

Rotary



District 6690
Central and Southeast Ohio



June 2020

Reflections at the End of This Rotary Year

RI President, Mark Daniel Maloney

My Rotary journey began 40 years ago when I joined the Rotary Club of Decatur, Alabama, at the age of 25, and it has brought my family and me many unforgettable moments. But nothing could have prepared me for connecting with the world as president of Rotary International. My individual Rotary journey has become a shared Rotary journey with each of you.



This year Rotary launched our new Action Plan, and I trust each club is putting that plan to use.

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District 6690 Increases Its Donation to Area Food Banks



Pictured Above: At the May 28 Athens Sunrise Rotary meeting, Andrew Mayle, Executive Director and Faith Couch, Development Director, accepted on behalf of The Southeast Ohio FoodBank. DG Gary Vaughn presented a check for \$14,419 from District 6690.

In May, the Rotary Foundation granted District 6690 an additional \$25,000 in disaster relief funds to address the COVID-19 crisis. That was on top of the \$100,000 raised last month within the district.

“Rotarians are proud to be able add another \$25,000 to our \$100,000 donation made in May,” said DG Gary Vaughn. “Our district received the maximum grant amount from the Rotary Foundation which increases the number of people helped to 440,000.”

The total \$125,000 in donations will be shared by the Mid-Ohio Food Collective, the Southeast Ohio Foodbank and Kitchen and the Freestore Foodbank in Southwest Ohio.

Update: The newsletter last month credited clubs for contributing to the drive for foodbank funds. Regrettably, **The Rotary Club of Lancaster-Sherman** was omitted from that list. Thank you, Rotarians of Lancaster-Sherman for your contribution!

MORE Food Bank Donations!

We are finding out more every day about District 6690 Rotary clubs that have donated to their local foodbanks, food pantries, and resource centers in addition to the \$100,000 we raised as a district.

Here are the clubs we've heard from:

- The Malta-McConnelsville Rotary Club donated an additional \$1000 to the SouthEast Ohio Food Bank.
- Zanesville Daybreak Rotary donated 4,000 snack bars to Zanesville City Schools. The snack was a special treat in the weekly free lunches for Zanesville students.
- Upper Arlington Rotary Club partnered with National Church Residences and donated Rotary-branded masks to senior residents and staff at the Hilltop Senior residence.
- The Upper Arlington Rotary Club also donated a new freezer along with \$1,000 in food to The Homeless Families Foundation. The donation was made in the memory of longtime Rotarian Bill Mielke.
- The Whitehall-Bexley Club contributed **\$10,000** to the Whitehall Food Bank Program!
- The Rotary Club of Hilliard donated \$15,000, volunteered, helped set up processes for managing curbside, sourced difficult to get food, and raised community awareness of the new location for the Hilliard Food Pantry.

Did your club make additional contributions to a food bank recently? [Tell us about it!](#)

Project Update: Polio Plus



WPV Cases, YTD 2020:

Afghanistan - 12

Pakistan - 49

[Contact David Uhl](#) to schedule a PolioPlus update and speaker at a club meeting this Sept, Oct, or Nov.

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"In our work to end Polio, we know many parents remain hesitant of vaccines despite their proven safety and efficacy. Dr. Peter Hotez and Rotary's **John Hewko** weigh in on the challenges the anti-vaccine movement will pose in fighting COVID19: <http://endpol.io/cnnop>."

- EndPolioNow campaign

+Join us **TONIGHT** in a conversation with John Hewko, RI General Secretary. **Jun 10, 2020, 7pm** via [Zoom](#).

Register For The Rotary International Conference - FREE



[Now More Than Ever, Rotary Connects the World: The 2020 Rotary Virtual Convention](#) will link you with Rotary and Rotaract members from around the world. [Sign up now](#) for this free online event that takes place **20-26 June**. Our first virtual convention is open to all Rotary members and participants.

Come together during [general sessions](#) to witness the power of Rotary connections. Learn new skills, explore thought-provoking topics, and discover inventive ways to engage and adapt at our [breakout sessions](#).

Visit the convention's [event page](#) on Facebook to connect with other members. And use the hashtag #Rotary20 in your social media posts to share what you're looking forward to at this year's convention. Don't forget to invite a friend from your club or share the convention with your Rotary family.

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District Global Grant

Life Pump Project

In Malawi, 40% of the existing hand pumps are non-functional at any given time. In addition to these broken pumps, research shows another 14,000 communities have water systems that are non-functional during the peak dry season month of October.

Ohio Rotary Clubs in districts 6670 and 6690 will partner with the Bwaila Rotary Clubs in Lilongwe, Malawi on a safe water program serving an estimated 20,000 people.



In early 2019, the ministry of water in Malawi officially adopted the use of a new hand pump technology called LifePump into national policy. This technology, was development by Design Outreach based in Columbus, Ohio. LifePump is able to operate to 150 meters and last 5 years between maintenance cycles and cost 80% less for operations and maintenance compared to other common hand pumps.

Community transformations have been amazing with lower incidences of disease, increased safe housing, increased food production, and kids staying in school. The project includes water, sanitation, and hygiene implementation and training.

District Leadership is challenging each club to contribute \$1,000 or more to this project. (Those funds will be multiplied by District and RI Foundation grants.) The funding goal is \$90,000.

Please consider contributing, This district project shows how Rotarians and Rotary Clubs amplify their impact through collaboration. Look for an email

from [Bill Grindle](#), District Global Grants Chair, for details.



Join the 125 Club

Our Rotary Foundation continues to fund studies in peace and conflict resolution. More than 1,000 graduates of Rotary's Peace Centers are out there now, making a difference in the most conflict-torn areas of the world. The Rotary Foundation helps us feed the starving, heal the sick, battle illiteracy, provide a chance at self-reliance to those in

abject poverty, and provide clean water that's more precious than gold.

The fight to eradicate polio continues, even while the COVID-19 pandemic rages in communities that are also at risk for polio. We are down to two countries endemic to polio – Afghanistan and Pakistan – with 59 cases of wild polio virus this year, and we must continue to wage war against this terrible disease.

Join the 125 Club for 2019-20. [Donate \\$100 to the Rotary Foundation and \\$25 to the Polio Fund by June 30](#). Your contributions make a huge difference!

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VIRTUAL DISTRICT ASSEMBLY

Jun 13, 2020. 9:00am-11:00am

Starts in...



DAYS

HOURS

MIN

SEC

Around the District

As Rotarians, you are all undoubtedly helping your communities every day - whether it's helping people to cope with COVID-19 hardships or ensuring continuity in addressing existing needs - Rotarians are always thinking about service above self.

Below are just a few examples.

Westerville Sunrise Rotary

Westerville Sunrise managed to pull off another successful annual Field of Heroes event this year, while enabling the community to social distance. Kudos to the club for their problem-solving skills to keep the tradition of this well-loved community event.





Olentangy Rotary

Olentangy Rotary created The Memorial in Village Green Park, Powell, OH as a place of reflection and remembrance to honor all veterans past, present and future.

Rotarians in action!
The club also undertook this brilliant “Map It” project on the playground of Wyandot Run Elementary.



District Training Team Volunteers Needed

Are you interested in developing future leaders?

The District Training Team is looking for volunteers. This would include creating programs, finding existing programs to utilize from the RI Learning Center, planning programs for meetings like The District Conference, District Assembly, and the Fall Seminar.

We have some great ideas and now we need some great team members!

If you would like to be a member of the District Training Team, please contact dana@vogelmeierconsulting.com.

Newsletter Contributions

Tell the rest of the district what your club or committee is up to! Where do you need help? What successes can you share? What do you want to know more about? Send submission ideas to dave.ungar@gmail.com by the 1st of the month.

Social Media

Does your club use hashtags when posting on social media? Using **#RD6690** on your posts will enable the district to search and repost/retweet your messages. Let us help you reach a larger audience!

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