



# Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

## December 2015

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## District Governor Updates..."Be a Gift to the World"



**Merry Christmas, Happy Holidays and Happy New Years!**

I am thankful for the opportunity to serve our District. Fortunate to have a quality Leadership team of Past District Governors, Assistant Governors, Committee Chairs and Club Officers to collaborate with this year.

**November Foundation Month** Many thanks to all our Rotarians who supported our Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus during November

Foundation Month. We were fortunate that I was contacted by Floyd Lancia from Rotary International in August to offer our members Two for One points towards Paul Harris Fellowships. We had more than \$50,000 donated between September 9 and November 15. A special thanks to Mac Hickman for coordinating the program.

**District 6670 District Conference April 29 and 30 at the Marriott Hotel Mason Deerfield - "Celebrating--Sharing your Gifts to the World"**

Please mark your calendars so you can attend our District Conference. We encourage all District Rotarians to participate not just club officers. We have quality Rotary presenters: John T. Capps, Deepa Willingham, Ann Lee Hussey and John Osterfield. They will be covering a range of topics which include: Leadership, Polio Eradication from Polio survivors, Rotary Foundation and Paul Harris Fellows, and Helping Children from Abuse and Trafficking.

We plan to recognize District Rotarians for Service Above Self chosen by the home clubs.

Our District Planning Committee representing the entire district headed by PDG Norma Berry has been meeting for months in preparation. Please watch for a mailed District Brochure to register in the early part of February.

Besides featuring Youth Exchange Students, Four Way Test Speech Contest winners, Rotary Youth Leadership Awards participants; a Next Generation Program for Interact Students and Rotaract Members will be held on Saturday April 29 from 10 am to 2 pm. We hope that all Interact and Rotaract Clubs will be represented at this complementary seminar with John T.Capps, Deepa Willingham, Terri Schneider and Susan Bantz.

## Upcoming Events

[District Trilogy](#)

September 09

[Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

November 14

## Some upcoming District 6670 Dates:

- Rotary International Member Dues in January 2016
- Pre-Pets in Columbus on Friday March 11 for Presidents-Elect
- All Ohio PETS on Friday and Saturday March 11 and 12
- Rotary Leadership Institute on Saturday March 19
- Four Way Test Speech Contest on Sunday April 10 at Wright State University
- RYLA April 15-17 at Camp Kern
- District Conference on April 29 and 30 at Marriott Hotel Mason Deerfield
- District Grant Applications for 2016-17 April 30, 2016

## Moraine Rotary Provides Dictionaries for Miami Valley Academies



Moraine Rotary Club member Rosie Miller (left) presents 21 dictionaries to Miami Valley Academies fourth grade teacher Pam Trout to use for the classroom's permanent library. "Thank you to all of the Moraine residents and businesses who purchase mulch from our annual mulch sale as this money supports wonderful community service projects like providing free dictionaries to students," stated Miller. The Moraine Rotary Club distributed over 500 dictionaries during the 2015-2016 school year.

## 2016 Rotary District 6670 Conference Kids Camp

What better way to instill values of community service and leadership than to share your 2016 District Conference experience with you children! Once again we will offer Kids Camp at our 2016 Conference Event.

Kids Camp is designed for children ages 5-12. Activities include arts & crafts, group games and their own service project. When appropriate kids camp will join our conference events. Staff by experienced local camp staff.



Hours: Friday 5:30-11 pm; Saturday 8:30 am-11 pm

Sponsorships needed for meals. We are in need of Friday dinner, Saturday lunch and Saturday dinner sponsorship. For more information or to sponsor a meal please contact Sheila Hinton at [shinton6809@gmail.com](mailto:shinton6809@gmail.com)

## Cincinnati Rotary Holds A Stop Hunger Now Event

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The Rotary Club of Cincinnati's members, friends, and family held a Stop Hunger Now meal packaging event on November 5, 2015, at Stepping Stones's UCP Campus. Together we packaged 20,000 meals, each serving 6 people. Stop Hunger Now gets food and life-saving aid to the world's most vulnerable people, and works to end global hunger in our lifetime. Established in 1998, they have provided over 180 million meals in 65 countries. Stop Hunger Now organized a meal packaging event at the Rotary Club International Convention in Sao Paulo, Brazil, where Rotarians packaged over 100,000 meals. Click here to watch the video of the event and to learn more about Stop Hunger Now <https://youtu.be/ZAuZf8xS6I8>.

Pictured Below Left to Right: Rotarian, Ted Saulnier; President, Bud Dornette; Rotarian and Executive Director of Stepping Stones, Chris Adams; and Rotarian, Camille Scherzinger.



## Middletown Rotary Celebrates Their First Interact Club

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On November 24, members of the Middletown Rotary Club celebrated their FIRST Interact Club....The Interact Club of Monroe!

After several months of organizational meetings, along with determined students, Bill Shula, DG; District Interact chair, Terri Schneider; and Monroe school board support, they chartered on September 17 at RI Headquarters in Evanston, IL with 39 students. They are currently 45+ members strong, working on service projects and providing members with the ideals of Rotary.

In attendance for the celebration at Middletown Rotary was Pat Edwards, Past District Governor, who presented the charter to President Jennifer Horvat, Wendy Kissel, Interact Club Advisor, presenting President Horvat with a special theme banner from Pres. Ravi's office. We also heard a brief speech from Monroe Superintendent, Dr. Phil Cagwin, Dr. Brian Powderly, Jr/Sr High Principal, and Teacher facilitator Jennene Alexander, who spoke of her own experiences in Rotary Youth Exchange.

It was a great celebration and a milestone in the history of Middletown Rotary. Thank you to the many people that turned this idea into reality.

## Rotary Foundation Matching Points Program a Success!



The Rotary Foundation Points program was a success. An anonymous donor offered us 50,000 to match new dollars donated to The Rotary Foundation during a specific period of time. The good news is that we used all of the donated point, plus a few more.

Program Chair Mac Hickman said, "The program was extremely successful. It reminded many of us of the importance of supporting The Rotary Foundation and the need to supply it with "fuel" year after year".

Mac explained that the matching program is a two-step process. After all of the program's dollar donations have been posted at RI, a batch of individual points transfer forms will be filled out for each participant and sent to the anonymous donor. To keep him from having to sign many forms, he will be provided with a cover letter to sign after he reviews our program and all of the transfer forms. This will authorize Rotary to transfer the points to each persons account. This second step of the process is just starting now that the program has closed and donations are being posted to individual accounts. Please be patient. We are



wrapping up the program as quickly as possible.

Governor Bill Shula would like to add his 'Thanks' to the individuals that participated in this special program. Bill recognizes that all of our regular donors are important and that they make a difference year after year. To have this anonymous donation enhance the giving in our district is truly a unique opportunity. One half of the donations to the Foundation's Annual Fund will come back to our district after the funds have been invested for three years, with the earnings in the mean time funding the operation of the Foundation. This is how our district grants are funded. The other fifty percent funds the World-fund Global Grants.

Whether you just started your Paul Harris account, became a first-time Paul Harris Fellow, jumped up one or more levels in your Paul Harris recognition, or recognized someone important to you as a Paul Harris Fellow, thank you supporting the Foundation's engine of Rotary that allows us to be Rotarians - "Good People Doing Good in the World". You do make a difference.

If you have individual questions about your matching points donation, please contact Mac Hickman at [mac6670@gmail.com](mailto:mac6670@gmail.com). H) 513-831-0707 M) 513-444-6421

## Rotary Club of Farmersville Visits Therapeutic Riding Institute

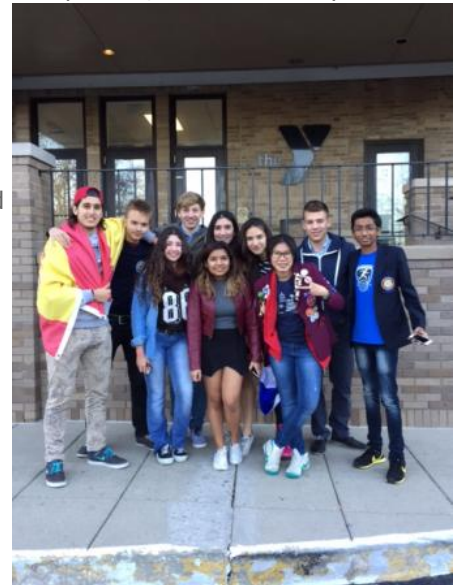


Rotary members were invited to tour FineLine Stables in Springboro which includes the Therapeutic Riding Institute. Through mounted horseback riding, certified instructors teach horsemanship skills that enhance cognitive, physical, and emotional well being to individuals with disabilities from ages 4 and up. Those with special needs include individuals with Down Syndrome, Multiple Sclerosis, Cerebral Palsy, Visual Impairment, and Autism Spectrum Disorder. Prior to the tour, Rotarians observed a class of autistic children during their riding lesson. Parents of the children explained how their child had benefited from the Riding Institute experience. The riding school relies on private donations, grants, and corporate sponsorships to fund their program. Farmersville plans to donate to the Therapeutic Riding school. Contact [www.TRIOhio.org](http://www.TRIOhio.org) for additional information.

## Dayton Rotary Hosts District 6670 Youth Exchange Overnight Event



Rotary District 6670 youth exchange students came to Dayton for their November overnight. The experienced the screening of "The Diplomat", the documentary about Richard Holbrook and the Dayton Peace Accords. The downtown YMCA (thanks Rotarian Larry Dryden) hosted the group for the overnight, although very little sleeping happened! And, then the group headed to DECA to talk to students about their home countries and their exchange experience. Lastly, the team headed to Carillon Park (thanks Rotarian Brady Kress) for a personalized tour and lunch at the Carillon Brewing Co. The students represent the following countries: Spain, Bosnia, Slovakia, Germany, Chile, Mexico, Finland, France, Thailand and India and are being hosted by various Rotary Clubs throughout the district.





## Rotary Day at the UN: Celebrating Our Consultative Status

"The UN is not a government, it's a big international club house," according to thirty something Derran Moss, Rotary Peace Fellow Alumnus and Political Affairs Officer, UN Department of Peacekeeping, at the 70th Annual Rotary Day at the UN. [Rotary helped build that club house.](#)

Rotarians worldwide have a stake in its peacemaking mission and in strengthening appropriate political ties our consultative status represents. Addressing the afternoon breakout session on Peace and Conflict Resolution, Moss was one of many who spoke from a knowledge of Rotary's policy on politics, which prohibits RI member clubs from issuing partisan political statements and encourages individual Rotarians, "in as many legally constituted groups and organizations as possible to promote ... the consequent human rights of the individual."

Dave McCreary, Atlanta Rotarian and director of the Rotarian Action Group Against Child Slavery, moderated a special session on the Challenges of Human Trafficking. Members of The Carter Center and US State Department outlined the human trafficking taking place in the United States and called us all to help stop slavery.

This year, not only was I at UN Day as a Rotarian, I attended as a UN GlobalCompact assistant to the New York Rotary Club to help strengthen the 2009 Rotary International UN Global Compact Collaboration. The EmpathySurplus Project, which I cofounded, joined the Global Compact in March 2014. I spent the day with the head of the Global Compact Canada Network, Helle Bank Jorgensen, and here's our Rotary Day selfie. We brainstormed ways to strengthen the collaboration. [I am happy to provide a copy of the 2009 joint collaboration letter to District](#)



Governors for Ohio PETS participants. Global Compact members align their operations around Ten Principles of human rights, labor, environment, and anti-corruption and encourage other organizations to do the same.

Rotary Day at the UN reminded the 800 Rotarians and 800 Rotaractors and Interactors human rights as a part of our routine conversations advances pro-social progress and "better standards of life in larger freedom." (UN Charter Preamble) Life in larger freedom is the strategic reason we need more empathy. That's why I returned committed, as president of the Empathy Surplus Project, a Global Compact member, to seek a stronger Rotary collaboration and share with local Rotary Clubs how all Rotarians can embrace our duty to strengthen our human rights consultative status in our own spheres of influence.



I am scheduled to speak to Xenia Rotary, December 29, and to Middletown Rotary, January 26. Contact me at [chuck.watts@empathysurplus.com](mailto:chuck.watts@empathysurplus.com) for your UN program.

## Moraine Rotary Sponsors 8th Annual Appreciation Lunch



The Moraine Rotary Club held its 8th annual Appreciation Lunch for Moraine Police and Fire Personnel on November 14th at the City of Moraine Payne Recreation Center. Food, desserts and refreshments were served by Rotarians and Moraine residents with the remaining food taken back to the Police & Fire Stations for the other shifts to eat during the next several days. "Moraine Rotary is proud of our safety service personnel," stated Rotary President Martin Fitz. "Police and Fire Division risk their lives everyday for our community and this is Rotary's way of partnering with residents and businesses to say thank you," echoed Rotarian Don Schweitzer. We also would like to give special thanks to Shirly Whitt, Ron & Sue Remy, Joyce Williams, Julie Duhl, Moraine Fazoli's, Moraine Walmart, Krogers and Moraine Frish's Restaurant who donated food as well," added Rotarian Rosie Miller.

## Troy Rotarians Provide Coats for Kids in Need

As the temperatures drop in the Miami Valley, the need for warm coats goes up for many local school kids. As they have for the past six years, Troy Rotary Club members and Heywood Elementary School staff will work together to make sure students can focus on schoolwork instead of chilly toes and fingers.

In 2010, Troy Rotary began providing warm coats and outerwear to students at Heywood. The need has averaged 15 coats per year, according to Patrick Titterington, chairman for the club's program. Troy Rotarians fund the purchase of the items and then coordinate the delivery of everything to the school. The staff at Heywood provide sizes, gender information and the grade level for those without coats. Once that information is known, Rotarians get to work on purchasing what's



needed. None of the club's members know to whom the coats are given, as privacy is a critical part of the program. Heywood staff handles the distribution of the items once Rotarians make their delivery. "This winter coat project helps keep the students safe during their commute to and from the school on cold winter days," said Titterington. "It's been an important program in our partnership with Heywood and the teachers," he added.

## New District 6670 Youth Exchange Chair Named



**Hello!** I'm Heath MacAlpine with the Dayton Club and have been asked by District Governor Bill Shula to serve as the District 6670 Youth Exchange Chair. I'd like to quickly bring you up to date on where we're at for the 2015-2016 year; we've made some great progress but need your help and involvement.

**We have a new team:** In addition to me, the following folks have stepped up and agreed to provide the time and energy to grow the program: Arnie Biondo, Outbound Chair; Mac Hickman, Compliance Chair; Jason Hillard, Short Term Exchange Program (STEP) Chair; Marc Horwitz, Treasurer; Sherrie Mathis, Counselor Chair; Carolyn Rice, Overnight Chair; Frank Schrier, Inbound Chair; and Dave Ziegler, Communications Chair. Thanks to all of them for the hard work they've already done and will be doing over the coming year.

**We have a mission:** We're going to grow Youth Exchange in 6670. We're going to measure our success in more; more outbound students, more inbound students, and more clubs involved. To give you some context, we have 52 clubs across the district. In 2015-2016, we sent 6 outbound students overseas (average of 10 per year since 2011) and accepted 11 inbound students (average of 13 per year since 2011). The team is confident that we can move the needle in a positive way; it would be great if we could send out 25 students in the coming year, and accept that many inbounds. We're going to need your involvement to make that happen.

**We've put together a plan:** We met in Centerville on October 24 to map out where we needed to go. Our initial emphasis was on several deadline driven issues, but we're now clear on what we need to do in the short term (a copy of our plan is attached). We'll be meeting again early in 2016 to create our longer term vision.

**We're recruiting outbound students (right now!) for the 2016-2017 school year:** We're working with the Ohio Department of Education to put information about Rotary Youth Exchange in high schools across the district. You can help, though, by reaching out to your club members and asking them to make sure that the schools and young people they have relationships with know about the program.

Contact me for a message you can e-mail your members and post on your social media. On-line applications need to be underway and completed as much as they can be by December 8, so moving quickly would be appreciated. And don't forget to like our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/district6670youthexchange/>. We'll be using that to keep people in the loop.

If we get applicants from your community, we'll be get in touch with you to bring you into the sponsorship process (fairly painless, and doesn't cost your club anything). Several clubs are already working with their own recruitment process. If that's you, thanks and keep at it!

**We need host clubs and host families:** The toughest thing we have to do, and the thing we need your help with most of all, is finding a host club and three host families for each of the incoming students coming our way in August 2016. In some ways that's pretty surprising, as the experience of supporting these young people as they learn about your community and our country is one of the most fulfilling things we do as Rotarians.

Your club should strongly consider getting involved. You can start the process by appointing one of your members as your Youth Exchange Officer to work with the district team on this (if you already have a YEO, thank you!). We'll reach out to them and bring them up to speed, and they can help work out an exchange that works for

your club. If you're a small club, you might want to partner with a neighboring club to make this happen. I'll be following this communication up with a phone call to each of the club Presidents to take your temperature on this and to see if you have any questions. You don't have to wait, though, if you have someone who's already interested – send me their name and contact information at [heathmacalpine@hotmail.com](mailto:heathmacalpine@hotmail.com) .

Thanks for all your help with Rotary Youth Exchange. With your help, we're going to have an incredibly successful 2016-2017!

Yours, Heath

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## Shoes for Orphan Souls District Shoe Drive



**Shoes for Orphan Souls** is a collaborative service project between Buckner International and Rotary District 6670. We have been providing shoes and socks for 8 years for children living in orphanages and impoverished communities where Buckner provides a variety of holistic services. Our Shoe Drive was very successful last year. We collected over 1500 pair of shoes and close to 1000 pairs of socks. We want to increase that number by 20% this year. Last year the Williamsburg Club collected 201 shoes, 31 socks, and 50 shoe laces. What Club will out do them this year?

So rally the troupes and get busy collecting shoes. Many Clubs have already begun the effort. We officially kick off the Shoe Drive in January when you will receive your Shoes for Orphan Souls Shoe Drive packet from Buckner, but you are encouraged to begin the process now. The culmination of the Shoe Drive is at the District Conference April 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. Contact local businesses, churches, organizations, and schools within your community to join you in your collection. Utilize your Interact and Roteract Clubs to work with you.

We take shoes and socks for granted, but for many children around the world, they are a luxury. Shoes protect feet from diseases such as hookworm, which can lead to physical and cognitive development issues. Let's pull together and provide these much needed shoes.