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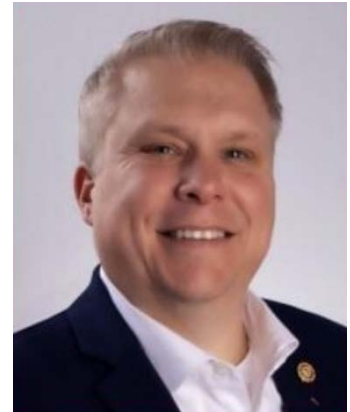
Creating Hope in the World

David Uhl, District Governor

It is an honor to serve as District Governor for District 6690 this year as we join together as People of Action and Create Hope in the World.

Below is some important information. I am working to keep it brief. Please check out the rest of this newsletter and watch your email for information coming soon!

- **Celebrate Community Week: September 11th – 17th.** We are challenging all District 6690 Clubs to join with Kiwanis, Lions, and/or Optimist International clubs to conduct a service project in your community. More information is coming soon, but begin planning now for your club to participate in a joint service project with another service club in your community this September.
- **Rotalks – Save the date for RoTalks 2023, September 30th** in Lancaster. This fall training will focus on peace, empowering women and girls, and mental health. Come and hear great presentations and collaborate on ideas for how your club can make an impact in these priority areas. Open to all Rotarians! And it's an OSU bye-week! Save the date and watch for more info coming soon.
- **Socktober:** Your club will have an opportunity to join us in October once again for Socktober! This was a wildly popular district service project last year, and we are bringing it back! Donations of new socks for men/women/boy/girls will be accepted at clubs across the District in October. The best part is, collected socks all stay in your community, as your club decides which organization will benefit from your sock donation! Stay tuned for more information coming soon!
- **Foundation Giving and 125 Club:** There is information below on how to become a 125 Club Member (\$100 to the Annual Fund / \$25 to PolioPlus). We have big goals for PolioPlus this year. Our District goal is \$250,000! We cannot do it without you. If you haven't joined the 125 Club for 2023-24, now is the time! See more info below.



Thank you for all you do to serve through Rotary. We are already off to a great start, and there is more to come!

Serving Together to Create Hope in the World,
David Uhl
District Governor 2023-24
Rotary International District 6690

Rotary International and District 6690 Priorities:

Support Rotary International and District 6690 Priorities this year. How will you and your club engage in each of these priority areas?

- Polio Eradication

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- Membership Engagement
- Mental Health
- Empowering Women and Girls
- Peace
- Club Leadership Development

Rotary Foundation

Immediate Past District Governor Price had a great year Imaging Rotary. Thank you to all District 6690 Rotarians and clubs that donated to The Rotary Foundation and PolioPlus during 2022-23!



Support the Rotary Foundation as we Create Hope in the World

District giving goals for this Rotary Year are:

- Annual Fund Goal: \$400,000
- PolioPlus Goal \$250,000



Give Today: Become a 125 Club Member for 2023-24.

Did you know that the 125 Club is an annual giving program? That means each year Rotarians give at least \$100 to the Annual Fund and \$25 to PolioPlus to be a current year 125 Club member.

Join today and help us [Create Hope in the World](#) through The Rotary Foundation!



125 CLUB

Recognizing Rotarians who contribute \$100 or more to the Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund and \$25 or more to PolioPlus for the 2023-2024 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 900 Rotarians in District 6690 joined the 125 Club - will you join this year?



givebutter.com/125_club

People of Action: Hilliard Food Pantry Fire

On July 9th, a tragic multi-alarm fire destroyed the Hilliard Food Pantry and storage facility. For the past 5-6+ years, the Rotary Club of Hilliard has utilized resources and matching grants to assist in building up the food pantry's building, offerings, and support system for the over 400 families served every week.

Thankfully, no people were on site, and the Norwich Fire Department fought the blaze and further, have joined alongside the police department to begin immediately collecting items and money for the families who need served.

As Rotarians, we are **PEOPLE OF ACTION**. For those District friends who have reached out and offered to support through food collection and other means, our sincere appreciation. Your club can assist in this tragedy by collecting food to help restock the pantry. For financial support, you can support through: <http://hilliardfoodpantry.harnessgiving.org/donate>

To get involved, contact Hilliard Rotary President Cory Hughes: jcory96@yahoo.com

RoTalks 2023: Save The Date



September 30th

9 am – 2 pm

Crossroads Event Center

Lancaster



Service

Byesville Rotary distributes "Welcome New Baby" kits

Submitted by Shana Fair, Byesville Rotary Peace Committee Chair
Byesville Rotary selected "new mothers" for their 2023 service project. The club's peace committee partnered with the Guernsey County Board of Developmental Disabilities (GCBDD) to distribute "Welcome

New Baby" kits. The kits contain a layette blanket, handmade knitted cap, bib, socks, baby wipes and a children's book.



Pictured: Shana Fair, Peace Committee Chair; Jessica Smith, Director of Early Childhood at the GCBDD; and Summer Lynch, staff member in Early Childhood.

Byesville Rotary has partnered with the GCBDD Early Interventions staff to distribute the kits.

Jessica Smith, director of the Early Childhood department, said that they are currently working with 15 expectant mothers and have an immediate use for the kits. Her staff will also be enrolling the new babies in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library as well as distributing the kits.

The Byesville Peace committee wrote a grant and purchased the blankets from the My Very Own Blanket organization. Much of the cost of the items was donated.

The project was popular with club members, who assembled the kits at a club meeting.

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Impact Isn't Just Numbers

Dave Ungar, District6690 Public Image co-chair

Maybe the title of this article is more obvious to you than it is to me. I know I need to be reminded of it often.

My club (Clintonville Rotary) kicked off the new Rotary year last week with an exercise:

1. Share one of the most memorable and impactful service projects you have ever been a part of; whether it was a Rotary project or not.
2. Why is it important in your memory? What did you get out of it?

Before the exercise, I presumed that the answers would all be rather similar - such as, "we saw the smiles on kids faces" or "we helped 100 families get a meal." Luckily, I have a smart club, and the members

reached pretty deep within to share what has moved them about past projects.

While I don't have space in this column to detail the projects and the connections they had to our members' lives, I did manage to summarize some of those qualities that made an impact on our members:



It was helpful to identify that memorable projects are not only memorable for having a life-saving impact. We can get a lot out of projects just because they take us out of our comfort zone.

So - how can we use this? (...and your club's answers may be different - you can do this exercise too!) We didn't set out to pull the plug on projects that don't have these qualities, and we don't need to conjure up new projects with the hopes of creating "Project Memory Magic™." But what we can do with this list is to consider how we can position our projects to focus on and amplify these qualities.

1. Include activities that can spark these qualities.
2. Remember to pause during the projects and notice/ appreciate these qualities while they are present.
3. **Use these qualities when we promote our projects** - both prior to and after the events.

The third one is what I hope we can remember to do - and do effectively. Rather than just a description of what we did - we need to convey how it made us feel. Having this list to work from *might* help us to more easily recognize those feelings.

Events

August 19th, 12:00-2:00 PM
[Pataskala Street Fair Parade](#)

August 25th, 8:30-3:00 PM
[Westerville Sunrise Golf Outing - Honoring Jim Biven](#)

August 25th, 8:30-3:00 PM
[Sponsorships/Donations - Westerville Sunrise Golf Outing](#)

August 31st, 5:00-9:00 PM
[Special Evening Meeting August 31](#)

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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