

Rotary



District 6690

Tuesday, February 1, 2022

Peacebuilding



Hello my Fellow Change Makers!

Welcome to February, where Rotary International has identified this month as Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention month. It seems like an appropriate time to share with you what is happening in the District regarding Peace and Peacebuilding.

Currently we have 35 clubs out of our 58 that are recognized as Peacebuilder Clubs. There have been many projects completed and in the works around peace -including peace poles, peace gardens, literacy projects and partnerships that promote and foster peace.

In addition, the District Peace Committee is in the process of putting together the second in a series of four [Peace Symposiums that is set to take place via Zoom on February 12.](#)

The title of this symposium is ♦Building Peace in our Neighborhoods♦ and will feature projects performed by the Columbus Rotary Club, the Hillard Rotary Club and the Clintonville Rotary Club. In addition, there will be guest presenters including our own Zones 30/31 Director Elizabeth Usovich, IEP Peace Activator for Zones 30/31, Jim Roxlo and representatives from the Neighborhood Area Commission. I am confident that it will be a powerful session demonstrating the great work that clubs in District 6690 are doing to build peace in our neighborhoods. For more information and the registration link, check out the flyer included in this newsletter.

I would like to close with a quote from RI President Shekhar Mehta-

♦Friends, to live for others, to care for others, to serve others and change their lives is the best way to live our own lives.♦

I am grateful for all that you are doing to make our world a better place. I am grateful to you for Serving To Change Lives!

-District Governor, Maryjane Shackelford

Peace Symposium

Feb 12, 2022 11:00 AM

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/>

meeting/register/ tZcvfuqvpzgiGNlraJPF- hLb5ZXAvmUvh-p0

When completing registration information, please fill in the following:

1. Your respective organization information: For example, Rotary...Rotaract...or... Other - Organization/Affiliation
2. Your Geographic Location



SERVE TO CHANGE LIVES

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WINTER 2022 PEACE SYMPOSIUM

presents
"Building Peace in Our Neighborhoods"

February 12, 2022
11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Eastern Time, USA

Featured Speakers

Elizabeth Usovicz
RI Director
Rotary Zones 30-31



MJ Shackelford
District Governor, 2021-22
District 6690



Jim Roxlo
IEP Peace Activator
Rotary Zones 30-31



Join us on Zoom!

REGISTER OR LEARN MORE HERE

rotary6690.org/training-events/peace-symposium/

Project Update: Polio Plus

2021 ♦ the year that set the stage for a polio-free world

2021 may go down in history as the turning point in the global effort to eradicate polio.

- In June, the GPEI launched the new [GPEI Strategy 2022-2026](#), which lays out the roadmap to achieving a lasting world free of all forms of polioviruses through stronger community engagement, a renewed focus on gender equity and the rollout of new tools and technologies.
- Further critical progress took place in Afghanistan ♦ one of two final countries endemic for wild poliovirus, along with Pakistan. For the [first time in more than three years](#), nationwide polio immunization campaigns resumed across Afghanistan reaching 8.5 million children, including 2.4



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million children who were previously inaccessible.

- At the same time, polio programme health workers at the forefront [continued to support](#) global COVID-19 response efforts by delivering vaccines, mobilizing communities, and countering misinformation among other activities. The use of GPEI infrastructure for health emergency response has provided critical lessons for integrating polio resources into broader health systems as more countries work towards transition and the post-certification period.

[Read more](#) at Polioeradication.org



We want to recognize the Newark Rotary Club as one of the 'Polio Plus Rock Stars' of the first half of our Rotary year. Along with 4 other clubs (Coshocton, Zanesville Daybreak, Upper Arlington, Grove City), they have raised more than half of the total of our Polio Plus dollars to date! Even small projects can make a big difference. If your club hasn't scheduled your Polio Plus project yet, it is not too late. Below is the creative fundraising story of the Newark Rotary Club!

Melinda Thompson
Polio Plus District Chair

The **Newark Rotary Club** has created a blend of fundraising activities to appeal to our membership for the first half of our Rotary year. The club conducted two Ohio State Buckeye football pools with half of each pool's proceeds devoted to Polio Plus. They hosted a **◆Dine for Polio◆** with restaurant partner City Barbeque that supported dine-in and to-go meals. They also conducted two **◆Pies for Polio◆** auctions at our club meetings

with the popular, homemade pies baked by the expert baker, Assistant District Governor, Jack Neely.

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)

ROTARIANS ON THE RISE

This leadership development program is tailored to help Rotarians develop leadership skills that apply in their personal or professional lives, at work or in the club. This is a great program for anyone wanting to

improve their skills or if you are looking to get into Rotary leadership or a leadership role in your company. You may know people in your club that would be a good candidate for this program. If so, please share it with them. Also, share it with everyone in your club! This will be a tremendous opportunity for many people who need this development. And it is free!

The remaining four sessions' dates and Zoom link to register are below. Every session is held from 5:00-6:00 pm via Zoom.

- [February 10: Communicating and Storytelling](#)
- [February 24: Engaging the Team](#)
- [March 10: Leading Your Team, Club, Project: Accountability](#)
- [March 24: Celebrating Success](#)

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The first group of attendees had positive comments about their experience and provided insight to make it even better. We hope you will join us to learn and share with others!

District Training Team



Jan 13 Getting to Know You & Building Relationships	Jan 17 Current State, What to Change, Future State	Feb 10 Communication & Storytelling
ROTARIANS ON THE RISE		
Feb 24 Engaging the Team	Mar 10 Leading Your Team or Club; Accountability	Mar 24 Celebrating Success
5:00-6:00 PM ZOOM 2022		

New Generations/Youth Service

Rotary Youth Exchange

We have a cohort of outgoing Rotary Youth Exchange young diplomat-ambassadors for 22-23! Students from central Ohio who applied for the district's long term exchange program for 22-23 were interviewed in December and students interested in the short term program (summer 22) are being interviewed in January. The whole group met for an in-Person event Saturday, January 8th downtown. Training was held in the Columbus Metropolitan Library Main Branch, where students and committee members enjoyed a lovely view of the Columbus skyline while discussing the 6 BE's of youth exchange. Then we took a stroll through the Topiary Garden and to the Ohio Statehouse for a tour. It was a mini exchange for

all of the students, as few of them had been to the downtown branch or the statehouse, so they got to see something new. Below you see some pictures of the group.

Our next meeting is in February, and dates and details can be found on our district RYE website www.6690exchange.com. We are always looking for Rotarians to serve in roles such as host families, Youth Exchange Officers who check in with students once per month, etc. It's a way to forward international peace and mutual understanding, as shown in the picture below of the purpose of exchange programs (source: Department of State training). If you'd like to be a part of our fabulous and fun group, reach out! Rotarymarierye@gmail.com



Funding Peace Projects

lease donate to our Kentucky tornado relief campaign

As you may know, whole swaths of the western side of the state were demolished by a devastating tornado strike Dec. 10.

The scope of devastation from this record-setting tornado is hard to imagine. Some of you may remember the awful Xenia tornado of April 3, 1974, which destroyed almost all of Xenia's downtown and more than 1,000 homes and businesses overall, killing 33 and injuring another 1,150 people.

The Dec. 10 tornado in Kentucky was worse. It wrought a trail of destruction 165.7 miles long and 1 to 1.5 miles wide, causing catastrophic damage to the towns of Mayfield, Princeton, Dawson Springs, and Bremen, among others. Fifty-eight people were killed in the storm. It was the second longest continuous



path on the ground tornado recorded in US history.

Our Rotary Club of Westerville will respond to this terrible tragedy in our neighboring state. The board last week

authorized matching our members' donations to this relief effort, dollar-for-dollar, and we will produce a minimum \$5,000 donation regardless of individuals' contributions. I have informed our Rotary District 6690 Governor Maryjane Shackelford that we intend to publicize this campaign, and **challenge the other 58 Rotary clubs in the district to respond** with donations.

- By no later than Feb. 28, make out a check payable to the **Westerville Rotary Foundation**
- Write **Kentucky Relief Campaign** in the memo line
- Deliver to Club Treasurer Dave Coffman: Rotary Club of Westerville, P.O. Box 595, Westerville, OH 43086-0595

You will hear regular updates on our **Kentucky Relief Campaign** in the coming weeks and months. Thank you for considering a donation to this relief effort.

Yours in Rotary,

Joe Meyer, 2021-22 President
Rotary Club of Westerville

Rotary District 6690 and the Friendly Candle are now taking orders for Peace Candles.

These candles were created exclusively for Rotary.

Proceeds go to our district to fund your clubs' Peace projects.

And they make a great gift!

Order on-line at :

Friendly Candle and Rotary District 6690 have created the



PEACE CANDLE

Every candle is made of 100% all-natural soy with essential oils and fragrances.

Hand-poured in Columbus, Ohio.

Burn time 70+ hours.

Includes seed paper candle topper, #plantthetag and wildflowers will grow!

ORDER YOURS TODAY

friendlycandle.com

50% of proceeds from this candle help fund Rotary Peace projects in Central and Southeastern Ohio.

Peace begins with me!

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<https://friendlycandle.com/.../products/rotarypeacecandle>.

Public Image

Like This!

If you follow District6690 on LinkedIn or Facebook, you may have seen some profiles of Rotarians in the past few weeks. The idea behind these posts is to demystify Rotary. After all, Rotary is made up of people - Extraordinary people, but local people that you know! There are no barriers to entry and no secret handshakes - We are leaders, bringing our skills together to improve the world.

This campaign has had a very successful start. We have reached many more people than we normally would with a generic post about "What Rotary Does." .. And the reason is - people! People see and respond to posts about people they know. And the more that people interact with the posts, the more people will see them and learn about Rotary.

So - PLEASE remember to:

1. **Follow** the Rotary D6690 [LinkedIn](#) and [Facebook](#) pages
2. **LIKE** posts as often as you can
3. **Send** your own profile to 6690pidave@gmail.com so we can profile you too! Send:
 1. a good quality **photo**/ selfie
 2. a short **quote** about how Rotary integrates with your professional community or local community
 3. a short **bio** of what you do, outside of Rotary.

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Rotary is people you know, working together to make positive change in the world.

Dave Ungar helps organizations optimize their teams by simplifying targets, amplifying skills, and delivering rapid results. His skills are valued by Rotary, and he values Rotary as a place to work with others to make a difference in the world.

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Learn more about Rotary: <https://lnkd.in/d/Egueit6>



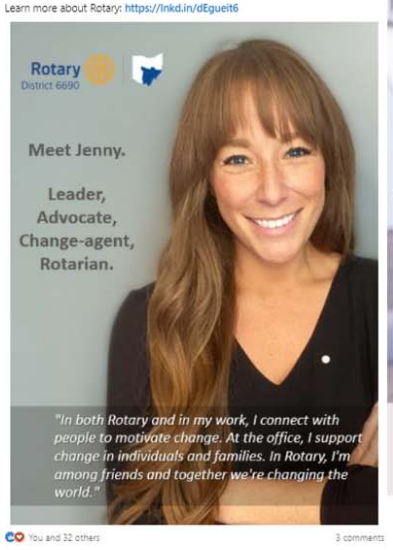
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Rotary is people you know, working together to make positive change in the world.

Jenny Stotts is the Executive Director of the Athens CASA/GAL Program, leading a team that helps children through their darkest days by building relationships and fiercely advocating for their rights. Her leadership and communication skills are valued by Rotary. In Rotary and on the job, Jenny builds teams that make a difference.

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Rotary is people you know, working together to make positive change in the world.

Dana Vogelmeier, CPTD helps companies create workplaces people love to work. She starts with assessing the current state, creating development programs to fill the gap, and implementing solutions.

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Events

February

- 5th - [25th Annual Polar Bear Golf Outing](#)
- 5th - [Super-Bowling Sunday](#)
- 10th - [Membership Chats: Open Session & Roundtable](#)
- 10th - [Rotarians on the Rise #3](#)
- 12th - [Winter 2022 Peace Symposium via Zoom](#)
- 24th - [Rotarians on the Rise #4](#)
- 26th - [Olentangy Euchre Tournament](#)

March

- 5th - [Music In the Round](#)
- 10th - [Rotarians on the Rise #5](#)
- 30th - [RAH RAH](#)
- 31st - [Membership Chats: Planning High- Impact Meetings](#)

April

- 8th - [District Conference](#)

District Leaders

Maryjane Shackelford
District Governor

Price Finley
DG-Elect

David A. Uhl
DG-Nominee



Frances M. Veverka
District Executive
Secretary



John L. Vogelpohl
District Treasurer



Jenny Rebekah Stotts
District Membership
Chair



Lawrence C. Jenkins
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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