



Friday, August 4, 2023

## Courage to Go Make a Difference

*David Uhl, District Governor*

In his book, *Change Your World*, John Maxwell makes this statement: "Hope has two daughters; Anger and Courage. Anger at the way things are and Courage to go make a difference."

That's how we change the world. That's how we Create Hope in the World. We get angry about the things that aren't right, and then we must have the courage to go out and do something about it. That's what we do as Rotarians. Every. Single. Day.

To that end, here are three important things to consider this month:

At our core, Rotarians are about Service Above Self. **As we move through August, you have an opportunity to reach out and make plans to partner with other Rotarians and service organizations in your community for Celebrate Community Week, which is scheduled for September 11th – 17th.** Work with your club members, and members from local Kiwanis, Lions, and/or Optimist clubs, to plan a service project in your community. Find more information about Celebrate Community Week below.

August is Membership and New Club Development Month. As we focus on membership this year, how can you further develop a culture of care in your club? **Every Rotarian can make an impact and help create a positive club experience and culture.** For ideas, check out the Rotary Voices blog for August on Creating a Great Club Experience [here](#).

Finally, be sure you have our District Fall Training on your calendar. **Ro-Talks will be held on Saturday, September 30th in Lancaster.** This half-day training will provide important information and learning on International and District priorities, including mental health, empowering girls and women, and peace. You won't want to miss the practical information and best practices that will be shared. Mark your calendars now and keep watching for registration information, coming soon!

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



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## Celebrate Community Week: September 11-17

During the week of 11-17 September, we're encouraging all Rotary and Rotaract clubs to partner with local Kiwanis, Lions, and Optimist clubs on a service project that will have a long-term impact in your community. (Use the club finder tools to locate [Kiwanis](#), [Lions](#), and [Optimist](#) clubs near you.) To get started, reach out to the local presidents of these sister clubs and then work with a local social service organization or with local government officials to learn what your community needs and how you can plan the most effective project. Target the week of September 11 – 17 to implement that project with the other sister clubs and then let us know what you did and how many members of each club participated.

Now is the time to begin planning your project. And, watch for information soon on how you can report your plans to the District. Every District 6690 Rotary club that partners with another service organization to complete a project during Celebrate Community Week will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win a Rotary Social with the District Governor (up to \$500 in food/drinks during the Social, paid by the District).

Reach out. Join together. Serve during Celebrate Community Week 2023.

## International Peacemaker Speaking in Lancaster

On Monday, September 18 at Noon, the Lancaster Rotary Club will welcome Amira Barham, a Palestinian social worker, as their guest speaker. Amira serves as one of the 2023 International Peacemakers. In particular, she will share from both her personal and professional experiences about the specific challenges facing Palestinian women and children.

Up to 10 individuals from all over the world are International Peacemakers this year as part of the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Peacemakers are traveling around the United States sharing their experiences and insights about issues of justice and peace in their home contexts.

Join the Lancaster Rotary Club on September 18th (just 3 days prior to International Day of Peace) for this special presentation. **Register by emailing Becky Schaade:** [becky.schaade@gmail.com](mailto:becky.schaade@gmail.com).



## 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 use 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](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](https://givebutter.com/125_club)



# RoTalks 2023: Save The Date



## September 30<sup>th</sup>

### 9 am – 2 pm

## Crossroads Event Center

## Lancaster



## Service

### **Rotary District 6690 Veterans Affairs Committee Looking for Volunteers**

The district Veterans Affairs Committee (VAC) is continuing its efforts and activities to provide district clubs with information and activities that are designed to provide outreach to community veterans on veteran benefits, programs, and information to veterans residing or working within their club areas. These initiatives would assist veterans in adapting and transitioning into meaningful housing, employment, and/or personal assistance activities in dealing with service incurred limitations or disabilities.

VAC Co-Chairs Dave Williamson and Dwight Seeley have developed a program plan designed to provide information and activities on a monthly or bi-monthly basis through direct mailings to club leaders, district newsletter articles, and personal attendance at club meetings as speaker or sponsor of veteran program representatives for government offices, private or public veteran groups specializing in veteran support initiatives or assistance programs. As part of the new VAC program, we will be partnering with the Dublin AM Rotary Club and its association with Resurrecting Lives Foundation (RLF), a non-profit group in Dublin that conducts research, programs, and assistance to veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD), and most recently, programs to assist in identifying signs and symptoms that have led to higher incidents of veteran suicides.

Through this partnership, our Rotary District and Rotary clubs will be better positioned to assist our communities with the reintegration of new veterans and their families; encourage our workplaces to employ veterans; and by working with community leaders, lawmakers, and professional groups and organizations to pursue better health care, employment opportunities, and education for veterans.

The district VAC is looking for interested Rotarians to participate in the development and implementation of our program plan. Interested members should contact Dave Williamson (614) 327-8102 or Dwight Seeley at (614)506-5300 to become a part of this vital and committed district committee.

## Plastic Free July Challenge Results

Nearly 200 Rotarians in District 6690 took the pledge to cut out single use plastic items from their daily lives. Thanks to all who joined in to help cleanup our planet – each person's small step helps create change. Here are a few changes that Rotarians say they can maintain:

No more plastic bags. "I carry fabric bags & grocery store reusables in my car."

Fewer plastic bottles. "When I realized how many detergent bottles I tossed in a year, I switched to laundry sheets."

No more disposable utensils. "When I order carryout I make sure to say no utensils."

Research shows that 88% of participants make one or more changes that become new habits. Here's to those great new habits! Working together, Rotarians really do make a difference.

As promised, DG David Uhl randomly selected one name from the participating Rotarians to receive a \$100 Gift Card for Rotary gear. **Congratulations Ray Blinn** of the Rotary Club of Delaware. Your gift card is on its way!

**Small steps,  
big difference.**



**PLASTIC  
FREE JULY**  
By Plastic Free Foundation

## Public Image

### 4 ways your club can prioritize public image

1. Appoint a public image chair to coordinate the sharing of your club's stories with your community.
2. Set goals to enhance your club's public image in [Rotary Club Central](#), where you can conveniently record club goals and track progress.
3. Watch the "[Getting Started with the Brand Center](#)" video to get an overview of the tools available to help you tell your club's stories.
4. Use the [People of Action messaging and materials](#) in the Brand Center to build awareness and understanding of Rotary and the difference your club makes.

## Events

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

August 23rd, 5:00-6:00 PM  
[President Bi-Monthly Meeting Schedule with DG David](#)

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

August 30th, 5:00-7:00 PM  
[District 6690 Board Meeting](#)

September 8th, 10:00-1:00 PM  
[Union Way Food Drive](#)

September 27th, 5:00-6:30 PM  
[District Leadership Team and AG Meetings](#)

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

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

September 16th, 7:30-12:00 PM  
[Suicide Prevention Walk- Union County](#)

## 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:



Yours in Rotary  
Rotary District 6690 Public Image

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