

Tuesday, September 6, 2022

Club Meeting

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

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Sam Sutherland
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Jay Daehler and Keven MacDonald
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Club Leaders



Woods-Jones President Club Grant Coordinator Jamie Mehaffey President-







Steven Rader Membership Chair Past President Club Peace Committee Chair



Simco iPast President <u>Teresa</u> (Tess) Midkiff







Fredrick Gohmann Club TRF Chair Thomas Downard

FISH FRY THANKS!



THANK YOU to all who participated in the 2022 Fish Fry! While final numbers won't be in for a few weeks (once deposits are made and bills are paid), all indications are that we had a VERY successful day. Whether you sold tickets or worked a shift, your efforts are appreciated!

REMINDER: PLEASE RETURN YOUR MONEY OR UNSOLD TICKETS ASAP! You will be billed for unsold/unreturned tickets.

It's always fun working with fellow Rotarians on projects that benefit the community!

SPECIAL THANKS to Fish Fry Coordinator STAN JENNINGS! Pulling this all together is no small undertaking, with much stress and many headaches along the way. GREAT JOB (again!), STAN!

2022 FISH FRY IN PHOTOS!





















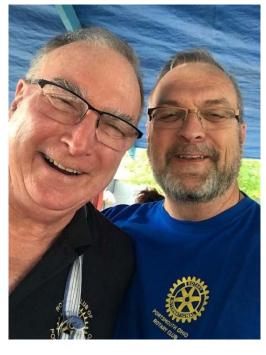














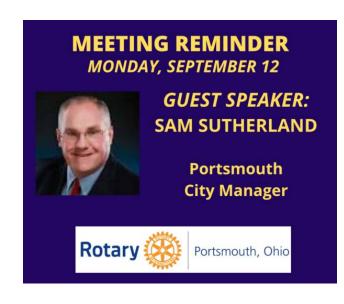








UPCOMING GUEST SPEAKER





William McKinley

Robert Dever



September 4 Chris Moore



September 18 Stan Jennings



September 10 Mary Arnzen



September 22 Sonie Hash



September 15 Sean Sturgill



September 25 Bill Gilmore



September 16 Fred Gohmann



September 27 Rhoni Maxwell-Rader

"If You Can Read This, You're Too Close!"

Price Finley, District Governor

We've all seen this bumper sticker intended to tell tailgaters to BACK OFF! While I have never displayed such a sticker on my bumper, I certainly have experienced being irritated by a rude driver. I've even spoken a not-so-nice message aloud (within my Prius), like, "Are you #@*%-ing kidding me?" to the driver who thinks it's so important to get wherever they are going that they need to drive dangerously close behind me (don't they know I get a better eco-score by accelerating slowly when the light turns green!). Now that I'm DG, my reactions have changed, because now, I see everything through "Rotary-colored" glasses (by the way, the color is PURPLEI). So, when I saw that same bumper sticker recently, "If You Can Read This, You're Too Close," I thought, "What about people who have never learned to read?"



Rotary has a theme for each month of the year, and September's theme is "Basic Education and Literacy." It's a month when we should especially confront the fact that over 775 million people worldwide over the age of 15 are illiterate - that's 17% of the world's adult population. In the United States, 21% of adults are illiterate today, and 54% of adults have a literacy level below the 6th grade. There are many reasons why this is not OK. One is that low levels of literacy cost the U.S. up to \$2.2 trillion per year. In our state of Ohio, 63% of 4th grade students are not reading proficiently, and 80% of lower income 4th grade students are not reading proficiently! (This is not just a socio-economic issue, as 48% of higher income 4th grade students are not proficient.) These are staggering statistics! Let's say it together, "Are you #@*%-ing kidding me?"

Rotary clubs throughout District 6690 are taking steps to improve literacy rates in our communities. Each year, several of our clubs give third and fourth grade students their very own dictionary and education-related resources such as backpacks. Rotary members volunteer their time to tutor and read to elementary school children in their communities. Rotary clubs are changing the lives of young people by providing scholarships. We can be proud of the impact we are making in "Supporting Education," one of Rotary's Seven Areas of Focus. In fact, of all the applications for grants from "District Designated Funds" that have been submitted by clubs for the current Rotary year, more than half are directed at basic education and literacy."

We know that higher literacy rates reduce economic stress, and that opening schools, teaching adults to read, making schools healthy, and enhancing educational systems help to break the cycle of poverty and social imbalance. Literacy is also important to one of Rotary's other Areas of Focus - "Promoting Peace." I found a great overview of the importance of education in promoting peace on the website for the Central Asia Institute, which supports education in remote, impoverished areas of Afghanistan, Pakistan and Tajikistan. The institute lists 10 ways that education promotes

- Boosting confidence and hope
- Promoting independent thinking Inspiring problem-solving skills
- Building communication skills Opening doors for career advancement

- Opening doors for career advancement Reducing poverty Increasing political involvement Reducing support of terrorism and militancy Building empathy and tolerance
- Cultivating respect

Our very own District 6690 Peace Committee is emphasizing the connection between education and peace. This committee, chaired by Tom Carlisi (Rotary Club of Columbus), is focusing the fall session of its Peace Symposium Series on "Basic Education and Literacy." I strongly encourage you to join us on Saturday, September 10th starting at 10am (Click HÉRE to reaister).

This Committee has developed a partnership with the Ohio Chapter of "Dolly Parton's Imagination Library." a program that sends a book every month to any child under five - free of charge - regardless of socio-economic status. This project will be featured in the upcoming peace symposium. Dolly recently visited Columbus to promote this program, and several of our Rotary clubs have already started projects in their communities. Ohio First Lady Fran DeWine has announced a goal of adding 17,000 kids across Ohio to this wonderful program by the end of 2022. IMAGINE how many children might sign up to receive books if our clubs help spread the word!

As your District Governor, I see firsthand all of the amazing dedication of our clubs and Rotary members in making an impact on education. Thank you for being as excited as I am about these programs.

And, remember -

STOP TAILGATING! [If you can read this, thank a Rotarian.]

An important side-note is that our District's ability to provide up to \$2,000 from District Designated Funds for club projects is thanks to donations to The Rotary Foundation Annual Fund-SHARE by Rotarians in OUR DISTRICT. More about that in November, for which the monthly theme is The Rotary Foundation!

Imagine: Projects That Inspire



You Joined Rotary To Make A Difference.

RO-Talks Has Been Designed To Help You Do Exactly That.

Join us Sept 24:

Inspire and collaborate to define highimpact projects.

Workshop with **Rotarians** to refine project ideas and create realistic plans.



Register Today...Make A Difference Tomorrow

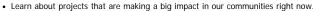
Saturday, Sept 24, 2022 9AM to 2PM

Bricker & Eckler, 100 S. Third St., Columbus









- Learn about projects that are making a big impact in our communities right now.
 Come share your service project idea with experienced Rotarians who have put together hundreds of successful projects.
 - Bring a new service project idea or build on an existing project to make it bigger, broader and more impactful.
 Your project can be local, national or international.
- Projected must be executed this Rotary year.
 Get advice and support to take your idea from concept to a well-planned strategy.
 Then (in October) pitch your plan for a chance to earn up to \$5000 to fund your project!

Registration -

\$25 per attendee, includes lunch



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Doors open at 8am Program starts at 9am Offices of Bricker & Eckler 100 S. Third St. Downtown Columbus