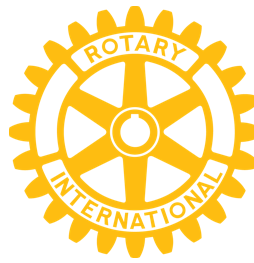


# Rotary

## Club of Portsmouth



Wednesday, May 31, 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 Leaders



[Linda  
Woods-  
Jones](#)  
President  
Club Grant  
Coordinator



[Jamie  
Mehaffey](#)  
President-  
Elect

[Lesley Book](#)  
President-  
Nominee

## SELBY MEETING CANCELED



Due to staffing issues at the Selby 100-Mile House, our June 12 dinner has been *canceled*. Look for an update in the June 7 Hub.

## SUMMER 2023 MEETING SCHEDULE

- June 5: Regular Noon Meeting
- June 12: Regular Noon Meeting
- June 19: NO MEETING (Federal Holiday - Juneteenth)
- June 26: Regular Noon Meeting
- July 3: NO MEETING (In Observance of Independence Day)
- July 10: President Installation at Hillview
- July 17: Regular Noon Meeting
- July 24: Regular Noon Meeting
- July 31: TBD

Rotary  
Portsmouth, Ohio



## JUNE ROTARY BIRTHDAYS



JUNE 7  
JOHN LORENTZ



JUNE 13  
CB HERRMANN



JUNE 18  
ERIC BRAUN

JUNE 19  
REBECCA BENNETT



**Timothy Horner**  
Secretary  
Treasurer  
Club  
Executive  
Secretary



**Earl Alan Braun**  
Club  
Membership  
Chair



**Steven Rader**  
Membership  
Chair  
Past  
President  
Club Peace  
Committee  
Chair



**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



**Price Finley, District Governor**

This month, I invited our District committee chairs to share a paragraph (or two) about significant things that are happening right now across the district.



In a whirlwind of Rotary updates, Jenny Stotts wants clubs to grow like dandelions in a garden, urging each to recruit three new members. Larry Jenkins believes in the power of a twig bundle, asking Rotarians to invest in the Rotary Foundation like it's their own personal piggy bank. Dave Ungar knows that if you repeat "Rotary" enough times, people will start associating it with unicorns and rainbows. Michelle Davis wants everyone to dance like nobody's watching, especially during the Stonewall Columbus Pride March. Roe Mauro is on a mission to turn youth into service superheroes, so they can save the world one community project at a time. And finally, Tom Carlisi represented the district at the International Peace Conference in Birmingham, Alabama that brought together Rotarians and Peace Fellows to solve the world's problems, armed with a sprinkle of pixie dust and a touch of magic. Now, please excuse me while I catch my breath from summarizing all these Rotary adventures with a hint of GPT humor.

**Membership Update - Jenny Stotts, District Membership**

**Chair**

Our towns and cities depend on Rotary and Rotaract Clubs for leadership, service, and support.

**Engaging  
Prospective  
Members in  
Service Projects**

Rotary District 6690  
Membership Chat

**i** May 17 | 7-8pm | Zoom

**Rotary**  
District 6690

Let's work together to be intentional about growing our clubs to strengthen our capacity to take care of

our communities. If every club inducts just 3 new members each by the end of this Rotary year, we will set up our district to be stronger, more resilient, and ready to serve in the months ahead. As your club gets out into the community for spring clean ups, planting flowers, and more, take a few minutes to invite guests to join your service efforts. Show others what Rotary can do for them and what they can do for their community, through Rotary.

Looking for some inspiration on how to engage prospective members in service projects? Take advantage of this dynamic and interactive membership chat on May 17 to share ideas.

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### **The Rotary Foundation - Larry Jenkins, District Rotary Foundation Chair**

As my wee granny used to say, "You can't break a twig in a bundle." You're part of a crew now. Don't give up on that, because we sure as hell won't give up on you! (Extra points if you can identify the movie reference)

I love this quote because it clearly illustrates the heart of Rotary. We were all attracted to joining Rotary because we wanted to give back and make a difference in the world. Alone, we were limited on the reach and impact we could make, but together, there is no limit to the problems we can solve and the communities we can reach. **Together We can make the world we IMAGINE a reality.**

Rotary's projects are huge and ambitious. They are possible because of the collective of time, and yes, money we put in. By giving to the Rotary Foundation you are investing in US. You are empowering yourself and your fellow Rotarians to make dreams come true. But it truly takes **all of us!!**

That is why we are asking every Rotarian to support The Rotary Foundation. We hope every member of the District will become a member of the 125 Club, with an annual donation of \$100 to the Share-Annual Fund and \$25 to the Polio Plus fund. If that level doesn't work at this time, we hope you will consider making a smaller donation. Even \$25 can have a big impact.

There are lots of ways you can donate to the Rotary Foundation. You can go to [www.rotary.org](http://www.rotary.org), login into your My Rotary account, and hit the donate button. You can use the [GiveButter](#) app we have set up and make a one-time payment with your credit card. Or you can write a check made out to the Rotary Foundation and then talk to your Club TRF Chair or the District TRF Team for help in submitting it to RI.

We have just a few weeks left in this Rotary year, and we need everyone's help to finish strong so that we have resources for the years to come. Rotary is Our Crew and with all of us pulling together and investing in each other, we can make the world we Imagine come True.

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### **Rotary Public Image - Dave Ungar, District Public Image Co-Chair**

Think of one of the most memorable advertisements you've seen. As good as it was, did you run right out to buy the product? Or did you make the decision to buy when you were looking at the product on a shelf next to other, similar brands? The one with the great ad looked a little more familiar, a little more valuable.

Rotary is no different. We need to continually remind people who Rotary is and the principles it represents. People aren't going to see a story about Rotary and immediately say "I want to Join Rotary." They are going to digest it and later, when they say to themselves, "I need to get more involved in my community" or "if we were organized to cooperate, we could solve a major problem" they will THEN think, "ah, yeah - Rotary does that."

If you are thinking about how to get your community more involved in Rotary, think of these basic branding steps: **Repetition, Recognition, Invitation.**

- Put your **brand & message** in front of people **frequently**. Not just in the form of social media posts, newspaper stories, and billboards – but ALL of those and every other way you can imagine. Use repetition and consistent brand identity.
- Have a **presence in the community** – when people see you, they associate Rotary with you and the person you are. The promotion that is most influential is the highly-regarded and highly-visible member of the community who is also a Rotarian.
- **Invite people** in. Promotion falls flat if it doesn't include an invitation to participate.

Think about all of the ways you can demonstrate to the public, "Rotary does that!" The more frequently they see it, the more familiar and valuable Rotary becomes.

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### **Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and BELONGING in Rotary - Michelle Davis, District DEI Chair**

"Because true belonging only happens when we present our authentic, imperfect selves to the world, our

**sense of belonging** can never be greater than our level of self-acceptance." ~Brené Brown

Have you ever danced in your living room or kitchen, freely and openly, as if no one was watching you? So much fun, right? That is the same feeling as BELONGING!

Join DG Price Finley, myself, and other Rotarians, friends, and family alike, from the great District 6690 as we dance (and walk a bit) and celebrate inclusion in support of equality, social and self-acceptance for our LGBTQ+ Community in Columbus and Central Ohio during the Stonewall Columbus Pride March on Saturday, June 17th! Step-off is at 10:30 am and we will likely be meeting up around 9:00 or so, with the start near Broad St and High St, marching north toward Goodale Park. More details are in the works. The theme this year is "Purpose. Passion. Power."



You don't want to miss this fun and inspiring day hanging out with your closest Rotary "family". Will you be one of the 100 Rotarians joining us? For more details or to be included on the dance list, email us at: [RotaryD6690DEI@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryD6690DEI@gmail.com).

### **Rotary Serving our Youth - Roe Mauro, District Youth Service Chair**

Are you & your Club working to create a generation of service minded leaders by participating in Rotary's Youth programs?

Rotary believes in developing the next generation of leaders. Our programs assist young leaders build leadership skills, expand education and learn the value of service.

Many opportunities exist for Rotarians and clubs to get involved including sponsoring an Interact Club, hosting an inbound or outbound youth exchange participant and joining one of the youth District Committees for RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards), RYE (Rotary Youth Exchange) & Interact.

Many Clubs throughout our District are already involved with youth by offering scholarships to graduating seniors, participating in the 4 Way Speech contest and recognizing outstanding youth through a student of the month program. These activities lend themselves to growing your involvement in Rotary's formal youth programs such as Interact, RYE & RYLA. Why not take the next step and get involved? If you or your Club are already involved in these programs - we say Thank you. Thank you for providing the leadership and guidance needed to foster peace and goodwill to our next generation.

Our District youth service committees are led by dedicated Rotarians who see the value in these programs and who can use your help.

### **We are especially in need of a new chair and committee for RYLA.**

Please contact DG Price if you'd like more information or have an interest in bringing RYLA back to District 6690.

You may also reach out to the following District 6690 committee chairs for more information about these programs and to discover how you too can make a difference.

- Interact Chair: Amanda Crabtree:- [interact@district6690.org](mailto:interact@district6690.org)
- RYLA Chair: Roe Mauro and Craig Maxey - [ryla@district6690.org](mailto:ryla@district6690.org)
- Rotary Youth Exchange (RYE) Chair: Marie Hurt - [rotarymarierye@gmail.com](mailto:rotarymarierye@gmail.com)
- Youth Protection: Brad Frick - [bfrick@fricklegal.com](mailto:bfrick@fricklegal.com)
- District Youth Service Chairs: Judy Root - [judymroot@gmail.com](mailto:judymroot@gmail.com) and Roe Mauro - [roe\\_mauro@yahoo.com](mailto:roe_mauro@yahoo.com)

Let's continue our efforts and learn how together we can make a difference in today's youth.

### **RD6690 helps Sponsor - Rotary Peace Fellow – Peace Symposium - Tom Carlisi, District Peace Chair**

On May 4, 2023, Rotary District 6690 helped sponsor the 2023 International Peace Conference in Birmingham, Alabama, featuring 35 Rotary Peace Fellows from six continents, bringing together Rotarians and non-Rotarians and distinguished leaders in academia, government, public safety, religion, business, and community service to share ideas and propose solutions to some of society's most complex challenges.

RD6690 Rotarians engaged with Rotary Peace Fellows, other Rotarians and Peace

advocates, as part of the Rotary Peace Fellow – Peace Symposium Series and 2023 International Peace Conference, May 4-6, 2023, in Birmingham, Alabama. This gathering of regional, national, and international dignitaries celebrated the 60th anniversary of the Children's March for Civil Rights, in Birmingham, Alabama. Event Coordinators were the Rotary Club of Birmingham, City of Birmingham, and the Civil Rights Institute of U. of Alabama – Birmingham.



The Rotary Peace Fellow – Peace Symposium - kicked off the 3-day event, by bringing 35 Rotary Peace Fellows, from 6 continents, together with Rotarians from USA & Canada. These Peacebuilders participated in training workshops, and collaborated to work on Peace Projects that featured the RI 7 Areas of Focus. The RPF Peace Symposium Series stages include PREPARE (pre-event), PLAN (May 4-6), PERFORM (post-Event).

RD6690 was one of the event sponsors, and was represented in-person by Tom Carlisi, RD6690 Peace Chair (Columbus Rotary) and Joe Evans (Delaware Rotary). Other RD6690 Rotarian participants (online only) include Paul Kulik (Westerville Sunrise Rotary), Sheila Mark (Athens Rotary), Cornelius "Mac" McGrady (Reynoldsburg-Pickerington Rotary), Craig Klein (Wellston Rotary), and Bill Grindle (Worthington AM Rotary).

Rotary Peace Fellows & Rotarians will now collaborate to PERFORM and implement their respective Peace Projects, while sharing their experience and resources, over the next year...as they Build Peace Together !

**RPF's participate in  
Peace-related Training Topics**



**RPF Wisdom Addo, from Ghana, Africa  
& Rotarians (Tom C. & Tom B.)  
Reunite in Fellowship**



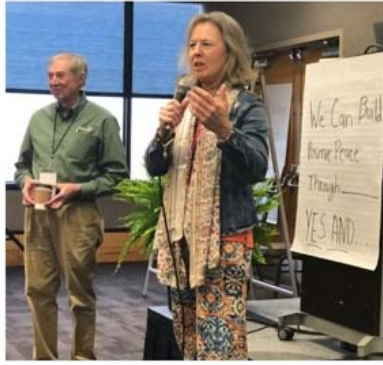
**Rotarian Dave McCleary, Chair Emeritus of RAGAS  
and other skilled professionals  
Present Workshop Series on Human Trafficking**



**Jennifer Montgomery, RPF  
President, Magenta Girls Initiative  
at RAGAS booth**



RPF Peace Symposium Co-Chairs,  
Kathy Doherty, RPF & Jim Roxlo, Rotarian  
lead exercise on "Building Peace"



Jessica "Ika" – RPF  
from Australia  
discusses Topic on  
Environment – Climate Change



John – RPF  
from Republic of Congo  
discusses Topic on need  
for Peace Education



Mark Maloney, Past RI President  
with Rotarians Tom Carlisi, RD6690  
and Dr. Stanley Harsha, RD5450



Time for Fun & Fellowship  
with RPF's & Rotarians  
at Dinner – SALUTE !



**There is still time to show support for the Rotary Foundation  
this Rotary year.  
Make a donation today!**

**DONATE: [givebutter.com/125\\_club](https://givebutter.com/125_club)**



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## 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](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)

**District Assembly & Conference**

**Installation of David Uhl, 2023-2024 District Governor**

**Rotary**  
District 6690



**CREATE HOPE**  
in the **WORLD**

*You and Your Guests are Cordially Invited  
to the Installation of the  
2023-2024 District 6690 Governor*

**DAVID UHL**



**SATURDAY, JUNE 24<sup>TH</sup>**

11 am - 1 pm

**Crossroads Event Center**

2095 W. Fair Ave, Lancaster, OH

*\$30 per person / \$50 per couple*

**DISTRICT 6690**

**[REGISTER NOW](#)**