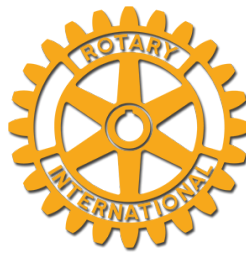


Rotary

Club of Portsmouth



Tuesday, January 3, 2023

Club Meeting

Portsmouth
Meets at Shawnee
State University,
University Center,
Sodexo Ballroom,
2nd Floor
940 Second Street
Portsmouth,
Time: Monday at
11:45 AM

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Club Peace
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NEXT MEETING

NEXT WEEKLY MEETING

MONDAY, JANUARY 9

11:45

SSU Ballroom



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Monday, January 16

JANUARY ROTARY BIRTHDAYS



Leanne Kinker

January 10

Jay Willis



Daniel Simco
iPast President



Teresa (Tess) Midkiff
Sergeant-at-Arms



Sondra M. Hash
Club Public Image Chair



Fredrick Gohmann
Club TRF Chair



Thomas Downard
Asst Governor



January 14



Lenore Mason

January 27

Go [insert team name here]!

Price Finley, District Governor

As you read this, you already know what I've yet to find out - 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.

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!





Rotary
District 6690

**IMAGINE
ROTARY**

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 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)

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.

Events

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

with 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.



SAVE THE DATE

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.