

Rotary



District 6690

Saturday, April 30, 2022

Continue to Do the Good Things Rotarians Do!

Greetings my fellow Change Makers! It's hard to believe that it is May already! Time truly is flying by! I want to thank those of you who made the choice to be a part of our District Conference April 8th and 9th at the Cherry Valley Hotel. There were about 185 Rotarians, partners, Interact members, high school students, exchange students and speakers in attendance. It was great to be together again! There was so much energy and excitement. It was awesome to see everyone re-connecting with old friends and forming new connections and friendships. Not to mention all of the information gleaned from the breakout sessions and presenters. I hope those of you who were there are sharing Your Rotary Stories about the District Conference with your fellow Rotarians. I know that DGE Price's Conference will be just as exciting, informative and fun - so we hope to see you and your fellow club members there next year!



As we are quickly approaching the end of the Rotary year, I wanted to let you know that your District Team is here to help clubs finish the year strong. Giving to Our Rotary Foundation continues to be a high priority. District 6690 Rotarians have answered the call to support the relief efforts in Ukraine and have contributed over \$50,000 towards that effort. This just shows how passionate and dedicated you all are towards peace and to helping to make our world a better place. Though this number is significant, we still have

some work to do to meet our Polio Plus giving goal. If you have not already given, I encourage you to consider [giving a minimum of \\$25](#) towards our efforts to eradicate Polio from the face of this earth. We are truly "This Close" with only one case currently reported in Afghanistan. But we know that we are not done. If there is still one case there still is the possibility of this devastating and debilitating disease to spread around the world. Certainly, we can understand this possibility from our experiences with COVID. So, I encourage you to help Rotary keep our promise to the children of the world and make your contribution today.

Also, in this newsletter, you will see information about an initiative that evolved from one of our District Conference speakers, MelRo Potter. Her story was a powerful message about the experience a child has in the foster care system. Her story was so moving that we knew we wanted to do something to help make those that are a part of the foster care system a little better. Out of that desire came the idea of a ***luggage drive***. During the month of May, which is Foster Care Awareness month, I am encouraging clubs to start collecting new and/or gently used luggage to then give to a local foster care organization in your community. There are over 23,000 Ohio children in the foster care system. And each time one of those kids has to make a move to a new family or facility, most often they have to transport their belongings in a trash bag. Let's help show these young people that they are worthy and that they do matter by giving them a little dignity and providing them with a suitcase of their very own. And to add a little friendly competition, the club that collects the most luggage per capita will be celebrated by a social event sponsored in part by yours truly!

As we approach the end of this Rotary year, let us continue to do the good things Rotarians do. Let's support Our Rotary Foundation so that we can make a difference in our world. Let's grow our organization so that we can build on our network for creating peace. Let us continue to Serve to Change Lives.

-District Governor, Maryjane Shackelford



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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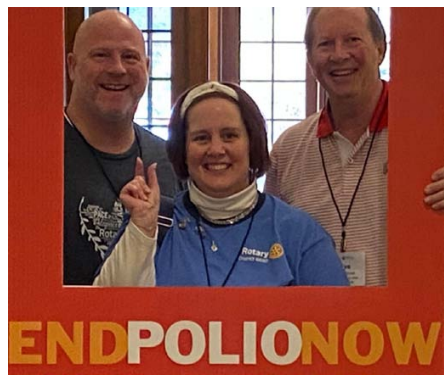
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Project Update: Polio Plus

In Pakistan, a new case of wild poliovirus type 1 (WPV1) has been reported from North Waziristan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with onset of paralysis on 9 April. It is the first reported WPV1 case from the country since January 2021.



In Afghanistan, one case has been reported this year.



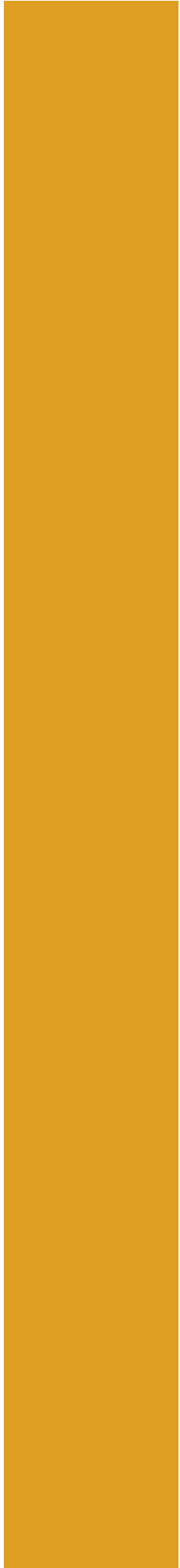
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Thanks to this women-led door-to-door vaccination campaign in Pakistan, more than 6 million people received their first dose of a COVID vaccine in just 10 days. As we celebrate [#WorldImmunizationWeek](#), let's lift up the integral role women play in fighting disease.



Pakistan has a big idea: Send 13,000 teams led by women to vaccinate the hesitant

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Now in its Sixth Year, Please “join” the



125 CLUB

Recognizing Rotarians who contribute at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and \$25 to PolioPlus for the 2021-2022 Rotary Year.

Two Options to Give

1 Log into your My.Rotary.org account using your Rotary ID and contribute at least \$100 to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and at least \$25 to the PolioPlus Fund;

or

2 Use the District's giving app by going to https://givebutter.com/125_Club

- When you receive your District 6690 125 Club pin, **WEAR IT PROUDLY!**
- Encourage fellow Rotary members to join the 125 Club! Last year, over 800 Rotarians in District 6690 joined the 125 Club – will you join this year?



(Pins will be distributed by Assistant District Governors periodically throughout the Rotary year)

Help Improve Lives

On any given day in Ohio, more than 23,700 children are being cared for outside their homes by foster parents. Every community in our Rotary District has children in foster care and as Rotarians, we'd like to do something to help. These children often move from agency to agency and from foster home to foster home, with all their worldly possessions **carried in a garbage bag**. *Imagine* how valued that makes them feel!

May is Rotary's Youth Services Month and we are asking each club in our district to help improve the lives of these children by **collecting new and gently used luggage**

Agencies you can contact include:

- Franklin County Children's

that you can donate to your local child protection agency. The agency can then distribute these bags directly to each child entering the foster care system. We encourage you to reach out to an agency in your local area now to coordinate this donation and develop a rapport with a local representative for that agency, so that they know your Rotary club is willing to help.

Any size luggage is welcome as usually smaller carry-on size bags are good for younger children and larger bags are good for older children who usually have more belongings. If you collect cash donations as well, we encourage you to partner with your local Walmart or Sam's Club or Costco or Kohls to actually purchase the luggage as part of your donation to the agency. Speak to a manager there and they will often offer you a pretty good discount if you explain that it's all going to a local charity to benefit foster children. If you can provide a sales tax exempt form from your club's 501(c)(3) foundation, you can save on the sales tax as well.

- Services
- National Youth Advocacy Program (NYAP)
 - The Buckeye Ranch
 - SAFY
 - + many others.

Our District Governor is helping make this a competitive and fun event by donating \$500 for a happy hour celebration to the club that collects the most pieces of luggage per member in May! The club that contributes the most luggage per club member will have the honor of hosting a happy hour for your club members at a bar or restaurant of your choice, sponsored by District Governor Mary Jane Shackelford (up to a \$500 value)! We will need you to keep track of the number of pieces of luggage collected by your club by completing the attached linked form at the end of May (deadline June 15th). A club winner will be announced in June by email and your club will also be featured in the next district newsletter!

Simply follow this link: <https://forms.gle/KEJPGbwe2GVRHpQa9> to complete your form between June 1 & June 15 (once you've collected and/or purchased all luggage from cash donations)! You are also encouraged to submit pictures of your collections and the subsequent drop off at your local children's agency on that same form, which will be featured in our newsletter!



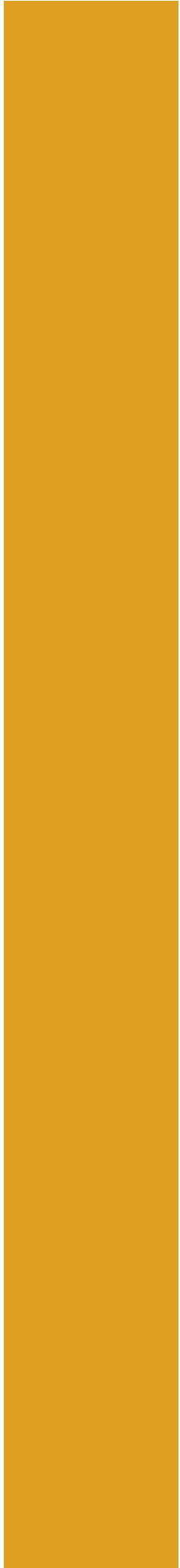
Do some good! Have some fun! What could be better? Questions? Please contact Wolf Lant (wolf@compucorp.net, 614-579-2667) for questions or problems.

Thank you!

-Your District 6690 Project Committee (Sandra Knoesel, Wolf Lant, Bill Grindle)

District Assembly and Conference

The RY2021-22 District Assembly and Conference was held April 8-9. We were inspired by brilliant, captivating speakers - including our High School Four-Way Test Speech contest winners. We saw friends we hadn't seen in person for a couple years. We joined together for a service project for Habitat for Humanity. And we had FUN - together!







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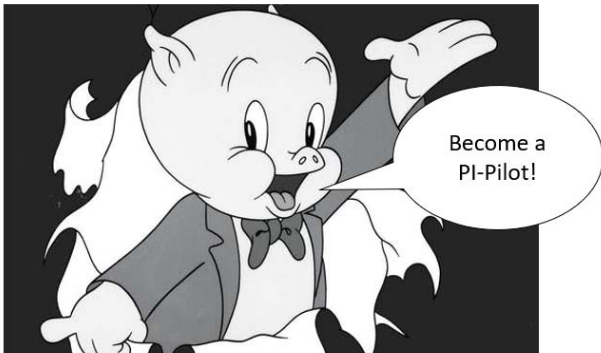
Have you seen our 'Meet a Rotarian' campaign

on [Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#)?

Now you can create your own! Create your own version of this campaign using [this template](#).

Find this and other resources on the District website's PI page:

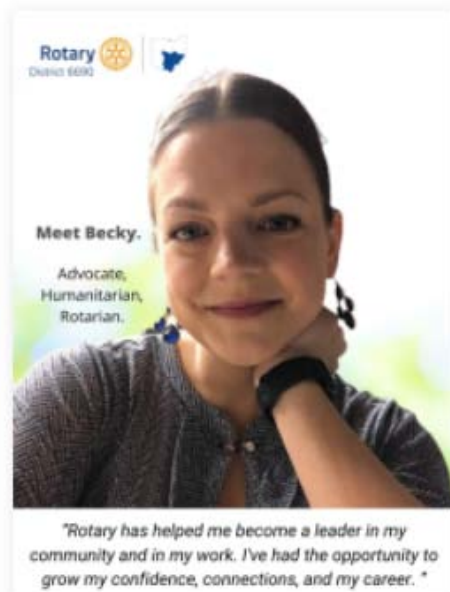
[Rotary6690.org](#) > [Our Clubs](#) > [Public Image](#)



The PI committee is looking for clubs to participate in a club:district public image pilot program. The objective is to build public awareness of Rotary through the clubs. The district PI committee will work closely with the pilot clubs to build marketing campaigns. We're starting small - [contact your district PI chairs](#) for more information.

That's all! (for now!)

MEET A ROTARIAN - DISTRICT CAMPAIGN



Events

May

7th - [Jackson Book Sale Fundraiser](#)

13th - [Rotary Club of Marietta - 2nd Annual Golf Outing](#)

21st - [New Albany Founders Day Parade + Festival](#)

27th - [Field Of Heroes](#)

June

4th - [Rotary Convention Houston](#)

18th - [Columbus Pride March](#)

25th - [District Governor Installation & Picnic](#)

29th - [RAH RAH \(Rotary After Hours\)](#)

District Leaders



Maryjane Shackelford
District Governor



Price Finley
DG-Elect



David A. Uhl
DG-Nominee



Frances M. Veverka
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District Rotary
Foundation Chair



Dave Ungar
District Public Image
Chair



Sheila Mark
District Training Chair

Newsletter Contributions

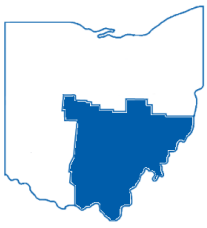
Tell the rest of the district what your club or committee is up to! If you would like to submit a story to the newsletter, please add it [HERE](#) by the 25th of the month. (*Newsletter publication is the first of each month.*)

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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