



Wednesday, September 13, 2023

Message from District Governor, David Uhl

David Uhl, District Governor

There are many ways for Rotarians to be People of Action in September. How will you and your club engage with our district priorities this month?

Membership: Get ready for our Fall **Each One Bring One** campaign. The club that has the most guests (per capita) for all of September, October, and November combined, will win a social event sponsored by the district and me! Watch for information at your club meeting and start inviting potential members today!

Mental Health: September is Suicide Prevention Month. See below for some resources that provide information on how to be aware and take action in the area of suicide prevention.

International Day of Peace: Join Rotarians around the world as we celebrate International Day of Peace on September 21st. District 6690 Rotarians and Clubs are becoming Peace Clubs, dedicating Peace Poles across our District, inviting presenters to discuss peace initiatives, supporting Dolly Parton's Imagination Library, and committing themselves to peaceful conflict resolution. What will you and your club do to promote peace and celebrate International Day of Peace on or around September 21st? Learn more about Rotary's commitment and work promoting peace [here](#).

RoTalks Registration is open! Join us September 30th in Lancaster as we highlight best practices and practical ideas for how to take action in the areas of mental health, peace, and empowering girls. [Find more information below and register today.](#)

PolioPlus: World Polio Day (Oct 24) is just around the corner. What will your club do to raise awareness and money to help with the fight to End Polio Now? See info below and find resources for World Polio Day at www.EndPolio.org

Celebrate Community Week: Sept 11-17 is Celebrate Community Week. I hope your club has partnered with another service-based club (Lions, Kiwanis, Optimist International) and is planning a service project this week. Remember to [report your club's participation here](#). One club will be randomly selected from all who report to win a social event, hosted by the district and me!

There's a lot going on in September. I hope you will join me as we continue to focus on Rotary priorities and Create Hope in the World!

Serving Together,

David

September is National Suicide Prevention Month:

Take action this month in the area of mental health. While we may not all be mental health professionals, we can all learn more about how to recognize and assist people in crisis. Here are a few resources you might find helpful.

[988 Suicide and Crisis Hotline](#)

[Ohio Mental Health and Addition Services](#)

[American Foundation for Suicide Prevention](#)



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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 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

Project Update: Polio Plus

Our PolioPlus Goal this Rotary year is \$250,000.

When Rotary started PolioPlus there were 350,000 polio cases in 125 countries every year. We have reduced the cases of Wild Polio virus to 7 cases in Afghanistan and Pakistan so far this year.

These nations face unique challenges including highly mobile populations, difficult terrain, political and cultural challenges, but we also must immunize more than 400,000,000 children throughout the world as well. The worldwide disease surveillance system to detect any poliovirus in a person or the environment must be maintained / improved. We also hire 150,000 medical workers to go door to door to find every child. This infrastructure we helped build for Polio eradication is also being used to treat and prevent other diseases.

Rotary has pledged \$50,000,000 every year and the Bill and Melinda Gates foundation has pledged to match or pledge 2 for 1 for a total of \$150,000,000. Golf Legend Jack Nicklaus; conservationist Jane Goodall and premier violinist Itzhak Perlman are just three of worldwide celebrities who support our fight against Polio. Do you remember the "We're this Close" advertising campaign? We still are..... Let's Help finish Polio for GOOD following smallpox as the second human disease eradicated from the World.



I have sent out Ideas for Polio awareness and fundraising in conjunction with World Polio Day, Tuesday, October 24th, 2023 to your club Polio Plus Chairs and/or your club secretaries. Find resources and ways to get involved at www.EndPolio.org

Let's meet our Goal-

-Bill

William Shorthill

District 6690 PolioPlus Chair

Ro-Talks

Saturday, September 30th is an OSU bye week and a great day to gather together to focus on 3 district priorities:

Best Practices and Practical Ideas in the areas of Mental Health, Peace, and Empowering Girls

**This training is for all Rotarians
Saturday September 30, 2023
9:00 am to 1:15 pm**

Doors open at 8:30am
Program starts at 9am

[Learn More & Register](#)



RO-TALKS FOR ROTARIANS
DISTRICT 6690 FALL TRAINING

Mental Health • Peace • Empowering Girls
Best Practices & Practical Ideas For Your Club

Saturday, September 30, 2023
8:30am Registration 9am - 1pm Program
\$30 per person, includes lunch
Crossroads Event Center | Lancaster, OH

Jenny Stotts
Rotary Zone 30
Assistant Rotary
Coordinator

"Taking Action on
Mental Health"

Heather Dolan
Rotary Club of
Zanesville
"Peace Initiatives"

Early Literacy
= Peace

Whitney Raglin
Bignall
"On Our Sleeves"

"The Confidence
Crisis: How to
Empower Today's
Girls"

ROX
RULING OUR EXPERIENCES

**Dolly Parton's
IMAGINATION
LIBRARY**

**I SUPPORT
CHILDREN'S
MENTAL
HEALTH**

Rotary District 6690 | RoTalks

 REGISTER TODAY
www.rotary6690.org

 CREATE HOPE
in the WORLD

Applications are open for Rotary Youth Exchange!

Study abroad with Rotary Youth Exchange.

Students can go for a few weeks next summer in the **Short-term** exchange program or

Students can apply for the **Long-term** program that spans the 2024-25 school year.

Students are currently here from other countries (inbound students) and meet monthly in different locations around central Ohio. Students interested in traveling abroad with the program (outbound students) are welcome to join these events in September, October, and November to learn more.

More information, including a calendar of events and virtual information sessions, can be found at 6690exchange.com

- **How much does it cost?** Cost this year is \$1500 long term and \$750 short term; plus the airline ticket, passport, etc—just in room and board, it's cheaper than keeping them at home! Great news for financially savvy Rotarians!!



Potential outbound students can also reach out to our short term chair, Beth Moore, and our long-term / academic year chair, Drake Lundstrom.

- Bethany Moore <bmoore1001@gmail.com>
- Drake Lundstrom <DrakeLundstrom@gmail.com>

Congratulations to Rotary Clubs Celebrating Milestone Anniversaries!

Congratulations

In Recognition of Your Club's Commitment to Rotary & Your Community

The Rotary Club of Union Local
Honoring 75 Years of Membership
Admitted to Rotary International on March 11, 1949

The Rotary Club of Wellston
Honoring 100 Years of Membership
Admitted to Rotary International on September 11, 1923

The Rotary Club of Barnesville
Honoring 100 Years of Membership
Admitted to Rotary International on July 21, 1923

Thank You

Rotary
District 6690



Events

September 11th, 8:00

Celebrate Community Week

September 16th, 7:30-12:00 PM

Suicide Prevention Walk- Union County

September 27th, 5:00-6:30 PM

District Leadership Team and AG Meetings

September 30th, 9:00-12:00 PM

Wolf Run Park - Volunteer Work

October 25th, 5:00-6:00 PM

President Bi-Monthly Meeting Schedule with DG David

September 13th, 5:00-6:30 PM

President Elect training - Leadership

September 26th, 12:00-8:00 PM

Rotary Night at the Ballpark

September 30th, 9:00-1:15 PM

District Fall RO-TALKS Event - REGISTER NOW

October 7th, 10:00

MC Football Game Tailgate

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

Account Leaders



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District Governor



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[Sandra Lynn Knoesel](#)
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