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Greetings from the District Governor





Taking Flight With Rotary



District Conference 2015

April 17-18 at the Hope Hotel

District 6670 is again collecting new shoes and socks for children living in orphanages and impoverished communities throughout the world. We are teaming up with Buckner International to distribute the shoes and socks to vulnerable children in 80 countries including the United States. Over the past 4 years we have collected 4,177 pairs of shoes and 728 pairs of socks through our District-wide shoe drive.

This year our goal is 1,500 pairs of new shoes and 200 pairs of socks. We also appreciate monetary donations. SO GET BUSY COLLECTING....please!

Remember: We are in a contest with District 6710, with a prize of \$1000 in District Designated Funds to the winning district. If we collect more shoes and socks, along with serving children in need, our district will have even more funds to provide service.

Please bring your collected shoes to the District conference April 17th and 18th or give to one of your members who will be attending. Receive a special surprise for the most shoes collected.

There is still time to plan to attend District Conference 2015 before registration closes on April 10. Use the links below. This year, we will not only have the regular conference, but tours of the National Museum of the United States Air Force and Huffman Prairie and Wright Flying field. We also will have a hospitality suite for the ages with live music both nights. Please join us for the fun.

Register:

via DACdb at: http://bit.ly/1AJpK5r

Or at http://bit.ly/1AJq7wT

1000 Cherry Trees Project a Huge Success

As a part of our conference this year, we planned a district project on Sunday. The project involves the planting of Japanese Cherry Trees at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Our plan was to plant 26 trees and we obtained a District Grant for \$3,250 to match club contributions to the project. We have now had to amend our grant to add another \$500 because our clubs have now committed to 38 trees. As a result, the Greene Country branch of the 1000 Cherry Trees project has now committed to plant 50 trees on April 19, underwriting the cost of the additional trees from their own funds.

Please join us Sunday morning, April 19 at the Museum. Bring gloves, shovels and other garden tools to help get all 50 trees into the ground. The best part: we don't have to dig the holes.

For more information, please contact Kent Anderson from the Beavercreek Rotary Club (KDA@P4A.com) or Kim Senft-Paras from the Centerville Rotary Club (Kparas@wcpl.lib.oh.us).

4-Way Speech Contest



Share Your Club's News

We encourage all Rotary Clubs in District 6670 to share their news and events on our website and in the District Newsletter, which is distributed monthly by email.

District Conference 2015

April 17-18 at the Hope Hotel Fairborn, Ohio

April 19, 2015 District Service Project

Save the Dates

Rotary Calendar

Learn what's coming up at Rotary Clubs throughout southwest Ohio and for District

Full Calendar >>



Rotarians and other spectators attending the annual District 6670 Rotary Four-Way Test Speech Contest recently at Wright State University were treated to wonderfully prepared speeches demonstrating the Rotary Four-Way Test. The Xenia Rotary Club's contestant, Nathan Sheridan, earned the top honors with his speech about Leadership and Sportsmanship. Nathan will present his winning speech at 2:15 p.m. on Saturday, April 18, 2015 at the District 6670 Conference. Nathan is a Junior at Cedarville High School.

Contestants representing 28 clubs from all over the District competed on March 22, and spoke on a wide variety of topics. The Contest, hosted for the second year by Wright State University, drew a large crowd of Rotarians, students, parents, grandparents and others. The format followed the pattern of the past, with two preliminary rounds judged by 21 Volunteer Judges from Wright State University and then the scoring began. That resulted in four finalists and a final round of competition.

The four finalists were Michael Mountjoy, a Junior, representing Hillsboro Rotary and Hillsboro Christian Academy, Katelyn Niehaus, a Freshman, representing Eaton Rotary and Eaton High School, Lainey Ward, a Senior from Tecumseh High School representing New Carlisle Rotary and Sheridan. All of them offered excellent presentations and compelling speeches, and scoring them fell to a final round judging team of four Wright State University volunteers, Martha Antolik, MS, MHC, Dan DeStephen, Ph.D., Robert Leonard, Ph.D. and Mark Charles Zeller, Ph.D. and DGE Bill Shula, Ph.D.

The District sincerely appreciates the opportunity to hold this competition at Wright State University. This year Melissa Spirek, Ph.D. and Tracey Hill, Communication Department Assistant managed the many details to ensure the District Contest had Judges, rooms for the competition, photography all day (check out WSU Communication Department Facebook page!) and more. The Greenwood Family donated the awards for the four finalists for the second year, beautiful crystal engraved pillars.

Many Rotarians helped to ensure that this year's contest was a success. Club Chair persons included: Mike Chapman, Batavia; Bob Wilda, Beavercreek; Sally Stolly, Bellefontaine; Tom Rotz, Blue Ash-Montgomery; Deborah Dulaney, Centerville; Brett Lebhar and Russell Smith; Cincinnati; Kevin Turner, Eaton; Jeff Owens, Fairfield; John Swallow, Greenville; Jeffrey Diver, Hamilton; Amatha Farrens, Hillsboro; Melissa McGhee, Huber Heights; Ron Fischer, Lebanon; Tiffaney Lee, London; Betty Coulter, Mason-Deerfield Township; Greg Whitehead, Miamisburg; Linda Riccaiardi and Paula Crew, New Carlisle; Steve Meyer, Northmont; Bill Schilling, Oxford; Dr. Nancy Luce, Piqua; Mark Mabelitini; Sidney; Kerry Pedraza, Springfield; Doug Thompson, Tipp City; John Haller, Troy; Rick Smith, Union County; Sharon Henry, Versailles; Roger Blackburn, Washington Court House; Steve Silverberg, West Chester/Liberty; Dan Neitzke, West Milton; Danielle Shiveley, Williamsburg; Sigrid Solomon and Charlie Carter, Wilmington and Sharon Keller, Xenia.

Notes from DGE Bill Shula

DGE Bill Shula had a narrow escape Wednesday evening, April 1. While on his way home, Bill suffered an abdominal aortic aneurysm, which caused him to crash his car into a tree. Fortunately, quick action by first responders saved Bill's life. He was airlifted to University Hospital in Cincinnati, where he is currently recovering. Doctors say he will be playing golf by the start of summer. Let's all wish Bill a speedy recovery.

Presidents-Elect-Directory Information for 2015-16

Please send your picture and officer information for 2015-16 to Assistant Governor Bob Young (bobyoung1206@gmail.com). He has about 90 per cent of the Presidents who have sent him the required information for the directory. Our goal is to have the new directory completed the beginning of July 2015. Also, please update your club's vital information on DaCdb.

District 6670 Assembly May 13, 2015

Our annual District Assembly will be held at Normandy Church in Centerville, Ohio on Wednesday May 13 starting at 5:45 with dinner. This conference is Free! Registration is available on DaCdb 6670.

The purpose of District Assembly is to give our District Leadership (club officers and district leaders) an annual seminar dealing with critical Rotary issues. The areas of focus for this Assembly will be Rotary Image; Technology and Communication (e.g. DaCdb, Club reporting, Rotary.org, District communications); Rotary Foundation and Major Giving, and Membership Development. This agenda will address a number of the critical needs and issues of our Clubs officers, District leadership and Rotary International. District Trainer, Kelley Campbell with presentations from Mac Wall, Michael Brown, Mac Hickman, Mark Mabelitini and myself Bill Shula, will comprise the program.

Club News



Batavia

The Easter Bunny is a Rotarian?



For over 40 years, the Batavia Rotary Club has been hosting an Easter Egg Hunt in Clermont County. Rotarian Scott Runck has been doubling as the Easter Bunny for many of these years and considers it a pleasure to do so. Pictures are never rushed because Scott will stay as long as there are children on the grounds. When he leaves, he walks down the street where no children will see his wife picking him up. Let's face it...the Easter Bunny would look pretty silly driving a car around Clermont County!

It's a busy couple of hours at this event. Families gather and enjoy music, tours of the Central Joint Fire Department vehicles, plus visits with E.B. and Scoop from Sweet Frog Yogurt. Then, the kids line up for an Easter Parade before they are divided into age groups to hunt eggs. Students from the Batavia High School Interact Club help distribute small giveaways while the kids await their turn to hunt eggs, and when it's all over, there's more fun and music with the Easter Bunny. It's a tradition the Batavia Rotary Club hopes to continue for many years to come. We owe special thanks to Rex Parsons, Batavia Township Administrator (and Rotarian), for

organizing the event at the Batavia Township Community Center Park each year.

In other Batavia Rotary news:

- We have an additional member ready to be inducted.
- We were pleased to be recognized with Williamsburg and Cincinnati Eastside Rotary Clubs at the Salute to Leaders Event in March for the Civic Award.
- Our next Networking Night will be April 28 from 5:15-7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Eastgate. Jeremy Long from Teen Challenge will be our guest speaker.

Beavercreek

March 20th: On behalf of the Rotary Foundation, Matt Bohn presented a check for \$2,500 to Gussie Jones for Owen's Place, a check for \$2,500 to Dr. Vince Russo for Air Camp to cover the cost of two camp scholarships, and a check for \$3,000 to Beth Rumple for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library program. In the first year, 3,000 kids under the age of five have signed up for the program and they delivered over 45,000 books.

6th Annual Pancake Breakfast scheduled for Saturday, April 25th at the Beavercreek Nazarene Church from 8:00-11:00 am. All you can eat for \$5.00. Proceeds will go to Feed the Creek, the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, and the Boy Scouts' Tecumseh Council. For more information, please contact Jonathan Hebrank at ihebrank@rivervalleycu.org.

Dayton

Dayton Rotary Ride

Bicycling members of the Dayton Rotary Club are pleased to announce "The Dayton Rotary Ride 2015". The touring ride is a natural progression of the original Dayton Rotary "Cycling to Serve" fellowship established in July, 2013. The Cycling to Serve Fellowship has been warmly accepted by Dayton Rotary members, the bi-weekly rides have consistently engaged riders throughout the last year and a half. The club was also receptive and enthused last Fall, after the program presented to the club by Dean Hertert entitled "Getting Back on a Bike at Any Age".

A Ride Committee was self-formed late summer 2014 with the purpose to organize and hold a cycling event to raise funds for the Dayton Club Youth Exchange. .

The group chose June 20, 2015 (Father's Day weekend) as the event's inaugural date after cross referencing the Ohio Cycling calendar. A location was established with the start at the Xenia Bike Hub and routes of 100K (62 miles) and 50K (36 miles) over the road venturing towards Jamestown and Caesars Creek. The desire is to make this an annual event, open to the public.

The net proceeds of the Rotary Ride would supplement the Dayton Youth Exchange program outgoing youth students if the need arises for items such as traveling expenses, laptops, luggage, etc.

It is intended sponsors and volunteers would be Dayton Rotary members. The goal of 150 riders has been set for the first year. Riders would pay between \$20 and \$35 to participate. Depending on the ride package they choose, they could receive lunch, food and beverages on the course, a logoed water bottle, and or a special commemorative T-shirt.

Marketing will be done through www.DaytonRotaryRide.info, trifold brochures distributed at other ride events, bike shops and promotion to other local Rotary Clubs. Registration will be handled through the website and day of ride registration.

The intent of the ride is to provide good exposure for the Club, a recruiting tool for new members and should be a sustainable income source for the Youth Exchange for years to come.



Guatemala Project



Members of the Dayton Rotary Club recently traveled to Central America to participate in an international project while helping local high school students gain a greater understanding of their world. Along with Rotarians from the Springboro and Wilmington clubs, as well as five other friends, they've been serving as mentors to ten students form the Dayton Early College Academy, a well-regarded charter school in Dayton. The mentors and the students have been preparing to work with Habitat for Humanity's Global Village program to help build homes in Rabinal, Guatemala, an area with a history of poverty and deeply scarred by Guatemala's long civil war from 1960 to 1996.

The team members have been busy raising funds to pay for the trip, and the Dayton club and its foundation have contributed financial support. The teams will go to Guatemala in two different groups. The first, including the adult mentors, has already gone, traveling to Guatemala City on March 7 and by bus to Rabinal the following day. During their week in the community, they spent five days on two different building sites, hauling gravel and sand, tying rebar, moving tons of concrete blocks, and hammering away at the blocks to configure them for the build. Accompanied by the Habitat coordinator, they also had the opportunity to learn more about the history and people of the area.

The DECA students will be traveling to Rabinal in May to continue the Global Village work. Like the earlier team, it's hoped that they'll return home with the satisfaction of helping meet a basic human need while gaining a better understanding of a country and place not far from our own. "This was such a challenging experience, both physically and emotionally, for our team," said Susie Weaver, member of the Dayton club and a former club president. "I'm so glad Rotary was part of it, and is making it possible for these committed young people to experience this."

Fairborn

After having a difficult time finding Club members to serve as hosts for Rotary exchange students the Fairborn Club embarked on a new endeavor to stay involved with these visiting young teens. Rotarian Paul Newman came up with the idea of creating an exchange student weekend in which all the districts inbound students would participate. The concept proved to be a huge success with 386 students enjoying the two-day visit over the past 25 years.

The format was quite simple. Newman, who was Wright State's Associate Athletics Director at the time, set up a weekend agenda built around a Raiders Saturday night home basketball game.



Host parents drop the students off at the USAF Museum where Fairborn Rotarians greet them followed by a two-hour tour of the museum after which they are transported to the Fairborn Holiday Inn directly across the street from Wright State. After checking into their rooms the students are shuttled a block away to Bob Evans where they can select any of the menu items. Dinner is followed by a short trip to WSU'S Nutter Center where they not only enjoy the game but are also introduced as a group during one of the time outs. After the final buzzer the students move down to the basketball court to pose for a group picture with the Raiders mascot and cheerleaders.

Following the game, the students are returned to the Holiday Inn where they are able to share time with each other at a pizza and pool party.

The following morning they enjoy a breakfast buffet and then get together in one of the Inn's meeting rooms where a music director affiliated with the District preps them for entertaining performances they will present at the District conference.

Host parents pick the students up at noon to conclude the weekend's activities.

In 2004 the Club began including outbound students in the weekend event since 9/11 had somewhat reduced the number of foreign exchange students. An all-time high of 26 students participated in 1993.

The Fairborn Club received a financial boost in support in 2007 when the Beavercreek Club agreed to share in half of the expenses which ranged from \$1,200 to \$1,500 per outing.

Until this past year Beavercreek Club member Nick Apple, who had previously served as an official museum guide, volunteered to tour the students through the historic facility. Fairborn Rotarian Mike Erickson, also a museum volunteer, took over the touring reins this past year.

Typically taking place on a February weekend, several district Rotarians have stayed as chaperones at the Holiday Inn to oversee the students. Recent regulars included Janet Metzelaar, Dawn Kiel, Diane Dixon along with Paul and Connie Newman. District Governors Eric Marcus and Mac Hickman have also assisted with the event. Kudos to Stephen King who has conducted the musical sessions on Sunday morning.

The current breakdown on students who have enjoyed the weekend include 294 inbound students

who have been joined by 92 outbound over the course of the past 25 years.

London



The breakfast line grew longer and longer, stretching across the large room and out the door of the Madison County Senior Center March 19. A record-breaking crowd of more than 170 farmers and business leaders attended the annual Rural Urban Day event, organized by the London Rotary Club. They came to celebrate their industries, but Rotarian Mike Boerger said the impressive attendance was a reflection of the admiration of this year's recipients of the Joe Yoder Agricultural Award: Roger and Jane Snyder.

"I'm honored," Roger said after being presented with the plaque. "I'm not sure I fit with the group ahead of me. That's a pretty good group of guys."

The award, named after the late Joe Yoder, a former county commissioner, Rotarian and farmer, is given to an individual who has made a significant contribution to agriculture in Madison County, worked toward land preservation, used agriculture as their source of livelihood and had a strong reputation in the ag community. Given each year since Yoder's death in 2008, the award's past recipients include Randy Miller, Phil Eades, Bob Sommers, Mike Adkins, Autie Howard, Pete Yoder and Robert Higgins.

The Snyders are lifelong Madison County farmers. Early on, Roger raised corn, soybeans and hogs on the Bridgeman Farm, north of State Route 29. Today, the Snyders' farming operation is a cash grain farm in Deercreek, Somerford, Monroe and Pike Townships in Madison County and Goshen Township in Champaign County.

For the first time, this year the award was given to a husband and wife. "There is a saying that for every successful man there is a good woman behind him. That's not the case in the agricultural community," said Boerger. "In agriculture, it reads for every successful farmer, there is a woman, standing beside him, as a partner, confidant and wife. In this case it is very true." Over the years, Jane's duties have included bookkeeper, parts runner, machinery mover and operator as well as bringing meals to the field in the busy times.

Looking back over the years, Roger said the highlights are the people and relationships formed in various organizations. He also fondly recalls activities at the Madison County Fair when their sons were younger. Now, their two grandsons are helping out around the farm.

Prior to the award presentation, Dale Minyo, a broadcaster with the Ohio Ag Network, served as the keynote speaker. He began broadcasting in 1995 and now completes about 15 radio broadcasts each day from remote locations throughout the state.

Miamisburg

Annual Esther Philhower Auction

The Rotary Club of Miamisburg is pleased to announce that our annual fund-raising auction is coming up on Saturday, April 25 at 6:00 p.m. at the Baum Opera House!

Esther Philhower, longtime Rotary member and our club's first female president, worked tirelessly to establish the auction as a must-attend event for the Miamisburg community and as a way to raise funds for the projects that our club supports. Previous auction items include Keeneland admissions, vacation getaways, personal organization services, craft beers, and more!

Tickets are available from any Rotary Club of Miamisburg member and are \$30 per person. Proceeds will benefit the Rotary Foundation, which funds projects across the globe, and/or the Rotary Charitable Trust, which disburses funds to local organizations such as Helping Hands Food Pantry, the City of Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Department, and the Miamisburg Historical Society. This year, funds will also be designated in support of the reopening of Miamisburg's Plaza Theater, the downtown movie house.

Children Without



As a 15-year member of the Rotary Club of Miamisburg, Dave Hafenbrack had seen the good that could be affected when caring people combined their talents and resources. But it wasn't until 2005, when Hafenbrack and a number of other Rotarians traveled to Mexico to deliver scholarship aid to Puerto Vallarta's infamous "Children of the Dump," that he realized just how much need exists and how easily it can be addressed.

"Seeing grade school children sell trinkets on the street to bring money home to their families brought about feelings of sadness, anger and shame in all of us. Knowing how easy it

was for us to make a difference restored our hope, \bar{y} said Hafenbrack.

As part of its 2005 Centennial Project, Rotary District 6670 started directing forty-three \$250 annual scholarships to impoverished children in Puerto Vallarta. Mexico's free public schooling ends for

children after the fifth grade, and families wishing for their children to continue their studies must pay for it. Most of the families of the Puerto Vallarta dump cannot, so they're forced to send their youngsters out to earn income in any way they can. The Rotary-based scholarships have covered the cost of books, school uniforms, supplies and a warm lunch for these children.

In 2008 as the scholarship program came to its end, there was still considerable need in Puerto Vallarta. So Hafenbrack and his Rotary counterparts created the Dayton-based charitable foundation, Children Without $^{\text{TM}}$ to pick up where the Rotary Centennial Project left off.

The 2015 trip and scholarship distribution was just completed with 25 scholarships awarded. Since its inception in 2005 by the local Rotary District and the Puerto Vallarta SUR club, the BECAs Scholarship program has grown to over 400 distributed annually. Most of those 400 are organized and led by Rotary clubs around the world. Funding for the program locally comes from donations including Miamisburg and other Rotary clubs, individuals, businesses, church and other organizations.

Effective stewardship of donated funds was imperative for the founders of Children Without™ and Rotary. The scholarship program is by no means a give-away. The students are required to maintain a B+ average to receive their next year's scholarship. Although most of the students do not have the necessities of life such as a roof over their heads, running water or regular meals, they are still able to excel in their studies thanks to the support of the Foundation and their own will to be successful. That same perseverance that is driving them to earn their degrees now will help them to become productive citizens once they graduate from school, effectively breaking the cycle of poverty for their families in the generations to follow.

"These children and their families are appreciative of what they are given and use that gift to better themselves and their families," states Hafenbrack. "To us, \$250 seems like a small price to break the cycle of poverty, but to them it means the world."

Piqua

The Piqua Rotary Club hosted its annual All-Star basketball game with retired Ohio State football players. The Club had to create a new fundraiser when the local festival ended after we had participated for over 30 years. The basketball game featured Brandon Saine, a Piqua native, as well as other well-known players to be a very successful fundraiser for the Club. The Dare students also participate so that we ensure we are always focused on our students.



Springboro

The past first quarter of 2015 have been busy ones for the Springboro Rotary Club and its members are excited to head into Springtime in the same spirit and expectations as we ended 2014...with one accomplishment after another!

One of the many goals the club set for itself this past Rotary year was to expand its membership. With the addition of several members, the club is seeing more growth than ever before and continued more of the same with the induction of SEVEN Honorary Members that span both Springboro and ClearCreek Township! Each Honorary Member is a leader in our community, including the Mayor, two city managers, two police chiefs, the fire chief and even our local news reporter! We are delighted to have such wonderful people who have already started being active in club events, let along helping to bring a member presence in key community roles that will help us where needed as we seek to do more in our beloved Springboro! The club will continue on its Rotary and Interact club recruitment efforts into 2015 with several social and project events planned that hope to inspire those Springboro future members to proudly sport the Rotary Wheel!

With membership, comes new energy to perform Fundraising and projects to help change our world for the better. Led by our Past President, Greg Page and supported by many club members, our annual Springboro Rotary Texas Hold 'Em Poker event brought together approximately 50 community members to spend an evening dealing cards, flopping, riding the river and of course, walking away with cash all in support of our fundraising efforts. With the winner earning \$800 while the club raised over \$3,000, needless to say everyone will win as we put the money back into community initiatives. We now set our sights on preparing for our 13th Annual Golf Outing where we will shoot for raising an additional \$10,000!

On the projects front, along with our historic dictionary distribution, North Park concessions and many other Springboro focused projects, we have partnered with the Springboro and ClearCreek Police Departments to support the upcoming Safety Town being introduced this spring. With Safety Town, the police and other local safety services will bring several thousand kindergarteners together across several communities to teach them traffic, fire and home safety all in a safe and fun learning environment. With the help of a matching District grant, the Springboro Rotary Club is providing necessary learning equipment along with getting our "hands dirty" in the program through children signups and program setup, all expected to kick off in May 2015. Needless to say, this annual program is one the club is excited to be a part of for many years to come!

Our Rotary Youth Exchange student, Angel Sanchez, continues his experience in Ohio and beyond with several trips to local area sites including his personal favorite, the NFL Hall of Fame in Canton, Ohio. With aspirations of becoming a future veterinarian, Angel is looking forward to upcoming trips to the Cincinnati Zoo and the Newport Aquarium before departing out west with the rest of the youth

exchange students in June!

So as we head into our last quarter with our "old Rotary guard" here in Springboro, we wish all our fellow Rotarians across the district and beyond a wonderful spring and looking forward to seeing you all at the District Conference in April.

Xenia



The Xenia Rotary Club is pleased to announce that Nathan Sheridan earned first place at the Rotary District 6670 Four-Way Test Speech Contest on March 22, 2015, at Wright State University. Sheridan has been invited to deliver his winning speech at the Rotary District 6670 Conference on Saturday, April 18, 2015.

From a possible field of 52 clubs, 29 Students representing 28 Clubs competed at the District Event on Sunday afternoon. There were two preliminary rounds of competition with judges provided by Wright State University. The judges' scores were tallied to determine the final four contestants.

The final four gave their speeches to a panel of five judges and to an audience of Rotarians, parents and friends.

Nathan is a junior at Cedarville High School and has been involved in football, basketball, track, quick recall and the drama club. He enjoys running and relaxing in his family's barn while working on one of his many

projects. Nathan currently operates a small landscaping business that he and his brother started two-years ago. After high school, Nathan plans to attend college to earn a business degree and eventually obtain his auctioneer's license.

Nathan's comments on participating in the contest:

"My English and Speech teacher, Mrs. Anderson, told the class about the contest and I decided to participate. I learned how to communicate better with an audience and had a fun time presenting and meeting other competitors at the competitions.

My father and grandfather have been Rotarians for many years and I knew that it is a service organization, but I didn't understand the principles that are behind Rotary.

I learned how to apply the 4-Way Test to everyday life."

Thank you to the numerous Rotary volunteers at the local level that helped facilitate at the District Competition and to Wright State University for hosting this event and providing the contest judges.