

Rotary

Club of Portsmouth



Tuesday, December 6, 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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[Linda
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President
Club Grant
Coordinator



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President-
Elect



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Horner](#)
Secretary
Treasurer



[Steven
Rader](#)
Membership
Chair

HOLIDAY LUNCHEON DECEMBER 12!



RSVP LINKS:

[LYNSI](#)

[JENNY](#)

[LINDA](#)

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY -- RING THE BELLS!!

RING THE BELLS!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

URGENT NEED FOR 5:00-6:00 AND 6:00-7:00 SHIFT

If you (and your family or friends!) can cover a shift, please contact
Linda: lswjones@gmail.com or 740-935-1062



HOLIDAY MEETING HIATUS!

HOLIDAY HIATUS!

NO Rotary Meetings on:

Monday, December 19

Monday, December 26

Monday, January 2

**MEETINGS RESUME
MONDAY, JANUARY 9**

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

DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS



December 8

Bryan Davis



December 20

David Thoroughman

Let There Be Peace on Earth...

Price Finley, District Governor

As an undergrad at Capital University, I was a member of the Men's Glee Club. At the end of every concert, we would close with the song "Let There Be Peace on Earth." I have wonderful memories of the sound of our male voices singing in four-part harmony.



Taken alone, the title of the song might suggest that peace may ensue by declaration or by simply wishing it to be.

What makes the song more meaningful is what comes next, "and let it begin with me." As a full thought, the song is no longer just a statement expressing a desire for world peace, but also a call to action.

"Let There Be Peace on Earth, and Let It Begin with Me"

The lyrics were written by songwriter Jill Jackson in 1955 when she woke up one morning with these words running through her head. She and her composer husband, Sy Miller, finished the song together. The first public performance was by a group of 180 teenagers of different religious, racial, cultural, and economic backgrounds who had gathered for a retreat high in the California mountains. As the teens locked arms and sang this song of peace, they believed that singing the song with its simple, basic sentiment would help to create a climate for world peace and understanding.

This story of the birth of this song reminds me of many Rotary events, particularly of All-Ohio Presidents-Elect Training Seminar, aka "All-Ohio PETS", where we have gathered together to sing Let There Be Peace on Earth together during the closing ceremony. As People of Action, we Rotarians each have a personal responsibility to promote and implement peace in our communities.

During my "official visits" with Rotary clubs this year, I've shared the words of Rotary International President, Jennifer Jones, when she unveiled our Rotary theme for this year, "Imagine Rotary." "Although

we all have dreams, acting on them is a choice we make. When an organization like Rotary dreams about big things like ending polio and creating peace, it becomes our responsibility to make them happen." You don't imagine yesterday," Jones said, "you imagine tomorrow."

So, "let it begin with me" fits perfectly with what we do in Rotary. First, we "imagine" that there CAN be peace on earth, and then we recognize that, as People of Action, we are the ones to "let it begin with me."

I wish each of you a happy and peace-filled holiday season, and I encourage you to find some quiet space during this time to envision how we, in Rotary, can make peace happen across the globe, in our communities, and in ourselves.





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District 6690

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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 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)

Events

DISTRICT 6690 ROTARY FOUNDATION

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save-the-date



SATURDAY, FEB. 4, 2023, 6:30 - 9:30 PM
HOCKING HILLS LODGE & CONFERENCE CENTER
KEYNOTE SPEAKER: LARRY LUNSFORD, PAST RI
DIRECTOR AND CURRENT TRUSTEE FOR THE
ROTARY FOUNDATION (2021-25)

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IMAGINE
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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