

Rotary

Club of Portsmouth



Tuesday, February 11, 2025

Club Meeting

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

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MESSAGE FROM THE DISTRICT GOVERNOR

Rotary friends in District 6690: I wanted to share with you a recent statement released by Rotary International regarding USAID. I do ask respectfully, that you consider making a donation to Rotary International or, if you have not yet, join the District 6690 125 Club. \$100 goes to the RI Annual Fund and \$25 goes to Polio Plus. Both links are below.

<https://my.rotary.org/en/> donate

<https://givebutter.com/125> Club

Yours in Rotary
Gary Baker
District Governor
District 6690
Rotary International

Rotary, USAID projects

Rotary has collaborated with the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) since 2009 on different types of programs. Our current programmatic efforts and communications with USAID personnel and leadership are on hold due to the stop-work order issued by USAID. Rotary International has already notified members whose projects are directly impacted by this order and is working to continue to support them in their impactful work.

We are navigating the implications of the recent stop-work order issued for Hearts of Europe projects that are part of a partnership with USAID. All projects that are currently in an implementation phase have been notified and given information about what actions need to be taken while the stop-work order is in effect. We are working directly with those projects that are not yet being implemented to determine alternative funding for their important work.

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NO MEETING MONDAY 2/17

Club Leaders



Lesley Book
President



Peggy Rice
President-Elect



Timothy Horner
Secretary
Treasurer
Club
Executive Secretary



Steve Rader
Bulletin Editor
Club Peace Committee Chair
Membership Chair



Jamie Mehaffey
iPast President



Linda Woods-Jones
Past President
Club Grant Coordinator



Teresa (Tess) Midkiff
Sergeant-at-Arms



Lynsi Eason
Club Public Image Chair



Fred Gohmann
Club TRF Chair

Rhoni Maxwell-



2025 ROSE SALE - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

ORDERS DUE TO [SONIE](#) HASH BY FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SORT AND DELIVER ON WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12.

CONTACT TESS TO VOLUNTEER:

EMAIL: tess.midkiff@gmail.com

PHONE: 740-935-5467



2025 PORTSMOUTH ROTARY ROSE SALE

PRICES – LOCAL DELIVERY OR PICK UP

The roses are **\$24.00/dozen** (local delivery or pick-up).

Back this year! We can send roses across the country via UPS! Roses sent east of the Mississippi will cost \$35.00/dozen. West of the Mississippi is \$40.00

DELIVERY DATES/LOCATIONS

Portsmouth, Sciotoville, New Boston and *limited* Wheelersburg (if your customer has a Portsmouth or Sciotoville address but lives "out", please plan to deliver those yourself.) on **Wednesday, March 12, 2025**. Delivery times are not guaranteed. If your orders have not been delivered by 4 p.m. on that day, please call Sonie Hash at 740-727-1648. Notification of any errors must be made within 24 hours.

PICK UP INFORMATION

Pick up available from 10p-1p on **Wednesday, March 12, 2025, Gunn Hall @ All Saints Episcopal Church, 4th and Court St in Portsmouth.**

LOCAL DELIVERY/PICK UP ORDER INFORMATION

For local deliveries, please provide the recipient's name, address and telephone number and your name as the Rotarian taking the order. For pick up orders, please provide the recipient's name and the name of the person picking up the roses, as well as your name as the Rotarian taking the order.



GENERAL INFORMATION – The *last* day to turn in your orders is **Monday, February 17, 2025**. The sooner you can turn in your orders, the easier it is. Turn in your order sheet even if you don't have all the money collected. Email is soniehash@gmail.com
Turn in your money to Sonie or mail your checks, payable to Portsmouth Rotary, c/o 2213 Timlin Road, Portsmouth OH 45662

HOW CAN I HELP?

Sell 25 dozen or more and Participation by every Rotarian is needed. Our goal is always 1,000 dozen minimum.

If you have any questions, please contact **Sonie Hash at 740-727-1648**.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!

125 CLUB -- DID YOU KNOW?

DID YOU KNOW?

Portsmouth Rotary has only **ONE** member in the 125 Club for 2024-2025? Would you consider joining? You can do it online through the [District 6690 website](#).



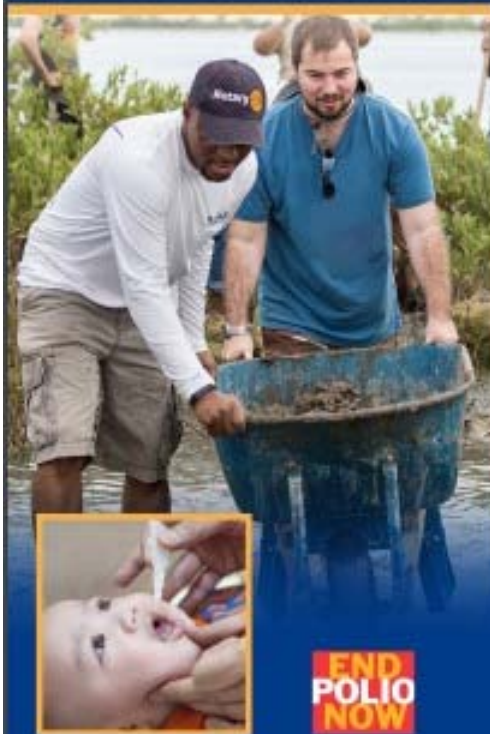
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125 CLUB



Please give an annual gift of at least
\$100 to the Rotary Foundation and
\$25 to the Polio Plus fund.

my.rotary.org/en/rotary-direct

District 6690 125 Club

An annual gift to The Rotary Foundation of at least \$100 to the Annual Fund and at least \$25 to the PolioPlus Fund.

Bill Grindle - TRF Chair | bill@grindiemarketing.com

Paul Harris Fellow

In recognition of gifts to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant in a cumulative amount of \$1,000 or more. You will receive multiple Paul Harris Fellows for additional gifts to The Rotary Foundation of \$1,000 or more.

Paul Harris Society

In recognition of pledges to give \$1,000 or more annually to The Rotary Foundation's Annual Fund, PolioPlus, or an approved Foundation grant.

Craig Maxey | craig@targetbusinessservices.com

Major Donor

In recognition of cumulative gifts to The Rotary Foundation of \$10,000 or more. The Arch C. Klumph Society recognizes gifts totaling \$250,000 or more.

Lynn Roase Jr. | jynnroasejr@gmail.com

PolioPlus

PolioPlus is more than eradicating a deadly disease from the planet — It's also building a stronger health system that provides better access to lifesaving interventions for the world's most vulnerable children.

Bill Shorthill | wshorthill@rals.net

Benefactor

A commitment to give at least \$1,000 to The Rotary Foundation's Endowment Fund in your estate plans.

Bequest Society

A commitment to give at least \$10,000 to The Rotary Foundation in your estate plans.

Lynn Roase Jr. | jynnroasejr@gmail.com

FEBRUARY ROTARY BIRTHDAYS

Happy Birthday!



Linda Woods-Jones
February 10



Dan Cassidy
February 17



Tom Covert
February 27



Steve Rader
February 27



NEW PAUL HARRIS FELLOW

Fred Gohmann welcomes Steve Rader as our newest Paul Harris Fellow!!

served during the 1937-38 Rotary year, and longtime RI Treasurer Rufus F. Chapin, both for donations made in 1946. Mrs. Adan Vargas was the first woman to receive the recognition, for a gift made in 1953. Mrs. Harry L. Jones was the second, and one of only five people recognized for contributions actually made in that inaugural year.

Early Paul Harris Fellows received a certificate of recognition. In 1969, the Foundation unveiled the first Paul Harris Fellow medallion at the Rotary Convention in Honolulu, Hawaii, USA. Japanese metal artist Fiju Tsuda created the piece under the direction of former Foundation Trustee Kyozo Yuasa. Today, Paul Harris Fellows receive a certificate and pin. They are also eligible to buy a Paul Harris Fellow medallion.

DISTRICT GRANT HELPS FUND ROTARY PROJECTS!!

Rotary District 6690 has approved another grant for Portsmouth Rotary! The Board has decided to direct the grant funds to the South Central Ohio ESC for their programs. Rotary is going to need volunteers for each of their programs listed below. Please let Linda Woods-Jones know if you would be interested in helping with any of the programs.

Thanks for your work on securing the grant, Linda!

District Mock Trial - January 17 -- we've got Jay (and probably some other lawyers and judges from Rotary) already working that - Linda also assists Jay with **Regional Mock Trial on February 7**, but we've got that covered)

Scioto County Honors Music Festival - March 4 @ 7:00 PM at Vern Riffe Center for the Arts - could use 2 to 4 Rotarians from 6:20-7:00PM to pass out programs (right where the ushers take tickets) at ramps where they come in for the show. Also, we'd LOVE to have Rotarians attend the concert!!

Scioto County Spelling Bee - March 20 @ 6:00 PM at South Central Ohio ESC - could use 1 or 2 Rotarians from 5:20 to 6:00 PM to help with getting students registered, giving out name tags, assisting everyone with finding their way around the building etc. *Note: I've already got a person who normally does all this and she will want to be here for it again this year, but she could probably use some help. Also, I **MAY** need 1 judge (depending on if any of my usual judges aren't able to be there that night).

Summer Enrichment Scholarship Reception - May 8 @ 4:00 PM in the SSU Ballroom - could use 1 or 2 Rotarians at the registration table to greet people and hand out name tags ~ I would probably need them to be there around 3:00 PM and they would be done around 5:00 PM. The Summer Enrichment Programs themselves are all over the place and I don't run those...I just help by making scholarships available to the students so they can attend.

The Visually Literate High School Art Show Reception - May 13 @ 5:30 PM in the lobby of SSU's Vern Riffe Center for the Arts - could use 1 or 2 Rotarians to help set up (usually around 4:00 or 4:30 PM) and to help greet people and direct them as they come into the lobby...the event will end around 7:00 PM. I would also LOVE for Rotarians to attend this event...they could just come look at the artwork (from 5:30 to 6:00 and talk to some of the students if they didn't want to stay for the Awards).

***There is also have a Youth Art Month Exhibit** at the Public Library in Portsmouth during the month of March, but there's no real event that goes with that one. I just go in and set up the show at the end of April then take it down at the end of May. Of course I'd love for Rotarians to take a moment to stop by and see the artwork during the month if they have time!