. I appreciate the confidence that you have placed in me, and I look forward to working with all Rotarians in District 6690 over the next year.

This year some of you will notice a difference in my Official Club Visits. I have offered the Presidents three options to choose from - Regular Meeting, Social Event or Service Project. These options have been extremely well-received and, thus far, I feel my visits have been interactive, impactful and fun!

It is exciting to meet the wonderful Rotarians of District 6690 on my travels, not to mention learning about the many projects and causes that our District's Clubs support throughout the year. My calendar for July includes five Official Club Visits, The Zone Leadership Seminar in Erlanger, KY., three visits with the nGSE team from Taiwan, our Annual RYLA at OU Athens (which included Julia Chilet Jorge, our nGSE student from Spain), meeting with our Outbound Youth Exchange Students and presenting them with U.S. flags for their journey abroad, and installing 19 Club Presidents and their Officers.

One thing I have learned very quickly throughout my Rotary travels this month, is when you add up all the things that our Rotarians are involved in, it equals something very special. I am so proud to be a Rotarian and to continue to serve alongside all of you!

Be the Inspiration!



## Rotary Exchange Students Raise Funds for ShelterBox

Our 2017-18 class of Inbounds and Outbounds shared in a fantastic service project: staging a gala dinner to benefit ShelterBox, the international disaster-relief organization with which Rotary partners.

With the generous help of Chef Jim Taylor from Columbus State Community College, we cleared more than \$10,000 for ShelterBox's mission. The event at St. Patrick's Episcopal Church in Dublin featured a fabulous meal of beef tenderloin, live entertainment with Celtic musicians, a silent auction of items that our students secured from community businesses, and a live auction of commemorative aprons of our Inbounds' home countries, decorated by the students. Sandy Pyle Viers, serving as auctioneer, shook loose \$1,285 from the aprons alone!



Our students hustled like crazy for three hours and learned a lot about plating and serving a fine meal, the importance of great customer service, and the great feeling you can get from working together to boost a great cause. Thanks to everyone who came out or donated, we'll be presenting ShelterBox with a check for \$10,018.77.



## Be the Inspiration!

### A MESSAGE FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Barry Rassin

One year ago, your Rotary International Board of Directors adopted a new vision statement, reflecting our aspirations for our organization and its future. It reads, "Together, we see a world where people unite and take action to create lasting change – across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves."

That simple sentence distills so much of what is essential about Rotary. We unite, because we know that we are far stronger together than we could ever be alone. We take action, because we are not dreamers, but doers. We work to create lasting change that will endure long after our involvement has ended – across the globe and in our communities. And perhaps most important of all, we work to create change in ourselves – not just building a better world around us, but becoming better people ourselves.

A quotation attributed to French writer Antoine de Saint-Exupéry goes: "If you want to build a boat, don't begin by collecting wood, cutting boards, or assigning tasks. Begin by awakening in the souls of your workers a longing for the vast and boundless sea." Each of us came to Rotary because we had a longing – to have an impact, to make a difference, to be part of something larger than ourselves. That desire, that vision for a better world and our role in building it, is what drives us in Rotary. It's what made us become members, it's what motivates us to serve, and it's what led me to choose our theme for this Rotary year: ***Be the Inspiration – and together we can, and we will, inspire the world.*** (Excerpt from RI President Rassin letter)

## Rotarian Spotlight: Larry Titus

### GROVE CITY ROTARY CLUB



A quick glance at Larry Titus' resume is all it takes to see that this is a man of action. For decades, the Columbus HVAC entrepreneur has devoted himself to his community through the local chamber and numerous boards, commissions and service groups. Luckily He paused for a few minutes recently to answer our question, "***What was your Rotary Moment?***"

"I have to say my moment came the very day I went to my first Rotary meeting four years ago," remembers Larry. "You see, in 1996 I had been asked to become a charter member of the Grove City Rotary Club. I told them I was too busy. Nearly two decades later, when I finally went to a meeting and saw all the good works, the progress, the funding Rotary was supplying to Grove City – the light bulb just went off. Look at all I've missed!"

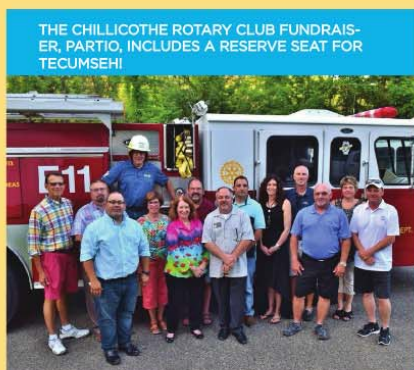
Clearly, that was the last time Larry missed a Rotary moment. In just four years he has been Rotarian of the Year, Rotary President, and now, Rotary District 6690 Public Image Committee member. Larry is passionate about applying his advanced marketing degree toward this new Rotary role. "I want to raise the awareness of what Rotary is and does. I don't want others to make the mistake of thinking Rotary isn't a good fit for them." He adds that he is proud to work with Grove City Rotary Club members, "They humble me."

Larry is married to Mary, a retired Army Lieutenant Colonel and educator who served two combat deployments to Iraq. Both are committed to supporting our veterans. She is pursuing a new career in PTSD counseling. Larry's business, Air Quality Solutions, actively seeks to employ and train veterans in HVAC. The couple has four children.





## Around District 6690



THE CHILLICOTHE ROTARY CLUB FUNDRAISER, PARTIO, INCLUDES A RESERVE SEAT FOR TECUMSEHI



A NEW SIGN PROMOTES THE MEETING LOCATION OF THE ROTARY CLUB OF BRIDGEPORT.



UPPER ARLINGTON ROTARY CLUB HELD THEIR BIGGEST PARTY OF THE YEAR IN JULY-THE LEGENDARY NIGHT OF THE ZACAPA-COMplete WITH FUN AND FELLOWSHIP AND, OF COURSE, ZACAPA RUM.



THE ROTARY CLUB OF SUNBURY-GALENA WINS THE FLOAT AWARD IN THE SUNBURY 4TH OF JULY PARADE.



THE ROTARY CLUBS OF CAMBRIDGE AND BYESVILLE HOSTED PINTS FOR POLIO, RAISING OVER \$740 TO HELP ERADICATE POLIO. WITH THE 2-1 MATCH FROM THE BILL AND MELINDA GATES FOUNDATION, GUERNSEY COUNTY ROTARIANS RAISED OVER \$2,220!



LOVELY RENATE LOOKS ON AS OUR DISTRICT GOVERNOR, CRAIG MAXEY, TAKES THE OATH OF OFFICE FOR DISTRICT 6690. HIS HOME CLUB - THE ROTARY CLUB OF REYNOLDSBURG-PICKERINGTON.

### PAUL HARRIS FELLOW VS. PAUL HARRIS SOCIETY

When you give to The Rotary Foundation, you are directly supporting Rotary's work. Your gift makes our service projects—projects that eradicate polio, promote peace, and develop communities—happen.

One question often asked is "What is the difference between a Paul Harris Fellow and a Paul Harris Society Member?" The Paul Harris Fellow program recognizes individuals who contribute, or who have contributions made in their name, of \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International. The Paul Harris Society recognizes Rotary members and friends of The

Rotary Foundation who elect to contribute \$1,000 or more **each year** to the Annual Fund, PolioPlus Fund, or approved global grants. Rotary districts often honor new members of the Paul Harris Society by presenting them with a certificate and chevron at a district or club event.

Each of these gifts to The Rotary Foundation creates an opportunity for Rotarians to do even more good in the world! Join the Paul Harris Society by visiting [www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety](http://www.rotary.org/paulharrissociety) or calling the Rotary's Support Center 866-9-ROTARY.



AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	2019
10: Rotary Club of New Albany Annual Golf Classic	29: Ro-Talks, District 6690 Fall Training, Pickerington, Ohio	9-14: Rotary Zones 30 - 31 Zone Institute, Montgomery, AL.	March 8-9, 2019 All-Ohio PETS (President-Elect Training), Columbus, Ohio
18: Pataskala Rotary Club Annual Street Fair Parade			April 12-13, 2019 Better Together, Districts 6690 & 6650 Conference, Hilton Polaris
19: Athens Sunrise Rotary Paddle for Polio Plus			May 18, 2019 District Assembly
20: Clintonville Rotary Pints for a Purpose			

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

For more information on these events, visit the District 6690 website and click on Calendar.





# SAVE THE DATE



April 12-13, 2019 • Hilton Polaris Columbus, OH



ROTARY CONVENTION  
HAMBURG, GERMANY 1-5 JUNE 2019



## OUR VISION

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

## District Public Image Grants Available

**MATCHING AMOUNTS  
INCREASED TO \$500**

Have you thought about applying for a Public Image matching grant this Rotary year? We listened to your comments so we have made the application easier and increased the matching amount to \$500.

Grant applications will be emailed next week and available on the District website. Grant applications will be accepted August 1, 2018 through September 30, 2018. Projects and final reports are due April 30, 2019.

Grants are available to support your promotion and advertising ideas such as newsprint ads, Facebook ads, banners, billboards, etc.

For questions contact Public Image Chair Christy Clark at [cjclark206@gmail.com](mailto:cjclark206@gmail.com)

## You Can Be Part of District 6690 Newsletters!

**HERE'S HOW:**

- 1 Submit photos or reflections on your experience at the Rotary International Convention in Toronto, June 2018.
  - 2 Submit a photo and caption celebrating your club for our "Around District 6690" feature.
  - 3 Submit photos and a brief description of your club's 2017-18 District Grant project.
- ★ Submit to the District Newsletter Editor, Julie Colley, at [julie.colley@westerville.org](mailto:julie.colley@westerville.org)

