



## Go [insert team name here]!

*Price Finley, District Governor*

As you read this, you already know what I've yet to find out as I'm writing this article - will the Buckeyes play better, fight harder, score more points on Saturday? Will there be an OSU/Michigan rematch? Could we be the BCS Champions??? Or will we lose, feel bad, angry and disappointed, only to move on by switching our focus to the NFL?



I'm writing this on Thursday, December 29th, just two days away from New Year's eve. Alice and I have friends coming to visit and party hats to wear as we welcome in 2023. We are really excited. But, honestly - what I'm really looking forward to on Saturday is football - lots of football! Starting with Michigan vs. TCU at 4 PM, I will be sitting on the couch, beer in hand with my buddies, ready for kick-off. And, to be honest, I'll probably have spent a few hours ahead of time watching all the pregame coverage. After the first game, things will get really exciting when Ohio State plays Georgia. By then, we'll have enjoyed some new year's eve snacks like fancy cheese and crackers mixed in with some tail-gating necessities such as wings and nachos. I can't wait - "O-H!"

I realize it's possible that you aren't as big of a football fan as I am. Perhaps you have another sport that gets you fired up. Our world offers many excellent opportunities for extreme fanaticism - March Madness, World Series, World Cup, Frozen Four, etc. Whatever it is, I'm sure you can relate to how exciting it is to connect with others and watch great teamwork at its highest level.

Speaking of teams, I know we all share a fanaticism for our Rotary team! So, let's use this opportunity to take lessons from one of my favorite things - football - and put those lessons into action with another of my favorite things - Rotary!

The questions I'm asking are: "What characteristics of a winning team should Rotary clubs in District 6690 emulate from football?" And, "How can watching football make us better Rotarians?"

Here are a few characteristics of high performance football teams that stand out to me and are rationale for Rotarians to watch more football:

1. Goals: High-performing football teams have clear, shared goals. Members of the team agree collectively on what the team is trying to accomplish. They are committed to working hard because they have all been part of setting team goals and priorities. We do the same thing in our Rotary clubs by gaining consensus on club goals and keeping our eyes on the ball, focusing on the most important issues in the club and not being distracted by small ones.

2. Roles: Every football player on a team has an important role to play. A team full of quarterbacks won't be as successful as one with kickers, linebackers, coaches and trainers. Each member of your Rotary club brings unique gifts. As they find positions they are best suited for, your club becomes more successful. We have strong and enthusiastic members who go into our communities and rake leaves for seniors in our communities or build a park for all of our residents to share. We also have members who contribute their treasure to The Rotary Foundation to fuel our "Rotary bus." We have members who are willing to take on club leadership roles. All are important and need to be nurtured.

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3. Shared vision: One way that coaches help their football teams work effectively together is by creating a shared sense of what is ahead, what the challenges may be and preparing for these challenges. If you haven't gone through a club visioning process recently, let me know and our District leadership will help.


4. Trust in the team and cooperation of the members: Each member of a successful football team recognizes that the power of the team as a whole is greater than the individual strengths of athletes. While this is an obvious ingredient to team success, it is also a very difficult one to cultivate. Good coaches stress trust and cultivate cooperation throughout the season. In Rotary, trust increases when members reflect on the activities they do at every meeting. Do our meetings intentionally build a sense of belonging and collaboration? Should we consider planning events designed to build a solid foundation of trust? Perhaps we should plan a club assembly during a regular meeting that could include relationship and trust building exercises.

5. Collective Belief: Call it swagger, confidence or "buy-in." Effective football teams believe they are capable of big things. This sense of confidence in the team translates into a winning attitude that becomes self-fulfilling. Our Rotary clubs do a great job of building group buy-in with shared understanding of concepts like the Five Avenues of Service, the Four-Way Test, and our motto of Service Above Self.

Rotary is one of my favorite teams. We have team colors (blue and gold - not maize), a team founder and mascot (Paul Harris), a team logo (the Rotary wheel), and even a team cheer song (R-O-T-A-R-Y!). We also have our own living legend in T.D. Griley, our District's sole living past RI Director, Rotary Foundation Board of Trustees member and aide to two RI Presidents! If you haven't already met T.D., attend a Newark Rotary meeting on just about any Tuesday and make a point to get to know him!

Through teamwork, we further our motto, "Service Above Self." And, one of the great things about Rotary as opposed to football is that when our team wins, everyone wins - "across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves!"

Happy New Year, and GO ROTARY!





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District 6690

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## 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](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)

The District Nominating Committee has selected **Sandra Knoesel** to fill the District Governor position for the Rotary year 2025-2026.

Sandy Knoesel joined the Columbus Rotary Club in 1992 shortly after beginning her career at the State Teachers Retirement System of Ohio as director of Communication Services. She was promoted to deputy executive director of Member Benefits in 1999 and retired from STRS Ohio with 25 years of service. Sandy also was a member of the Rotary Club of Newark.



Sandy first volunteered for District 6690 in 2016 when she was asked to be district grants chair. She enjoys working with the club grant coordinators and helping them through the grant process. From July 2017 – June 2020, Sandy served as assistant governor to the Clintonville, Granville, Newark-Heath and Zanesville Daybreak clubs. When the pandemic hit, she was asked to coordinate the district-wide fundraising project to provide donations to three food banks in District 6690. Through the generosity of our members and clubs, Rotarians donated \$100,000 to the food banks plus another \$25,000 was contributed through a grant by the Rotary Foundation.

Sandy is co-chair of the new district Community Service Projects Committee that recently organized the Sock-tober initiative. More than 10,670 pairs of socks were donated by 26 clubs to 20 different charities who help unhoused people in need. Sandy also serves on the district's Rotary Foundation and Multi-year Planning committees. In 2021, she coordinated the district's annual Awards Celebration that recognizes outstanding achievements by our clubs.

Sandy served as president of the Columbus Rotary Club in 2010-11. She also was chair of the Columbus Rotary Foundation twice, most recently in 2019-2020. She currently is co-chair of the Career Path Awards Committee that provides \$2,500 awards to selected graduating seniors from Columbus City Schools who are pursuing a career in the technical trades or other careers that do not require a four-year college degree.

Sandy is a member of the District 6690 125 Club and the Paul Harris Society. She earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri and an MBA from Ohio University.

Sandy lives in New Albany along with her husband, Dr. Bob Kamps, who is a retired physician. They have four grown children and three grandchildren.

Please join us in congratulating Sandy!



## The Rotary Foundation

### Progress toward District 6690's Foundation Giving Goals

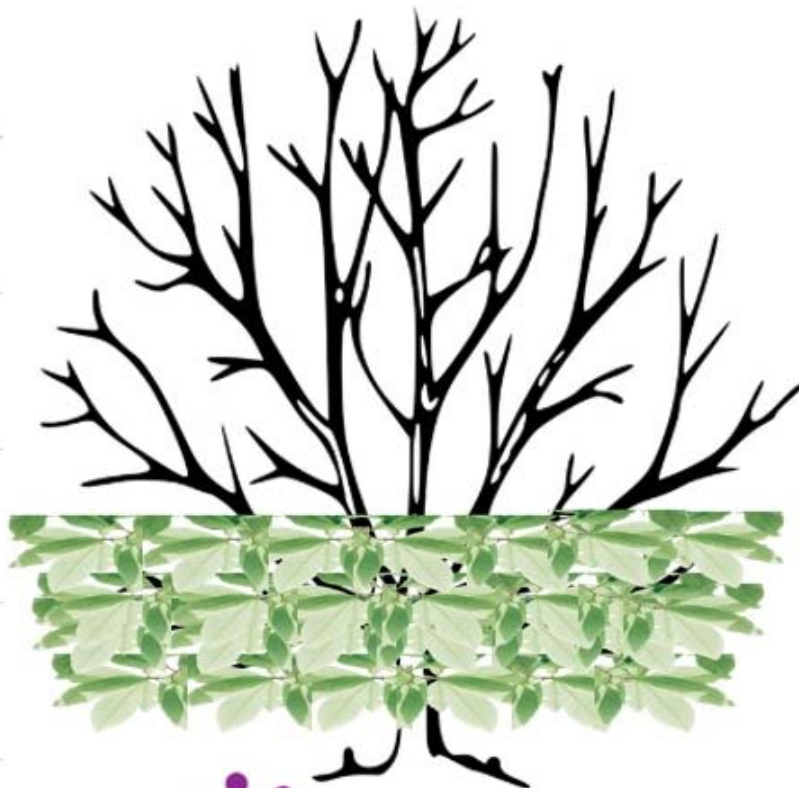
Here's how we're doing so far this year -

*Foundation - EREY*

Goal: \$500,000

\$250,000

Current:  
\$151,225



Foundation - Polio Plus





**Rotary Direct** allows you to help year-round by automatically giving each month, quarter, or year.

*Donating to Rotary means clean water and sanitation. Health and hope in areas that were once ravaged by diseases like polio. Economic development and new opportunities. Your financial help makes all this happen, and more. 90.8 percent of donations go straight to supporting our service projects.*

## Shark Tank! Awards for Two Innovative Service Projects

In early December, Clubs were invited to pitch service project ideas to a District 6690 review panel.

**The purpose behind this program was to encourage new thinking about service projects:**

- Increase knowledge of and alignment to Rotary areas of focus.
- Provide funding to valuable projects that may otherwise have resource issues.
- Provoke deeper thinking about where to find resources, partnerships, and expertise.
- Critical thinking about project goals, scope & planning.
- Opportunity to invite guests to experience Rotary - Build membership by getting more community involvement.



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**Club presidents and grant chairs were invited to pitch projects, considering the following criteria:**

- Define what you're going to do, with:
  - Strong **participation** from your club (and other clubs!)
  - Community **engagement** – as volunteers, sponsors, consultants
  - And at least one **partner** organization
- How does it reflect **RI's areas of focus**?
- **Quantify** what will be improved as a result. Who does it help? How many? Where? Does it create lasting change?
- **Tell the story** to your community – How can telling the story provide added energy for the project and give it more strength?

**Two projects were awarded district grant funds to execute their project ideas:**

1. **Congratulations to the Rotary Clubs of Circleville Sunrise and Circleville Noon Rotary! The two clubs partnered on their pitch and have been awarded the first place, \$5000 grant to carry out their project.**
2. Clintonville Rotary received the runner-up award of \$3000 for their project. (More about their project next month.)

## **Circleville Sunrise and Circleville Noon Rotary Clubs - Pitch Summary:**

**The Miryante Community Centre in Uganda provides certified foster care placement by licensed social workers.**

Children rely on this program as a source of security. The children come together at this facility to grow food for the families they reside with, raise food and animals to assist the families they are placed with. They are taught life skills, provided with opportunities to receive clothing, haircuts, and all of their basic needs.

The program has been in existence since 2009. Laura Corcoran, a Chillicothe native, founded the Miryante Community Centre while serving in the Peace Corps. The program currently serves over 100 foster children in the Mubende District of Uganda.



**This project will build a new and much-needed community center facility.**

On site, there is currently a hand dug well, fencing, and a playground which have all been sponsored by Rotaries in our district, 6690. But the center lacks a building to provide shelter, meals, and administrative space.



### The new facility will provide:

- 2 respite rooms, one for multiple boys and one for multiple girls
- An office for caseworker intakes - rather than under a tree, in an open field, or in the elements of the rainy season (as they do today.)
- A kitchen to provide a location to feed children that are dropped off and waiting placement.

### Partners:

- Mubende Metro Rotary Club (District 9213)
- Circleville Sunrise Rotary
- Circleville Noon Rotary
- First Capital Rotary (Chillicothe)
- Zanesville Daybreak Rotary
- Root Cause Uganda (nonprofit)



### Aligns with Rotary Areas of Focus:

- Economic and community development
- Maternal and child health
- Disease prevention and treatment

### Budget:

*The clubs have raised \$6,000 and with a grant of \$5,000 we will be able to build the four room facility. This project can all be finished in the next six months.*

**We look forward to seeing updates about the project:** the people and impact to Miryante, the Rotarians, the partners, and their local community's response!

## Service

### Circleville Rotaries and Inspiration Station

The two Rotary clubs of Circleville recently presented a check for \$25,000 to Inspiration Station, a 9,000 square-foot children's museum and event space being built in the community. This unique project complements the mission of Rotary and will offer hands-on learning activities to enhance the physical, mental, and emotional growth of young visitors. The space is set to open in early 2024.





Holding the check are David Crawford and Marie Wilbanks, presidents of the two Circleville Rotary clubs. With them are assistant district governors Jim Rogers and Gwen Wolford. Accepting the check second from right is Jan Shannon, executive director of the Pickaway County Community Foundation.

## January PEACE Webinars



### "Empowering Peacebuilders"

#### Peace skills online series – Information Meeting

**Who:** Rotarians, Rotaractors, & Rotary Peace Fellows

**What:** Learn how enhance Peace skills, in alignment with Rotary 4-Way Test

**When:** Sunday, January 22, 2023...12:00 pm – 1:15 pm, Eastern Time USA

**Where:** Zoom Meeting (hosted by Tom Carlisi, RD6690 Peace Chair

**Why:** Learn about this "Empowering Peacebuilders" - 6-session online series, Learn how to connect with fellow Peacebuilders, in RD6690 – and beyond,  
Learn how to implement Peace Programs – in local community

#### WEBINAR 2:

### "Working Towards Peace... Becoming a Peacebuilder Club"

**Who:** Rotarians & Rotaractors

**What:** Learn how to start a Rotary or Rotaract Peace Committee and receive recognition as a Peacebuilder Club, from Rotary Action Group for Peace (RAGFP)

**When:** Sunday, January 29, 2023...12:00 pm – 1:15 pm, Eastern Time USA

**Where:** Zoom Meeting (hosted by Tom Carlisi, RD6690 Peace Chair

**Why:** Enhance Peace skills and implement Peace Programs...

Collaborate with fellow Peacebuilders (regional, national, international)

For more information, contact:

Tom Carlisi, RD6690 Peace Chair,  
at: [carlisiandassociates@gmail.com](mailto:carlisiandassociates@gmail.com)

## Events

### District Rotary Foundation Gala - [REGISTER NOW](#)

*Special guest: Larry Lunsford, Trustee - The Rotary Foundation*

**Saturday, February 4, 2023**

5:00 pm - Cocktails

6:00 pm - Dinner and Program

**Hocking Hills State Park Lodge**

20020 State Route 664 South  
Logan, OH 43138

**\$75 per person**

*Cocktail Attire*

*Registration Closes January 31st*

[REGISTER](#)



# 2022-2023 District 6690 Conference

## April 28-29, 2023

### National Veterans Memorial and Museum

300 West Broad Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(on the Scioto Peninsula of the site of the former Vets Memorial building)

- Friday evening: Welcome reception on the rooftop – beautiful views of the downtown skyline.
- Saturday: Inspiring speakers and breakout sessions, plus guided tours of the museum.



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# SAVE THE DATE

## B-I-N-G-O!

Congratulations to St. Clairsville Sunrise for winning our second round of BINGO! They engaged their members with fun activities like taking a "field trip" meeting and collecting Happy Dollars during regular club meetings. Athens Sunrise Rotary was a very close second! They reviewed their Bingo card during a few club meetings and it even inspired them to recruit a local teacher into their club. Way to go!

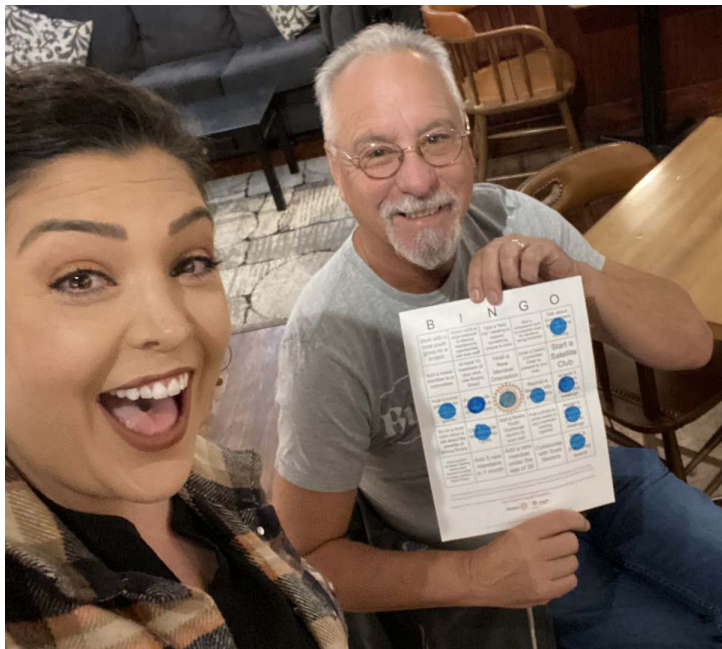
We're shaking things up for the third quarter. Instead of awarding the service project stipend to the first club to call Bingo... we're going to collect the names of all of the clubs that win Bingo and draw a winner at the end of the quarter. You'll earn an extra entry for each direction you mark bingo on your cards.... so fill them up!



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Club Presidents, keep an eye out for your new Bingo cards... coming in the mail soon!

President Lindsay Place and AG Mark Bisang from Athens Sunrise Rotary.



# SUPER-BOWLING

Dublin-Worthington Rotary is pleased to announce that its annual SUPER-BOWLING event will take place on Saturday, February 4, 2023 from 12:00 noon to 4:00 pm at the Bowling Palace in the Columbus Square Shopping Center.

DON'T LET ANOTHER CLUB STEAL YOUR MONEY! This year ALL TEAMS WILL BE PLAYING FOR THEIR CHOSEN CHARITABLE CAUSE (which can include any of your Club's charitable projects).



AND, since all scores will be handicapped at the event, EVERY TEAM WILL HAVE AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY TO WIN the \$1,000 1st place prize, \$750 2nd place prize, or \$500 3rd place prize.

AND, since there likely will be 30 or fewer teams, EACH TEAM SHOULD HAVE AN APPROXIMATELY ONE IN TEN CHANCE OF TAKING HOME a substantial cash prize for their chosen charitable cause.

AND, the entry fee for each competitive bowler (\$45) and youth bowler (\$29) includes free shoes and a FREE LUNCH BUFFET (youth bowlers will also receive \$5 of tickets to the Bowling Palace's game room and the opportunity to bowl at least one game on a bumper lane).

AND, Clubs that also pay \$100 to be LANE SPONSORS will receive a \$30 discount on the cost of entering a team of four bowlers (from \$180 to \$150).

All details are covered in the [attached Promotional Announcement](#) and in the [attached Flyer/Sign-up Sheet](#). We look forward to seeing you on February 4 for FUN, FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDING CHARITABLE PROJECTS.

## Events

### January

- 17th - [DG Official Club Visit - Columbus Short North](#)
- 17th - [Official DG club visit - Newark](#)
- 19th - [Official DG Club Visit - Pataskala](#)
- 25th - [All Ohio President Elect Virtual Training](#)

### February

- 1st - [Dublin-Worthington Meetup](#)
- 4th - [District Rotary Foundation Gala - REGISTER NOW](#)
- 6th - [Official DG Club Visit - Lancaster](#)
- 15th - [President Elect Virtual Training](#)
- 16th - [Official DG Club Visit - Grove City](#)
- 18th - [District Leadership Training](#)

### March

- 10th - [6690 Pre-PETS Training](#)
- 21st - [Official DG Club Visit - Sunbury Galena](#)

## District Leadership Team



Price D. Finley  
District Governor  
Club: Upper Arlington  
Contact



David A. Uhl  
DG-Elect  
Club: Lancaster  
Contact



Gary D. Baker  
DG-Nominee and AG  
Coordinator  
Club: Newark  
Contact



Craig G. Maxey  
Vice-Governor  
Club: Reynoldsburg-  
Pickerington  
Contact



MaryJane Shackelford  
IPDG  
Club: Zanesville Daybreak  
Contact



Frances M. Veverka  
District Executive  
Secretary  
Club: Delaware  
Contact



John L. Vogelpohl  
District Treasurer  
Club: Hilliard  
Contact



Jenny Rebekah Stotts  
District Membership Chair  
Club: Athens Sunrise  
Contact



Lawrence C. Jenkins  
District Rotary Foundation  
Chair  
Club: Westerville Sunrise  
Contact



Rosaria Mauro  
District Youth Service  
Chair  
Club: Dublin-Worthington  
Contact



Dave Ungar  
District Public Image Chair  
Club: Clintonville  
(Columbus)  
Contact



Sheila Mark  
District Training Chair  
Club: Athens  
Contact



Thomas R. Carlisi  
Peace Committee Chair  
Club: Columbus  
Contact



Claudia M. Trusty  
Member  
Club: Dublin A.M.  
Contact



Edward F. Clark III  
Asst Gov (Area 1)  
Club: Upper Arlington  
Contact



T. David Dewey  
Asst Gov (Area 2)  
Club: Upper Arlington  
Contact



Diane Jean Conley  
Asst Gov (Area 3)  
Club: Westerville Sunrise  
Contact



Bryan D. Lane  
Asst Gov (Area 5)  
Club: Olentangy  
Contact



James D. Rogers  
Asst Gov (Area 6)  
Club: Logan  
Contact



Michelle R. Davis  
Asst Gov (Area 7)  
Club: New Albany  
Contact



Timothy S. Shear  
Asst Gov (Area 8)  
Club: Dublin-Worthington  
Contact



Gwen H. Wolford  
Asst Gov (Area 9)  
Club: Circleville Sunrise  
Contact



Thomas Downard  
Asst Gov (Area 10)  
Club: Wellston  
Contact



Edward M. Mowrer  
Asst Gov (Area 11)  
Club: St. Clairsville  
Contact



Joanne Sexton  
Asst Gov (Area 12)  
Club: Cambridge  
Contact



Mark Edwin Bisang  
Asst Gov (Area 13)  
Club: Athens Sunrise  
Contact



Wendy Powell Gorrell  
Asst Gov (Area 14)  
Club: Malta-  
McConnellsville  
Contact



Gary A. Moll  
Asst Gov (Area 15)  
Club: Zanesville Daybreak  
Contact



Stephanie Renee Freas  
Asst Gov (Area 20)  
Club: Zanesville Daybreak  
Contact



Terry Edward Rataiczak  
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Club: Marietta  
Contact



Melinda K. Thompson  
TRF PolioPlus Chair  
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!

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