

Rotary

Club of Columbus



Soles4Soles

Each year, as part of the President-Elect Training Seminar (PETS), Rotary hosts a joint service project competition with the other 5 districts in Ohio to provide some meaningful assistance to a local charity. This year, the recipient is Soles4Souls, a charitable organization that provides new athletic shoes and clothing to children experiencing homelessness.

Our District 6690 has won the trophy for most money raised almost every year we have participated - and we want to keep this streak going, especially to recognize the hard work of our very own District Governor Elect Sandy Knoesel!

The competition end Saturday (3/15) at noon!

Help Sandy take home the trophy and contribute to a great cause here:
<https://charity.pledgeit.org/allohioPETS/teams/@district6690>

Can't Miss Program

Join us on Tuesday, March 18th at The Boat House to hear from Ricart CEO Rhett Ricart!

Rhett Ricart is CEO and owner of Ricart Automotive Group, in Columbus, Ohio. Ricart Ford was founded in June 1953, by his father, Paul Ricart Sr. It was his father's philosophy that in order to lead, you have to work alongside the employees first so he started out washing cars and worked in every aspect of the business.

In 1982, Rhett and his brother, Fred, assumed ownership of the dealership. Today, they employ more than 500 and annually sell approximately 14,000 new and used vehicles across six new product lines. Ricart was the 2020 chairman of the National Automobile Dealers Association and represents Ohio's franchised new-car dealers on the board of directors.

Rhett will be joining us to discuss trends in the automotive industry and recent happenings with Ricart. You won't want to miss this program!

Speakers

March 18, 2025
Rhett Ricart, Ricart Automotive Revolution in the Automotive Industry

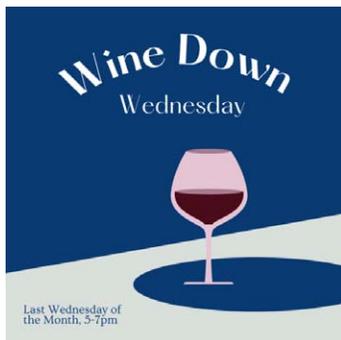
Birthdays

David D. Alspach
March 15th
Theodore M. Beegle Jr.
March 16th
Katherine N. Gatterdam
March 21st
Walter V. Johanni
March 28th
Mark Bober
March 29th
Paul M. Shepard Jr.
April 4th
Jon T Davis
April 8th
Frank A. Ingwersen
April 8th
Ronald D. Harris
April 9th
J. Terrance Davis
April 11th
John L. Mariotti
April 12th



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Wine Down Wednesday



The schedule is set for Wine Down Wednesdays for the rest of this Rotary year! View them on the club calendar and RSVP today for the last Wednesday of every month from 5-7pm at the following locations:

March 26 at The Walrus: [Register](#)

April 30 at High Banks: [Register](#)

May 28 at Jackie O's: [Register](#)

June 25 at Land Grant: [Register](#)

This is an agenda-free social event where we get to know our fellow Rotarians better. It's also a great way to introduce guests to Rotary.

[RSVP using the link on the club calendar.](#) and contact Amanda Bowen with any questions.

Building Peace through Youth Exchange

Years of Service

Michael S. Schoedinger
04-01-1992
33 Years

Amanda E. Bowen
03-16-2016
9 Years

Jon T Davis
03-26-2018
7 Years

Doug T Eastman
04-01-2019
6 Years

Anthony Rosati
03-22-2022
3 Years

Elfi Di Bella
04-01-2024
1 Year



One of the missions of Rotary is to build peace through cultural understanding and one of the most powerful ways that Rotary accomplishes this goal is through its signature youth exchange programs. Now in its 50th year, youth exchange programs are also an incredible source of future Rotarians and community leaders.

This past month, a group of Rotarians for District 6690, John Koetz (Columbus Club) and STEP Co-Chair and Past Chair of the O-E Multi-District and NAYEN Director, Marie Hurt (Bexley Club), District Chair of Youth Exchange, Bethany Moore (Delaware Club), District Short Term Exchange Coordinator, and Tracy Nájera (Columbus Club), who serves on the district RYE committee, traveled to Merida, Mexico in the state of Yucatan to attend the North American Youth Exchange Network Conference (NAYEN). This annual conference is a unique opportunity for Rotarians from around the world (literally) to learn, share, and network on how to make your club and districts youth exchange programs robust opportunities for young people, host families, and hosting clubs. It was truly a fantastic opportunity to share Rotary Youth Exchange with fellow Rotarians from around the world. While at the conference, district 6690 was honored with a Silver Designation for excellence in its exchange program operations. The delegation also had an opportunity to connect with leadership of our Youth Exchange Multi-state district, O-E, with Rotary International Youth Exchange leaders and our partners at the State Department.

To learn more about the Rotary Youth Exchange program visit studyabroadscholarships.org. To become part of the club committee and to learn more about how you can participate in upcoming year, contact Tracy Nájera, tracy.najera@gmail.com

Ohio Goes to the Movies Event

Rotarian Molly Kreuzman shared a fantastic upcoming event with us at Tuesday's meeting - the Great Ohioans Reception and Presentation at the Ohio Statehouse on April 2nd from 6-8pm.

As Molly explained, three exceptional Ohioans that she nominated will be celebrated at this event: Clark Gable, Dorothy Dandridge, and Paul Newman. This event is free to join, but requires an RSVP. [Click here](#), or on the image below, to RSVP.



OHIO GOES TO THE MOVIES™

PLEASE JOIN US

Wednesday April 2, 2025
At the Ohio Statehouse Atrium
From 6-8pm

To honor the Capitol Square Foundation
and Capitol Square Review and Advisory
Board's 2025 Great Ohioan Inductees.

Ohio Goes to the Movies, a signature event of America 250-Ohio, is thrilled to celebrate the incredible legacies of three of Ohio's most illustrious stars: Clark Gable, Dorothy Dandridge and Paul Newman!

We have a very special evening planned with distinguished guests who will be joining us to share their stories of these amazing Ohioans, including Paul Newman and Joanne Woodward's daughter Melissa Newman, with a heartfelt tribute providing an intimate glimpse into his life and work.

This promises to be a night of nostalgia, admiration and celebration of Ohio's cinematic heritage and the bright future of Ohio's movie industry going forward.

Refreshments will be served and a cash bar will be available.

RSVP for the event by March 26, 2025. Simply scan the QR code or click anywhere on this image to take you to the form.

We encourage business casual attire.



**DOROTHY
DANDRIDGE**
(CLEVELAND 1922-1965)

**CLARK
GABLE**
(CADIZ 1901-1960)

**PAUL
NEWMAN**
(SHAKER HEIGHTS 1925-2008)



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