



# Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

## February 2016

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



### Celebrating and Sharing -- Being a Gift to the World

Thank you all your support and the commitment for service above self throughout the entire District. It is impressive to see all the outstanding community and international projects underway in District 6670.

**Club visits and District Conference:** I will be making visits to all clubs in the next couple of months to talk about "Our" annual District Conference on April 29 and 30 at the Mason Deerfield Marriott. Hopefully, all of our 3000 members have received the District Brochure that was mailed on February 1. All Rotarians and interested non-Rotarians are invited to attend this conference

The total cost of the two day conference is \$129.00 which includes all meals. I did not raise the registration fee plus we have a reduced hotel room cost of \$115 for those who wish to stay overnight.

In addition to our outstanding International Presenters: Deepa Willingham, Ann Lee Hussey, John T. Capps, and John Osterlund, we will be honoring our Rotarians and clubs for outstanding service.

- Honoring our World Class Presidents
- Honoring club nominated Rotarians for their "Service above Self"
- Honoring our Major Donors to the Rotary Foundation and Polio Eradication.
- Honoring Clubs who have achieved the Presidential Citation for 15-16

We are asking clubs to participate in two service projects by donating Shoes for Orphan Souls and donating/bringing toiletries for an on-site hands on service project for needy families in our District.

We need our clubs who have Interact and Rotaract Clubs to encourage representative members of those clubs to attend a special Next Generation mini-conference on Saturday April 30. This program will be facilitated by John T. Capps, Deepa Willingham, Terri Schneider and Susan Bantz. The cost is Free for the students and their school advisors.

**Kids Kamp-** we will once again provide a Kids Kamp for 2 to 15 year olds during the day for Rotarians attending the conference. Sheila Hinton has generously volunteered her services to coordinate this service. The cost is Free.

**Golf Outing-** Once again, we will have a golf outing. It will take place on Friday morning at Kings Island Golf Course. The cost is \$100 which includes golf, cart, lunch, breakfast, \$25 donation to the Rotary Foundation and prizes. The event is being coordinated by Orville Bantz and Jim Perry.

Please plan to attend with spouses and invite prospective members.

**Strategic Planning and Visioning:** We have begun the Strategic Planning

### Upcoming Events

District Trilogy

for the District process which I promised last summer. I have an excellent team coordinating the process with me. Our goal is to send out a needs assessment and then develop goals for the District.

**International Projects:** Many thanks to the clubs who have shared what projects and grants they are involved in with other clubs and communities around the world. My goal was to have all clubs participate in an international project since we are Rotary International. It is not too late to get all clubs on board. We will be sending out this list in the near future to our clubs and members.

**Election of Officers:** Please have all of your officers for 16-17 selected. These need to be communicated with Rotary International and necessary for our District Directory.

**Upcoming events:**

- NAYEN on February 25-28
- Pre-PETS on March 11 and 12 for Presidents-elect
- Rotary Leadership Institute on March 19 at Green County Career Center
- District Grant deadline will once again be April 30
- Four Way Test speech contest on April 10 at Wright State University
- RYLA will be held at Camp Kern on April 15-17
- District Conference April 29, 30
- District Assembly May 11
- Rotary International Convention in South Korea on May 28-June 2

## 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 29th and 30th. 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.

## RYLA Coming up in April

This year's RYLA (Rotary Youth Leadership Awards) will take place on Friday April 15 at 1:00pm – Sunday April 17 at 12 noon @YMCA Camp Kern

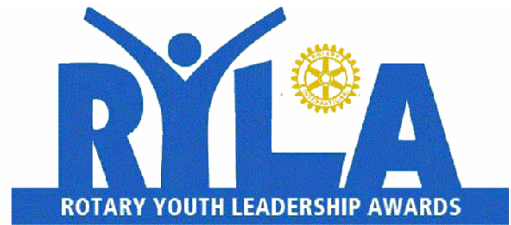
Accepting applications and fees now from sponsoring Rotary Clubs.

Applications must be from Sophomores and Juniors in local High Schools.

Packet attached here :

<http://rotarydistrict6670.org/wp-content/uploads/2016-RYLA-Packet-for-RYLA-Chairs.pdf>

Questions? Call Carol Hughes at 937-251-3333



## Middletown Rotary Celebrates INTERACT Club of Monroe



On

January 25, 2016, Bill Shula, DG; Terri Schneider, Interact District Chair; Susan Bantz, PDG; and over a dozen Middletown Rotary club members celebrated the Monroe Interact Club at Monroe High School, presenting them with their club banner and bell. Monroe Interact Club chartered on September 17, 2015 with 39 members. Today, they have 45 members and are growing. The celebration was joined by Monroe Superintendent, High School Principal, along with several members of faculty, both Interact teacher facilitators, and Monroe Interact club members. A proud day for Rotary and Monroe HS.

## Mason Deerfield Club Happenings





We held our 7th Annual Next big

Number Reverse Raffle on January 30th. It was an evening filled with food, drink and fun. We had many winners throughout the evening and one big winner of the \$5000 jackpot. Most importantly we raised over \$15K 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.

Every year the Mason-Deerfield Rotary Club offers scholarships to senior high school students and Rotary Royalty awards to high school students attending Mason and Kings Local school districts. If you know anyone that is deserving and attends the Mason or Kings Local schools have them click here [Mason Deerfield Rotary Scholarship](#)

Our Rotary's Royalty student of the month for January is Kings High School sophomore Jordan Eckman. His nominating teacher was Mrs. Koenig. Jordan has made going to school a top priority this year and his teachers praise his positive attitude. It always a great pleasure to reward these great young students.

## Tipp City Rotary Supports a Tilapia Farm in Tanzania, Africa



**Pictured left to right:** Deb Carr-Rotary International Chair, Dr. Lisa Alvetro-Orthodontist, and Dr. Terrence Allemang-Rotarian and Oral Maxillofacial Surgeon. Both doctors have practices located in Tipp City.

Tipp City Rotary is proud to announce their most recent locally initiated International Project of supporting Smiles of Hope's Tilapia Farm with a gift of \$2,500.00. Smiles of Hope is a charity founded by Dr. Alvetro, she built, supports and manages the Angel House Orphanage and Secondary School in Tarime, Tanzania. Dr. Allemang has also been instrumental in the project and has participated in multiple dental working trips to Tarime, Tanzania, and Ecuador.

Tipp City Rotarians financial support helped to cover the cost to build the Tilapia Farm in Africa, and the Club matched their contributions. Tipp City Rotary currently has 70 members, was established on

January 1, 1922, and its motto is 'Service Above Self'.

Tipp City Rotary's gift has allowed the tilapia farm to be built and the tilapia have been "planted". In about 5-6 months the fish will grow to a size that is acceptable to eat. Through the tilapia pond the children of the Angel House Orphanage will have a new source of protein in their diets that allows them to grow and live a healthier lifestyle.

Tipp City Rotary has also been involved in helping to shrink polio cases worldwide for the past 36 years. Pakistan, Afghanistan, and Nigeria are the only three remaining polio endemic countries left. The crippling disease is now on the cusp of being eradicated. With the help of many other organizations like Rotary, we expect to end polio by 2018, making it the second infectious disease to be eradicated.

## Oakwood Rotary Serves Meals at St. Vincent De Paul

On the second Sunday of each month, Oakwood Rotary is serving lunch for three hours at St. Vincent De Paul's.



Pictured above from left to right: Jane Lieberth, Pam Goelz, Marty Beyer, Jane Voisard, Herb Ernst, Linda Weprin and Paul Hrad. Not pictured is Bruce Reger.

St. Vincent DePaul assists adults and families who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless.

## Cincinnati Eastside Rotary Joins Guatemala Literacy Project

The Cincinnati Eastside Rotary is sponsoring two schoolchildren in Guatemala as part of the Cooperative for Education's Guatemala Literacy Project (GLP). Cooperative for Education partners with Rotary International to provide desperately needed textbooks, reading materials, and computer centers to underprivileged children in one of the most impoverished areas of the world. Cincinnati Eastside Rotary joins more than 440 Rotary clubs globally supporting this initiative.

"The Guatemala Literacy Project further supports our club's focus on youth," said Cincinnati Eastside Rotary President Michelle Edwards. "We're pleased that Cooperative for Education has resources on the ground in Guatemala that will help ensure these funds are used effectively."

Cincinnati Eastside Rotary's sponsorship of two students will be used to purchase textbooks, library materials and/or computers. The entire amount of the sponsorship will be used to support the students.

Administrative costs are absorbed by Cooperative for Education.

For more information, [view the GLP video](#).

## Moraine Rotary Donates Dictionaries to Parks Department



The Moraine Rotary Club recently donated free dictionaries to the Moraine Parks & Recreation Department Before and Aftercare Program at Frank Nicholas Elementary School and at the Moraine Civic Center Afterschool Program. "The over 100 combined kids in these programs have opportunities to work on their homework each day. The dictionaries

are to aid these elementary aged youth with their studies," stated Moraine Rotarian Dave Miller.

## Interact/Rotaract Mini Conference

**Attention - Interact/Rotaract members and club advisors** - you are invited to a conference on Saturday, April 30th at the Cincinnati Marriott Northeast in Mason from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Your mini conference is in conjunction with the April 29 & 30 Rotary District Conference. This is a time to network, share projects and meet other Interact/Rotaract students from district high schools and universities. Three outstanding speakers are included in your program - humorist and inspirational speaker John T. Capps and his "3 Secrets of Success," Deppa Willingham shares her project - "World Children at Risk," and Human Trafficking. Ann Lee Hussey, a polio survivor and advocate for polio eradication will address all Rotarians, Interactors and Rotaractors during lunch.

Your mini conference has no registration fee and lunch is included. Registration forms will be sent to all club advisors and are to be returned by e-mail to Karen Applegate - [appleg8@cinci.rr.com](mailto:appleg8@cinci.rr.com) by April 11th. Seating is limited so register early. Contact Terri Schneider, [tschneider@rathis.com](mailto:tschneider@rathis.com) or Susan Bantz, [sbant2@aol.com](mailto:sbant2@aol.com) for further information.

## 4-Way Test Speech Competition Update

Thank you to the 23 Clubs who have indicated they will participate in the 2016 Rotary 4 Way Test Speech Competition. If you somehow missed submitting a form but want to hold a contest – we will need your Contestant Name and Club information no later than March 11, 2016.

All the forms are available online this year at

<http://rotarydistrict6670.org/get-involved-2/four-way-test-speech-contest/>

Even if you are not registered to have a student participate this year you can still plan to attend our event on Sunday, April 10, 2016 at Wright State University. We are looking for volunteers and we are hoping you get inspired to hold a contest next year!

As noted in the recent mailing for the District Conference, the winning speech will be delivered in an encore presentation at the Conference on Saturday morning, April 30, along with many other Youth Activities.

As a challenge – if your club does not have a student enrolled in the contest this year – download the materials and hold a contest in your club. Ask several members to think on this, create and memorize a 4-6-minute speech and deliver it to the club. You may find out fascinating things you never knew about your fellow Rotarians. OR, if you are a President, put this in your folder for that day when your program cancels at the last minute – impromptu speeches from members on the 4 Way Test.

At a recent Rotary meeting, the speaker explained to us that we owed it to the young people in our lives to help them feel the responsibility for their actions and inactions. If we, as Rotarians, share this 4 Way Test as a measure for their actions, and if we show them that we live it with our actions, we are helping two generations become better every day.

If you have questions, please contact me.

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## Moraine Rotary Club Holds Christmas Party at Nursing Home

The Moraine Rotary Club expanded its monthly bingo held on the fourth Tuesday of every month at Pinnacle Pointe Nursing Home in Moraine by hosting a Christmas Bingo Party on December 29th. Many Moraine Rotarians were on hand to provide pizza, pop and holiday cheer to the over 25 residents who attended bingo. Rotarians served food and



refreshments throughout the night and a variety of Rotarians took turns calling bingo. Moraine Rotarians have provided bingo at the nursing home for over 6 years.

## 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)

## Dayton Rotary Club Receives an RI Global Grant!



The International Service Project Committee of the Dayton Rotary Club is pleased to announce the award of a Rotary International Global Grant (GG1527124) in the amount of \$31,780. The total project budget is \$55,350. The Dayton Rotary Club is partnering with the Eziukwu-Aba Rotary Club in Nigeria to provide clean water, new latrines and supplies to a health clinic and school in

Umunkpeyi Mbawsi. Presently the students and the staff at the clinic have to walk several kilometers to obtain water, which limits the time the students can spend in school and the services which can be provided at the clinic. The impact of clean, available water to this school and health clinic will bring a marked improvement in the lives, sanitation and health of this community.

The project includes providing a solar powered borehole to provide water, outfitting a clinic, providing two septic systems for school and clinic sanitation, and instituting a science curriculum in the school. The International Service Project Committee of the Dayton Rotary Club would like to invite other clubs which might like to take part in an international project to participate in this exciting opportunity. This project has a number of components which are available to be sponsored by interested clubs or individuals. For further information, or to invite representatives of the Committee to speak at your Club about the project, please contact Diane Welborn at 223-4613.

## Troy Rotary and Brukner Nature Center Featured in "The Rotarian" Magazine



The Troy Rotary Club and Brukner Nature Center were part of an article featured in the February 2016 issue of the international magazine, "The

Rotarian." Both Rotary and Brukner have been important supporters of the Mutinda Wildlife Education Center in Kangundo, Kenya. Led by Preston Mutinda, the wildlife center offers programs to promote the appreciation and understanding of Kenya's diverse wildlife. He began the center after serving a three-month internship at Brukner Nature Center in 1998. Troy Rotary has provided over \$40,000 to help build the center, assist the community and develop programs.

Distributed globally, The Rotarian features many stories each month that cover programs and projects Rotary clubs support. The article on the Mutinda Wildlife Education Center will help bring more awareness of



the program to the area communities in Kenya. For more information on the wildlife center, visit their Web site at [www.prestonsafaris.com/communitycenter](http://www.prestonsafaris.com/communitycenter) or their Facebook page at Mutinda Wildlife Education Center.

## Rotary Clubs Help with Another Safe Holiday Season

Local Rotary clubs have collaborated for years to help keep residents safe during the holiday season through the Designated Driver button campaign. The recent holidays marked the 15th straight year that the Miami County area did not have an alcohol-related death, thanks, in part, to the program.

Dr. Michael Pope is the chairman of the Designated Driver program that is led by Troy Rotary. He works with the Miami County Sheriff, Ohio Highway Patrol and other local Rotary clubs to distribute thousands of gold and blue Designated Driver buttons through local banks, bars and state liquor stores. "The goal of our program is to help people stay safe as they celebrate during the holidays, not to stop them from having fun," said Pope. The buttons are a visual reminder to make plans to have a designated driver before leaving home. Pope's mantra each year is "Be safe, safe, safe when you celebrate."

## Legacy

LEGACY - "If not now, when?" It's never too soon to start your legacy—to pursue both success and significance. If you have considered becoming a Major Donor to The Rotary Foundation or a Bequest Society Member, this is a good time to pursue it. Whether it's a significant contribution to the Annual Fund, Polio Plus, or a personalized directed or named fund, there are many options that will allow you to make a difference in a big way. And, it is easy to do, especially through your estate planning for future gifts. Have you been blessed enough to become an Arch Klumph Society member? Don't delay, start the conversation today. Contact our District's Major Donor Officer Mac Hickman [machickman@gmail.com](mailto:machickman@gmail.com)

To our current Major Donors and Bequest Society Members, please plan on registering for this year's April 29-30 District Conference. Mark your calendar now for your by-invitation-only special reception on the evening of April 30, 2016. Thank you for your generous support! We will celebrate your contributions at the reception and honor the difference you make through The Rotary Foundation.

## Have You Adopted the New Rotary International Brand Standards on Your Club Website?



Rotary International has spent a great deal of time and money to develop a new branding initiative for clubs. The new logo, along with the new color scheme, have been heavily researched for maximum impact in local communities and

around the globe. Presidents and District Governors have been charged with encouraging clubs to adopt these new standards this Rotary year.

In March 2015, the Cincinnati and Toledo Rotary Clubs formed a partnership to create state-of-the-art websites which are responsive (smart phone and tablet friendly) along with adopting the new RI branding. The sites were developed by the Thread Group, which is owned by Joe Sharp, a 20+year member of the Rotary Club of Toledo. As part of the development of the two club sites, The Thread group created a template so other Rotary Clubs anywhere in the world could have their sites built on the same platform at a fraction of the cost. The site includes a link for members into Club Runner or DaCdb, a donation button, a Member Dues Payment option, a robust calendar, and so much more! Here are the links to the new sites: [www.cincinnatirotary.org](http://www.cincinnatirotary.org) and [www.toledorotary.org](http://www.toledorotary.org).

So, here's the good news for your club! Together, Toledo and Cincinnati spent \$33,000+ to develop the template but the cost for other clubs to get the same website is only \$9,000. Of the \$9,000, \$1,500 goes to the Rotary Foundation of Cincinnati, \$1,500 goes to the Rotary Foundation of Toledo and \$6,000 goes to the Thread Group for the customization of a club's site. Linda Muth, the Executive Director of the Rotary Club of Cincinnati, is available to answer questions you may have about the process (513.421.1080 or

lmuth@cincinnatirotary.org), or if you have specific technical questions about the customization of the site, Joe Sharp of the Thread Group is also available at 419.887.6820 or via email at [joe@threadgroup.com](mailto:joe@threadgroup.com).