



THE INSPIRATION

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Rotary
District 6690



**BE THE
INSPIRATION**

BY THE NUMBERS

5,544



19 ROTARIANS

CLUBS



59

14

CASES
OF POLIO
WORLDWIDE
(TO-DATE 2018)



+ \$18,753

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
THE ANNUAL FUND

+ \$5,153

CONTRIBUTIONS TO
POLIO PLUS

Time Flies When You're Having Fun!

A MESSAGE FROM DISTRICT GOVERNOR CRAIG MAXEY



Craig Maxey
District Governor

This saying is certainly ringing true for my first month of being your Governor. Renate and I have had the greatest time visiting clubs and meeting Rotarians throughout the District. In addition, it is so inspiring to see the impact our Rotary Clubs are having throughout Central and Southeast Ohio. A few examples: The Clintonville Rotary Club is collecting and repairing used sewing machines to donate to people who can use them to make an income for themselves and their families. The Barnesville and BBM Clubs held a Fishing Derby for those with disabilities. The Olentangy and Zanesville Daybreak Clubs stuffed backpacks to assure students a successful start to the new school year. And the list goes on and on!

In Barnesville, I had the opportunity to spend some time with Rotarian Martin Schumacher. Martin is 97 years old. He still has perfect attendance at his Rotary Club. Martin indicated that he can't do as much as he used to, but he said he likes to think that he is an example for younger Rotarians. I would say, Martin Schumacher is an Inspiration!

My August Calendar highlights include: 7 Official Club Visits, meeting with a potential Interact Club, meeting the inbound Youth Exchange Students, a Club Visioning Session, meeting with some people that are interested in starting a new Rotary Club in our District and Renate and I hosted a Patio Dinner Party for Wisdom Addo - A Peace Fellow from Ghana!

Shaking up the Fall Seminar - Saturday September 29, 2018

Yes, it is in September. Yes, it is half a day for only \$20, lunch included.

But that is where the similarity ends! RoTalks will be held in Pickerington and will be structured just like TED-Talks, but specifically for Rotarians. We will feature several topics and speakers that educate and inspire at the same time. A special guest joining us will be Flavio Bollag from Outward Bound. Outward Bound is a partner with Rotary International on Peace Initiatives. I would like to invite all Rotarians to attend and bring a friend! You won't want to miss this one. Registration opens this week. Click <http://rotary6690.org/training-events/fall-training-event/> to register and for more information.

I am so proud to be a Rotarian and to continue to serve alongside all of you!

Be the Inspiration!

125 Club ARE YOU A MEMBER?



In the 2016-17 Rotary year, we launched the 125 Club to recognize Rotarians in District 6690 who contribute at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund and at least \$25 to PolioPlus in a given Rotary year. The first year, we had 336 Rotarians "join the Club." We just finished tallying the reports from 2017-18, and we had 504 Rotarians earn their 125 Club pins – a 50% increase over 2016-17. This exceeded our expectations, and we've had to order additional pins – so please be patient if you have not received yours yet!

For the 2018-19 Rotary year, DG Craig Maxey has set a goal of 750 Club members. So please consider going to www.myrotary.org and making a donation of at least \$100 to the Annual Fund (SHARE program) and at least \$25 to PolioPlus. Even better, set up a Rotary Direct recurring donation so that you can make your donation to The Rotary Foundation automatically on a recurring basis – your contribution will go where it's needed more quickly and efficiently!

Keeping Our House In Order A MESSAGE FROM THE ROTARY INTERNATIONAL PRESIDENT



Barry Rassin

A well-known saying goes, "If you want to change the world, go home and love your family." That doesn't mean people should ignore the needs outside their own homes; instead, they should pay attention to the needs within.

It can be tempting, when our priority is service, to focus only on the things that look like service: the projects, the planning, the work that yields a visible benefit to those who need it. But to do that work effectively, we need to keep our own house in order.

In Rotary, that means conducting ourselves in accordance with the principles of Rotary, treating others with respect, and following The Four-Way Test. It means maximizing our impact by planning carefully and stewarding our resources wisely. And it means looking after the long-term health of our organization by ensuring that our membership is strong, engaged, and healthy.

Our membership has hovered around the same 1.2 million mark for 20 years. We aren't growing, and our membership is getting older. We have too many clubs that don't have the knowledge or motivation to have an impact: clubs that don't know what we're doing on a global level, clubs that don't know about our programs or our Foundation, that don't even know how to get involved. And with a membership that is still mostly male, we clearly aren't doing enough to become the organization of choice for women who are seeking to serve.

We are a membership organization first. If we want to achieve the goals we've set for ourselves, we need to put membership first. All of us have a responsibility to take membership seriously, not only by inviting prospective members, but also by making sure new members are welcomed into clubs that offer them something of value. If you see someone walk into a meeting and hesitate, be sure that person has a place to sit and is part of the conversation.

If you're enthusiastic about a Rotary program, make sure your club knows about it and knows how to get involved. If you see a need in your community, talk about it at this week's meeting. If we want to be part of an organization that's strong, that's active, that's having an impact – start at home, and Be the Inspiration in Rotary.

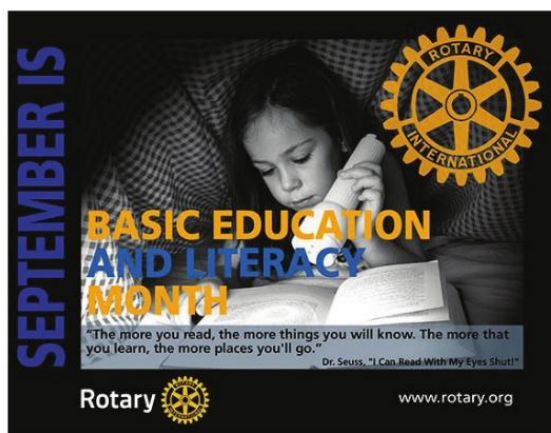
September is Literacy Awareness Month

"More than 775 million people over the age of 15 are illiterate. That's 17 percent of the world's adult population. The majority of them – as much as 60% – are women."

Basic Education and Literacy is one of Rotary's six areas of focus. We know that education and literacy are essential for helping to address other Rotary areas of focus – reducing poverty, improving health, encouraging community and economic development, and promoting peace. Through scholarships, donations and service projects around the world, the Rotary Foundation is supporting education.

Within District 6690, the Rotary Club of Dublin-Worthington has a longstanding commitment to supporting basic education and literacy both at home and abroad. At home, the club participates in the annual district-wide project to distribute dictionaries to at-need youth in various communities.

Club members additionally helped fund and now staff the Homework Help Center, located in the Worthington Library Northwest Branch. This initiative began more than five years ago, when DWRC members first volunteered at Worthington elementary schools to help challenged early readers. Today,



this service has been expanded to include adults, including new Americans.

Internationally, the DWRC works in tandem with its long-time twin club, the RC of Santiago de los Caballeros in the Dominican Republic to endow a vocational scholarship program - funded through an innovative, crowd-funding program initiated here.

The DWRC's latest endeavor is focused on early reader literacy, working with a young, twin club the RC of Narlag Ulaanbaatar in Mongolia. Following RCNUB's delegation visit last January, over

35K books were collected statewide by Rotary Clubs as a result of the ALL OHIO PETS challenge. RCNUB in collaboration with their NGO partners at the Mongolian Education Alliance await delivery of 200 boxes of these books, whereupon a DWRC team will join them in mid-September to distribute books to Mongolia's youngest readers.

This literacy collaboration began in 2017 with an initial shipment of 804 books donated by the Friends of the Worthington Libraries and Half-Price Books. For more information, please contact timothy.s.shear@gmail.com.



Around District 6690

The Zanesville Daybreak Rotary Club packs new backpacks with school supplies for area children through their Tools4Schools project.



The "History of Friday the 13th" is presented at the Marietta Morning Rotary Club meeting.



Westerville Noon and Sunrise Rotarians welcome Rotary Exchange Student, Wadeemon "New" Rungnak, inbound from Thailand. Welcome to District 6690!



The Wellston Rotary Club provide a hearty lunch to the Wellston High School Marching Band during their summer band camp.



Upper Arlington Rotary Club members and their families volunteer their creative talent at The Homeless Families Foundation.



Zanesville Noon Rotary Club raised \$10,000 from its first-annual Hunger 5K Run/Walk

Rotarian Spotlight: Keely Warden

ZANESVILLE ROTARY CLUB



We challenge you to keep in step with Keely Warden as she prepares to lead her Zanesville, OH Daybreak Rotary club in the 2018 Walk to End Alzheimer's on September 8. Raising awareness and funding for Alzheimer's research has become her focus following the recent deaths of both parents. Parents who raised Keely to believe that, "You can never be too

busy in life; if you truly care about something, you WILL make time for it."

It's obvious Keely truly cares. Because she's devoted her entire career to social services in the non-profit environment. She was Executive Director of our local United Way for 9 years; the American Red Cross for 6 years; and Executive Director of Christ's Table, a soup kitchen feeding the hungry in Muskingum County.

"Feeding people and eliminating food waste in our community is a passion," says Keely. "I am actively involved with our

Muskingum County Hunger Network, Operation Feed, and partner with Feeding America to eliminate food waste in our community."

Additionally, Keely finds more time to give, as Board Member of the Muskingum County Center for Seniors, President of the Hospice Palliative Care Advisory Council, committee member for our community SOUPer Bowl and past board member of Daybreak Rotary.

When asked to describe her "Rotary Moment", Keely describes the relationships she's built with Rotary members who have supported her through family losses, "You get into Rotary thinking it's a service club and you find you acquire a second family who support you in every way possible."

Keely and her husband, both OU grads, have raised four children in the Zanesville area where they enjoy camping, boating, skiing, tubing and swimming at Seneca Lake. And about those steps, Keely is an accomplished walker, devotedly racking up 12,500 steps per day. No doubt some of those are spent chasing after her six beloved grandchildren.



RYLA 2018 a GREAT time for all!



Each summer for the past eight years, students and volunteers spend 3 days participating in RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards).

Thanks to the many District 6690 Rotary Clubs that sponsored students to attend RYLA, we had nearly 80 student participants this year. RYLA was held July 19 - 21st on the Ohio University, Athens Campus.

Student participants from throughout District 6690 shared experiences, learned about themselves while discovering what it means to be a leader. This year's group of participants were energetic, intelligent and fun. Many of the students arrive the first day without knowing anything about the program or any of the other participants and leave a few days later having grown in their leadership development and having formed new and lasting friendships. Activities and speakers stimulate thought and help student participants come to a deeper understanding of how they can be a better leader. Students soon realize that they are part of something bigger than themselves and that their participation at RYLA allows them to safely express themselves and to grow as a person & as a leader.

Planning for next year will begin shortly. RYLA 2019 will be held July 18-20th! If your Rotary Club is hoping to participate



WATCH THE VIDEO!

we encourage you to make certain that your Club has allotted the needed funds to sponsor students and that you have appointed a RYLA chair to be responsible for the selection of



your student/participants. Additional information on how to sponsor a student, criteria on selecting a student and more will be coming later this year. We'd love to see EVERY Rotary Club in District 6690 sponsor at least one student! Stay tuned to the District newsletter or contact District 6690 RYLA Chairpersons Craig Maxey or Roe Mauro for more information. Email us at ryla@district6690.org



Rotary Club of Clintonville Seeks Volunteers

CAN YOU HELP?

The Buddy Box provides meals for children at risk in the Columbus Public Schools. The Rotary Club of Clintonville is challenging all District 6690 Clubs to see who can send the most volunteers to assist in packing meals on September 9.



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SAVE-TH-DATE

POLARIS FASHION PLACE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

FROM 1:00-4:00

JOIN US FOR A FUN
AFTERNOON OF PACKING
FOOD FOR KIDS BUDDY BAGS,
FOOD TRUCKS, AND MUSIC



VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE
FAMILYMENTORFOUNDATION.ORG

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ROTARY CONVENTION
HAMBURG, GERMANY 1-5 JUNE 2019



TOP 10

Reasons to capture tradition and innovation at the 2019 Rotary International Convention

- 10 STRENGTHEN YOUR CLUB.**
You will experience diverse and exciting programs – from the large assemblies where interesting speakers will inspire you to smaller breakout sessions that allow for active discussion among attendees.
- 9 EXTEND YOUR STAY AND EXPLORE EUROPE.**
Europe has an amazing rail system – In less than 4 hours, you can travel to Lübeck, Bremen (of Brothers Grimm fame), Berlin, Frankfurt, Cologne and in less than 5 hours, to Copenhagen!
- 8 EXPLORE HAMBURG.**
Discover the unique blend of historical and contemporary culture that makes Hamburg a distinctive place.... explore on your own or through Rotary Host offerings such as an 18km bike ride, a 3K Walk Against Polio, or music in the Elbphilharmonie concert hall.
- 7 EXPERIENCE HAMBURG HOSPITALITY.**
Did you know the first German Rotary club was founded in Hamburg in 1927? Rotary Clubs in Northern Germany are looking forward to welcoming you for an unforgettable evening on June 4. Become inspired and share your own Rotary experience.
- 6 DISTRICT 6690 EVENT**
Enjoy an evening of fun and fellowship with members from the 59 clubs in District 6690. Share your convention experience!
- 5 HOUSE OF FRIENDSHIP.**
Here, you'll find new ideas, learn the best practices, and share project successes; it's where the world comes together. You might even pick up an item of Rotary gear or two or register for the 2020 RI Convention in Honolulu!
- 4 MEET THE MOST INSPIRING PEOPLE IN THE WORLD.**
Rotary members from more than 130 countries meet at the convention every year. This is your unique opportunity to connect with old friends, make new ones, and share stories about your club's current and future projects.
- 3 LEARN ABOUT ROTARY'S IMPACT WORLDWIDE.**
This is the event where we unite and take action to create true and lasting change in the world. We are THIS close to polio eradication!
- 2 REJUVENATE YOUR PASSION FOR ROTARY.**
Unforgettable moments are made at the RI Convention, a place where Rotary spirit fills the air with a level of energy and enthusiasm you can't find anywhere else.
- 1 BE INSPIRED AND BE INSPIRATIONAL - SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE!**
Early bird registration ends December 15. RIConvention.org

ON THE COVER: Fifty-eight Rotary Youth Exchange students, representing over 18 countries, explore Washington, D.C. on the RYE Eastern Trip as part of their year-long study in the United States. Thank you for enriching our lives!!



You Can Be Part of District 6690 Newsletters!

HERE'S HOW:

- 1 What are your plans for World Polio Day on October 24? Send information and pictures for your club's events, programs or fundraisers.
 - 2 Submit a photo and caption celebrating your club for our "Around District 6690" feature.
 - 3 Tell us about your "Flash" project - a quick service project that can be done at a meeting, such as preparing dictionaries for distribution, writing letters to veterans, or filling backpacks, that engages your members in a worthwhile project. Submit photo(s) and a brief paragraph for consideration!
- ★ Submit to the District Newsletter Editor, Julie Colley, at julie.colley@westerville.org

District Public Image Grant Applications Due September 30!

PLEASE VISIT

<http://rotary6690.org/our-clubs/public-image/>

SEPTEMBER

30

RO-TALKS FOR ROTARIANS DISTRICT 6690 FALL TRAINING

[Register Now!](#)

Saturday September 29, 2018
Registration 8:30 am |
Program 9 a.m. | Lunch 12 p.m.
Coffee & Continental Breakfast

\$20 | Seton Parish
Multi-Purpose Building
600 Hill Rd North
Pickerington, OH 43147

Topics include The Rotary Foundation,
Membership Engagement, Social Media,
Youth Exchange and Peace.

SAVE THE DATE



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

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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER

Su	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa
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9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
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30						

- 17 WESTERVILLE NOON CLUB
GOLF OUTING @ MEDALLION
- 21 WESTERVILLE SUNRISE GOLF
OUTING @ SAFARI
- 21-22 OLENTANGY ROTARY
POWELL OKTOBERFEST AND
CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT
- 29 RO-TALKS, DISTRICT
6690 FALL TRAINING,
PICKERINGTON, OHIO

OCTOBER

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- 8 PATASKALA BATTLE FOR
BROAD ST. SPAGHETTI
DINNER FUNDRAISER
- 9-14 ROTARY ZONES 30 & 31
INSTITUTE, MONTGOMERY,
AL.
- 20 WELLSTON 2ND ANNUAL
DAN LOCKARD MEMORIAL
GOLF OUTING
- 24 WORLD POLIO DAY

2019

March 8-9, 2019
ALL-OHIO PETS (PRESIDENT-ELECT
TRAINING), COLUMBUS, OHIO

April 12-13, 2019
BETTER TOGETHER, DISTRICTS 6690 &
6650 CONFERENCE, HILTON POLARIS

May 18, 2019
DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

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