

Wave Your Rotary Magic Wand

Price Finley, District Governor

It's almost Halloween, and I've got a great costume planned. What a great holiday - revolving around dressing up as whatever we want to be and asking for candy. One year my son, Perry, dressed up as a magician. He went around with his wand pretending to make magical spells come true. The magic may have been pretend, but what was real was his sense of imagination. I won't be dressing up as a Rotary magician this year (you'll have to wait for my big reveal). But, I do wish I had a magic wand. I would create a spell to create more time and energy each day so I could participate in all of the Rotary club meetings, service projects and fellowship events happening in our District.



I started thinking about Perry's Halloween costume and his magic wand recently as I drove home from Chattanooga, after the 2023 [Rotary Zones 30-31 Heart of America Institute "Pathways to Our Future"](#). I was listening to Malcom Gladwell's podcast, Revisionist History. In the episode I was listening to, he gathers some of the world's smartest scientists and gives them a "magic wand" to design an experiment without worrying about money, ethics, logistics, or even the laws of nature.

His focus was on what we might undertake if we didn't have to "follow the rules and could use our imagination in crazy new ways." A scientist talked about the twin studies he would undertake that could lead to life-saving medical discoveries if only he didn't have to worry about ethics. Another talked about a plan he would try to get all Americans in shape if only he didn't have to worry about things like money or logistics.

As District Governor, I get to see magic happen every day. Rotary and Rotaract members are waving their wands to fight hunger, eradicate Polio and increase literacy. As you read this newsletter, you may be overwhelmed, like me, by all of the things happening in our

District thanks to the magic and imagination of our clubs. I'm guessing I'm not alone in wishing I could do more service projects, give more money and build more relationships. But, luckily - none of us have to do everything. We, as a collective, are magical. So, I encourage all of us to find the service opportunities that speak to us and work with our schedules, give as much as we can financially to OUR Rotary Foundation, and make time to nurture Rotary relationships.

Look for my Halloween post to see my 2022 costume and be ready to give me lots of candy!

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Rotary
District 6690



125 CLUB

*Recognizing Rotarians who contribute
\$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation's
Annual Fund and \$25 or more to PolioPlus
for the 2022-2023 Rotary Year.*

Two Options to Give

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

or

2 Use the District's giving app by going to
https://givebutter.com/125_club
or scanning this QR Code

**(Note: Givebutter applies a \$5.33
credit card convenience fee)**



- 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)



Find ready-made resources to promote World Polio Day, October 24, 2022.

[FREE RESOURCES!](#)

Rotary Inspires Global Health Leaders

Hear from world health leaders about how YOUR efforts are vital to ending Polio now!

[VIDEO](#)

Don't forget to tell Rotary International how you're observing World Polio Day! [Register your club's participation](#) to tell how you're engaging with the global Rotary community.



News Flash!

Rotary District 6690 is collaborating with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio to help INCREASE ENROLLMENT of young children, ages 0-5 yrs, in Ohio.






Each child in the program receives a FREE BOOK, once a month, in the mail.

RD6690 encourages you to participate in this initiative by contacting your local affiliate of the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio...and discuss collaborative strategies to help INCREASE ENROLLMENT !

Please open the [Map of Ohio Locator](#) and click on your respective county to open key information

and county affiliate contract information.

Let's Help Young Children enjoy the "Love of Reading"...as we demonstrate the Rotary Area of Service - Basic Education & Literacy!

FREE BOOKS EACH MONTH	CHILDREN AGES 0-5	REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY
<h1>FREE BOOKS</h1> 		
RECEIVE A FREE HIGH-QUALITY, AGE APPROPRIATE BOOK EACH MONTH FOR REGISTERED CHILDREN FROM BIRTH TO AGE FIVE.	IN PARTNERSHIP WITH Rotary  District 6690	
REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY! https://qr.codes.pro/BW9Eil 		

How it Works

- Enroll your child at [OhioImaginationLibrary.org](https://ohioimaginationlibrary.org)
- In 6-8 weeks, your child will receive the first book in the mail.
- Siblings under the age of 5 are all eligible and should be enrolled!

It's Easy!

- Go to [OhioImaginationLibrary.org](https://ohioimaginationlibrary.org) to start your child's free monthly book delivery!

Why it's Important

- Brain science shows that a child's brain is already 80% developed by 3 years old.
- Through reading, children begin to learn words and sounds, recognize pictures, and understand emotions.



REQUEST TO RD6690 ROTARIANS...

- Please contact your local affiliate of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio...and offer to help coordinate strategies to help INCREASE ENROLLMENT of children, ages 0-5 yrs., in your community.
- [DOWNLOAD THE FLYER](#) to distribute

Nominations for District Governor

by MaryJane Shackelford, Past District Governor

The District 6690 Nominations Committee is seeking applicants for our **2025-2026 District Governor**. One of the most important decisions we make as a District is choosing our future leaders. We are seeking the most qualified person for the position of District Governor. If you have a demonstrated history of leadership and collaboration as a Rotarian and are willing to share your passion and talents as our District Governor, please seriously consider this opportunity.

A Governor Candidate must:

1. Be a member in good standing of a functioning Rotary Club in District 6690;
2. Be a member of a club in District 6690 that has no indebtedness to RI or the District;
3. Have served a full term as president of a Rotary Club;
4. Demonstrate willingness, commitment and ability to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of Governor;
5. Demonstrate knowledge of the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of Governor as prescribed in the bylaws; and
6. Submit to RI a statement that the Rotarian understands those qualifications, duties and responsibilities, is qualified for the office of governor, and is willing and able to assume and faithfully perform those duties and responsibilities.



[\(Complete Duties of a Governor can be viewed at Rotary International Bylaws—article 16.030\)](#) Log in to MyRotary, select Learning and Reference, Policies and Procedures, Governance Documents.

The District Nominations procedures and application form are also listed on the District website, [District nominations](#) page.

Please note that the nomination/application form is attached and must be approved by the nominee's Club Board and the form signed by the Club Secretary.

Notice of intent to apply should be sent to me by **Nov. 5**, followed by a formal application by US Mail and postmarked no later than **November 18, 2022**. As a courtesy, I would also ask that you send me an email with the nomination/application form attached no later than November 18, 2022. Please note that the form requires your Club Secretary to attest that the club is aware of and endorses your application. Please also include a cover letter stating why you are interested in serving as District Governor.

Please send the completed application (signed by the nominee, and club secretary) and cover letter postmarked no later than November 18, 2022 to:

PDG MaryJane Shackelford

1580 Fairview Rd.
Zanesville, OH , 43701

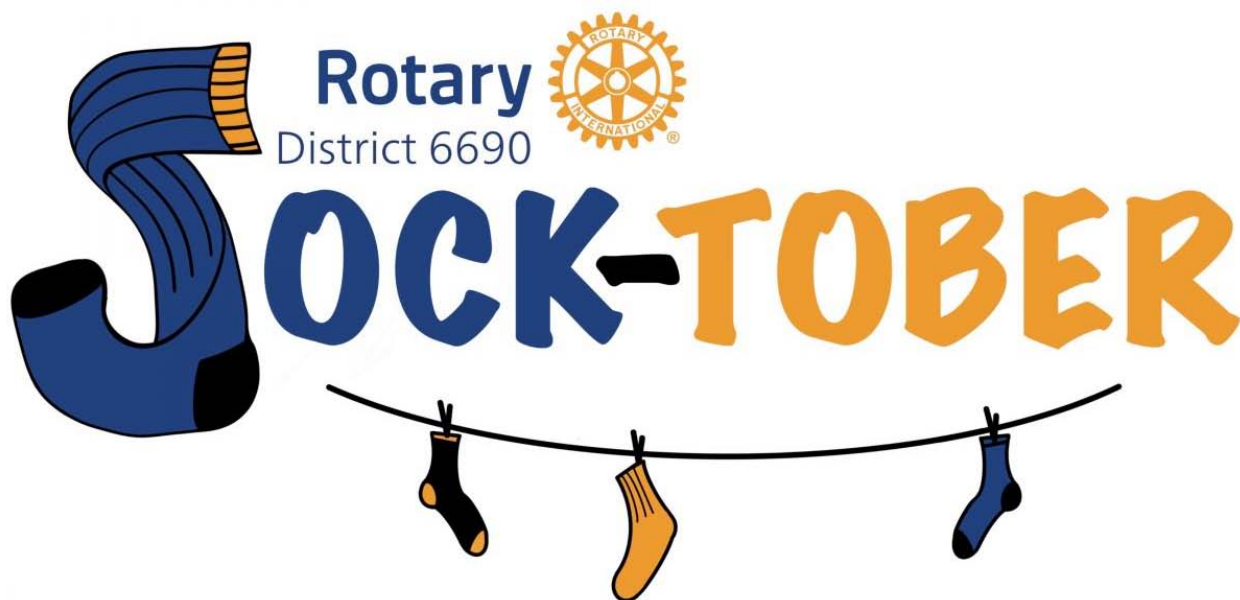


Please direct any questions to Past District Governor Maryjane Shackelford, Nominating Committee Chair, via e-mail to mj@barnesadv.com

Receipt of your application will be acknowledged upon receipt. If a receipt is not returned, please contact me by email or at [740-670-2976](tel:740-670-2976). Candidate interviews will take place on Saturday December 3, 2022.

Sock-tober Service Project

by Wolf Lant and Sandy Knoesel, District Service Project Committee Co-Chairs



Please get your club involved in the **Rotary District 6690 Sock-tober Challenge** to provide socks to persons who are homeless.

When the weather turns cold, it's tough to stay warm when your feet are cold. Socks are something that most of us never have to think twice about. When you go to get dressed, you open your drawer and pull out your most comfy, your warmest, or your favorite-colored socks. But for those who don't have a home, it often means walking on average up to 10 miles each and every day just to find necessities, and while wearing shoes that are not the correct size and with socks that are worn out, dirty and stiff. There is nowhere to wash the socks, so after 2 to 3 days, the socks are worn through and must be thrown away.

It's not pretty, but it is reality.

One of the main reasons someone who is homeless goes to the emergency room is because of a foot ailment, and the best way to prevent that is being able to wear clean, dry socks on a regular basis. So, if we can offer a simple piece of clothing such as new, fresh socks, feet can be protected from getting cold, getting wet, and getting blisters or worse. We know that socks are the #1 clothing need of those experiencing homelessness.

That's why **we're asking you to get your club revved up and have each of your members donate new pairs of socks to help the homeless in your community.**

Sock-tober is the name of our first district-wide service project this Rotary year. **Our goal is simple. Together, we want to donate 3,200 pairs of socks – one pair for each Rotary club member in our district – to community homeless shelters throughout our district.** It sounds like a lot of socks, but that's how big the need is.

Club service project leaders are encouraged to contact the homeless shelters in your community to develop plans for donating the socks to the organization of your choice. Additional organizations in the Columbus metropolitan area that may need sock donations include:



- Homeless Families Foundation
- Salvation Army
- Sanctuary Night
- Star House
- The Open Shelter

To highlight the Sock-tober service project, club volunteers are encouraged to upload photographs after entering the total pairs of socks collected to the link provided. These photos will be used to show how much fun Rotarians have helping others.

To participate in this district-wide service project, all you need to do is to collect new pairs of men's and women's socks during October and then record your final total by going to the link <https://forms.gle/VsmuD3PKEy4U57oz6>. Along with bragging rights, the top three clubs that collect the most pairs of new socks per member during October will be featured in the December District 6690 newsletter, and don't forget the likelihood of a "District Governor Pop-in" to celebrate the winning clubs! The deadline for recording your **Sock-tober** success is Nov. 11.

It's time to fire up your club members and start shopping for new warm socks. Don't forget to take lots of fun photos showing the mountain of socks collected and post on your social media as well as the link above.

Get creative! Have fun! Help your club to win the Sock-tober Challenge!

For more information about the **Sock-tober** service project, contact Wolf Lant at wolf@compucorp.net or call 614-579-2667. Members of the District 6690 Service Project Committee are Wolf Lant, Dublin AM; Amanda Bowen, Columbus; Bill Grindle, Worthington AM; and Sandy Knoesel, Columbus.

Rotarians in Service

Rotary Clubs partnered with other organizations in their community to build relationships and to make a difference!

The **Newark Rotary Club** recently participated in RI's Celebrate Community Week (September 11-17) by

partnering with The Newark Lions Club, The Newark Kiwanis Club, Young Leaders of Licking County and The Newark-Heath Rotary Club on a joint service project. Our clubs came together and worked on a community project as one large team.

Newark Rotary chose the YES Club as our project. Mental Health America started the Youth Engaged in Service (YES) Club program in 1992 as a service-learning project funded by a grant from the Ohio Department of Education. In 1999, due to the overwhelming number of participants and need for a safe place for teens to spend after school hours).

YES Club suffered a fire over a year ago and needed outdoor cleanup prior to reopening. Newark Rotary spent three days working together trimming trees, pulling weeds, removing trash & refreshing up a few signs by painting them.

-submitted by Angie Ryan, President - Newark Rotary Club



For 2022's International Day of Peace, the **Wellston Rotary Club** completed a joint service project by dedicating a new labyrinth in the community garden next to last year's Peace Pole project. The goal is to invite contemplation and reflection, including peace. Community school children and the local Lions club also helped in building the labyrinth.



Wellston school children and local Lions Club members building the labyrinth.



ADG for 6690 Tom Downard welcomes DG Price Finley to the dedication.



Wellston Club President Craig Klein dedicating the new labyrinth 9/21/22

-submitted by Craig Kline, Wellston Rotary Club

Sunbury-Galena Rotary Club partnered with [Lifeline Christian Mission](#) this evening to prepare meals for hungry families. They packed over 1,000 meals that were shipped to a mission in Ukraine - over 35 Rotarians and their family members participated in measuring, weighing, sealing, packing and shipping these meals.



-submitted by Rosie DiPasquale, Sunbury-Galena Rotary Club



Events



**SERVE TO
CHANGE LIVES**

Please join us as we celebrate the
Rotary District 6690
2021-2022 Awards

*Awards to be given: Club Rotary Citation
Awards, Club and Individual Membership
Awards, Club and Individual Rotary
Foundation Awards, and much, much more!*

Saturday, November 5 , 2022

5:30 pm - 8:00 pm

Register Here



**HOFBRÄUHAUS
COLUMBUS**

*Hofbräuhaus Columbus
Grandview Yard
800 Goodale Blvd
Columbus, OH 43212*

\$30.00 per person

Public Image

Brand new Brand Center

Take a look Rotary's revamped [Brand Center](#). It's been rebuilt based on your feedback and is easier to use than ever. It features a more streamlined layout, a faster website platform, user-friendly navigation, and improved search. People can also now use the Brand Center without signing in to My Rotary. Creating brochures, ads, and other materials to tell stories about your club's service and impact has never been simpler!

Social media corner

A well-constructed social media profile can boost awareness of your club and of Rotary, as well as build connections in your community and beyond. But what's the best way to develop your social media presence? RI's social media team's "[Kick-start your club's social media presence](#)" post in Rotary Voices offers some tips.

OCTOBER is COMMUNITY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT Month

PI Highlights for October:

- World Polio Day 10/24
- Make a Difference Day 10/28

EVERY MONTH

- Share photos from club meeting on social media at least once each week. Tag the speaker.
- Highlight one member's story with photo on social media.
- Highlight one club committee or service project on social media.

Suggested hashtags: #Rotary #RotaryPower #RotaryHappy #YourClub'sName #Imagine
#Imagine Rotary #YourServiceProject #District6690

Graphics & Additional Information: <https://rotary6690.org/our-clubs/public-image/>



ROTARY MONTHLY THEMES

MONTH	DESIGNATION
JULY	No Special Designation
AUGUST	Membership & New Club Development
SEPTEMBER	 Basic Education and Literacy
OCTOBER	 Community Economic Development
NOVEMBER	Rotary Foundation
DECEMBER	 Disease Prevention and Treatment
JANUARY	Vocational Service
FEBRUARY	 Peacebuilding and Conflict Prevention
MARCH	 Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene
APRIL	 Maternal and Child Health
MAY	Youth Service
JUNE	Rotary Fellowships

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Events

October

- 10th - [Official DG Visit - Athens Rotary Club](#)
- 11th - [Official DG Club visit - Reynoldsburg Pickerington](#)
- 12th - [Dublin-Worthington Rotary Meetup and Bring a Can Good](#)
- 12th - [President Elect Virtual Training](#)
- 15th - [Grow Local Economies Peace Symposium](#)
- 19th - [Pumpkin Ice Cream and Pie](#)
- 22nd - [Walking With The Dead](#)
- 23rd - [Clintonville - Plates for a Purpose, menu tasting event](#)
- 28th - [October 4th Friday](#)

November

5th - [District Awards Event for 2021-22](#)
 8th - [Official DG Club Visit - Middleport Pomeroy](#)
 16th - [Official DG Club Visit - West Lafayette](#)
 16th - [All Ohio President Elect Virtual Training](#)

District Leadership Team



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District Governor
Club: Upper Arlington
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DG-Elect
Club: Lancaster
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Coordinator
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Contact



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District Youth Service
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District Training Chair
Club: Athens
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Club: Wellston
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Club: St. Clairsville
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Club: Cambridge
Contact



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Club: Athens Sunrise
Contact



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Contact



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Club: Marietta
Contact



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Club: St. Clairsville
Contact



Michael R. Brown
DCO-District Comm.
Officer
Club: Olentangy
Contact

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 20th of the month. **(Newsletter publication is the first of each month.)**

Find previous newsletters here: <https://rotary6690.org/our-district/newsletter/>

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!

Follow District 6690:



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