

# Rotary



## District 6670 Newsletter

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### Greetings from the District Governor



## Taking Flight With Rotary District Conference 2015

**April 17-18** at the Hope Hotel

The Friday portion of our District Conference will focus on aviation. Our Friday keynote speaker is former astronaut and Space Shuttle pilot Gregory H. Johnson. Johnson is the President and Executive Director for the Center for the Advance of Science in Space (CASIS). As Executive Director, Johnson is responsible for leading the CASIS staff to maximize utilization of the International Space Station (ISS) to benefit life here on Earth. CASIS identifies innovative applications and develops new partnership opportunities to promote utilization of our nation's orbiting laboratory.

Prior to CASIS, Johnson was a decorated officer and pilot with the United States Air Force. He flew 34 combat missions in support of Operation Desert Storm and 27 missions during Operation Southern Watch. In 1994, he became a test pilot at Edwards Air Force Base, where he flew and tested the F-15C/E, NF-15B and several other aircraft. Retiring as a Colonel after nearly 25 years in the U.S. Air Force, Johnson has logged over 5,000 flight hours in more than 50 different aircraft.

In 1998, Johnson was selected as a NASA Astronaut and ultimately piloted two Space Shuttle missions (STS-123 and STS-134, both aboard Space Shuttle Endeavour) where he spent nearly 32 days in orbit and contributed to the assembly of the ISS. In October 2011, he began a rotational assignment as the Associate Director of External Programs at NASA Glenn Research Center in Cleveland, Ohio. In that role, Johnson managed all public affairs, outreach and educational programs at the Center.

Registration for District Conference 2015 is now open. The cost is low, only \$129 covered the whole weekend of activities.

To register using DACdb go to: <http://bit.ly/1AJpK5r>

To register without DACdb go to: <http://bit.ly/1AJq7wT>

Don't delay. This promises to be an exciting weekend and I hope to see you at our conference this coming April.

### President Elect Training Seminar

March 13 and 14 is our annual All Ohio PETS Seminar for all 52 District 6670 Presidents-Elect. The weekend starts with our District PETS on Friday March 13 at 12:30 PM. Kelley Campbell, Mark Mabelitini, Mike Kelly and Bill Shula will facilitate PRE-PETS.

PETS will begin with dinner on March 13 and conclude after the commissioning of our Presidents-Elect at dinner on March 14. This is a great opportunity to meet and network with over 200 Presidents-Elect from the five Districts in the State of Ohio. There will be several facilitated sessions plus general sessions focusing on helping you become successful Presidents of your clubs in 2015-16.

Register on line-District 6670 DaCdb-<http://allohiopets.org/registration/seminar>

### Rotary Leadership Institute

Üte Pöpke  
Rotaract Chair  
Carol Hughes  
RYLA Chair  
Michael McNeil  
Youth Exchange Chair

### 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

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Fairborn, Ohio

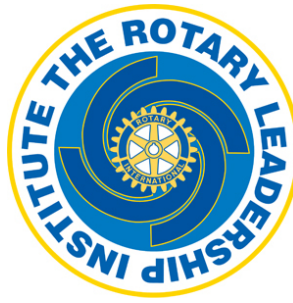
April 19, 2015  
District Service Project

Save the Dates

### Rotary Calendar

Learn what's coming up at Rotary Clubs throughout southwest Ohio and for District 6670.

[Full Calendar >>](#)



### Becoming a More Effective Rotarian

How strong is your Rotary knowledge? Do you know the ins and outs of the funding opportunities offered by the Rotary International Foundation? Are you familiar with the differences between leading a business and leading volunteer efforts? Are you moving into a position of leadership in your club? A great way to develop the knowledge and leadership training to make you more successful in Rotary leadership is to attend Rotary Leadership Institute classes.

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) provides a unique opportunity for Rotarians to become more familiar with the workings of Rotary, thereby becoming more effective and more committed leaders. RLI is an interesting group – not an official Rotary program, it is a grassroots leadership development program that operates in districts throughout the world. Any Rotarian can attend, but since clubs are expected to pay the RLI attendance fee, it is suggested that clubs select engaged members who are moving into leadership positions—not just presidents, but board members, other officers, committee chairs—in fact, anyone involved, or with the potential to be involved, in any leadership capacity in his or her club.

So many of us started out as general members with little knowledge of how Rotary really works. Attendance at RLI can accelerate the process of "Rotarization," helping you toward a more satisfying experience in Rotary by giving you a thorough understanding of how things work. In addition, while many of us are leaders in our businesses, leadership of volunteers is a much different experience. RLI provides important training in how to work with fellow members to accomplish important projects.

RLI is offered in three parts, each of which builds on the previous level. Each level consists of a daylong training session conducted by past District Governors, selected past Presidents, and past RI Directors. The next RLI classes to be held in District 6670 will be on November 15 and will take place at the Greene County Career Center Adult Education building in Xenia. All three parts will be offered, so if you have previously taken parts I or II, you will be able to move on to the next level—Save the Date! More information will be coming.

So, if you are currently in club leadership, look for those rising, potential new leaders among your members. If you're interested in learning more about Rotary and enhancing your leadership skills, ask your club to consider sending you to a class. I hope to see a good crowd of Rotary leaders at the Institute in November. You may register on line at <http://hoa-rli.org/rli/district-6670-rli-seminars>

### RYLA

Each spring, local Rotary Clubs partner with local school districts to select one or more High School sophomores and juniors (Award Winners) to attend a leadership development program known as RYLA, which stands for Rotary Youth Leadership Awards.

This camp is a terrific 48 hour Leadership training event for your Award Winners. In 2015, the program is scheduled from April 10-12, 2015. The location is Camp Kern YMCA Leadership & Conference Center in Oregonia OH.



This Camp is part of Rotary's New Generations initiative to engage Rotarians in the lives of developing youth. The Leadership Camp will feature several outdoor challenges, critical thinking exercises, and motivational speakers. Students will need to come prepared for physical activity and be dressed appropriately (April weather can be challenging). They are also required to attend the **ENTIRE** camp. Please note: 100% of the cost of the camp is covered by your sponsoring Rotary Club. It is a special honor and opportunity for students who receive this RYLA award. We want to make the most of this opportunity, for an extremely low cost to your club. Use it to promote your club! Use it to engage club members in working with youth!

We have 52 Rotary Clubs within our District 6670 in southwest Ohio, so this program pulls a cross section of students from many school districts. Last year, over 50 Ohio High Schools were represented.

We will only accept 100 students for this program. The important items to remember are:

- We only have 100 spots
- Students must arrive between 12:30 and 1:00pm on April 10, and should be picked up at 12 noon on April 12 (Closing Ceremony starts at 11:15am)
- Registration is due by March 1, 2015
- The students have to commit to attend the **ENTIRE** camp
- Students can be transported to and from Camp Kern by Rotarians, or family members, but are not permitted to drive themselves. **No student cars are allowed at Camp Kern for safety purposes and liability reasons**
- The students need to dress appropriate for outdoor activities
- Cabins are separated by male/female and are supervised at all times by male and female volunteer Rotary Advisors

Please work with your Rotary contact to select your students and send their applications, health forms and waivers along with their fee (paid by Rotary) to the District Chair, Carol Hughes, at 245 Dalfaber Lane, Springboro OH 45066, by March 1, 2015. Questions can also be answered by calling 937-251-3333 or emailing Carol at [carolhughes6@gmail.com](mailto:carolhughes6@gmail.com).

We are certainly looking forward to providing a meaningful leadership event in April 2015, to a

select group of students of whom each Club in District 6670 can be proud.

We are counting on YOU to participate in order to make this camp a success. What a great way to invest in the future!

## District Assembly

Please plan on bringing your leadership team to our annual District Assembly on Wednesday May 13 at 5:30 pm at Normandy Church in Centerville. We will start with a light dinner followed at 6 PM with our program, which will conclude at 9 PM. This program is for your club officers and will focus on issues, which will assist your team with dealing with Technology issues, DaCdb, Foundation, Leadership, and Treasurer issues. Watch for registration material on the district website.

## Club News

### Batavia



Rotary is all about making connections: connecting to new and old members, touching base with prospective members, and making connections with the community. Batavia Rotary's quarterly Networking Nights have made it easy to do all of this and more!

The most recent Networking Night was held on January 27 at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Eastgate in Union Township. Over appetizers and drinks, over 30 attendees enjoyed informal mingling before a shortened club meeting began. Susan McHugh from the Clermont Chamber Foundation presented the night's program on the new Work Readiness Initiative. Her twenty-minute presentation gave a lot of information on this program and engaged those present to think about how they can assist with this initiative in the future. A shortened version of the New Member Orientation video was presented throughout the evening, giving everyone a quick history lesson in Rotary as well as an update on Batavia Rotary's current projects.

The next Networking Night will be April 28, 5:15-7 p.m. at the Holiday Inn and Suites, Eastgate. For more information, contact (513) 201-7707 or [RotaryClub.Batavia@gmail.com](mailto:RotaryClub.Batavia@gmail.com). All are welcome...the more, the merrier!

In addition, there is other exciting news at the Batavia Rotary Club:

- We are back up to 40 members!
- All three Clermont County Rotary Clubs will be the honored recipients of the Salute to Leaders Civic Award in March.
- Batavia Rotary member Chris Smith will receive the "Over and Over" Award at the Salute to Leaders event as well...congratulations to Chris!
- Our Four-Way Test Speech Contest will be on March 3; students from Batavia and Clermont Northeastern Schools are eager to participate.
- With spring right around the corner, our annual Easter Egg Hunt will be on March 28 at the Batavia Township Community Park. Bring your children and grandchildren!

Excitement is always in the air at the Batavia Rotary Club. With "service above self" as our motto, how can you not be excited?

### Beavercreek

This past January, Rotarian Matt Bohn presented a check for \$8,000 to Sandy Price, Director of the STEM Foundation, to provide 2 scholarships to Beavercreek teachers.

Through this specialized STEM training, selected teachers implement the engineering design process in the classroom; this allows for a more real-world application and rich discussion on STEM careers. STEM classrooms focus on various technologies and use this knowledge to define problems and develop ideas and plans to correct them.

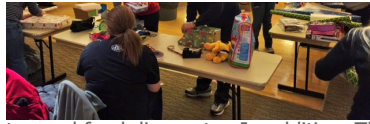
The Rotary Club of Beavercreek continues to look for STEM scholarship sponsors. The club's goal is \$3,000 and they have over \$2,500 collected.



### Fairfield



The Fairfield Rotary Club kicked off its 2 month Christmas Project at our Club meeting on Friday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. We're very proud of this Project as it is not only a Club initiative that involves every one of our members, but a true community effort to assist families in need with the help of our many local partners.



We work closely with the Fairfield City School System to identify those who might benefit from our Program. Once participants are identified, Club members visit family homes and interview parents to make sure we understand their needs. Local merchants Meijer and Jungle Jim's assist us with toy and food discounts. In addition, The Fairfield Food Pantry donates one food "care package" for each of our families. The City of Fairfield Parks and Recreation Department sets up a "Giving Tree" at our Community Center where Citizens are asked to donate specific toys that are also used in our effort.

Each year we always uncover some "special" needs that we attempt to accommodate. A couple of the families we worked with had no bedding for their children to sleep on. This year, Bass Pro Shops assisted us with this need by helping to provide some mattresses for those families in need of bedding.

On Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, our Interact Club at Fairfield High School, and the Rotoract Club at Miami University Hamilton participated in our annual wrapping party at the Fairfield Community Arts Center. Volunteers from both of these Clubs assisted Fairfield Rotary Club members by helping to wrap many of the gifts we had purchased, and secured through the City of Fairfield's "Giving Tree," for the children. This year we had 15 students from these Clubs show up to help – our best turnout in recent memory. Attached is a photo of the festivities.

Ultimately we were able to assist over 35 local families and 100 children who might not have had much of a Christmas if it were not for this Project. On Friday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, this 2 month effort was concluded when we delivered needed food items, holiday meals, and wrapped Christmas presents directly to each family's home.

### Mason-Deerfield

We held our 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Next big Number Reverse Raffle on January 24<sup>th</sup>. It was an evening filled with food, drink and fun. We had many winners throughout the evening and a group that shared the \$5000 jackpot. Most importantly we rose over \$14K for local scholarships. Thanks to all who helped make this event another success. If you did not attend please mark your calendars for late January 2016 for next year it's an event you do not want to miss it.

On Saturday February 14<sup>th</sup> the Mason Deerfield will be at Krogers in Mason collecting food for the Mason Food Pantry. Many Rotarians will be on hand to support this effort. It's always a great time so please stop by to support us and the Mason Food Pantry.



### Piqua

The Piqua Rotary Club resurrected an old rivalry with the Piqua Kiwanis Club. In the past, the clubs had a friendly rivalry on who would collect the most money from ringing the Salvation Army kettle bell during the holiday season. This year, Rotarian, Captain Doug Dolder of the Salvation Army resurrected that old tradition and Rotary won the trophy this year, collecting \$1,722.48! Pictured is Captain Doug Dolder presenting the Bell Trophy to the Rotarians.

## Peace Heroes Walk

Register today for the Peace Heroes Walk, and lift up the stories of peace heroes to inspire a new generation of peacemakers.

A peace hero is a person—often an ordinary one—who cares about others, accepts risk, and succeeds in bringing positive change to the world through nonviolent means. The inaugural walk takes place at 9 a.m., May 2, 2015, RiverScape MetroPark, 111 E. Monument Ave., Dayton. It benefits the mission-related programs of the Dayton International Peace Museum and the National Conference on Community and Justice (NCCJ) for Greater Dayton.

So, who is your peace hero? Maybe it's Albert Schweitzer, honorary Rotarian and Nobel Peace Prize Winner, 1952. Or maybe it's Malala Yousafzai, the 2014 Nobel Peace Prize Winner whose father is a Rotarian. Whatever the identity of your peace hero, become a team captain, and recruit club members to join you. Lift up the story of your peace hero, and challenge other clubs to do the same. To register, go to <http://www.daytonpeacemuseum.org/peace-heroes-walk>.

