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District 6670 Newsletter

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Greetings from the District Governor



This

Taking Flight With Rotary District Conference 2015

April 17-18 at the Hope Hotel

year is the 20th anniversary of the Dayton Peace Talks, which resulted in the agreement that brought peace to Bosnia. The Hope Hotel and Conference Center was the site of these talks. To honor this historic occasion, our Saturday program will focus on peace. Author Paul K. Chappell, a noted peace author, will be our opening speaker on Saturday morning. Paul graduated from West Point in 2002, was deployed to Iraq, and left active duty in November 2009 as a Captain.

He is the author of the Road to Peace series, a seven-book series about waging peace, ending war, the art of living, and what it means to be human. The first four published books in this series are [Will War Ever End?](#), [The End of War](#), [Peaceful Revolution](#), and [The Art of Waging Peace](#).

Chappell serves as the Peace Leadership Director for the Nuclear Age Peace Foundation. Lecturing across the country and internationally, he also teaches college courses and workshops on Peace Leadership, including a graduate-level course at the University of San Diego.

He grew up in Alabama, the son of a half-black and half-white father who fought in the Korean and Vietnam wars, and a Korean mother. Growing up in a violent household, Chappell has sought answers to the issues of war and peace, rage and trauma, and vision, purpose, and hope. His website is www.peacefulrev.com

April 17-18 at the [Hope Hotel](#) (937.879.2696)

Register:

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

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

To request a paper registration contact [John or Karen Applegate](#)

Schedule

Friday

KYLA 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

April 17-18 at the Hope Hotel
Fairborn, Ohio

April 19, 2015
District Service Project
10 AM - 2 PM
National Museum of the United States Airforce

Save the Dates

Rotary Calendar

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

[Full Calendar >>](#)

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM Tour the National Museum of the United States Air Force

3:30 PM - 4:30 PM Tour Wright Flying Field at Huffman Prairie

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Cash Bar, Dinner and Featured Speakers

9:00 PM - 11:30 PM Hospitality Suite

Saturday

9:00 AM - 10:30 AM First Plenary Session

11:00 AM - 12:15 AM Business Meeting and Memorial Service

12:30 PM - 1:15 PM Lunch

1:30 PM - 3:00 PM Second Plenary Session including 4-Way Speech and Exchange Students

3:00 PM - 5:00 PM Project Fair and House of Friendship

5:00 PM - 9:00 PM Cash Bar, Dinner and Featured Speakers

9:00 PM - 11:30 PM Hospitality Suite

District PETS and All Ohio PETS-Final Reminder

District 6670 Pets will be held for all of our 52 Club Presidents Elect on Friday March 13 starting at 12:30 pm at the Renaissance Hotel in Columbus, Ohio. All Ohio PETS will begin Friday evening and conclude with our Commissioning Ceremony on Saturday evening. District Trainer Kelley Campbell, DGN Mike Kelly, DGNN Mark Mabelitini and myself DGE Bill Shula will facilitate Pre PETS.

These seminars are mandatory requirements established by Rotary International and our District 6670 for incoming Presidents. It is a great way to learn about your role as a President also a way to network and meet over 200 Presidents Elect from the five Districts in the State of Ohio. One of the best experiences I had in preparing to be the President of the Cincinnati Club in 2009.

District Assembly May 13

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 will be available on DaCdb on Monday March 9.

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 facilitate the program.

Rotary Leadership Institute



How strong is your Rotary knowledge? Do you know the ins and outs of the Rotary International Foundation? Are you familiar with the differences between leading a business and leading a volunteer organization? Are you moving into a position of leadership in your club? A great way to develop the knowledge and leadership skills to make you more successful in Rotary leadership is to attend Rotary Leadership Institute classes. You will have that opportunity on Saturday, March 28 at the Greene County Career Center in Xenia!

Rotary Leadership Institute (RLI) provides a unique opportunity for Rotarians to become more familiar with the workings of Rotary, in turn, becoming more effective and committed leaders. Not an official Rotary program, it is a grassroots leadership development training series that is offered in districts throughout the world. Any Rotarian can attend, however, clubs will often pay the RLI attendance fee and it is suggested that clubs select engaged members who are moving into leadership positions—not just presidents, but board members, other officers, committee chairs, or anyone in any leadership capacity in his or her club.

Most of us started out as Rotarians with little knowledge of how Rotary really works. Attendance at RLI can accelerate the process of "Rotarization," toward a more satisfying Rotary experience by giving you a thorough understanding of how things work. Also, 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 goals.

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. On March 28, we will be offering parts 1 and 2. If you have previously taken part 1, enroll in part 2. Part 3 will be offered in November.

To sign up, click this link: <http://www.hoa-rli.org/rli/upcoming-rli/> and select either part 1 or 2. A simple online form will appear. The cost of the training is \$70, which can be paid online through PayPal or you may pay by check onsite. If you have questions, please contact Arne Almquist (aalmquist@hotmail.com).

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, sign up online. I hope to see a good crowd of Rotary leaders at the Institute on March 28th!

Club News

Cincinnati



Four students from Walnut Hills High School competed at the Rotary Club of Cincinnati meeting on Thursday, February 19, 2015, in the "Four-Way Test Speech Contest". The contest was held in the Pavilion Room at the Hilton Cincinnati Netherland Plaza Hotel.

The topic of the student speeches was the ethical standard used by the 1.2 million Rotarians worldwide, and how it can be applied to a personal or community issue. The four-way test recited by Rotarians at every meeting: "Is it the truth? Is it fair to all concerned? Will it build goodwill and better friendships? Will it be beneficial to all concerned?"

The students, who are "Elite Orators" at Walnut Hills, were invited to audition for the Rotary contest, and from that initial competition, four students were chosen to compete at the finals: Jacob Friedman, Anthony Heim, Samuel Riber, and Jonathan Wiers. Walnut Hills Principal, Jeff Brokamp; Mr. Kyle Scudder of the English/Language Arts Department at Walnut Hills; and Mary Ronan, Cincinnati Public Schools Superintendent, were all in attendance for the event to lend their support to the students.

The winner of the contest, Jacob Friedman, will compete against students from more than 30 high schools in southwest Ohio at the finals in the district-wide Rotary speech contest at Wright State University in Dayton on March 22, 2015. All of the contestants are to receive cash prizes and certificates of commendation from the Rotary Club of Cincinnati.

Opportunity Knocks

The Rotary Club of Cincinnati is sponsoring the Opportunity Knocks - a Business 2 Business Networking Event at the Horseshoe Casino on Friday, April 24, 2015, and we would personally like to invite your club members to participate either by attending or purchasing a booth!

A Cincinnati Club member is donating a significant prize package and we hope to be soon announcing a celebrity guest at the event to draw attendance from casino patrons. All clubs that have a business participate will also be able to include their membership information at the Rotary Club information booth at the entrance to the event.

Please see the accompanying flyer for more details. Please do not hesitate to contact the Rotary Club of Cincinnati Office at 513-421-1080 or Bryan Vielhauer, the Opportunity Knocks chair, at 513-721-3801 or Bryan@decalimpressions.com.

The annual project of donating dictionaries to all 3rd grade students at the primary school in the Valley View School District was recently completed by Farmersville Rotary members. Over 150 copies of the Webster's Webster's Dictionary for Students were distributed. (photo attached)

Farmersville

Members of the Farmersville Club have adopted a monthly project of assisting The Foodbank, a nonprofit agency in Dayton that donates food to needy children, seniors, and families in Montgomery, Greene, and Preble counties. Volunteers from the Farmersville club assist with the Mobile Farmers Market in Preble County. Our Rotarians made the commitment following a club tour last summer of the Foodbank warehouse, 56 Armor Place in Dayton.

The Sixth Annual Valley View Science/ Engineering/Math Fair on February 14th attracted over 70 student entries from grades 5 through 12. Each year, prizes are donated by community organizations and businesses. The Farmersville Rotary Club awarded a total of \$225 to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place "Best Presentation" winners. The Rotary club has supported the fair for six years.



Mason-Deerfield



Congratulations to Kings High School Junior, Mackenzie Mettey, who won the Mason-Deerfield Rotary Four-Way Speech Contest on March 3rd. All of the speeches were great and inspiring. It was nice to see these young leaders apply the 4-way test in so many creative ways.

On February 23 Rotary's Royalty, we honored Maddie Marshall, a Mason High School Student, as student of the Month.

On March 21, we will be celebrating The Mason Deerfield Charter, with a private dinner at Kings Island overlooking the Eiffel Tower.

Our club grew a little bigger with the induction of two new

members. We'd like to extend a big welcome to Tina Pederson, a research editor, and David Kraut who is in commercial real estate.

Miamisburg

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, 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.

Middletown

Here at Middletown Rotary, we are now celebrating our 90 years of service to our communities. Our celebrations will include our FIRST Golf outing on May 29, 2015 at Weatherwax Golf Course. Cost will be ONLY \$40 per player and include Box lunch and cart, limited to 32 teams of 4. More details coming very soon!

Also we are planning our ROTARY DAYS big celebration at Browns Run Country Club on June 19th. More information soon. Please mark your calendars if you would like to attend. Cost will be \$30 per person, and full dinner will be served. Key note speaker will be announced soon.

And lastly, on Tuesday, APRIL 7, 2015 at NOON, we are holding a very special "HEART of ROTARY" membership celebration meeting at our regular gathering, Middletown Senior Center, located at 3907 Central Ave, Middletown. Mac Hickman, Immediate Past District 6670 Governor, will be our Keynote speaker and we will be showing a video, What is Rotary and who WE are as Rotarians. Please join us if you are able. This could be an excellent tool for membership growth and ideas for your own club.

Troy



An essential aspect of being a successful student is having the right supplies to take notes, do homework and complete assignments on time. For the past 4 years, Troy Rotary members and the faculty at Heywood Elementary School have worked together to provide those supplies to students in need. "This is one of the programs we rely on to help the kids keep focused on learning each day during the school year," stated Maurice Sadler, principal of Heywood. He added that the "Winter Wear" project to supply coats, hats, scarves and gloves to children at the school who may need warm clothing is another program from the Heywood-Troy Rotary partnership that has been very successful.

For the backpack program, Heywood teachers and faculty identify students who would benefit from having the school supplies, based on a number of different criteria. Rotarian Patrick Titterington and his committee review the requests and then gather the supplies, paid for with money donated to the Troy Rotary Foundation. "So far this year, Rotary has delivered eight (8) backpacks filled with pencils, erasers, paper, spiral notebooks, tissue, crayons or colored pencils, protractors and glue sticks for kids at Heywood," said Titterington. All the backpacks are assembled before they are delivered to the school for distribution by the teachers. "It's thanks to donations to the Troy Rotary Foundation that we can continue to provide backpacks and warm winter wear to the children," Titterington shared, "and we are very pleased to lend our support this way."

In addition to these projects, Troy Rotarians also volunteer at Heywood as readers during the annual "Dr. Seuss Day" at the school on March 2nd in support of the National Education Association's "Read Across America" initiative.

Versailles

For more than 100 years, Rotarians have joined together from all continents, cultures, and industries to take action in our communities and around the world. With a commitment to achieving lasting change, we work together to empower youth, enhance health, promote peace, and most important, advance the community. While Rotarians can serve in countless ways, Rotary has focused its efforts in six areas, which reflect some of the most critical and widespread humanitarian needs: • Peace and conflict prevention/resolution • Disease prevention and treatment • Water and sanitation • Maternal and child health • Basic education and literacy • Economic and community development.

The Versailles and Greenville Rotary Clubs are currently focusing in on literacy by working together on a project called **Read with Rotary**. With the Versailles Club taking the lead, books have been placed in the Darke



County WIC office for ages infant through five years. Children are encouraged to take one book home with them. It is a joy to see a parent or guardian helping a child select a book and begin to read it to them while they wait. The WIC office serves 50 to 75 families each week.



Versailles Rotarian Paula Darnell has volunteered to chair this project. She is co-owner of Books by the Bushel and has the available resources and "book knowledge" that will help this project flourish. Pictured is the book case that has been placed in the WIC office. It was built and donated by her father, Wayne Gromm.

The Versailles Interact Club recently held a book drive to collect children's books to replenish the bookcase when needed. This book drive netted over 4,300 books. The Versailles Rotary then sorted the books, stickered them and repacked them to deliver when necessary.

If you have children's books that you would like to donate, please drop them off at Books by the Bushel located at 307 Warren Street, Versailles or Phelan Insurance at 863 E. Main St., Versailles. For more information, call Paula Darnell at 937-526-0062.