

Rotary



Club of Oberlin

Monday, March 8, 2021

Friday's Program: 4-Way Speech Contest Attracts Area High School Students

By Elizabeth Katherine Schultz

Join fellow Rotarians and special guests this Friday at noon for the annual Four-Way Test Speech Contest. High school students are invited from the four schools Oberlin serves -- Oberlin, Keystone, Firelands, and JVS -- to present a 5 to 7 minute speech about how they have applied the test in their everyday relationships. This year the competition will be held virtually and we'll probably all learn a few tips about how to better communicate in the new digital age.

This speech contest dates back to 1932 when Rotarian Herbert J. Taylor was asked to take charge of a company that was facing bankruptcy. This 24-word test for employees to follow in their business and professional lives became the guide for sales, production, advertising, and all relations with dealers and customers, and the survival of the company is credited to this simple philosophy. Adopted by Rotary in 1943, The 4-Way Test has been translated into more than a hundred languages and published in thousands of ways. It asks the following four questions:

◆Of the things we think, say or do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?◆

ZOOM with on Friday at Noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84041320156?pwd=cGRvME50enEycWFJZ2pITGI5cEpUdz09>

Meeting ID: 840 4132 0156; Passcode: 177801

Come Meet March Student of the Month ---Tierra Barbra

The 2nd Friday of the month is set aside to recognize Students of the Month from Oberlin High School. This month we'll recognize Tierra Barbra. Come learn more about her and her passion for the charity "Color of Change". We have appreciated the efficient effort of Sarah Colson who coordinates the process of students selected and gets the stories to our local papers each month.

Highlights from March Board Meeting

All Oberlin Club Rotarians are welcome to attend our monthly board meeting to learn more about the club. Meeting dates are on our monthly calendar and usually the first Wednesdays at 5:30 pm. April 7th is the next meeting.

- The Club donated just over \$1200 to the Rotary Foundation crediting each Oberlin Club member with their share of district dues that were waived for the 2020-21 year. Those dollars can help offset the \$125 each member is asked to give yearly as part of ◆Every Rotarian Every Year◆.
- Gerry Findlan was the given thumbs up on his trial of a new Website created under DACDB a program platform for Rotary communications. The board approved paying for this website use to bring more integrated communications from one central site. Stay tuned.
- The board approved supporting Genesis House with a \$1,000 donation from the Memorial Fund to offer a much needed men◆s anti-violence training. Several other District 6600 Rotary Clubs were also asked for help to assure this program continues in 2021 where statistics of domestic violence have gone up dramatically due to COVID.

Speakers

March 12, 2021

Liz Schultz

4 Way Speech Contest
Student of the Month

March 19, 2021

Melanie Satterfield

HUG ME DOLLS/ YE

March 26, 2021

Program at 8 am. POWER

POWER (Providing Oberlin With
Efficiency Responsibly) by Cindy
Frantz

Birthdays

David H. Hall

March 26th

Don H. Wessell

March 26th

Kelley John Singleton

March 30th

Years of Service

Kelley John Singleton

03-21-2014

7 Years

Club Leaders



Barbara W. Thomas
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Club Director
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Bruce H. Ente
Club Director

- With Rotary restrictions on indoor events, plans for doing a Paul Harris event have been delayed with plans something as better weather returns for an outdoor possibility. Stay tuned.
- The Oberlin Club is looking forward to assist in the events surrounding the installation of DGE Mary Aufdenkampe sometime in June.

District Grants Advance our Club's Visibility and Impact

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In recent months we have been able to benefit from two District 6600 grants. Just a few weeks ago we sent off \$3000 to the Good Knights of Lorain County to join a partnership with other area Rotary Clubs to help young children in Lorain County be assured of having their own bed. Just last week, all Rotary Presidents were shipped a 10 x 10 Rotary Tent from the District that can be borrowed by community organizations. It has a beautiful Oberlin Rotary logo to give our club some extra visibility. In both cases, it was district grants that enabled these things to happen.



DG Keith Hodgkinson's Tiffin Club made a video to demonstrate setting up the new Rotary Tent.

Here is a good summary about District and Global Grants shared by District 6600 Foundation Chair Deb Cheney.

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF ROTARY FOUNDATION GRANTS? (1 OF 2) During the past 100 years, the Foundation has spent over \$3 billion on life-changing, sustainable projects. With your help, we can make lives better in your community and around the world. The Rotary Foundation impacts communities through our grants program, which offers four opportunities for funding. Let's look at the first two grant options:

District Grants ♦ fund small-scale, short-term activities that address needs in your community and communities abroad. Each district chooses which activities it will fund with these grants. How it works: Districts may use up to 50 percent of their District Designated Fund, based on the amount of DDF generated from a District's Annual Fund giving three years prior, including Endowment Fund earnings. (This year we offered the We Are One Grants to all Clubs. They are an example of District Grants!)

Global Grants ♦ fund large-scale international activities with sustainable and measurable results that support Rotary's areas of focus. Activities include humanitarian projects, scholarships, and vocational training teams. How it works: The minimum budget for a global grant project is \$30,000. The Foundation's World Fund provides a minimum of \$15,000 and maximum of \$200,000. Districts contribute a minimum of \$15,000 District Designated Funds (DDF) that the World Fund then matches dollar-for-dollar. Clubs may also make cash contributions for the grant which are not eligible for a World Fund match.

It is NOT to early to start thinking ahead for next year's grant opportunities!

Exploring the Black Experience in Rotary

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Bruce Ente recently shared a virtual meeting he was pleased to attend that has now been recorded and will be of interest to other Rotary Members. Let Bruce or Barbara know if you have been able to watch it and do MORE!

<https://vimeo.com/channels/rotarymembership/517196637>

How welcoming is the Oberlin Rotary Club to persons of color? We can do better no doubt but the solution is more education on inherent biases we may not even be aware of.

♦Diversity is inviting everyone to the party. Inclusion is getting everyone to be dancing.♦ ♦ Panel member Ijeoma Pearl Okoro



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Many attendees asked how to approach persons of colour while avoiding tokenism. ♦ TOKENISM is diversity on a superficial level ♦ without the inclusion part. ♦ ♦ Dr. Todd Jenkins. Learn more in this short video: <https://vimeo.com/463445534/1f4955af3a>

A collection of stories and resources, including more interviews with Black Rotarians, can be found here: <http://bit.ly/DEIStories>

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Every Rotarian Every Year Challenge

EVERY
ROTARIAN
EVERY
YEAR

can donate! <https://rotarydistrict6600.org/giving/>.

We ♦ve been CHALLENGED by District Governor Keith, EREY Chair, Jim Duke, Polio Chair, Lee Peters, and Deb Chaney, District 660 Foundation Chair to seek 100% this year on having all members be a 125 Club Member. You can do it in small bites or one single contribution on the My Rotary Foundation website. There is a District prize for every club making this goal. Here is the District website where everyone

Use Venmo for payments

By Gerard T. Findlan on Monday, February 8, 2021

We also accept payment through Venmo. Once you download the Venmo application, you can search for ♦Oberlin Rotary Club♦ to make your payment for dues, fines/happy dollars or the 50-50 raffle.

The advantage to using Venmo is that there is no charge to you or the club when you use this app to make payments.

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