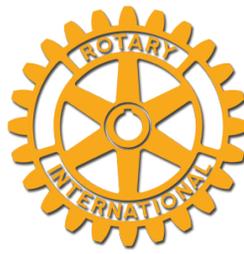


Rotary

Club of Portsmouth



Tuesday, August 23, 2022

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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UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER

MEETING REMINDER

MONDAY, AUGUST 29



GUEST SPEAKER: DAVE DRATWA

Southern Ohio Axe Throwing

Rotary



Portsmouth, Ohio

FISH FRY

Portsmouth City
Manager

**September 19,
2022**

[Debbie Gambill](#)

Off site at
Greenlawn
Cemetery...Friends
of Greenlawn

Club Leaders



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



[Jamie
Mehaffey](#)
President-
Elect



[Timothy
Horner](#)
Secretary
Treasurer



[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



Friday, Sept. 2

SELL THOSE TICKETS!

THE TRAILER IS DONE!

By Steven Rader on Tuesday, August 23, 2022

Our storage trailer painting is finished! In 2021, Rotary commissioned the Portsmouth Street Art Project (Ronnie Williams) to add graffiti art to our storage trailer. See it in person when the trailer is parked near the Roy Rogers Esplanade during Fish Fry on September 2!

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AUGUST ROTARY BIRTHDAYS 8-1-22

August 2

Anthony Esposito



August 13

Rodney Hamilton



August 21

Tim Angel

Image
Chair



Fredrick
Gohmann
Club TRF
Chair



Thomas
Downard
Asst
Governor



August 28

Gene Crum



August 29

Roberta Duncan



A Gift So Special, You Just Can't Keep It to Yourself

Price Finley, District Governor

Have you heard of the Netflix show, Grace and Frankie? It stars Lily Tomlin and Jane Fonda, who play two older adult women who start living together when their husbands leave them (for each other). It's really well written and clever. Alice and I enjoy shows like this that are funny and easy to watch, but also make you think and tug at your heart strings. Here's one of my favorite lines from the show, "I gained another pound today. But I think it's a pound of knowledge." - Frankie. You should watch it and see what you think.



If you're like me, when you discover a new restaurant, get hooked on a new TV show, or get turned onto a new band, you just can't keep it to yourself. You are so excited that you **MUST** tell your friends about it. "Hey, Mj, you've got to check out this new 'Woo Hoo' sign I just found!" - Okay, maybe that's just a geeky conversation between two district governors, but hopefully you get my drift. When I experience something exciting, I want to share it with my friends. It's like giving them a special gift.

This month, I'm making a commitment to share the gift of Rotary (and Grace and Frankie) with at least one person.

Why now? The Rotary theme for August is "Membership and New Club Development," so it's a good time to think about what or who attracted you to Rotary. What do you remember about experiencing Rotary for the first time? Did you learn about Rotary's mission? Did you feel welcomed and make new friends? What was it at the very beginning that made you think, I should consider joining this club? Those of you who know me well know that one of my law partners invited me to my first Rotary meeting. Look at me now! 17 years later, and I am an official Rotary Nerd! I wear my Rotary pin (and my

Rotary socks, and my Rotary pocket square, and my Rotary hat, and my Rotary t-shirt, and my Rotary pullover...), but do you know what I don't do as often as I might? I don't invite friends to join me in a Rotary service project or social event as often as I should. Want to know why am I not more intentional about inviting friends to join me in a Rotary activity? Here are my **excuses**:

- I'm really busy...
- I'm a little bit afraid of sounding like a salesperson...
- I don't want to be rejected...
- During the COVID-19 pandemic I got out of the habit of sharing all of the great things about Rotary...

As I write this, I'm thinking that I should quit making excuses and start thinking about a few friends who would welcome the invitation to make the world a better place through Rotary service and who would love to make new friends along the way.

Remember the person who gave you the gift of an invitation to Rotary? It's time to pass that gift on to someone else. IMAGINE ROTARY - if we tell someone, "I've got a gift to give you that will change your life and change the lives of others, too."

So, it's August, "Membership and New Club Development" month, the perfect time to reach out and invite someone to engage in Rotary. But, before you do, consider this question. What will be this person's first impression??

When I invite a friend over to my home for the first time, I make sure that my house is clean or at least picked up. I think about what food they might like. It's a labor of love because I want my friend to know that I am glad they came over and want to come back. Similarly with a Rotary invitation - I've been pondering how to make a guest feel welcomed and wanting to come back. With Rotary, the obvious choices include inviting them to a weekly club meeting, a social event, or a service project. Personally, I'm leaning toward an invitation to work on a service project or attend a social event as the best way to make a Rotary first impression. Service work gets to the heart of what Rotary is all about - it's in our motto! Social events are great too because they build goodwill and better friendships (sound familiar?) There's no right answer, and you'll know your guest well enough to know what might be most meaningful to them.

So, for August, let's invite someone in our life that might love Rotary as much as we do, and give that person the gift of a Rotary experience (and maybe give them a pair of Rotary socks, too).

-Price



Save the Dates!

SAVE THE DATE: September 24



Clubs - start thinking **NOW** about new, innovative projects to pitch at Rotary District 6690's

Service Project Shark Tank

District Grant Prize Money awarded for project that best inspires and engages members, community, and partners!

September 24, Doors open at 8am, Program at 9am. Offices of Bricker & Eckler, Downtown Columbus.

Rotary
District 6690



**PEACE
SYMPOSIUM
SERIES**

presents

Basic Education and Literacy Symposium

Saturday, September 10, 2022
10:00 - 11:30 am (U.S. Eastern Time) via Zoom

SAVE THE DATE
More details coming soon