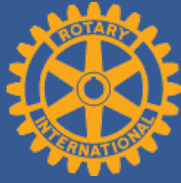


# Rotary



## District 6670 Newsletter

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### District Leaders

**Eric Marcus**

District Governor

**William Shula**

District Governor-Elect

**Mike Kelly**

District Governor-Nominee

**Mark Mabelitini**

District Governor-Nominee  
Designate

**Doug Buchy**

Lead Assistant Governor  
Grants Chair

**Greg Birkemeyer**

Assistant Governor

**Michael Chapman**

Assistant Governor

**Rob Degenhart**

Assistant Governor

**David Edwards**

Assistant Governor

**John Haller**

Assistant Governor

**Mike Ivory**

Assistant Governor

**Mike Kelly**

Assistant Governor

**Mark Mabelitini**

Assistant Governor  
Assistant Lead Governor-North

**Anil Marifatia**

Assistant Governor

**Chrissy Miller**

Assistant Governor

**Grace Neal**

Assistant Governor

**Terry Pope**

Assistant Governor

**Frank Scott**

Assistant Governor

**Michelle Sherril**

Assistant Governor

**Sigrid Solomon**

Assistant Governor

**Don Walls**

Assistant Governor

**Bob Young**

Assistant Governor

**John Applegate**

District Treasurer

**Peter Weiglin**

Membership Chair

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Foundation Chair

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Interact Chair

**Laura Erbaugh**

Newsletter Editor

**Beth Huber**

Four-Way Test Speech Chair

**Üte Pöpke**

Rotaract Chair

### Greetings from the District Governor

As I prepare to depart for my 18<sup>th</sup> Rotary International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, I reflect back on my year as your District Governor. While I may not have accomplished all that I had hoped to this year, I feel that I leave the district just a little bit better than it was on July 1, 2014 when I took office.

This year, we have continued our successful Rotary Leadership Institute, which was started under the auspices of Past District Governor Mac Hickman. Not only have we held successful training sessions, but also our district now has its own team of trained facilitators and no longer has to rely on other districts for support.

Our youth programs have continued to thrive and three Interact clubs were chartered this year. We also added a new Rotaract club and our existing Rotaract clubs have continued to be strong. We had a successful RYLA program and the 4-Way Speech contest was again successful.

District leadership continues to be strong, and the additional of Mark Mabelitini to the District Governor line as the District Governor Nominee Designate brings a future District Governor to the northern portion of our district for the first time in many years. District Governor Bill Shula has recovered from his medical issues and is prepared to begin serving July 1. Right behind him will be Mike Kelly in 2016-2017, who will also provide us with excellent leadership.

Club leadership continues to grow, as many of our clubs added leaders this year to their rosters. Our commitment to the Rotary charity, The Rotary Foundation, remains strong, as evidenced by increased contributions this year.

We held a very successful District Conference in April, increasing our attendance by more than 50% from the previous two years. It is my hope that this trend will continue over the next few years to the point where our District Conference is the highlight of the Rotary year. Our tree-planting project at the National Museum of the United States Air Force was an outstanding success. We exceeded our goal of 25 trees by obtaining club funding for a total of 44 trees. Over the next few years visitors to the museum will be able to admire the beautiful trees as they flower each spring.

None of these accomplishments are mine, however. They all belong to you, the Rotarians in our district who work so hard to make Rotary a significant force, not only in southwest Ohio but in the world as well. Thank you all for the opportunity that you have provided me to be your leader for the past year. I hope that I have met your expectations. Light Up Rotary!

### 1000 Cherry Tree Project



On Sunday April 19 at 10 am close to 40 hardy District 6670 Rotary volunteers, their families and friends assembled at the Museum of the U.S. Air Force's Memorial Park to plant 50 Japanese Akebono and Yoshino cherry trees as a lasting contribution to this national historical site commemorating the 2015 Rotary District Conference held at the Hope Hotel on the Wright-Patterson Air Force Base. Beaver Creek Rotarian Kent Anderson chaired the project with Kim Senft-Paras of the Centerville Club helping to organize the volunteers. Members from the following Rotary Clubs helped to plant the trees: Batavia, Beavercreek, Centerville, Dayton, Fairborn, Huber Heights, Middletown, Moraine, Springboro, Trotwood, Vandalia, Williamsburg and Xenia. Master gardener, Pat Smith, and her husband, Jerry, assisted with tree planting demonstrations and mulch delivery. It was a cool damp morning and when the last tree was planted and mulched, there was a down pour of steady rain just perfect for the newly planted trees. Special kudos to Beavercreek Rotarian Shannon Graham and Dayton Rotarian Erik Collins and all the rest who stayed to the very end despite the storm.

Rotary Clubs in District 6670 sponsoring trees include Batavia (2), Beavercreek (2), Blue Ash/Montgomery (2), Centerville (2), Cincinnati, Dayton (2), Fairborn, Fairfield (2), Farmersville, Hamilton, Harrison, Hillsboro, Huber Heights (2), Kettering (2), Lebanon (2), London, Mason Deerfield, Miamisburg, Moraine, Oakwood, Oxford, Piqua, Springboro, Springfield, Tipp City, Troy, Union County, Vandalia, Versailles, Williamsburg, Wilmington Noon, and Xenia. The Greene County Cherry Tree Project contributed 9 trees, materials and services totaling approximately \$2,000. A total of 50 cherry trees were planted.

Many thanks to all who contributed to this remarkable initiative and



**Carol Hughes**  
RYLA Chair  
**Michael McNeil**  
Youth Exchange Chair

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### 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.

### Rotary Calendar

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

[Full Calendar >>](#)

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exemplified our 'Service Above Self' motto.

## District Conference in Pictures

Unfortunately, there is not nearly enough room for the hundreds of photos that Mac Hickman took at our District Conference. Instead, please click [here](#) to go to Mac's Picaso site where you can browse at your leisure.

## A Letter From RI President Gary Huang



Dear Rotarian,

We express our profound sadness and extend our sympathies to all those affected by the devastation resulting from the 25 April deadly earthquake in Nepal. Rescue missions and emergency aid continue to arrive in Nepal for the 8 million people impacted by the massive 7.8 magnitude quake.

As we mourn the thousands of lost lives, Rotary joins many international agencies in providing immediate relief to survivors and mobilizing our expertise to support long-term recovery and rebuilding efforts.

How to help:

[District 3292](#), Nepal, has established a disaster relief fund to provide needed equipment and supplies to affected communities. Contact [District Governor Kumar Piya](#) for information about contributing to the fund.

Rotary's service partner [ShelterBox](#) is working closely with Nepali Rotarians to coordinate immediate relief efforts. On Monday, 27 April, and Wednesday, 29 April, Rotarians greeted ShelterBox response teams in Nepal who will mobilize temporary housing and relief efforts. An initial 1,000 housing tents and 1,000 shelter kits will be distributed throughout affected communities. Two more ShelterBox relief teams and additional kits are ready to be deployed once further assessments are complete. [Learn more](#) about supporting ShelterBox's relief efforts.

As with all disasters, the Rotary family may [apply for global grants](#) to support long-term recovery efforts in Nepal. Once immediate health, safety, and relief efforts have been addressed, work with local Nepali Rotary members and their international partners to develop projects within Rotary's six areas of focus.

Monitor the announcements section of [My Rotary](#) for more information as it becomes available and do not hesitate to contact [relief@rotary.org](mailto:relief@rotary.org) with any questions.

Our thoughts are with our Nepali neighbors during this difficult time. Thank you for continuing to Light Up Rotary through your compassion and generosity.

Yours in Rotary,

Gary C.K. Huang

President, Rotary International 2014-15

## Changes to My Rotary

Rotary International has introduced several changes to the Club & District Administration pages that will make our administrative tasks easier:

The most significant change is to the terms of access. Incoming club and district officers will have access to club and district information by 1 June. Most outgoing club and district officers will retain access to the information for 12 months. This means that incoming club officers can get a head start setting up goals and managing club information. It also means that the midnight shut off on June 30 will not occur for certain club officers, allowing them to finish up previously started tasks and creating a smoother turnover to the new officers.

Quick links have also been created to allow you to easily reach frequently accessed pages.: You'll be able to designate favorite links from the Club & District Administration section and access them from your My Rotary dashboard. [See an example.](#)

All of the report and landing pages have been redesigned. Related activities will be grouped together on Club & District Administration pages. See [an example](#) and the [new landing page](#). While you may find it a bit confusing at first, all of your previous reports are still there, albeit in different places than previously.

If you have questions, contact [rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org](mailto:rotarysupportcenter@rotary.org) or contact them by phone at 1-866-976-8279.

## Updates from Governor-elect Shula



#### Updates and reminders:

- All clubs need to update their membership on My Rotary and DaCdb.
- John Applegate will be sending out billing statements for Rotary International Dues and District Dues. This statement will be based on your numbers in DaCdb.
- Laura Erbaugh will be coordinating the District Newsletter beginning July 1. This will be an opportunity to share your club news.
- Presidents Elect 2015-16 must enter their club goals into Rotary International-My Rotary before July 1.
- District Trilogy will be September 9, 2016 at Normandy Church at 5:45 PM.
- District Conference will be April 29 and 30 at the Mason Deerfield Marriott. The focus will be on Youth and Our Rotary Future.



## Club News

### Bellefontaine



The Bellefontaine Rotary Club's 23rd annual Excellence in Teaching Awards luncheon was held at the Friendly Senior Center Monday, April 27, 2015. This year's recipients (pictured, left to right) are Lauren Burkhardt, Monica Young, and Art Stormer.

Mrs. Burkhardt teaches kindergarten at Bellefontaine Elementary School. She was nominated by Ginger Allmon, the mother of a student. Mrs. Young teaches English at Ohio Hi-Point Career Center. She was nominated by student Brittany McCurdy. Mr. Stormer is a chemistry, physics, and STEM teacher at Benjamin Logan High School. He was nominated by students Emily Weidman and Jenna Hardin.

All three teachers were recognized for their passion and finding unique ways to reach their students. Each teacher was presented with engraved book ends and a \$100 Chamber Choice certificate.

Since 1992 the Bellefontaine Rotary Club has been recognizing outstanding educators from the Logan County schools. Each year over 50 teachers are nominated by students, community members, or colleagues. The nominated teachers have the opportunity to apply for the award. The Excellence in Teaching committee comprised of Rotarians review the applications to select up to ten teachers to be interviewed by judges from outside of Logan County. The judges select the final three teachers to receive the award. All past recipients of the award of invited back to the luncheon each year.

### Mason-Deerfield

We have had many great speakers that share important information with the Mason Deerfield Rotary club. Recently Kevin Schlotman from CAI Insurance spoke about the Affordable Care Act and provided us with valuable information for employers and employees. Also, Ron Wilson of Natorps Garden Center returned to give us springtime yard and garden tips. He urged us all to plant a tree to replace the lost Ash trees. Now is the time to remove any dead wood you may have on your trees. He asked that we all be careful with pesticides because we need to be good to the bees and butterflies.. Ron is always an informative and entertaining speaker.



Congratulations to Mason Junior Elias Ventura who was our Rotary's Royalty Student of the month. We inducted two more members, Jake Hessling and Phil Franks. We are happy to have you as part of our club!

Events: Happy Hours continue to be a great success. Last Month we visited Mac's Pizza for food and drinks! Fun was had by all. The club will be serving at the City Gospel mission on May 30<sup>th</sup>. Feel free to join us.

### New Carlisle



Congratulations to our two RYLA participants, Caleb Linder and Michael Green. These boys had a great experience participating at the RYLA event this year. Thank you to Rotarian Fred Breyer for taking charge of this event again!

Also thank you to the Fairborn, Huber Heights, Kettering, New Carlisle and Springfield Rotary Clubs! These five clubs participated in the first Rotary involvement in the 100 Pump Project. Thanks to a significant donation from each club, Design Outreach will install a LifePump in three villages in Mali, Africa. These life saving pumps will bring clean, safe water to up to

2,000 people daily. Thanks to the Rotarians who visited our Project Fair booth at the District Conference this year!

New Carlisle Rotary Club is also proud to support our local students. Lainey Ward, senior at Tecumseh High School, participated in the District-Level Rotary 4-Way Test Speech competition at Wright State University on Sunday, March 22nd. She competed against 29 other winning students from the club level. Lainey finished in third place! Congratulations to Lainey, who represented the New Carlisle Rotary Club and Tecumseh High School very well!

Finally congratulations to our 2015 Rotary Outstanding Teacher Award winners, Bev Rutan, John Kame and Heather Swensen. This club recognizes teachers in our two school districts, who exemplify the best qualities of those within their profession. Each teacher receives a symbolic "School Bell" as a visible and lasting tribute to their ability to teach. They also receive a \$500 cash award for their personal use. New Carlisle Rotary Club hopes to show that our community does appreciate the value of what teachers do every day to educate and shape the lives of our children.

### **Troy**

More than a dozen walkers from Troy Rotary and the Lincoln Community Center (pictured) participated in the inaugural 2015 Peace Heroes Walk on Saturday, 2 May 2015, at RiverScape MetroPark in Dayton, Ohio. LCC's executive director, Shane Carter, was Rotary's nominee as its 2015 Peace Hero, based on his tireless dedication to improving the lives of area youth through programs that stress the importance of self-esteem, integrity and success.



The walk paid tribute to the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 1995 Dayton Peace Accords that helped end the violence in Bosnia. Proceeds from the walk will benefit the mission of the Dayton International Peace Museum and those of the National Conference on Community and Justice of Greater Dayton. Initial estimates show a total of over \$61,000 in tax deductible pledges have been generated, with the chance to donate still open. If you'd like to make a tax deductible donation, visit [www.peaceheroeswalk.org](http://www.peaceheroeswalk.org) or call 937-999-7314 for assistance.