



# Rotary District 6670 Newsletter

## June 2016

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**Be a gift to the world**

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## District Governor Updates..."Be a Gift to the World - Sharing our Gifts!"



Rotarians 6670,

It has been my pleasure serving you for the past year in our District 6670!

We had an excellent team that worked collaboratively for the betterment of our great District: 17 Assistant Governors, our Leadership Team, 52 Presidents, Past District Governors and Committee Chairs.

Be a Gift to the World and Share our Gifts with the World.

### As a result we had many positive outcomes:

- Our District Membership has grown by over 50 members to 3036 effective May 30, 2016.
- Our Rotary Foundation and Polio Plus contributions have increased this year. We were fortunate that we had the 50,000 match points program this year which Rotary International offered us. We had 637 Rotarians contribute \$175,118 to the Annual Fund which is an increase of \$42,000 since July 1, 2015.
- We donated \$3,750 to ten students in Deppa Willingham's school for abused girls in India
- Our District Conference has over 225 in attendance on Saturday April 30, 2016.
- We had between 50 and 70 Interact and Rotaract students attend the mini-conference at the District Conference.
- Your attendance at District Assembly and Trilogy was outstanding.
- We collected over 3100 pairs of shoes and 2500 pairs of socks for Shoes for Orphans Souls.
- We donated over \$3,000 to the Rotary Foundation from the silent auction baskets.
- We gave over 500 Hygiene bags to needy families in our communities with our hands on service project.
- We awarded nearly \$50,000 in District Grants to our clubs this year. Thanks to our Rotarian giving to the Rotary Foundation.
- Our District donated \$15,100 to Polio Plus from our Rotary International DDF fund. These funds came back to our district based on Foundation Giving to Rotary International.
- We have two new Interact Clubs-Monroe High School and Middletown High School.
- We have one new Rotaract Club at Miami University Middletown.
- We accepted President Ravi's challenge and had 8 clubs receive the Presidential Citation this year which is an increase from last year.
- Eighty-five percent of our clubs were apart of the District Conference in some capacity.
- Our clubs had many outstanding service projects and fundraising projects throughout the entire year.
- Our Exchange students participated in the International NAYEN conference in Cincinnati in February and our District Conference in April.
- I was fortunate to visit all clubs at least twice during the year. We have

52 quality Rotary Clubs in our district with over 3000 members. A lot to be proud!

## Upcoming Events

[District Trilogy](#)

September 09

[Rotary Leadership Institute](#)

November 14

Thank you all for your support!!

I ask you to give your 100 percent support to your next District Governor, Mike Kelly and his team.

### District and Zone Events:

July 8 and 9 Zone 30 and 31 Leadership Conference in Erlanger Kentucky.

September 7 Trilogy at Normandy Church which will focus on our Youth Programs

October 13-15 our Zone 30/31 Institute at the Cincinnati Hyatt

## Rotary District 6670 Strategic Plan

### Mission Statement

The activities and organization of Rotary District 6670 exist to help individual clubs to enhance the object of Rotary, as well as being a link to the District Clubs, Rotary International and its Foundation.

### Vision Statement

Rotary District 6670 is a growing district comprised of vibrant, active, and well informed clubs led by a succession of motivated, well prepared leaders.

The strategic plan addresses three topics the District will focus on its plan to help the clubs. They are **membership, The Rotary Foundation, and education including supporting district level activities**. Each of these focus areas are critical to the District success.

Adopted 2009-10

Reviewed 2012-13

Reviewed 2015-16

## Rotary International Zone 30-31 Institute October 13-16

The fabulous 2016 Rotary Zone 30-31 Institute will be held October 13-16 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio. Our District has several Past District Governors and myself serving on the steering committee.

The 2016 Institute will be very special and focus on celebrating the 100th anniversary of our Rotary Foundation. We have outstanding speakers including RI President 2016-17 John Germ, Aziz Memon Polio chair in Pakistan, Paul Chappelle, Polio Survivor Ann Lee Hussey, author Foundation Centennial history David Forward and several Rotary Peace Fellows.

The popular Emerging Rotary Leaders Seminar will be held on October 14. A District Foundation Chair and Leaders Seminar will also be held on Friday, October 14, 2016.

We invite all clubs to participate and attend a special luncheon with Rotary International President John Germ on October 14. We are honored that the Institute chose our District to host this event. Our District and all 29 districts in the Zone are requested to provide financial support and request Rotarians to attend the luncheon. Please consider supporting this event.

## Mason Deerfield Rotary Activities

We are very excited to announce our Rotary scholarship winners for 2016. The winners are Cullan Karabinus, Katelynn Elliott, Juan Tramontin, Samantha DeGroft, Katelyn Bill and Jacob Cohen. These students are from Kings and Mason High Schools and have shown academic and service excellence. The future is bright!

We had a great time serving with others at Mathew 25 ministries. For those that do not know Mathew 25 is an international humanitarian aid and disaster relief organization helping the poorest of the poor locally, regionally, nationally and internationally regardless of race, creed or political persuasion. By rescuing and reusing products from major corporations and manufacturers,

**Time to Register!** Our annual Golf outing will be Monday August 29<sup>th</sup> at 4-Bridges Country Club, for more information or to register please contact Roger Chudde at 937.572.1148 or email [roger.chudde@gmail.com](mailto:roger.chudde@gmail.com)



## Rotary Leadership Seminars



**July 8-9, 2016  
Holiday Inn Cincinnati Airport  
Erlanger, KY 41018  
859-746-5608**

If you are a district or club leader I want to encourage you to attend the Leadership Seminar in Erlanger on July 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>. The registration cost is only \$35.00 and includes lunch on Saturday at the Holiday Inn. We will also have a great hospitality room on Friday evening. The room cost at the Airport Holiday Inn is only \$105.00. If you call the hotel (859-746-5608) make sure you mention that you are with Rotary.

**THE PURPOSE OF THE SEMINAR** is to bring district leaders, club leaders and

interested Rotarians up to date about the latest programs and policies of Rotary International and The Rotary Foundation. We will share ideas and enable district and club leaders to hold successful assemblies and leadership training as we move into the 2016-17 Rotary year. Membership issues will be addressed as we look to build toward the future. We will evaluate/implement the sharing of best practices in an effective way to attract, engage and retain members. Membership growth opportunities (MGO) will be held on Friday afternoon.

**JOIN LEADERS....EXCHANGE IDEAS....TAKE ACTION**

PDG John Salyers, ARRFC, 2016-17, District 6740

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## Rotary District 2016 Shoe Drive A Success



The 2016 'Shoes for Orphan Souls' Shoe Drive was a fabulous success.

TREMENDOUS THANKS to all the 33 Clubs who participated in the 2016 Shoe Drive. We collected over 3000 shoes and nearly 2500 socks. There were also monetary donations of \$1476. This is a 100% increase over 2015. What a wonderful way to celebrate service above self.

The Bellefontaine Club was way out in front with its donation of 549 shoes and 1183 socks. This is amazing. They worked all year along with their Rotaract and Interact Clubs. Williamsburg, Piqua, and Mason Deerfield also collected over 300 shoes each. Cincinnati East, Blue Ash Montgomery, and Union donated over 100. The Cincinnati Club donated \$1337. This effort was in conjunction with our very successful 2016 District Conference.

Thanks also to Dave Lewis of Lewis and Michael for picking up the shoes and socks from the Conference and making the arrangements for the shipment to Buckner International "Shoes for Orphan Souls" in TX.

Mike Brendamour of Brendamour Moving and Storage provided us with boxes to pack the shoes and socks for pick up by Lewis and Michael. Thanks Mike! Thanks as well to Huber Rotarian Tim Magoto, of ABF trucking and Vandalia Rotarian David Lewis, of Lewis and Michaels Moving and Storage. A whopping twelve pallets totaling 3474 lbs. were sorted, stored and palletized by Lewis and Michaels until they could be transported by ABF to Mesquite, TX for distribution. All of these services were donated!



## Report on the 2016 Council on Legislation

The 2016 Council on Legislation may well be remembered as one of the most progressive in Rotary history. Not only did this Council grant clubs more freedom in determining their meeting schedule and membership, it also approved an increase in per capita dues of \$4 a year for three years. The increase will be used to enhance Rotary's website, improve online tools, and add programs and services to help clubs increase membership.

The tone for this year was set early, when the RI Board put forth two proposals that increase flexibility. The first measure allows clubs to decide to vary their meeting times, whether to meet online or in person, and when to cancel a meeting, as long as they meet at least twice a month. The second allows clubs flexibility in choosing their membership rules and requirements. Both passed.

Representatives also approved removing six membership criteria from the RI Constitution and replacing them with a simple requirement that a member be a person of good character who has a good reputation in their business or community and is willing to serve the community.

"We are at a moment in time when we must think beyond the status quo," said RI Vice President Greg E. Podd. "We must think about our future." Podd said the dues increase will allow RI to improve My Rotary, develop resources so clubs can offer a better membership experience, simplify club and district reporting, improve website access for Rotaractors, and update systems to keep Rotary in compliance with changing global regulations.

Also because of this Council's decisions:

- Rotaractors will be allowed to become members of Rotary clubs while they are still in Rotaract.
- The distinction between e-clubs and traditional clubs will be eliminated. The Council recognized that clubs have been meeting in a number of ways, and given this flexibility, the distinction was no longer meaningful. Clubs that have "e-club" in their names can keep it, however.
- The reference to admission fees will be removed from the bylaws. Proponents argued that the mention of admission fees does not advance a modern image of Rotary.
- A standing committee on membership was established, in recognition that membership is a top priority of the organization, and polio eradication was also reaffirmed to be a goal of the highest order.
- Rotary Club Board must make Board Meeting Minutes available to club members within 60 days of the meeting.

For any questions about the 2016 Council on Legislation meeting, please contact:

**PDG Pat Edwards** [rotarypat@aol.com](mailto:rotarypat@aol.com) or cell 937-286-5500.

I am available to speak at your club meetings as well. Council on Legislation was a very interesting process. I felt privileged to represent District 6670. Thank you.

PDG W. Patrick Edwards, 6670 Council Representative

## District Finance Committee Meeting

At the most recent District Finance Committee chaired by PDG Norma Berry there were several actions taken:

- DGE Mike Kelly will be lowering the cost of the District Conference for April 28, 29 to \$100 in honor of the 100th birthday of the Rotary International Foundation.
- We will have a media campaign under the direction of PDG Eric Marcus by highlighting the value of Rotary.
- A District needs assessment will be conducted during 2016-17 via survey monkey.
- DaCdb will be cleaned up so that we have a better data base and a more confident tool to reach all of district members.
- DGN will be allocated \$1500 to attend the Rotary International Convention.
- One Rotaractor per District Rotaract Club will have the opportunity to receive a \$1000 award from the District to offset expenses to attend the Rotary International Convention each year.
- The District is supporting the Zone Institute in October 2016 in the amount of \$5000.
- A one time only contribution of \$26,500 will be sent to The Rotary Foundation to celebrate the 100th birthday of the foundation. This commemorates the \$26.50



donation of Arch Klumpf who started the Rotary Foundation. The 26,500 points the district receives will be made available to our clubs and members for cash contributions to foster Paul Harris Awards. The eligibility of the points will be determined by the District Grants Committee.

## Moraine Rotary Donates Hygiene Bags to Dayton Artemis House



The Moraine Rotary Club donated 50 hygiene bags to the Dayton Artemis House, which provides support for victims of domestic violence. Rotarian Rosie Miller dropped off the hygiene kits which was a Rotary District 6670 project. The kits were bagged by Rotarians at the District Conference. The Moraine Rotary Club donated over 500 bars of soap for the kits.

## Dayton Rotary Supports Dayton Peace Heroes Walk Around the World



Dayton Rotary Club President David Williamson has formed an official Peace Committee for the club, chaired by Carolyn Rice, who has been active in international and peace initiatives locally and globally.



Our Peace Committee is in the process of determining how to best further RI's mission for peace, as well as initiating an effort locally. Dayton Rotary Club is one of the major supporters of the **Dayton Peace Heroes Walk around the World**. The walk will occur on **Sunday, Sept. 11, 2016**, and will feature global and local peace heroes selected by teams of walkers.

Our Dayton club has chosen to honor Carolyn Rice as a local peace hero. Our peace committee encourages clubs throughout District 6670 to form teams and select their own peace heroes and walk teams. The goal of the walk is to raise awareness and funds for peace literacy, knowledge and skill in the art of living peaceably with others and oneself.

**Action steps you and your club may consider:**

- 1) Form a team or sign up for the walk at [www.peaceheroeswalk.org](http://www.peaceheroeswalk.org).
- 2) Like us on Facebook – Dayton Peace Heroes Walk around the World

Co-coordinators of the Sept. 11 walk in Dayton are Dayton Rotarians, Jerry Leggett (937) 999-7314 and Sue Taylor (937) 545-1976.

## Moraine Rotary Room Named at Payne Recreation Center



The Moraine Rotary Club recently donated to the City of Moraine to have the club's name on the newly remodeled meeting room on the first floor of the City of Moraine Payne Recreation Center. In 2016, the PRC has been undergoing a replacement of the flooring and carpet on the first and second floors, painting the hallways and rooms, new fitness equipment and other renovations. The facelift will make

the PRC look great and serve the public for another 15 to 20 years. Moraine Rotary donated \$2,000 to acquire the name on the multipurpose room where the club meets every Wednesday from 7:30 to 8:30am. New Improvements include carpeting, painting, Rotary flag banners framed and hung on the walls, a big screen TV with computer hookup for powerpoint displays and storage cabinets for club supplies.



## Troy Rotary Club Berry Thankful for Festival Guests

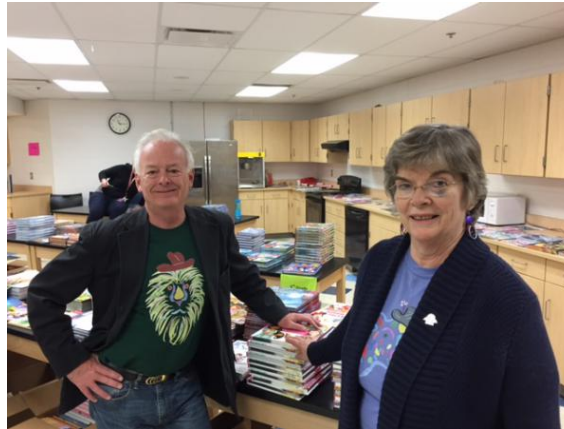
The rain did not keep thirsty customers away from the 2016 Troy Strawberry Festival. The Troy Rotary Club had another very successful year of selling their freshly made strawberry lemon shake-ups during the June 4-5 event. "Even with the rain, we had over 2,200 drinks sold during the festival," said Rotary booth co-chair Lisa Winterhalter, noting that sales have been rising steadily in the past several years. "We are very thankful to everyone who stopped by and purchased a Rotary shake-up," she said. The festival brings



out a true spirit of community as Winterhalter also expressed appreciation to global management consulting firm, TriVista, for making a truck available to Rotary volunteers as they transported booth properties and drink supplies throughout the weekend.

It takes many volunteers to mix and sell the shake-ups during the festival. Rotarians and Interact students from Troy High School worked together to satisfy the thirst of the more than 2,000 customers. This project is Rotary's biggest fundraiser each year. Proceeds will be put back into the community through scholarships, support for the Interact Club and programs that benefit Troy students during the 2016-17 Rotary year that begins on July 1st. The funds also enable the club to respond to unforeseen community needs.

## Dayton Rotary Provide Books for Students for READ ON Book Drive



Dayton Rotary, with an anchor grant from District 6670 was pleased to participate in the Spring 2016 Read On! Book drive. 85,000 books were collected for Dayton students to read this summer. All Dayton Public School students pre-K through 3rd grade were able to choose 10 books to take home. In many cases, these are the first books the children have owned. Due to the generosity of the

community, including civic groups, such as Rotary, and faith organizations, books were made available to additional students from charter schools and older elementary grades as well.

The impact of the monies from Rotary District 6670, Dayton Rotary Club, and Dayton Rotary's Blue Ribbon (new member group) fundraiser was to present 5,000 new, high-quality books for the drive. In early May, Dayton Rotarians assisted in sorting and distribution of the books at Louise Troy Elementary School, where the Rotarians also read to primary students monthly. Dayton Rotarians Paul Gruner and Steve Rubenstein chair Dayton Rotary's reading assistance programs.



## Troy Rotary Foundation Supports Dolly Parton Imagination Library





Reading to children is not just a good way to bond with them, it's a critical factor in improving their literacy levels. In support of the importance of reading, the Troy Rotary Foundation provided a \$1,500 grant to the Troy-Miami County Library to help fund the Miami County Imagination Library program this year. The program allows children ages birth to five years old to register to receive a new book every month that they can enjoy with their families and help foster a lifelong love of reading. In the Miami County area, over 3,000 children are enrolled in the program, with more than 1,100 in Troy. "The books are selected by a panel of educators each year," shared Rachelle Miller, executive director of the Troy-Miami County Library. "The quality of the books has helped make this program so successful for children in the

community," she added. It costs the Troy-Miami County Library \$25 a year to send books to each child enrolled in the program. This grant will help provide 720 hardcover books to children in Troy. Miller also noted that, at the local level, 98 percent of parents surveyed said their children are more interested in reading and 96 percent say their child is more prepared for school as a result of the local Imagination Library program.

The support of this program is at a global level, too. Rotary International has a partnership with The Dollywood Foundation's Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Through this arrangement, children receive age and culturally-appropriate reading materials to help establish a strong educational foundation early in life. The Imagination Library was launched in 1996 and now sends books to more than 675,000 children every month. Much like Rotary International, the Imagination Library is available in more than 1,700 communities in the United States, Australia, Canada and the United Kingdom. To learn more about the Imagination Library, and to get a child registered, visit <https://imaginationlibrary.com>. To learn more about programs available through the Troy-Miami County Library, visit their Web site at [www.troypubliclibrary.org](http://www.troypubliclibrary.org).

## Bellefontaine Rotary Sponsors Summer Enrichment Academy



Celebrating its 13th year, the 2016 Summer Enrichment Academy (SEA) classes took place during the week of June 13-17 from 9:30 to 11:30 am at Bellefontaine High School for highly motivated students in Logan County.

The Summer Enrichment Academy encourages students entering grades 2-8 from Bellefontaine, Benjamin Logan, Indian Lake, Ridgemont, and Riverside Schools to expand their knowledge and embrace learning that blends academic, cultural and social experiences into a fun, engaging, and educational environment. Thanks to local grant funds, scholarships are available for students with financial need. The Bellefontaine Rotary Club and District 6670 provided a matching grant to sponsor 75 student registrations.

There were 29 courses offered to engage students in Science, Technology, Math, Language Arts, Social Studies, and Fine Arts. Many of the classes are old favorites as well as several new classes including a class about Wildlife in Logan County and a Beginner's Photography class. The summer program started in 2004 with 112 students. Enrollment has climbed to almost 400 students this summer.

Many teachers from the local school districts as well as community members serve as SEA teachers. The teachers are a vital component in making the

weeklong experience a success because they are enthusiastic about teaching in the summer and devote a significant amount of time on preparation for their classes.

SEA has a solid and long-standing relationship with local agencies and community organizations that support the summer program. Many local business sponsors have contributed to the success of the program over the years. This year our sponsors include: A.



C. Agency, Inc., Alan Galvez Insurance Ltd., Bell Hankins Realty Group, Bellefontaine Dental, Bellefontaine Rotary Club--District 6670 Matching Grant, Belletech Corporation, Briarwood Sporting Club, Citizens Federal Savings & Loan, Dairy Queen, Duff Quarry, Inc., Edward Jones Investments, Eicholtz, Daring & Sanford Funeral Homes, Fast Track Signs, LLC, LeVan's Tax Service, Liberty National Bank, Mary Rutan Hospital, National Salt Distributors, Neer's Sand & Gravel, NetGain Information Systems, North Main Eye Care,

Northside Animal Clinic, Quest Federal Credit Union, Royer Realty, Southgate Veterinary Clinic, Steve Austin Auto Group, Stolly Insurance, Thomas & Marker Construction, United Way Youth Allocations, and WPKO/WBLL.

SEA Program Coordinators are Sally Stolly, Curriculum Director/Gifted Coordinator from Benjamin Logan Local Schools; Angie Horvath, Gifted Coordinator from Bellefontaine City Schools; Jennifer Frederick, Gifted Coordinator for Ridgmont Local Schools; and Heather O'Donnell, Superintendent for Midwest Regional Educational Service Center.