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Greetings from the District Governor

As we enter the holiday season, let us all take into account the wonderful diversity of Rotary. Whether you celebrate Christmas, Hanukah, Kwanza or another end of the year festival, Rotarians all around the world are united in one thing: service. It is through service that each of us can accomplish the meaning and mission of Rotary as we strive to make the world a better place than when we first arrived.

December is also Family Month on the Rotary calendar. Take some time out during this busy time of year to spend meaningful time with your family. Spend time reading to a young child or grandchild. Plan a family activity that all can enjoy. Visit a relative that's far away. Make this a holiday season to remember and let's all Light Up Rotary.

District Conference 2015

Plans for District Conference 2015 are well under way and registration will be open soon. The theme for the conference will be Taking Flight with Rotary. This year's conference will feature something new: a pre-conference tour of the aviation history of the Miami Valley. The Conference will start Friday at Noon with a tour of the National Museum of the United States Air Force, followed by a short tour of Wright Flying Field and a trip to the Wright Brothers Memorial.

The actual conference will begin at the Hope Hotel, located in Fairborn on the edge of Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Our Friday night keynote speaker will be former astronaut Greg Johnson.

The Hope Hotel was the site of the Bosnian Peace Talks and where the Dayton Peace Accord was signed. 2015 marks the 20th anniversary of the signing of the accord, and we will focus our Saturday program on peace. Speakers will include author and peace activist Paul Chappell, Rotary Peace Scholar Cameron M. Chisholm and Jerry Leggett, Executive Director of the Dayton International Peace Museum.

Saturday afternoon will also include a first ever project fair, showcasing projects by district Rotary clubs, Interact and Rotaract clubs and country displays provided by our exchange students. This will be an opportunity to network and meet new friends.

Sunday, we will have an optional district project: Operation 1000 Cherry Tree. Our plan is to plant 25 cherry trees at the National Museum of the United States Air Force. Clubs will be asked to contribute \$125 for each tree, which will be matched by a district grant. For more information go to: <http://en.operation1000cherrytrees.com/>.



Taking Flight With Rotary

District Conference 2015

at the Hope Hotel near the
United States Air Force Museum

April 17 - 18, 2015



Meet the Assistant Governors

Michelle Sherrill



Michelle Sherrill was born and raised in Navarre, Ohio. She attended Wittenberg University in Springfield, Ohio and moved to Vandalia, Ohio shortly after graduation with a BA in Business

She was with Bank One as well as Fifth Third Bank in both Retail and Commercial Banking for over 27 years. She recently received her Real Estate license and joined Team Herbst at Keller Williams Home Town Realty, in Dayton, Ohio as a contract manager.

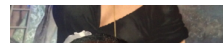
Michelle also assists in the running of Vandalia based Superior Services of Dayton. She utilizes her business skills to assist her husband manage their Toro dealership and Landscape business established in 1999.

Michelle joined the Rotary Club of Vandalia in 1989. She served in various board positions as well as Secretary in 2011-2012, and President in 2013-2014. She is a multiple Paul Harris fellow.

She is married to Mike Sherrill, and they have 4 children – Jarrod (Paul Harris Fellow), Shelly (Paul Harris Fellow), Taylor and Mason.

Sigrid Solomon

Sigrid Solomon was born and raised in Brooklyn, NY until she was fortunate enough to attend boarding school at the age of 15. She holds a BS in



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.

Send articles, announcements, events and photos to us at chris@celekmedia.com. Your club's info will be shared with the District Newsletter editor.

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 6670.

[Full Calendar >>](#)

Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University and her M.Ed. from East Carolina University. Sigrid has been working in higher education since 1993 at various colleges and universities; North Carolina State University, North Carolina Wesleyan University, Emory and Henry College, Southern Vermont College and now at Wilmington College where she has served as the Vice President for Student Affairs and Dean of Students over the past six years.



Inspired by her experience as a Group Study Exchange participant in the fall of 1998, she began her Rotary journey in 2000 in Abingdon, VA then later joined Wilmington AM club in 2007. Between the two clubs she has served as Programs Co-chair, Social Co-chair, Club President in 2011-2012, President Elect in 2010-2011, Co-Chair, Wilmington Cardboard City Committee in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014, Chair, Rotary Vocational Scholarship Committee in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 and Chair, Rotary 4-Way Test Committee in 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014, member, 2014 Rotary District 4-Way Test Speech Competition Committee. She is also a Paul Harris Fellow.

She has two sons 25 and 16 year old and a host of former foster children.

Don Walls



Don was born and raised in Greenfield, Ohio and is a graduate of McClain High School. He graduated from the University of Cincinnati with degrees in education. Don is a retired 42 year educator, having served as a teacher, coach, assistant athletic director, and interim principal. He finished his career as a Director in the College of Education and Human Services at Wright State University. Don's hobbies include: travel, volunteering, grand children and college football. Don is married, has 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He is past president of the Kettering Rotary Club, and a Paul Harris Fellow.

Bob Young

Bob has been a member of the Blue Ash/ Montgomery Rotary Club since 2004. He has served as Sergeant at Arms, Chairperson of the Annual Golf Outing, Board Member, President and is a 2 time Paul Harris Fellow. Bob is currently self employed as a Licensed Realtor with Stanley Realtors, Inc. Bob retired in 2002 from the Montgomery Fire Department where he served for 28 years as Firefighter/Paramedic and all ranks thru Fire Chief. Bob's other volunteer affiliations include Past Board Chairman of the Blue Ash YMCA Branch Board, Member of the Board for the Blue Ash Protective Association, past member of the CABR Legislation Committee, and Secretary of the Board of Trustees for the Presbytery of Cincinnati. Bob is an active member of the Blue Ash Presbyterian Church, where he is an Elder and sings in the Choir. Bob and his wife, Rhonda, have lived in Montgomery for the past 38 years and have two grown children, Rob (Jen) who live in Deer Park and Matt (Whitney) who live in West Chester, and two grandchildren, Addison and Rhys. Rhonda is an RN and works at The Christ Hospital in Quality Management. Besides Rotary, Bob enjoys golfing, reading, singing, working in the garden, and playing with his grandchildren.



All Ohio Presidents-elect Training Seminar

Looking forward to a great 2015-16 Rotary Year. As DGE of 6670 I have enjoyed meeting our Presidents-Elect for 2015-16. On March 13-14 2015 our Presidents-Elect from all or our 52 clubs are invited to meet Presidents-Elect from the State of Ohio at the Renaissance Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. The purpose of the seminar is to help prepare and train our Presidents-Elect, so they have a successful Rotary year.

Also, our District 6670 President-Elect Training (Pre-PETS) will be held the afternoon of March 13, 2015 starting at noon. Doug Buchy and Kelley Campbell will facilitate this training.

Please note: These training sessions are mandatory for Presidents-Elect.

Please mark your calendars. More information including registration materials will follow. You will be able to register on line using DaCdb.

Club News

Batavia



Inside the Batavia High School cafeteria on November 1, it was almost standing-room only as the Rotary Club of Batavia presented its annual Spaghetti Dinner. A delicious menu of spaghetti, meat sauce, vegetarian sauce, and manicotti served as the main dishes. Breadsticks and salad were on the side, with guests' choice of a variety of homemade desserts.

The Batavia Club loves this event, because it gives them just one

more way to meet the public while raising money for high school and college scholarships.

"For the past two years, we have invited vendors to be in attendance," said Jennifer Fischer, Batavia Club President. "This gives visitors the chance to purchase Christmas items, gifts for the holidays, and offers fellowship with acquaintances that become friends over dinner."

Vendors who attended included Pine Lane Soaps, Edward Jones Financial Services, Thirty-One, Avon, the Craft Maven, Tastefully Simple, and a local candy maker. Split the Pot was also offered, giving the Club an additional chance to raise money for scholarships.

"Each year, we present five \$1,000 scholarships from spaghetti dinner proceeds," said Fischer. "These go to two Batavia High School seniors, two to Clermont Northeastern High School seniors, and one scholarship to a student at the University of Cincinnati Clermont College. The total raised this at this year's event was just over \$5,000."

It takes a lot of hard work to produce a spaghetti dinner...for the Rotary Club of Batavia, it's all in a day's work. Service above self is the key, right?

Beavercreek

Deepa Willingham spoke to the Beavercreek Rotary Club on October 17. Deepa came to the United States in 1964 to attend graduate school at Miami University. It was quite a culture shock, from the food to warm clothing to communal showers. American children are told to eat everything on their plate because there are starving children in Africa, but she was told to clean her plate because of the starving children outside her window. It had a lasting effect upon her.



The world recently surpassed a population of over 7 billion and is expected to hit 10 billion by 2050. Developed countries have a population of about 1 billion and many are of middle class or above. Central and South America has a population of 1.5 billion. Most of whom exist on less than \$5 a day. Africa and South Asia have a 3.2 billion population and most exist on less than \$2 a day.

It has been said that you can tell the condition of a nation by the status of its women. There has been a rise in child trafficking around the world. Sexual exploitation accounts for 80% and about 19% is labor exploitation. A child can be bought for as little as \$90.

Deepa began a program called PACE to better the condition of women in Calcutta. It provides 2 meals a day, a playground, science and computer labs, and general education. It has also partnered with others to help, including Rotary International, which has given her \$331,000. This money has provided 40 new clean water wells, 400 sanitation units, health clinics, 10,000 fruit trees, roads, and micro loans.

Other cities and countries have asked to receive the same type of help. Right now she is working with Mexico, Honduras, Ethiopia, and Appalachia.

Child trafficking is such a problem that Delta Airlines is training its flight attendants to recognize these children. Ohio is 5th in the nation in child trafficking. Houston is the highest center for enslavement.

To find out more about her program you can see it on You Tube under the title "It Only Takes a Girl."

Centerville

Operation Warm

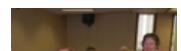


This is an organization that provides "new" winter coats to those in need. It was founded in 1998 by Dick Sanford, a fellow Rotarian from the Kennett Square, PA. club. From a humble beginning of 58 coats, it has now served 1.7M children across the country! They have accomplished this by partnering with a wide range of foundations, community organizations (e.g. Rotary), corporations, and individuals. Centerville Rotary has provided 624 coats over the last three years to Hannah's Treasure Chest, which is a Centerville-based non-profit focused on providing clothing (among other essential items) through service agencies in the surrounding counties. Hannah's Executive Director, Sarah Williams, recently visited Centerville Rotary to thank its members for their ongoing contributions. "We are extremely thankful to the members of

Centerville Rotary for their generosity in helping meet unmet clothing needs in our area. This is especially important in light of last winter's severe weather, as well as what's predicted to be another very cold winter this year". If you're interested in learning more about OPERATION WARM, go to www.operationwarm.org or contact Ron Hollenbeck ahollenbeck407@msn.com.

Pancake Breakfast

Centerville Rotary recently completed its 14th annual Pancake Breakfast, held this year at Centerville High School. What motivates a group of already busy people to



spend months planning the breakfast and then flipping hotcakes for almost 1000 people on the fourth Saturday in October every year? "It's simple", said Centerville Rotary Club president Vas Appalaneni. "We do it because it makes us feel good. Not only do we raise money to help people in need but we host a great community event that brings so many together for food and fun." "It's all about community", echoed Rotarian Carol Kennard, co-chair of the breakfast committee since 2002. "The Pancake Breakfast unites the Centerville-Washington Township community for a common purpose of helping people in our own neighborhood and around the world." Although the final invoices are still coming in, it appears this year's breakfast will break a record for this fundraiser. Over \$13,000 in cash sponsorships were donated, and the club should net over \$19,000 this year to put toward college scholarships, along with supporting many local, national, and international needs. For more information about our Pancake Day, contact Carol Kennard atKennard@woh.rr.com or visit www.centervillerotary.com.



Dictionary Project



The club completed its annual literacy program efforts. This involves the purchase and delivery of a dictionary to all third grade students and a thesaurus to all fifth grade students enrolled in nine elementary schools in the Centerville area. This year 700 dictionaries and 800 thesauri were presented to students. The funding to accomplish this is provided by the club, in concert with a district grant. Club volunteers sticker each book with a "Rotary Four Way Test" label which has a place for each student to personalize with their name. Books are then distributed to the respective schools, and Centerville Rotary members present the books to the students. All school staff and student bodies are so excited about our club visits. Centerville Rotarians thoroughly enjoy themselves when interacting with the elementary school students. We are met with such enthusiasm and appreciation with a collective THANK YOU Centerville Rotary. It also presents the opportunity to give a brief overview of Rotary, and why we participate in this key community project.

Cincinnati

Well Project

Imagine if you had to walk miles every day to find safe water and then carry it home in a heavy bucket on your head - just to meet your family's basic needs. It could take you as long as SIX HOURS, every day. Six hours when you could be going to school or earning extra income for your family. That's the daily routine for millions of people, most of them women and girls in Ethiopia, who have no access to safe water. The Rotary Club of Cincinnati is partnering with local a Ethiopian Rotary Club (Bole Rotary Club) and the University of Cincinnati College of Engineering students to drill a well, install a solar-powered pump, and wire the school for solar powered electricity in the Kerensa Dereba School community. The goal is to raise \$15,000 to fund these projects. If you would like to help us emPOWER Ethiopia with your donation or to learn more about this ground-breaking partnership, contact the Rotary Club of Cincinnati's office at 513-421-1080 or email atoffice@cincinnatirotary.org.



The Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati funded the ADA ramp and the Rotary Club of Cincinnati provided volunteers for the 2014 Hometown Huddle Community Garden project on October 21, 2014, at the Marge Schott-Unnewehr Boys/Girls Club in Covington, Kentucky. It was wonderful to once again partner with the Marvin Lewis Community Fund and this year with our member, Brent Seelmeyer's organization, the Boys/Girls Clubs of Greater Cincinnati.

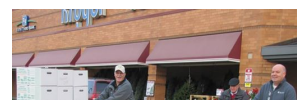
Holiday Party



Each December the Rotary Club of Cincinnati sponsors a holiday party for the students at the Roselawn-Condon School. Our club helped to open the Condon school in 1928 and it was one of the first in the country to be designed with a view towards the needs of orthopedically handicapped children.. Roselawn-Condon School is now part of the Cincinnati Public School system and over 70% of its population of students are identified as economically disadvantaged and the majority of the students have significant disabilities. The students create their wish list and the members of Club 17 purchase and wrap a gift for each of the children. This year, the party was held on December 2, 2014. The club members showed up in mass to throw a fantastic party for the children, complete with crafts, balloons, cake, ice cream, visits from Rosie Red and Gapper from the Reds, and of course, Santa Claus. The members enjoy helping the children complete their crafts, assisting in the assembly of their toys, and even entertaining them by performing a few magic tricks. The most excitement, however, is clearly generated when the sing-a-long breaks into "Here Comes Santa Claus" and the big guy himself enters the room!

Mason-Deerfield

The Mason Deerfield Rotary again supported local families in need this Thanksgiving. We had a great turnout, with over a dozen Rotarians participating. It all started at the Rt. 741 Kroger's, where we picked up 15 turkey dinners and all the trimmings for the needy



families in our community. We were greeted to many thankful families as we delivered these meals..

Our 6th Annual Next big Number Reverse Raffle is scheduled for January 24th. This great event is filled with fun, food and prizes including a \$5000 jackpot. Do not miss out on this event, there are a limited amount of numbers (good chance to win!) so sign up ASAP. Email Nicole Haake at Nicole@choosereliance.com for a brochure.



New Carlisle

New Carlisle Rotary Club continues to support local schools and education in our community. Last month Rotarians again delivered over 350 dictionaries to third grade classrooms. This is a long time tradition for our club, and students, teachers and our club volunteers look forward to this! Thanks to Rotarian Jacob Jeffries for organizing this effort.



Last week New Carlisle Rotary heard visiting Rotarian Elaine Garver speak to us about the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Elaine is a past president of the Middletown Rotary Club, and is currently the Development Officer of the Middletown Community Foundation. She shared her club's efforts to bring this program to five local school districts, and encouraged us to help start the program in New Carlisle and Clark County. Every child under five years old receives a free book each month. Statistics show that participants in the program are better performers in school. Several Rotary Clubs have already joined in this community service project, and we look forward to helping start this project in our community! You can find more information here <http://imaginationlibrary.com/>

Finally, we are working to get a Global Grant to purchase five LifePumps for selected villages in Nairobi, Kenya. The New Carlisle, Springfield, Huber Heights, Fairborn and Kettering Rotary Clubs have joined together to fund the purchase of five pumps, along with matching funds from District 6670 and Rotary International. Our Host Club is Nairobi-Madaraka, led by President Karimi Ndigah. This effort is part of the Hundred Pump Project, founded by Design Outreach and underwritten by World Vision. Our first Rotary involvement in this project could serve as a template for many other clubs to participate. Each LifePump is installed in an African village and provides clean safe water to hundreds of people. This project will impact around 2,000 people. You can see a video featuring Rotary Club Presidents from Malawi and Nairobi, Kenya, describing this project. <https://www.dropbox.com/s/64jtlv7qlpe8b8/Rotary.mov?dl=0> We look forward to sharing more about this exciting project!



Piqua



The Piqua Club honored four citizens for their selfless contributions to the community during its Pride of Workmanship meeting. Every year Rotarians nominate citizens in the community who go above and beyond for no reason other than they want to give back. This year, four citizens were recognized. Two were City employees who continue to work for the City after the work day is over, one of the recipients being directly involved with the passage of the safety service levy. Another recipient was recognized for his outstanding customer service that has also been recognized nationally by his employer and the last recipient gives numerous hours to the community by using her artistic talents and hosting tea parties for young girls who are not likely to ever experience such a thing and designing logos for the non-profit organization Positively Promoting Piqua. The recipients were Ben Gover, Rhonda Meckstroth, Mary Francis Rodriguez and Joseph Schweitzer.

Springboro

The past few months have been busy ones for the Springboro Rotary Club and its members are excited to head into 2015 the same way as they are ending 2014...with one accomplishment after another!

One of the goals the club set for itself this Rotary year was to expand its membership. The club made quick work in starting towards its goal as it grew its club by almost 10% in the past few months, bringing Nikki Gulick and Eric Sedwick into its membership! We are delighted to have such wonderful people who have already started being active in club events, let alone helping to bring down our median age, of course! A great first step indeed, but the club growth has burst more than any of us could have ever expected in our Interact Club. When we started the 2014 Rotary year, our Springboro High School based Interactors totaled 30. Since the school's start and with many thanks to our newest Interact Club advisor, Kim Gates, the club is bursting with over 150 members who since have been working hand in hand with our Rotary Club to support fundraising and participate in community projects. 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!

Though they are not ready for prime time Rotary participation just yet, our club members are proud to announce that we all became the proud "other Aunts and Uncles" of not one, two or three new babies, but FOUR! Please welcome Kenzie Lee Foster (daughter of member Ginny Foster and hubby, Jason), PJ Sweeney (son of member Vicky Sweeney and hubby, Thaddeus) and Harper and Wyatt (twin daughter and son of member Sayre Payne and his wife, Sarah). We are all so anxious to get spoil them!!



As we have been doing for over 10 years now, the Springboro Club handed out dictionaries to every Springboro 3rd grader! With over 400 dictionaries to distribute to two elementary schools, the club "divided and conquered", much to the delight of each 3rd grader and appreciation of their teachers. This year was different than those of the past however, as the Springboro Club made the decision to reach across city limit signs and "adopt" the Waynesville 3rd graders as well, handing out over 150 dictionaries in their neighbor's schools. Needless to say, the enjoyment and satisfaction were equally shared across teachers, students and the Springboro Rotarians!

Continuing on the project path, the Rotary and Interact clubs picked up the paint brushes and gave a face lift to the gazebo in Rotary Park, brightening it up just in time for the holidays! In 2015, the clubs will continue their gazebo painting with two additional projects on historic Main Street, of course, after the weather warms. The gazebo painting provided the perfect backdrop for the club to set up their booth at this year's Christmas in Ole Springboro event, where the club showed off its new Rotary Wheel inflatable during the Christmas parade and later started a split the pot fundraiser as part of the weekend celebration. With thousands of attendees, the Springboro Rotarians enjoyed the opportunity to spread Rotary cheer and delight in the city's pageantry.

Troy

As a Marine Corporal in Vietnam, Miami County Lieutenant Sheriff Dave Norman (pictured) had the experience of being one of the absolute last soldiers to evacuate Vietnam in April, 1975. On Tuesday, November 19, 2014, he shared some of the stories leading up to the perilous ride in the helicopter out of the United States Embassy in Saigon with Troy Rotarians at their weekly meeting at the Troy Country Club.



Norman spoke of the many hours and days that he, and his platoon, spent in Saigon (now Ho Chi Minh City) helping Vietnamese families, girlfriends, workers for the Americans and soldiers evacuate by helicopter to a flotilla in the ocean. Once it became clear that Communist forces from North Vietnam were about to overtake Saigon, and equally clear to U. S. Ambassador Graham Martin (1912-77) that President Richard M. Nixon (1913-94) would not send any more ground troops for support, Martin ordered an immediate evacuation of all Americans and American-friendly personnel. This order included those Vietnamese who worked for at the embassy, and elsewhere, for their safety and security.

With that order, a long and drawn out evacuation from the rooftop of the embassy began. It was a process wherein Norman started as a guard but ended up landing the helicopters on the roof pad. As snipers tried to pick off the soldiers, Norman stood tallest on the roof, making himself an easy target, while trying to land enough helicopters safely for transport to the ocean. When the last embassy personnel were airlifted, and the remaining Marines ready to take flight on the last helicopter, the previous helicopter pilot reported erroneously to the ship that there were no more soldiers to transport. Luckily for Norman and the Marines, a passing American plane reported to the ship that there were still soldiers on the embassy's roof, signaling the ship to wait for the final helicopter to arrive.

The Rotarians are grateful to Norman and all those who have served, and serve, in the United States Armed Forces. Troy Rotary Club members are always looking for new topics to share at weekly meetings. If you are interested in presenting your business or organization, please visit the Troy Rotary Web site at www.troyohiorotary.org and submit your information in the "Contact Us" section. Troy Rotary is a member-involved, goal-oriented service club focused on socio/economic issues that have an impact both locally and internationally. Follow their activities on Facebook at Troy Rotary Club.